



## May / June 2005 Edition

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If a man is to be obsessed by something, I suppose a boat is as good as anything, perhaps a bit better than most.

- E.B White

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### **Upcoming events**

June 17 - Charlotte Symphony at Duke Power Energy Explorium, an OYC raft-up event  
For information see the Rear Commodore Report and [www.charlottesymphony.org](http://www.charlottesymphony.org)

June 18, 19 - The Summer Sailstice, an OYC Cruising event  
For information see the Rear Commodore Report and [www.summersailstice.com](http://www.summersailstice.com)

Beginning June 11 - LNKC Summer Twilight Series, hosted by PYC

July 2, 3 - LNYC Independence Day Regatta

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### *Report from the Commodore*

These are exciting times for the Outrigger Yacht Club...

The Outrigger Yacht Club is pursuing recognition as a non-profit organization eligible for tax-exempt status. By way of various conversations with the IRS, we've determined that we qualify as a non-profit under more than one definition and are eligible for tax relief at both the Federal and State level. Over the next couple of months we will be making formal application and even requesting refunds on taxes paid over the past few years.

We would like to thank Rear Commodore Harry MacDonald, Proprietor of the Carolina Marine & Sailing Center in Denver, NC for his generous sponsorship of the OYC Wednesday Night Series hats. These hats will bear the Carolina Marine & Sailing Center name as well as the OYC logo, and the ever-popular Wed Night Series image developed by member Sean Murphy. The selling of these hats will help to offset committee boat expenses (gas, oil, RC supplies & equipment, etc.) of staging these 20 races as well as the cost of the 70 or so trophies that we are committed to for the Series. Hats will be available in mid-June at Midtown Sundries on Wed nights for \$12 each.

Arrangements have been made with the Peninsula Yacht Club to dock our Committee Boat at their facility. Peninsula Yacht Club has always made what were the sacred old Outrigger Harbor grounds available to us for Lakewide and Open events and they are now providing us with dock space free of charge. Special thanks to Clyde Starr, Commodore of PYC and to OYC members Chester Davis, Vice-Commodore of PYC, and Chip Richardson, PYC Sailing Fleet Captain, for their involvement in making this happen.

The dock space, the tax-exempt status, and sponsorships all have an enormous impact on our annual budget, allowing us to quickly rebuild a reserve operating capital fund which had been recently depleted by the purchase of the new committee boat and trailer.

The old red boat has been sold...She served us well but had been put out to pasture when we bought our new committee boat. We received an offer we could not refuse...Actually I doubt we would have refused any offer. I was not around when the red boat was originally purchased, but if legend holds true, and the math is correct, it looks as if we made a 24,900% profit.

The recent Pursuit of Sailing Regatta was once again a huge success. Due to the generosity of many local and national businesses and the participation and volunteer work of many caring individuals from all around the area, we were able to raise over \$2400 for the Chuck Strange Foundation, an increase of some \$400 over last year's donation. Thanks to all who participated and to those who volunteered their time to make this event such a smashing success. Particular thanks to Dick Walker who provided supplies and manpower for the fish fry on Sunday afternoon and to Midtown Sundries for donating a BBQ buffet feast for the participants on Saturday.

On a more serious note...Recently, someone dining with a group of people at Midtown Sundries became upset with some aspect of their service. Allegedly, this person told Midtown management that due to whatever had upset them, we would be moving our Wed night post-race get-together to the Rusty Rudder. We do not know who this person is or even if they are a member of Outrigger. We would remind all members that unless you are acting in an official capacity with the authority and permission to do so, please do not represent yourself as speaking for the Club, it's Officers, Board or Membership.

Midtown Sundries has always done an outstanding job of supporting OYC activities. In addition to donating the afore-mentioned BBQ buffet to the Pursuit Regatta each year, they allow us to display a banner advertising OYC at their facility year round. They regularly provide us with raffle and auction items for our charity events and they are, of course, the “home” for the Wednesday Night Series, allowing us a venue to present Wed Night weekly awards, discuss race tactics, call each other names and question each other’s family lineage. A chance problem with a waiter or waitress is not reason enough for this Club to forfeit an outstanding relationship with such a partner or for any OYC member to jeopardize this relationship

Respectfully,

Doug Riley, Commodore



**Report from the Vice-Commodore:**

It seems hard to believe but all the spring events are behind us and now we are looking at the dog days of summer just ahead. The WNS is in full swing and we had great winds up till race #4 (which had to be cancelled)! If you haven’t been able to get out there on a Wednesday evening yet, don’t despair there is still hope for you. Your best scores for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the races conducted will count toward the awards so if you come out now you can still take home the silver.

The Pursuit of Sailing Regatta this year will be memorable in many ways. I won’t soon forget the conditions on the lake as Marie and I went out to set a marker where 1A should be. The wind was blowing 30+ with waves at times of 4 foot (we took one over the windshield of the committee boat!) and Marie saying sweetly to me “Are you crazy”! At the same time Clem and Vickie Caddell had taken Tethys out and anchored to act as the starting boat. And conditions continued to deteriorate! The RC soon decided to run for shelter and postpone the race for a while. Then an hour later with reports of more high winds on the way we cancelled the racing for the day. The next day we had good weather and great winds and the race started without a hitch. Everything went well until it was reported that the second race mark was missing! Thanks to the graciousness and sportsmanship of the competitors we were able to give out awards and I was allowed to cancel my trip to Siberia. Otherwise it was a great event. Thanks to Clem and Vickie for volunteering their time and boat to be on the Race Committee again this year. And thanks to all the competitors for their patience.

Up coming events are the Twilight Series starting June 11 and the Independence Day Regatta on July 2 and 3 at LNYC.

See you on the water,

Steve Battel, Vice-Commodore



### **Report from the Rear Commodore:**

Summer is almost upon us and the spring sailing so far has been phenomenal.

Those of y'all that attended the Frogmore Stew (Low Country Boil,) contributed to the success of that event. Good food, great fellowship, interesting sea stories . . . what more as sailors could we ask for. Your able bodied Commodore was invaluable in providing his knowledge from previous years of having done the event. Thanks to everyone that contributed set-up and tear down . . . what a great crew.

The frying of the fish on Sunday at the Pursuit Regatta would not have been successful with out the help of one of our most active members, Dick Walker; Dick is always in the middle of things willing to lend his expertise and assistance. Next time you see him on the water shout out a thanks.

As a relatively new member and new to the local business community I am still trying to meet more and more members of OYC at varying events. One great venue is the Wednesday night series that has gotten off to a great start with cooperative winds and multiple boats. I recently ran into Don Corey and am once again reminded that his reputation as the consummate gentleman and sailor are well deserved. A true Corinthian!

One of the difficult issues for the OYC to overcome is opportunity for fellowship other than while racing or at Midtown after the Wednesday night races. Albeit a great environment and recognizing that the turn out has been really good there are those that have a difficult time getting to Midtown after securing their vessels.

OYC is charged with the responsibility of socializing, having fun getting together. . . to that end, Fri June 17, 2005 is the Regional Summer Pops at Energy Explorium on the Lake. The concert begins at 8:15 pm with Preludes beginning at 7:00 pm.

What we are proposing is a raft up for the concert; and if there is enough interest, spending the night on the vessels and doing a leisurely sail the following day to North Harbor or another eating establishment accessible by boat, and have lunch or perhaps a second raft-up for swimming, adult beverages, tube steaks on the grill, sorry no debauchery allowed.

Tentative itinerary:

- Meet near the concert site at 1800, settle in. Whereas some of our membership might be rowdy perhaps a bit removed from the "main" anchorage.  
<http://www.charlottesymphony.org/2005/summerPops.asp>
- Weigh anchor, 0830-0900, participate in the Summer Sailstice, ( it is a Charity event)  
Welcome to Summer Sailstice *An annual celebration of sailing on the solstice.*  
June 18th and 19th, 2005 <http://www.summersailstice.com/>

The Pops will be a scheduled event. The following day's activities are predicated on interest.

Please contact me at Carolina Marine and Sailing Center, 704-483-6656 with questions or comments.

Happy Sails to All,  
Harry H. MacDonald, Rear Commodore

## The OYC Shop

Remember that we have our own on-line store available through the website. Shirts, shorts, hats, tee shirts, sweatshirts etc. at great volume discounts. Quality merchandise from such manufacturers as Jerzees, Outer Banks, Hanes, Champion, Columbia and more at prices a fraction of what you would pay at the Mall or even a TJ Maxx or Stein Mart. You also have the option to have one of two OYC logos/emblems embroidered into your item at no additional charge and all orders shipped directly to your home. Visit the website and follow the link from the homepage to The OYC Shop.

**Wear Outrigger Yacht Club apparel (somebody might think you're important)**



**Wearables Store**



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### **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](http://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.