



THE OAKVILLE YACHT SQUADRON

WINDJAMMER

July 2009



Upcoming Events

July 11/12

Queen City YC - Island Cruise-Island food,
dress and music

July 18/19

Etobicoke YC - Jimmy Buffet Cruise

July 25

Mid Season Awards Banquet

July 26

Pursuit Race

August 1/2

Ashbridges Bay YC Cruise - Long Weekend

August 7/8/9

Weekend Regatta / Lighthouse Challenge

August 15/16

National YC Cruise

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - BRUCE BENNETT

As I write this, things are in full swing at the club....although the weather has been a little soggy, our racing program is on....and we have been on a couple of cruises already. The VFH Radio course that CPS ran at our club is complete and we had 15 members graduate with their radio licence. You may not recall, but CPS donated \$20.00 for every participant taking the course and they have presented us with a cheque in the amount of \$300.00 payable to our Corinthian Fund. The PCOC course didn't garner the interest that we needed, so I have deferred it until later in the fall. The OYS Canada Day picnic was great....superb daiquiris....good food and friends....lots of fun....and ..oh....did I mention the daiquiris...? Thank you to everyone that made it happen.

If you haven't picked it up already, a reminder that your 2009 membership package...including your membership card.... is available just inside the front entrance at the club.

I am pleased to advise that it's been a fairly busy time for membership, and I would like to take the opportunity to introduce some members who have joined the OYS family since our last month .

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Wendy & Stephen Rhodes



Wendy and Stephen are residents of Oakville

and have some 20 years of boating under their belt...ranging from a 28' to their current 61' cruiser located in St. Petes. Stephen and Wendy are looking for an opportunity to crew (casual racing spring & fall series).... and in fact have been doing some already....and want to get back into sailing during the summers they spend in Oakville. Welcome to OYS.

Jeri & Harry Ozupek



Jeri and Harry are Oakville residents and sailing

enthusiasts, with some extensive laser sailing experience. They have done some keelboat sailing and are busily looking to buy their 1st boat. In the interim they have joined our Members without Boats program and are now part of the happy crew of Bear Necessities. Please join me in welcoming them to our Club.

Deborah and Stephen Ison:



Oakville residents, Deborah and Stephen are the proud owners of a

Beneteau 331 named Tortuga. The Isons come to us with some solid sailing experience having completed the Humber College Cruising program in 2007, as well as the J-World Training Program, including Basic Cruising and Basic Keelboat programs. They have sailed in Lake Ontario and Lake Erie as well as the Florida Keys and are looking forward to the cruising and racing programs here. Stephen has also some experience crewing shark races at BHYC and is already planning for the LO300. They have already joined us on a couple of our cruises...and I expect them to be active members. Welcome to OYS.

RACE DIRECTOR - ALISON NORRIS

Alison is pleased to announce our first Mid Season Awards Banquet. This will be held Saturday July 25th. The banquet will include Interfleet games that commence at 3 pm, awards @ 5:30 pm, dinner @ 6 pm followed by

Dancing from 7 pm until midnight. The deadline for ordering tickets is July 17th.

Mid Season Awards Banquet Saturday, July 25th



Lobster or Ribs

\$25.00

With potato salad & caesar salad.
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Tickets available race nights

SOCIAL DIRECTOR - LINDA STEVENS

Lighthouse Challenge 2009

This year's version of the Lighthouse Challenge (part of our Weekend Regatta) is going to be a 2 day event with something to involve every member of the crew. For those of you who are not big into racing, come out and participate and enjoy the Cruiser's side of the Regatta. This year there will be prizes awarded for each day's event, and also there will be an overall winner for the Lighthouse Trophy.

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This event is **Not About Speed**, but about your ability and knowledge as a sailor, a cruiser and a member of OYS. Details of each day's challenge will be revealed on the morning of the event. Registration for this event is required.

Come on out and have some fun and perhaps even learn a couple of things you didn't know.

If you have any questions or need more information about the Lighthouse Challenge, contact Maurice Stevens (mstevens90@hotmail.com)

**PUBLICITY DIRECTOR -
PETER URWIN**

This is a very busy time of year for many of us, racing, cruising, as well as the usual family obligations. On a personal level we are attending two out of country family weddings in the next month hence the rather thin content of this month's newsletter and the likelihood that some of the From the Docks messages in the next month may not get out as quickly as desired.

OYS had a wonderful Sailpast as many of you will remember, the food was excellent and, unusual for this year, the weather cooperated! We were visited for the day by our MPP, Kevin Flynn who spent an enjoyable trip with our Commodore and even joined us for breakfast the next morning. Our Mayor joined us briefly for the ceremonies and commented that his children were graduates of the OYS Sailing School. Sailpast pictures in this edition are courtesy of Brian Soucie who I am sure will be delighted to send copies to anyone interested. Thank you Linda and crew for all the work associated with making Sailpast 2009 a success.

Our second "land based" social event was Kids and Grandkids day. This event was organized by Muna Lalla - Oszlak and again was a great success. Thank you Muna and team. The day was in four parts, games for the kids, lunch, a reptile show, yes some



people even held the big snake (about 6 feet long and too scary for me) and finally a boat ride on Oyster IV. We took 40 kids for a boat ride and overall must have had about 100 people in attendance. The goal of this day is to make our club more enjoyable for young families and hence boost our younger membership. Once again pictures are courtesy of Brian Soucie.

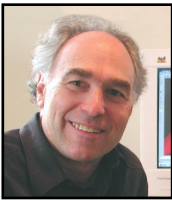
As you have perhaps noticed on Sunday July 26th we are holding our annual Pursuit Race - 16 Mile Creek to 50 Point and return, a distance of 23 nautical miles. This year we decided to invite every boat normally moored in 16 Mile Creek to participate - the idea being that perhaps we can attract some new members - more members means more revenue and ultimately lower annual dues. By the time you

read this we will have placed invitations etc on each boat in the creek. Please encourage your neighbors to participate, there is no charge and the event will include an awards ceremony - perhaps with our MPP handing out the prizes, and BBQ following.



Don't miss the NEW OYS ... Fall and Winter Speaker Series

- * September through April
- * One Friday night a month
- * 7:30 pm in the clubhouse



SEPTEMBER 11, KILLING ON DESIGN

You name it and Steve Killing has designed it. A veteran of C&C Yachts, Steve started with Canada's Cup winner Evergreen, moved on to the Express 30 and 35, then True North our last America's Cup entry. His latest venture: Alpha, the world's fastest 25-foot catamaran.



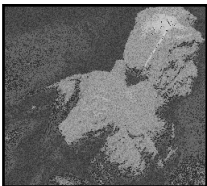
OCTOBER 16, ANTARCTIC SAILING

QCYC sailors Pam and Ron Mazza spent a month on a 56-foot cutter cruising in Antarctica. They crossed the Drake Passage in a storm, saw whales, penguins and seals. They dodged icebergs, saw glorious sunsets and climbed glaciers going as far south as a sailboat can go.



NOV. 13, SAILING THE BIG MAC

Think the Lake Ontario 300 is tough? Nicholas DeGrazia, a 1979 Fastnet survivor and former crewmate of Ted Turner, has sailed in the 300-mile Chicago to Mackinac race five times. He gives us the skinny on the 'other' big lake race.



DEC. 11, GHOST SHIPS

Historian Michael McAllister tells the story of War of 1812 schooners Scourge and Hamilton. The ships are perfectly preserved on the lake bottom, were the subject of a Jacques Cousteau documentary and have been designated a national historic site.

Mark your calendar!

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