



March / April 2005

Overhead, the white sails stretched their arms to catch the night wind. They were my sails – My wings – and they had brought me to the sea of my boyhood dreams.

- William Robinson

Upcoming events

Top Gun & Frogmore Stew w/ Icicle Series and Top gun awards – 3-19-05

Spring Series – Starts April 16

Wednesday Night Series – Starts April 20

Pursuit of Sailing Regattas – April 29, 30 & May 1

Notices are available on the website at www.outriggeryachtclub.org

It's Frogmore time again!!



The annual Frogmore Stew is going to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at Mariner Villas Clubhouse starting at 6PM. Stew and your favorite beverages provided.

\$10 per person

Lake Norman Magazine plans to cover the event this year. Pictures and an article on the event will appear in the magazine early next winter. We would appreciate a good turnout, not only to enjoy the event and some great low-country boil, but also to put a great face on the event in order to publicize your Club.

Another reminder regarding the Navy Junior ROTC Program

Karl Jordan, who runs the Navy Jr. ROTC program out of Lincoln High School, will be at the Frogmore Stew event on Saturday evening to explain just what is expected of volunteers and to establish a schedule.

This program provides OYC with a chance to help train young 'uns in the art of sailing and to satisfy one of our requirements to "become aware of the needs of others through community responsibility" as outlined in the By-Laws. Although sailors never really grow up, young sailors do mature and if they catch the bug, may buy a sailboat and become members of the Club down the road. Detail on this program is available on the website...A link is provided in the Bulletin Board section. If you find you can provide time as outlined, please contact Aaron Wood at the coordinates listed and/or come to the Frogmore for more information.

The Pursuit of Sailing Regatta

April 29

Skipper's Meeting and cookout/social – King's Point Marina Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome...Those who are not registered pay \$5 for burgers, hot dogs, and beer donated by Sam Adams/Boston Brewery. You gotta eat anyway, right?

April 30

Pursuit style racing then we meet at Midtown Sundries for a donated BBQ buffet ... BBQ, beans, slaw (cash bar). Again, \$5 per person except for registered racers.

May 1

Pursuit style racing then meet at PYC for a fish fry with all the fixin's, awards ceremony, the ever-popular raffles and auctions, and more beer donated by Sam Adams/Boston Brewery. \$5 per additional person.

All profits go to the Chuck Strange Foundation for
Adaptive (handicapped) Sailing

Reports from the Officers



Report from the Commodore

The officers of Outrigger, Peninsula, and Lake Norman Yacht Clubs met for their annual social and dinner on Saturday March 5 at City Tavern, Lake Norman. Representing OYC were Rear Commodore Harry McDonald and his wife Sharon, Vice Commodore Steve Battel and his wife Marie, and Commodore Doug Riley with his girlfriend and OYC Treasurer Sherry Corbett. This tradition allows discussion among the leaders of the three Clubs about issues of common interest. The single most glaring issue common to all is the question of what we need to do to get the membership more involved in on- and off-the-water events. Everyone is noticing a drop in participation.

OYC provides some 40 or so racing days per year. Another 15 or so racing days are available to our membership through PYC, LNYC, and the LNKC events. We provide a Chili Cook-off, the Frogmore Stew, the Holiday dinner party and Annual Meeting, at least one cruising and at least one raft-up opportunity per year, and a lot of social activity surrounding our various regattas. We want and need to hear from the membership what it is that you want. This is your Club...Please let us know if there are other events you would like to see us stage or if there are different directions you would like to see the Club explore.

The Lakewide Sailing Instructions for 2005-2008 are now available. A copy will soon be mailed to you along with your 2005 Membership card. A copy of the LSI is now available for review on the website at www.outriggeryachtclub.org.

The Lake Norman Keelboat Council is conducting a Lakewide Boat of the Year program very similar to our own BOTY program as outlined in the last newsletter and on the website. Winners of Spin A, Spin B, and Non-Spin champions will be eligible to represent the Lake Norman Region at the SAYRA (South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association) PHRF Championships in Charleston, SC next Fall. Keep an eye open for more info from the Lake Norman Keelboat Council.

The next Board Meeting is to be held at PYC (downstairs in the Commodore's Room) on Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 PM. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend and participate.

As Commodore, I remain available to your needs and can be contacted at 704-947-04709 or at doug.riley@mindspring.com.

Respectfully,

Doug Riley, Commodore



Report from the Vice-Commodore:

THINK SPRING! The weather has teased us with a couple of 70-degree days, there are flowers blooming and signs everywhere that winter is in it's final days. So it's time to get back on the lake and enjoying the best season for sailing. Before it gets too hot, before the wind quits and the lake is overrun with powerboats. And what better way to enjoy the great sailing weather than to join your friends for an afternoon of racing and the all important post race reviews. So plan now to join us for the following events:

March 19 – Top Gun. One boat, One skipper, One race. Winner takes all.
Awards to be given at the Frogmore Stew later that evening.

April 16 and May 7 – Spring Series (2 races per day)

Starting April 20 - Wednesday Night Series. The start of 20 weeks of the most popular keelboat racing on Lake Norman. There will be trophies awarded for the full series and each half series. Plus a trophy for the winning boat in Spin and Non-Spin each race. And be on the lookout for hats this year.

April 29, 30 and May 1 – The Pursuit of Sailing Regatta. This popular event features a staggered start with the “slowest” boat (highest PHRF rating) starting first and the “fastest” boat (lowest PHRF rating) starting last. First boat to the finish line wins! There will be food, drink, auctions, prizes and t-shirts too. Plan on attending this fun filled weekend that benefits the Chuck Strange Foundation for Adaptive Sailing.

See the NORs for details on all these upcoming events.

And congratulations are in order to the winners of the Icicle Series, Richard Mayberry in the Spinnaker and Doug Riley in Non-Spinnaker fleets. These skippers take the early lead in the OYC Boat of the Year competition but there are still plenty of chances to overtake them. But you have to race to be included!

See you on the racecourse,

Steve Battel, Vice Commodore

Note: As per Outrigger Yacht Club Racing Policy...

Each member entering a boat in any Club-sponsored event will have a Lake Norman Keelboat Council PHRF Rating certificate for that boat. We have provided a copy of the PHRF Rating Request Form on the website at www.outriggeryachtclub.org. A rating is free. If you do not have a rating please go to the website, obtain a form, complete it and mail it to the address listed.



Report from the Rear Commodore:

The Chili Cook-off

Even after a re-scheduling due to nasty weather (imagine!), we had a fair showing for the Chili cook-off on Feb 26. Some 20 members enjoyed 7 different recipes and chose John & Barbera Scott's version as the first-place winner. They took home a fifth of tequila, Sherry Corbett won second place and a pint of tequila, and Marilyn Corey won third place and donated her mini-bottle of tequila prize to the bottomless pitcher of Margaritas...It was margarita madness as hardly a beer was touched. Thanks to Don and Marilyn Corey for donating two (yep- two!) additional bottles of Cuervo when we started running low. We went though a total of four fifths plus a mini-bottle...Let's see...Four fifths plus a mini bottle divided by 20 = ???.