

# OYC

## N e w s l e t t e r



### COMMODORE SARA'S COMMENTS

Commodore Sara Butler

Greetings and Salutations:

Halloween is next week, the leaves are starting to change, and the weather (if not the Wind) has been absolutely beautiful. It doesn't seem like it but the calendar, and the lake level tell me that the year is winding down.

As the year is winding down, so is my time as Commodore. I would love to say that I accomplished all kinds of wonderful things, and made a difference for the sailors who love this Lake.....but, the truth of the matter is that whatever I may have accomplished, and whatever impact I may have had was not because of my efforts, but the efforts of the Board, and those Committees, and members that support the Board's agenda. I would list all of the names, but I would be listing better than half of the membership. These are the folks that make Outrigger a great organization to be involved with, these are the folks that made this job easy, and let's face it; Sara proof, these are the folks that motivate me to spend the last leg of a Peninsula Cup race bobbing around like a cork in dead air until the bitter end just to help ensure that the OYC Burgee hangs in the PYC bar, and these are the folks I am proud to call fellow sailors and friends.

We have one more race, and social event this year...the Commodore's Cup, and Oyster Roast coupled with the Annual Meeting. Come on out and help me enjoy my favorite time of year on the lake, eat some oysters, and applaud next year's Officers.

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## VICE COMMODORE Bill's REPORT

Vice Commodore Bill Hartwell

OYC has had a very successful racing season this year including the recent WNS and the Leukemia Cup.

Doug Riley did an exceptional job as Chairman of the Wednesday Night Series coordinating with the 18 select volunteer race committees over an 18-week schedule and carefully making the right call in rapidly changing weather conditions. Congratulations to all the participants and winners.

Thanks to Steve Battel for running the Leukemia Cup race. Martha Staley worked so hard to make this event successful that I'm as happy for her as I am for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation. Because of Martha's preparation and execution, I believe the Leukemia Society must be very pleased with this wonderful Lake Norman event.

Our excellent participation in the Peninsula Cup resulted in OYC reclaiming the rights to display the OYC burgee at the PYC for the next year. Commodore Sara presented a new OYC burgee to the Peninsula Yacht Club in honor of our achievement. We appear to have both a competitive and amicable relationship with PYC. I think it benefits us to continue to build on our cordial relationship with PYC every year.

Mark your calendars for the Wilmer Trophy Regatta, a Lakewide open event sponsored by the Lake Norman Keelboat Council. The Wilmer is November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, open only to members of OYC, PYC and LNYC.

On Saturday, November 17, 2012, we will have the OYC Commodore's Cup, the Oyster Roast and the Annual Meeting. Let's go for a 100% turnout for all three events.

Bill





# LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA



The 2012 Lake Norman Leukemia Cup Regatta began on October 12 with a delightful evening at the Kings Point/ Morningstar Marina in Cornelius. Participants enjoyed dinner prepared by The Peninsula Yacht Club, followed by the Skippers Meeting. Captains received treat bags with snacks for the race, laminated race marker maps and a Mt. Gay Rum shirt. Primary Race Office Steve Battel reviewed the Notice of Race, rules of racing, starting sequence and estimated course length.

Sailors took to the water on Saturday, October 13 for a long race around the lake. Conditions were wonderful with sunny skies and adequate winds. As the day wore on, winds subsided, but not the spirit of the skippers and their crews. Although a few boats did not finish due to glassy water, they enjoyed their day on our beautiful lake!

Saturday evening all participants enjoyed a wonderful evening at The Peninsula Yacht Club in Cornelius. A silent auction with over 70 items greeted the guests as they arrived, including projection of photos taken throughout the day on the lake. A buffet dinner was enjoyed by all, before the awards and live auction began.

The event was made possible by the support of sponsors including The Peninsula Yacht Club, Transportation Insight, BB&T, Energy United and Klingspor Abrasives.

Mr. Battel presented awards to sailors in sport, spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruising classes. Old world map plates were given to the first place winners and hand painted shell plates were given to the second place winners.

Martha Staley, Volunteer Event Chair, thanked Outrigger Yacht Club for serving as Host and Organizing Authority for the race. She also thanked all sailors for their participation, and highlighted national and local sponsors and contributors. She also expressed appreciation to the staff at Kings Point Marina and The Peninsula Yacht Club for their

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## *Photos from OYC Sailing*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT REGATTA WINNERS



# SAILING

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In closing, if you have an opinion on club matters, an event, or other such goings-on, please make a point to share it with the Club's officers. We are always looking for something new, or a way to spice up a tried, and true idea.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November.

Sara Butler

PS- Did you ever wonder about the first guy who ate a raw Oyster?

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service and support. A video was shown to the guests, highlighting the struggle endured by a local child who is battling leukemia. Martha also recognized Ric Ferrar, a lymphoma survivor and skipper in the regatta.

Top fundraising flags were presented to Jordan Staley, third place; Chip Richardson, second place and Neil Liner, first place. Mr. Liner, who raised over \$2,500.00 also received the Leukemia Cup trophy and a \$50 gift card from Vineyard Vines. Overall, the 2012 Lake Norman Leukemia Cup Regatta raised over \$12,000 to benefit the mission of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society!

Our goal for 2013 is to build on the momentum we've built thus far, encouraging more sailors to participate in the race. More importantly, we want to encourage sailors and crew to register early on the national LCR website, and use their own web page to reach out to family and friends to donate money for their boat. If 25 boats with 2 crew aboard would ask 20 people to give \$20, we could raise over \$20,000! SAIL THE COURSE - SAVOR THE CAMARADERIE - SUPPORT THE CAUSE!

My sincere thanks to all participants and those who helped make this year's event the most successful yet!

- Martha Staley