

OUTRIGGER YACHT CLUB



N E W S L E T T E R

Upcoming Events

December 1, 2007 – OYC General Membership Meeting and Holiday Social



Report from the Commodore

Hello everyone,

Another sailing season is coming to an end. It has been a great season for Outrigger Yacht Club. Our events were well attended and the level of competition has increased quite a lot from previous years. Our fleet is more diverse yet still competitive on every level. The Commodore's Cup went well and the Oyster Roast drew more people than I can remember ever being there. The food was great as usual and thanks to Doug and Sherry, Matt and Ginger and all of you that brought food and drinks. I look forward to seeing you all at the annual meeting and Christmas party on Dec. 1 (6:00 for drinks, 7:00 for dinner and somewhere about 8:00 for the meeting and elections for the incoming club officers. I hope all of you can attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

John Beeker
Commodore, OYC 2007



Report from the Vice-Commodore

Dear Fellow Members,

On behalf of the Nominating Committee I am pleased to present the 2008 slate of Officers and Trustees for your consideration. The Officers and Trustees are as follows:

Commodore – John Scharer
Vice Commodore – Matt Zaremski
Rear Commodore – Pete Calame
Treasurer- Sherry Corbett
Secretary – TBA
Trustee – John Guthrie
Trustee – Steve Battel
Trustee – Neil Liner

I would like to thank these members for volunteering their time to the Club. At our Annual Meeting on Saturday, December 1st you will be asked to vote for your 2008 Officers and Trustees. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Regards,

John Scharer
Vice Commodore



Report from the Rear Commodore

Hello again OYC members. This year sure has flown by, hasn't it? We had a number of fun events in 2007. If you weren't able to participate in them I hope you'll have a chance to next year.

But the year isn't completely over as far as OYC events go. Approaching quickly is the Annual Holiday Party and Membership Meeting. It will be held on Saturday, December 1 at 6:00 PM at the Mariner Villas

clubhouse. The cost to attend is \$5 per person if you don't bring a side dish or dessert, or free if you do. Again, please RSVP to me and if you plan to bring a side dish, let me know what you plan to bring so we can coordinate.

I hope you're able to attend this sumptuous feast, and say hello to folks you may not have seen for a while. We do miss you when you're not there, so try to stop in.

The recent 2007 Oyster Roast was a great success and a fun get-together as always. Over 40 people attended and got their fill of the tasty treats. Thanks again, and again, and again to Doug for his culinary expertise in cooking the oysters and making sure there were plenty to go around.

One of our biggest challenges this fall has been a lack of water in the lake. I know some folks can't get their boats in the water or away from their docks. Hopefully the rains will come and all will be right again.

As the year winds down and I prepare to hand the Rear Commodore flag off to my successor, Ginger and I reflected on our tenure as Rear Commodore and Social / Cruising committee chair persons. It's been a lot of work but rewarding none the less. We tried some new things and had some good participation and had a lot of fun. Our thanks go to the folks who turned out for these events and made them worthwhile. We hope you'll support our successor's events and future club endeavors. Lend a helping hand when you can because believe me, it's a lot of work.

Lastly, since this is the last newsletter of 2007, let me be the first to wish you all a wonderful holiday filled with all the new sailing goodies you crave, and a healthy and prosperous new year.

Best Wishes,
Matt

Editor's Comments:

Another year of sailing (spell that racing) on Lake Norman has come to an end. For most area sailors, that included participation in the "Ice Bucket Regatta," "the Hospice Regatta," "the Independence Day Regatta," "the Peninsula Cup Regatta," six races in the "Back 2 School Midweek Series" and "the Carolina Keelboat One Design" events. One would think that's certainly a fair amount of racing for anyone to participate in. NOT for me!... I just can't get enough racing in. Fortunately, because I'm a member of the OYC, I also participated in the "Icicle Series," a total of six races held in January and February, the "Keelboat Midwinders," the "Top Gun," 18 races during the "Wednesday Night Series," the "150 Bridge Race," the "Commodore's Cup," and the "Wilmer Regatta." Now that is truly a whole lot of racing and all right in my back yard!

Wait though, that's not were my benefits as an OYC club member end. What really makes being a member great are the social events hosted by our club. In January I attended the "Chili Cook-off," the "Frogmore Stew" in March, in October I filled up on oysters at the "Oyster Roast," and I won't miss the "Holiday Party" scheduled in conjunction with our annual meeting on December 1. I still can't get over the fact that I get all of that for only \$95. Undeniably the BEST DEAL ON THE LAKE!

In the past I often wondered how the OYC could offer so much for relatively so little. This year I got to find out first hand. As a junior at large board of trustee member I was in a position to closely observe just how the operation came together. Basically I can sum it up in one word: "VOLUNTEER."

It only starts with those individuals serving as OYC Officers; John Beeker, John Scharer and Mat Zeramski. Also included are the Senior and Junior at large board of trustee members; Shari Marcus, John Guthrie, Don

Corey, Doug Riley, Rick Rowan and myself. Less known to the membership are the contributions made by Suzanne Beeker as club secretary, Sherri Corbett as club treasurer, Karen Dobbs as past webmaster and Neil Liner as the current webmaster. I can't begin to describe the countless hours of time put in by them to keep our club going. Of course there are more volunteers...names too many to list. They include all who have conducted Race Committee duty, those who have come early and stayed late at social functions to set up and clean up, and those who have brought that extra special delicious appetizer or dessert! Volunteers all who truly deserve our thanks.

“ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY”

Here is where I want to make known to the membership a few very special, very dedicated individuals who have totally stepped up and gone “above and beyond.”

Mat & Ginger Zeramski - have served back to back tours as the Rear Commodore. One year would be taxing...two years unreal! This couple gets my unequivocal recommendation for a “Commodore’s Salute!”

Don and Marilyn Cory – Their deeds and contributions go back way farther than I’ve been a member of the club. They don’t wait to be asked...they just do to make it happen, and it wouldn’t happen without them. Highly recommended for a “Commodore’s Salute!”

Dick Walker & Rick Rowan – Again, tales of their deeds of past contributions go back further than my presence. Truly, I’ve seen it too! Highly recommended for a well deserved “Commodore’s Salute!” to both of these dedicated gentlemen.

Doug Riley & Sherri Corbet – The first accolade I wrote after assuming the duty of newsletter editor was for Sherri Corbet as I’d just participated in an audit review of the Club’s financial records. Please re-read my comments in the January ’07 newsletter. Nothing has changed, still over worked, still dedicated, still volunteering. Sherri also, gets my recommendation as she is completely deserving of a “Commodore’s Salute!” It would be unimaginable to think of an OYC member who didn’t know Doug Riley. As Chairman of the membership committee he’s the first one a new member comes in contact with. This is most appropriate since if ever there was to be dubbed a “Mr. OYC,” Doug Riley would get my nomination. Doug is everywhere. He ran this year’s Wednesday Night Series. He cooked the Frogmore Stew. He also cooked the Oysters at the Oyster Roast. No matter what question comes up during our quarterly meetings, Doug always has the answer. Doug couldn’t make the last meeting....I think we called him no less than three times to get different issues resolved. As I said, he’s “Mr. OYC.” In my opinion, he should get two “Commodore’s Salutes.”

In conclusion, please join me in thanking these individuals personally. Please seek them out and let them know you read about their contributions in the OYC newsletter! That’s all they get when they volunteer! Incidentally, the club secretary position is vacant...this is your chance to volunteer. Give John Scharer a call. Finally, it is totally possible that I may have missed recognizing someone for their contributions. Please be aware that recommendations for a “Commodore’s Salute!” can come from anyone. If you know of an individual whose contributions should be acknowledged, please drop me an email.

Respectfully,
Pete Calame’
Editor

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