

# OYC

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## COMMODORE DOUG'S REPORT

Commodore Doug Riley

What should be of most interest to Club Members is that we now have a new Committee Boat. The old one gave up the ghost this early spring, right in the middle of the 150 Bridge Race! For what it would have cost to fix her transmission, we were put in a position to search for a new boat.

Luckily, our friends at Wher-rena Marina arranged a trade (we had to throw in some additional cash) to obtain a 25 foot Crest Pontoon boat with a 60HP Outboard and a full canvas package. We made some modifications, selling a couple of chairs to offset other expenses, adding storage and an anchor hold, a nifty course flag pole setup, and re-stocked her with RC Supplies and equipment. Thanks to Pete Calame for working on some of the canvas for us. She is a stable and fast platform for running a race with plenty of room to lay out your signal flags and stay well organized.



While this has depleted our reserves, that is what we built them up for. We may have to implement an austerity program in the short term, perhaps charging for the Oyster Roast and other Social Events, but overall we have the operating capital necessary to meet all of our obligations.

We could always use more anchor line for the pin and weather marks, should anyone have anything appropriate lying around.

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## VICE COMMODORE CHRIS'S REPORT

Vice Commodore Chris Greenman

Greetings Sailors,

It's been a great year so far and yet we still have much more to come. First I want to start off by thanking everyone involved with getting our new Committee Boat up to speed. With the huge open deck, welded staff mounts, and comfortable cockpit it is sure to meet our needs quite well. It's already proven itself during the Wednesday Night Series. Plus it's the perfect platform to use for other OYC events such as the upcoming Sailstice.

Speaking of Wednesday Night Series, we are only a couple races away from finishing up the 2015 season. We've been quite lucky this year in that only a couple races had to be abandoned. The last race is Aug 26th with the awards being held the following Wednesday.

Also coming up is the annual Leukemia Cup Regatta. Like last year, we will be doing a pursuit style race. This means that the slowest boat(s) will be starting first while the remaining boats have a staggered starting time based on boat rating. The goal is to have everyone end at the same time. One thing new this year is the addition of a Sport Boat class. The addition of this class will create tighter competition among the Spinnaker fleet. As in past years we will retain the cruising class allowing slower boats to compete against each other rather than trying to pit their boats against the speed demons out there.

Our last OYC racing event for the year is the Commodore's cup. Come on out and enjoy the last race of the season. After the race be sure to come out and eat your fill of Oysters at our annual Oyster Roast.

Fair winds and see you on the water!!

Chris Greenman



## REAR COMMODORE BOB'S REPORT

OYC Sailors:

It has been a great summer for sailors on the lake this summer. The fellowship at Big Al's after the WNS races has been great. The major upcoming events include the Leukemia Cup Regatta and the Fall Equinox Raft up.

The Summer Sailstice Was canceled and the fall Equinox event will replace it on Saturday September 26, weather permitting. (no hurricanes). The plan is to meet up about 5:30 PM.

I will be firing out an email on Friday evening (9/25) on where we will meet up. Hopefully, I will be able to get a good fix on the weather and wind conditions to locate the ideal raft up location. I am looking to go to Lucky Creek by an island and big grass field if wind conditions are right or maybe the islands around D4 if not. Other appropriate locations based on y'all's experience will be welcome for consideration.

Rear commodore Bob Davis



The menu will be beef tenderloin and shrimp skewers, potato salad, and a fresh green vegetable. I will be looking for someone to bring a dessert. Maybe Mexican cheesecake?? Appetizers will also be welcome. Of course, OYC will also provide beer, wine, sodas and water. There will be floats and a floating beer cooler in the water for swimmers! I will have bacon, eggs, sausage and grits for breakfast with coffee and juice.

Due to the menu planned, it is imperative that I receive RSVP's ([rddavis@att.net](mailto:rddavis@att.net)) so as to have enough food (and beer) for all. Due to the expense of the food, Guests are welcome, however, I am asking \$15 per person for guests with a discount of \$25 for a guest couple. I can be contacted by phone at 704-651-5752 to help those looking for us in the crush of boats, find us.

I look forward to hearing from y'all.

Bob Davis Rear, Commodore.



## Commodore Doug's Comments continued from page 1

We need new blood in leadership positions in this Club. By-Laws, Policies and procedures are in place to guide those who are willing to lead. We have whittled the Board of Trustees from what was an 11-member group down to only 5. Each year, we need a new Rear Commodore to manage the Social aspects of the Club (Chili cook-off, Frogmore Stew, Oyster Roast, etc.) as the previous Rear rises to the position of Vice Commodore and the previous Vice rises to the role of Commodore. Please consider taking a leadership role in YOUR Club. We also need a Member At-large on the Board, a position that Don Corey has held for the past couple of years.

Doug Riley, 2015 Commodore

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### Race Committee / Committee Boat Duty education

The # 1 complaint from people who perform Race Committee duties on Wed Nights is that they don't feel confident in their abilities since they do it so seldom. Since we don't have a marina or property other than the boat itself, we don't have work days and other requirements of membership like most other Yacht Clubs. We shouldn't think it out of line to ask our membership for more than just \$120/year dues for the privilege to race in Lakewide and Club events. We all have to give back more.

We are beginning discussion about what we can do to make OYC the premiere Race Committee Club on the Lake. To this end, and now that we have a 25 foot pontoon on which to do it, we are discussing holding seminars on the water where those with experience can teach those without. Others not in "Class" that day, would be invited to practice starts while we run sequences.

Instruction would/should include:

How to determine a course based on wind direction and forecast. / How to determine two courses – one for Spin and one for Non-Spin, if allowed in the Sailing Instructions. / How and where to set a weather mark if needed. / How and where to set a starting line square to the first mark and the wind, hopefully both! / How to check in the fleet. / How to signal the course. / How to run the starting sequence. / How to go into and get back out of postponement. / How to sight down the line to see who, if anyone is, over early. / How to signal over early for one or a few boats and General Recall for the entire fleet if there are too many to identify. / What to do about one or a few boats over early and how to re-start the entire race after a General Recall. / How to set a square finish line and more.

Seems like a lot, but in many ways it's easier than sailing and more rewarding as you are providing a service to your sailing community. We need more than just the 2-3 people who are constantly running Committee Boat while everyone else sails. The only reason people get on CB that one time a year is

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because it is required for the Wed Night Series...If nothing else, education will make it that much easier to perform your duty when that day comes.

Working Race Committee makes you a better sailor as you understand the starting process more, become more familiar with those rules you may not pay as much attention to sailing, such as Individual and General Recalls, and it tends to humble those who complain about RC, but don't do it themselves. LNYC will host a SAYRA One-Day Race Management Seminar in late winter or early spring. We will let you know when that comes about.

We may also be calling on our membership for help to run a few seminars for new racers as we begin a push to increase participation in the Leukemia Cup Regatta in particular and in Keelboat racing on the Lake in general.

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## ***Our New Committee Boat!***

Now everyone should want to be on Race Committee!

Removable course flagpole setup / Anchor hold



Storage and signal flags configuration



Shelter, comfort and more storage



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## **LAKE NORMAN 2015 LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA SAIL THE COURSE - SAVOR THE CAMARADERIE - SUPPORT THE CAUSE!**

The Sixth Annual Lake Norman Leukemia Cup Regatta will be held October 17, 2015. This event supports the mission of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society: to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families. Honorary Skipper for this year's event is Jordan Jemsek of Charlotte. The regatta is a qualifying event for the National Fantasy Sail with Gary Jobson for skippers who raise at least \$10,000.00 by November 1.

Outrigger Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority responsible for all sailing aspects of the event including the Notice of Race (NOR). The event is Co-Hosted by OYC and PYC. The race is open to all ballasted mono-hulls of at least 20 feet in length over all: spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and cruising.

The first warning signal is at 11:55 p.m. on Saturday, October 17 near Shoal Marker 0.4 NM WNW of Channel Marker 2. Details are available in the [Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions, Schedule and Entry Form](#) or at [leukemicup.org/nc](http://leukemicup.org/nc) or [outriggeryachtclub.org](http://outriggeryachtclub.org). Activities include a full breakfast on October 17 at 9:00 a.m. at The Peninsula Yacht Club. The Skipper Meeting will follow at 10:00 a.m. and the racing begins at 11:55 a.m. The Principal Race Officer will review the Notice of Race and sailing instructions for sailors.

Following the race on Saturday, the Celebration Event will begin at 4:30 p.m. at The Peninsula Yacht Club with a cocktail hour. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by awards for sailing and fund raising and a live auction. The public is encouraged to watch the race, and is welcome to attend the Saturday Celebration Event.

To register, purchase tickets or donate to your favorite skipper, log onto [www.leukemicup.org/nc](http://www.leukemicup.org/nc). The cost to register is \$60.00 and includes one breakfast and dinner for the skipper. Crew members may register for free but must purchase their meals. Breakfast is \$10.00 and the Celebration Dinner is \$30.00 per person.

Individuals and business can participate by making tax deductible donations to support participating skippers and crew members. Receipts are available online. Sponsorship opportunities are available and we welcome gifts of items for the silent auction.

Checks should be made payable to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) and mailed to Leukemia Cup Regatta, 7615 Mariner Cove Drive, Cornelius NC 28031. Chapter offices are located at 4530 Park Road, Suite 240, Charlotte NC 28209.

For more information on the Lake Norman Leukemia Regatta or to offer your support in any way, contact Event Chair Martha Staley at (828) 244-5577. For more information on The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, contact Anne Reitzes at (704) 705-1816.



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## Minutes from the Board Meeting

Minutes of the August 10, 2015 Meeting of the OYC Board of Trustees

Call to Order at 7:12PM - In attendance are Commodore Doug Riley, Vice Commodore Chris Greenman, Rear Commodore Bob Davis, Past Commodore Wade Miller and Member At-Large Don Corey.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report - Outlined current bank balances, depleted in part due to buying and fitting a new committee boat. Discussion of Funds and Expenses for the rest of the year. The Board performed an audit of expenses paid in 2014 which was approved and signed by the Board.

Commodore's Report – Outline of why and what was done in regards to the purchase of the new boat and detail of expenses to date. Board asked to approve expenses and purchase retroactively which they did unanimously.

Vice Commodore Report – Wed Night Series coming to a close and Leukemia Cup Regatta is next event. Opened discussion re a Asym vs. non-Asym split among the Spinnaker fleets in order to compel some sailing Non-Spin back to Spin. This is going to be done in the Leukemia Cup, as planned, to see just how much of an effect it has.

Rear Commodore Report – Outline of cancellation of the Summer Sailstice/Symphony event earlier in the summer due to lack of RSVPs – heat, traffic and hanging out with a bunch of motor boaters seemed to be mitigating factors. Working on a makeup raft-up event for Sept 26, details to follow.

Communications to the Secretary – None

Race Committee Report – Only two abandonments in the WNS this year, some discussion re Leukemia Cup.

Membership Report – 37 current OYC members, Nominating Committee to begin work on slate of candidates for Rear Commodore and Board Member At-large for 2016

Unfinished Business – We are unable to make a monetary donation to the Leukemia Cup due to expenses around the committee boat. No movement of funds into Reserves. The Board unanimously determined to move any funds left in Reserves into Operating Capital for the time being.

New Business – Board approved a change to the Administration Policy in regards to OYC supplying officers with shirts appropriate to wear to functions when representing the Club. Discussion on getting more people involved in Race Committee, putting on educational seminars, perhaps making RC duty a requirement of membership.

Officers were advised to get their articles to the Newsletter Editor and motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 8:40PM

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