



THE OAKVILLE YACHT SQUADRON



WINDJAMMER

July/August 2011

Upcoming Events

- 2011 Provincial Shark Regatta - Aug 26th
- Cruise to Bluffers Yacht Club – Sept 2nd
- Bronte Rocks – Sept 3
- OYS Double – Sept 10
- Patriot Day – Sept 11
- Last Series Race - Sept 14 & 15th
- OYS Haulout (Tentative) - October 29 & 30

REPORTS

PAST COMMODORE: PAUL ATTWOOD

As you can readily see, OYS no longer has a gate on the north end of the property. This now provides a very open area that is accessible to everyone. A few members have asked “when is the gate going to be put back?” and why do we have people strolling “our Club property?”

Keep in mind that the Town has wanted “open access” to the water and that we have never prevented anyone from “strolling” around the Club in the past. You will notice that we have put signs on the property indicating that it is the Oakville Yacht Squadron and that Members and Guests are welcome (children under 12 must wear life jackets). We trust that the people “strolling” throughout the Club will be considerate of our property and we must be considerate of them as well.

Whether or not the fence is re-instated is still being determined as Maurice Stevens and I continue with our lease discussions. Please be patient and we assure you that as soon as we have something to report, we will do so. Another aspect that I want to review is that when we see someone “strolling” around the Club, it could very well be a member that you haven’t met yet. A recent incident occurred where a member was filling a water container at the sink and another member was less than kind in challenging them as to whether or not they should be doing that. While it is appropriate to “challenge” an unknown face, it should be done in a POLITE manner. Let me share a situation that happened to me.

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I saw someone boarding Pat Dinsmore' boat and I didn't recognize the person. I asked her whose boat she was boarding and she said "my Dad's boat" wherein I asked her, who is your Dad. When she said Pat Dinsmore, I figured she was "OK to board". Later I told Pat about it and he said it was his daughter. Pat was appreciative that someone was keeping an eye out and his daughter didn't mind being asked as it was done politely. If you see someone on a boat and you don't recognize them, don't be afraid to ask so that we all can know that someone "strolling" through our Club doesn't also "stroll on our boats."

Have a safe summer!

CRUISE DIRECTOR - PIERRE PERRENOUD

The Canada Day reciprocal cruise with Highland Yacht Club was an unequivocal success. Hosts for the cruise, Helga and Helmut Klenkler spent many hours planning the BBQ, welcome drinks, slip assignments and even managed to dial in wonderful weekend weather. How they managed to serve up such a terrific steak BBQ and drinks on a tightly managed budget was magical. Judging by the happy faces and laughter from all participants the Canada Day Cruise was a testimony to the fun and good cheer OYS cruisers are known for. Highland Yacht Club sent some 20 boats to OYS

and officers of the day Murray Souter and Maurice Stevens managed to fit them all in using every slip available, the visitor's dock and several other nooks and crannies! Cruises can be difficult to accommodate when there is an imbalance of boats coming and going. We sent 13 to their 20. Feed back from Highland's cruise captain was very positive and they thanked OYS for being very welcoming and accommodating. They particularly enjoyed the variety of blender drinks served up by OYS on Canada Day. They are looking forward to maintaining a reciprocal cruising arrangement with OYS. At Highland our members were careful to leave the club clean and tidy. This is crucial to maintaining good relations.

If you missed the cruise perhaps we'll see you next year for another weekend of good sailing, good cheer and flag waving!





PROPERTY DIRECTOR - BILL CROMPTON

PROPERTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2011

Great news! We now have an AED at the club, this was graciously donated to us as we are a non profit organization. For those of you that are not familiar with this, it is an Automated external defibrillator, this machine can help save lives when waiting for emergency medical attention. Please see the following link for more information. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automated_external_defibrillator

This will be located on the wall in the kitchen near the bar. Currently where the First Aid kit is, I will be moving the First Aid kit higher on the wall)

I would like to thank the volunteers that turned out for the work party to make a new front step and install a border in front of the patio on June 27, 2011.

A big thanks to TOR&ERIKA JOHANSSON for painting all the tables and chairs, it sure make difference around the club.

The windows in both the ladies and gents change rooms have been installed. I am happy to hear that they are working and have more circulation.

The irrigation system is in and working fine. (If I can learn how to set the timer properly)

Just been informed that the new flag pole has arrived (Sat July 9, 2011) Dirk will cover more in his report.

I have replaced some lights in the fire exit sign inside the club.

Three new property signs were ordered by Maurice and have been installed by myself.

- One near the launch ramp
- One in front of the light house
- One on the west side of the club house near the back door.

These signs will hopefully help with the control of the public coming through the club property. (The geese don't seem to understand)

Have purchased two cigarette butt containers, for those who smoke. Please use them and keep our club clean rather then the bushes or patio.

Things are getting back to normal as the summer is moving along. If you see something that needs fixing, please fix it or inform me.

Have a great summer; see you on the water,

PROPERTY DIRECTOR REPORT FOR JULY/AUGUST 2011

Things have slowed in property but I would like bring to your attention a couple of things.

1. Just because you are at the club we still have to recycle and I think that we could do a much better job than we are doing, let's treat it as your house. If you have a lot of garbage, don't put it in the garbage can take it to the big bin on your way out, somebody has to empty the cans .
2. If you see something that needs to be fixed and YOU can do it , by all means do and let me know, this is a self help club and if we do not pitch in together then we will have to hire somebody to do the fixing of things.
3. The grass in coming in find, just a couple of spots hopefully they will come back in the fall.
4. Please don't throw your cigarette butts on the garden or the grass try and use the ashtrays trays.
5. Again I must remind you that we do not collect old oil or antifreeze, YOU have to take it to the dump yourself. If you see somebody dropping it off let them know.
6. If you see doors open please lock them that goes for the outside washrooms, also the ice box has to be locked after every visit, we all pay for the ice in the end.
7. In closing may I remind you again that we will be holding the Provincial SHARK Championship on AUG 27/28 and we could get as many as 35- 40 sharks, we do not know until Thursday night, and we will try and park the trailers inside the north fence so PLEASE don't park their if you are planning to go cursing.
8. The sailing school will be holding a 2 day YOUTH REGATTA on 24/25 of AUG /11., so bear with us and give the juniors sailors a welcome.

RACING DIRECTOR - ANDRE BEESE

Hello Race Fans,

Week 13 started with having to recoup from week 12's antics. Thanks again to all those involved with OYS Regatta, from volunteers and R/C and ticket sales people and beer dispenser tap pullers and raffle draw specialists and event planning experts and steak grilling technicians and the local flag hoisting union for sending its reps. and the international society of filling gas tanks for outlining safety protocol and the Sisters of Unblemished Hands for teaching us how to give out Skippers Bags and not getting 'handle burn' in the process when giving them out at such a rapid pace. I think that about covers it but if I have left anyone out, please don't take it personally.

We will be having a post-mortem before months end and I look to you all for input in what you all may want to have for next years Regatta, aside, or course, from more participation. I think I just touched a nerve ending!

Tuesdays are turning out, and have been but I am afraid to admit it, to be Lasers, just Laser nights. Just Lasers turned out again this Tuesday, but the fleet was small as it sadly missed the grey heads and, The Bill With Lone White Head, and vacationing white water Rafters letting the Fleet of Four have all the fun. Looking forward to next week.

We sure have had our share of offshore gusting winds this year, and the high speed flat water sailing just keeps on coming. With some discussion on the dock and by emails prior to going out regarding mandatory flotation garments, I am glad to see that this is being considered. As it was later in the season, warmer water and flat as well, the 'Y' Flag stayed below. That being said, there were two saves that had to be made, and by accounts heard, they were done fast and only bruising of ego was reported. One has to consider the task of holding the boom out with your body downwind in puffy shifty makes for the most dangerous job on the boat.

Preventers are fast and easily set up, so lets start using them before another human projectile hits the water. Otherwise, exhilaration sailing and post race mix up was well attended with contented racers. Tommy Burgers were a factor, and I understand he is sell out regularly now.

Very rare was back to back shifty puffy offshore back in the day, but not these days. Thursday was doublepeat of Wednesday, although not quite the pressure. A well attended fleet all clamouring for the first pitcher/wing/pizza prize package, and the winner is, Bikini 11. Sometime next week I will announce the next prize package, and Gary, make sure to let me know what's the preference.

Thursdays have become more special as someone is going to alot of effort to keep the social scene alive at OYS. Thursday is Movie Night, which was very well attended for the first double feature. Great on you Geoff F. Pop corn and all.

Events coming up, IRC North American, OYS attendance by Andrew Riem and Bruce Scott and crew on Curved Air. Last year they pulled out a 2nd, and looking at the fleet this year, they have very good competition once again.

Oakville Clubs Regatta Saturday, so lets support them. Great post race BBQ.

So, tail end of a very busy sailing week, more to come, and looking forward....sail fair and take care.

Andre Beese

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - GEOFF FREEMAN

OYS Membership

Regatta – and what you missed if you weren't there.

OYS enjoyed a great regatta this year, and have heard many praises on the organization and fun spirit at the event.

Comments included:

- Great racing (4 races in light, challenging conditions)
- Good, good food
- Excellent prizes, (TV's Hand held GPS, and more)
- Land activities
 - **Winching completion** beside the Texas Grill
 - **Giant Jenga**
 - **'Swing your ball'** in the nylon' game
 - **'Kid dipping'** in the river game - head first of the dock - Fun Wow!
 - **Outdoor movie / pictures** on the lighthouse. We had video and pictures from the day's action shown after the races and on Sunday morning

Yes - the OYS had a great regatta; One of the best on the Lake I am told. So if you missed it, make plans to be there next year.

Movie Nights

We had a Drive-in.... no; **Sail-In** movie on Thursday night showing Pirates of The Caribbean to a very receptive audience. Popcorn was free!. It was great If ANYone has any sailing movies that they would like to see, please email me at membershipdirector@oysqn.com

I have a request for **'Wind', the story of the America's Cup loss in 1983 and subsequent challenge.** Does anyone own this video? Please let me know..

Tentative Movie Schedule (unless I can recruit some assistance for weekly shows)

Aug 25	Wind
Sept 8th	Captain Ron
Sept 22nd	Volvo Ocean Race Highlights

Memberships – 50% off

Membership at OYS has remained even in numbers year over year, but only because the SKIPPERS has encouraged their crew to join the club in one of the capacities below. By doing so, it helps:

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- Movie nights – Thursdays TBA
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- New Members nights

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