

OUTRIGGER YACHT CLUB



N E W S L E T T E R

Upcoming Events

Racing every Wednesday night through August 22, awards ceremony August 29
August 18 – 2d Annual “Day of Reckoning” raft up
September 1 & 2 – LNYC “Labor Day” Regatta
September 13 – OYC board meeting
September 15 & 16 PYC “Peninsula Cup” Regatta
September 29 & 30 OYC “Fall Color Cruise” and raft up vic. 150 Bridge



Report from the Commodore

Greetings from the Commodore. Glad to see so many of you at the races on Wed Night. We have had some favorable winds the past few weeks and the competition has been very close, the closest I have seen it in a long time. Let' see if we all can make this the best attended race schedule of the past few years. Remember to check the Social Calendar for The Day of Reckoning on Aug.18th because this may be the last chance to get even with your competition (or whatever you have planned). Anyone that has a free weekend to help with committee boat maintenance please get in touch with John Scharer or me and see if we can get the committee boat shipshape for next season so we all can enjoy a great racing season again next year. Good luck to all of you. Fair winds and calm seas to all.

John Beeker
Commodore OYC 2007



Report from the Vice-Commodore

Not Submitted



Report from the Rear Commodore

Ahoy OYC members, I hope you're all enjoying summer and having some time for opportunities to get out on your boats. That hasn't been the case for me, but I can almost see light at the end of the tunnel. Sadly, our boats are still winterized, not having been used yet this year and here we are in July. It's been a hectic year for Ginger and me, but we're finally in the house we've been renovating since last July so things are looking up.

Since we've been a bit lax in organizing events, we're going to make time for a few Social / Cruising get-togethers.

Back by popular demand, we'll be holding the 2nd Annual Day of Reckoning on **August 18**. If you missed this event last year, now is your chance to get in on the fun. I know this was my favorite event last year. If you were there I'll bet it's pretty high on your list too. To refresh your memory, this is a fun race, combined with a water balloon fight. Super Soakers, buckets, and wash down hoses are acceptable weapons also. For \$10 per boat you'll get 100 water balloons, food, refreshments, and some great stories to tell. We had a great turnout last year, lots of kids and young adults, and they all had a blast. Load up your boat with friends and come on down. More details are available on the website.

On **September 29** we'll have a cruise up toward the 150 bridge, raft-up and spend the night. Food and beverages provided by OYC.

On **November 10** we'll have a fall color cruise, sailing around the lake and enjoying the scenery. I'll be e-mailing the details to members, so stay tuned.

Ginger and I are looking forward to seeing you folks at these events as well as the remaining social activities following races and regattas. See you out on the water.

Best Wishes,
Matt
Rear Commodore OYC 2007

Editor's Comments:

Please welcome the following new members to the Outrigger Yacht Club:

Alan & Libby Simonini - Respected Charlotte area developer, long time PYC and LNYC member and enthusiastic J-80 sailor; New Full member

Diane Merryman - Lake Norman area Real Estate Agent and past Commodore of the Lake Norman Catalina 25 fleet; New Full member

James & Elaine Story – Retired, new Associate Members

Joe & Kathy Cook – Retired, New Orleans transplants and welcome addition to the Wed Night Series fleet

Alan Deal - New Full member working in Sales/Marketing

Toby & Kailyn Kershner - New Associate members

Ed Tenney - New Full member, Catalina 22 owner and Mechanical Engineer

Ted Harrold - New Associate member working in Real Estate

As I stated in the last OYC Newsletter published, this is **YOUR** news letter and I will publish any comments, suggestions, items for sale, and helpful hints that you might like to share with club members.

For instance, Shari Marcus made a suggestion during the last OYC committee meeting that the club should also focus on organizing joint trips. The examples she cited suggested getting a group together to attend the Annapolis Boat Show, or partnering up to rent a sail boat in the Caribbean. If anyone is interested in getting a group organized for one of these events please contact Shari her email is sharim18@earthlink.net

Sherry Corbett also made a suggestion to publish member's favorite recipes "that are easy, and quite portable for those sailboat raft-ups!!!" NO Problem Sherry!.....published below are two of Sherry's favorites to start, if you do have any questions of Sherry, her email is scorbett@gwattorneys.com Hopefully, we'll receive lots of input from the membership to have a recurring "**Recipes for Raft-Ups**" column.

Shrimp Ceviche

1 lb. cooked shrimp (any size), shelled and chopped
1 cup lime juice
1/2 cup Kraft Zesty Italian dressing
1 red pepper, seeded, chopped
1 celery stalk, chopped
1 Tbsp. chopped cilantro

Combine all ingredients, cover, refrigerate several hours to marinate.
Prior to packing the picnic basket, drain the shrimp mixture, discarding the marinade.
Serve with tortilla chips on the boat with a cold Corona nearby!!!

Spicy Pimento Cheese

8 oz. sharp yellow cheddar cheese, grated*
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1/2 cup mayonnaise
4 oz. jar chopped pimentos, drained, chopped finely
1/2 tsp. sugar
1/4 tsp pepper
3 Tbsp Picante Sauce or Salsa (mild or hot, your choice)
2 Tbsp. chopped parsley

Combine all ingredients. Garnish with sliced green onions (opt.).
Serve with crackers, celery, or melted on top of burgers or steaks....
(*Note: Any 16 oz. of grated cheeses work...I've tried the Mexican Blend bag of grated cheese in place of the white cheddar, and it was delicious!)

In the last OYC news letter, I listed a couple of sites that specialized in nautical consignment items. One more recommendation is located in St. Augustine, FL. Known as the “**The Sailor’s Exchange**,” it’s located on 224-226 West King Street. Hours are Tue-Fri:9-5; Sat 9-2; Sun-Mon Closed. If you’re down that way it’s worth a side trip to check out their large inventories of nautical goodies.

I’m pretty sure I spend more time maintaining my boats than sailing them. Two sources that I have come to rely on are:

1. “**The Complete Illustrated Sailboat Maintenance Manuel**” by Don Casey, published by McGraw-Hill. I know it’s steep at \$59.95, but well worth the price since it covers everything you need to know about sail boat repairs.

2. Another great publication that I have found priceless is my subscription to “**BoatWorks**” a quarterly magazine put out by the same folks who publish “Sail” magazine. (see boatworksmagazine.com) BoatWorks covers a myriad of projects such as installing a wheel, bottom and topside painting, installing auto-helms, the list is endless. What makes BoatWorks stand out is that the articles are written for people with no prior experience. Find a copy at West Marine, after your initial perusal send in your subscription for cheaper rates.

If you’re still looking for answers to fix your problems and don’t want to spend any money....check out www.bosunsupplies.com/knowledge.cfm there are a number of maintenance subjects covered.

Ok, not only does the boat need maintenance, but the skipper can always use some upkeep. Check out www.boatingbasicsonline.com . It’s a quiz on your basic boating knowledge, covering rules of the road, navigation, safety requirements.....Go ahead take the test and see what you forgot.

One last hint, that many boat owners are still not sure about is the data contained in a hull number. Check out www.nw.org/hull_numbers.htm for a detailed explanation.

More Racing To Come!

SPEED RACE - Richard Mayberry (“Fast Times”– J-27) is floating a proposal to conduct a “speed race.” I don’t have all the details as Richard is scheduled to present his plan at the next OYC Racing Committee Meeting. The way I understand the proposal is that it would be a very long course on Lake Norman which will hopefully be conducted on a very windy day. Fastest boat around the course is the winner! To find out more or make suggestions, contact Richard by email: www.mayberryfinearts@bellsouth.net .

Extended Wednesday Night Series – A proposal has been submitted to the Lake Norman Yacht Club to sponsor a Fall Series WNS which will consist of six races starting September 5 and ending October 10. The event will closely follow the summer WNS NOR with some minor changes. These include lowering the minimum boat entry length to 15 feet, which is designed to open it up to more sailors such as the M-C Scow fleet. In addition the start/finish line will be in the vicinity of D-3/5. The event will be orchestrated by the Ultimate 20 fleet within LNYC. For more information and your input, contact Eric Rosentretter, (“Vene” – U-20) by email: www.rosentretter@alltel.net .

And one more final matter of interest: The Blackbeard Sailing Club located on the Neuse River just outside of New Bern, NC is hosting the 2007 First Citizens Neuse Cup Regatta. The race consists of a 60-mile night race starting at 8 PM on Friday, August 24 and ending around 12 hours later on Saturday morning August 25. The starting line is at Government Marker 2, near the Blackbeard Club. It will proceed to mouth of the Neuse River at Government marker "NR" then back to the starting point. It sounded too interesting and challenging to pass up so I'm hauling "Brandal" down to give it a shot (in the dark). For more information and the NOR check out:

http://www.nyra.org/racing/NOR/2007/2007_BSC_First_Citizens_Cup_Regatta_Info.htm or contact: Mike Harrison at 252-636-8383 or mkharrison@suddenlink.net Race registration is only \$35. \$5 off if you're a US sail member.

Want to put in your 2 cents? Email your input to me: www.meritsailor172@yahoo.com and I'll include it in the next publication.

Pete Calame'
News Letter Editor, OYC 2007

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