



THE OAKVILLE YACHT SQUADRON

WINDJAMMER

Sept/October 2011



Upcoming Events

- **Speakers Night @ OYS** – October 20th
- **Haul out** – October 29th & 30th
- **OYS Awards Night** – November 18
- **OYS Annual General Meeting** -
Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 20:00 hrs
in the main hall of the OYS

REPORTS

VICE COMMODORE - MAURICE STEVENS

As this will likely be the last Windjammer before the AGM, I would like to take this opportunity to update everyone on a couple of issues.

1) The Lease... Where are we?

As you know Paul Attwood and I have been negotiating with the Town over the last few months to see if we can reach a lease agreement that we could bring back to the membership. The status at this point is that although significant progress has been made there are still one or two issues that need to be resolved before we could recommend anything to you. One significant issue is the Town's wish to create a public walkway along the new boardwalk of the fixed dock and across the dry sail/crane area to access the Town lands south of the sailing school. Paul and I believe there are better solutions which would be safer for the public and also would not destroy the way we presently use our club. Over the next few months we will be dialoguing further with the membership on this point to enlist some assistance in furthering our objective.

From a financial perspective, we are still negotiating, but all indications are that the costs in future should be less than the amounts that were presented and rejected a year or so ago.

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As most of you know by now, Bronte Harbour Yacht Club converted their Lease to a Non-Exclusive License Agreement. This has some financial advantages, and also some restrictions. Paul and I are evaluating this and will explain this further when some of the other issues have been resolved.

We had hoped to have the new terms of this lease ready before the forthcoming AGM; however, there is still further work to be done. Please bear with us while we try to get the right solution to these issues.

2) Work or Pay, A continuing issue.

At a recent Executive meeting the issue of Work or Pay was discussed yet again. The reality is that unless there is a mandatory system in place, the core group of volunteers seems to be shrinking, and, by the way, also getting older! We also have to ensure we keep our financial house in order. Just look at Greece, City of Toronto etc. to see how easy it is for this to get out of control.

A couple of years ago a great deal of research was done to see how this worked at other clubs. One of the key issues is that the administration is onerous especially if it has to be done on a volunteer basis. Fortunately, Steve Scott has volunteered to take on this daunting task. The Executive has agreed to bring this back to the AGM to see if the membership would agree to try this for one year (without any penalty involvement) to determine if the system is workable at OYS and to see how much and how well it can be administered. More on this at the AGM.

3) Looking ahead to next year

This year has been extraordinary for us primarily due to the turmoil of the dock wall construction. There are a few things which will still have to be done next year to complete all of the changes that resulted from this new construction, but the tasks will be considerably less than those faced by Bill Crompton and Dirk Rasmussen this year. I want to add my personal thanks to both Bill and Dirk for their countless hours and dogged tenacity at dealing with all of the issues and projects they faced. To many of us things that got done just seemed to "happen". Trust me; from where I saw things, it was not an easy job.

Having said that, please answer the call when we need work parties for any jobs around the club. If you don't then it falls on the back of those in charge and really multiplies their burden.

See you all at the AGM

PAST COMMODORE - PAUL ATTWOOD

comments:

Well, as I approach my soon to be last executive meeting, I must admit I will miss the comradely of the OYS Executive. It has its moments, but is also a lot of fun!

One of my last functions in the Past Commodore's role will be to put together a slate for next year's Executive. Many have decided to stay on in their capacities however; there are openings for, Social Director, Property Director, and Treasurer. Each of these positions is very important roles @ OYS however, please don't think you must do them alone. Laurie Parkhill is our bookkeeper and she will be of great assistance to whoever assumes the Treasurer position.

Although Bill Crompton has indicated that he will not carry on in the position, I'm confident that he will be of great assistance to his replacement.

Lastly, the Social Director is a great role to assume if you want to get to know other club members! Linda Stevens has done this position for so many years she could probably do it in her sleep! While she needs a break from having this responsibility, Linda will be of significant help in advising what has to be done and how to setup a team to provide assistance. This position is critical to the Club and I encourage you to consider helping out in this capacity. Remember, you won't be doing it alone!

As the year progressed there has been more focus on work parties and here is an opportunity to help!

CRUISING DIRECTOR

The cruising season regrettably has come to an end but what a great season it was! Eight cruises were completed. The Cruise Captains created wonderful themes for each cruise and put their culinary talents to the test. Cruisers enjoyed everything from Jimmy Buffet Caribbean music and food to the teriyaki shish kabobs and blues music of the Blues Brothers themed cruise. The Canada Day cruise was a steak aficionado's delight and the Cheese cruise a cheese sensation. The Hoedown cruise featured sausages, chicken and corn and plenty of cowboys and country music!

Our last cruise of the year was exceptionally well attended with participants enjoying Maurice Stevens corn roast and bring your own steak and cook it theme. The Cruise to Nowhere will undoubtedly become a regular theme on the cruise schedule. Next year's cruise captains will be challenged to continue the high standards expected by the cruisers. We were lucky to have reasonably good weather this year for cruises. Only eight months to go till the next cruise! As always I welcome suggestions on improvements to the cruise program.

Pierre Perrenoud
Cruise Director

HARBOUR MASTER - DIRK RASMUSSEN

I hope you had a great summer and did as much sailing as you could possibly fit in. With Haul-Out just around the corner, you realize how short our sailing season really is. Personally, it's also the time when I resolve to get more sailing in next year.

There are a few items that I would like to pass on:

Our haul-out is on October 29-30th and the Town will start hauling before us, on October 17th. Most cradles will be un-stacked on Oct 22nd. Please contact me by October 10th, if you need your cradle out before the 22nd.

We have sufficient space on our racks for all masts; but only if we use the space efficiently. There are 3 sets of racks set up, each for a range of boat/mast sizes. Please place your mast on the rack that is designated for the size of your boat. Further details and cautions are posted at the racks and on the bulletin board.

With regard to haul-out and winter storage, your location and haul-out order will be posted the week before. Locations will be similar to previous years with only a few changes.

This has been a special year for OYS, with huge changes to our harbour. I think it looks great and I would like thank everyone that helped make it happen. The response from members was phenomenal and it could not have been done without you.

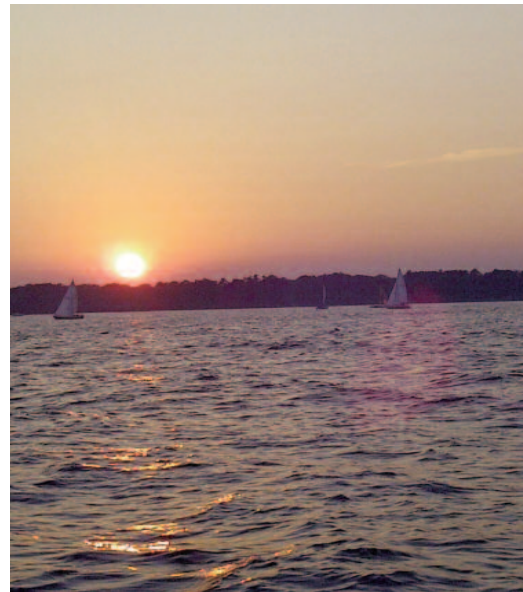
Don't forget to sign up for your work shift. See you at 7am on Oct 29th.

PROPERTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPT/OCT 2011.

Nearing the end of the sailing season with good winds and good racing, well it's that time of year again where it gets dark fast at night.

I have turned off the sprinkler for the season as the grass was very wet.

I have installed new combination locks on the outside washrooms doors to prevent the public from using them; the combination is 0-2-4-1 as we had to put in 4 digits to make it work.



All combinations doors will be changed after haul out with a new 4 digit code.

The south gate has a brand new combination lock as the old one had seen it day and was rusty due too the weather, at present the code is still 2-4-1 but again it will be changed after haul out.

For your info Bruce McFetridge no longer works for us. We have hired Jason Shackleton as of the 3 Sept 2011, Please welcome Jason as this will be a part time job for him, so if you see things that have to be done mark it on the sheet that he has put on the notice boards.

Now for the good stuff I would like to have a final WORK PARTY ON 15 Oct 2011 at 0900 AM, for a general cleanup mainly the south side of the club, bring saws, gloves, glasses.

This is for the members that have not put in a work party this year, other than launch and haul out, but all members are welcome, hopefully it will be from 0900 AM till 1200 noon, I will have a sign up sheet on site hope to see you all.

For your info I have unplugged the ice cooler as we have not had any ice for the past 2 weeks, it will remain unplugged for the winter.

It has been a very busy year and I am looking forward to the end of the season,

Bill Crompton Property Director O.Y.S.



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