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MURRAY FISCHER COMMODORE

It's spring! The covers are off the boats, there is painting, waxing and cleaning up going on, and the yard is busy again. Launch is a week away, and it seemed a long time coming this winter. I'm looking forward to seeing the boats go in and seeing everyone out enjoying launch day.

This past weekend was clean-up day at the club, and many of you were out scrubbing and tidying up. We also had one of the largest work parties I can recall come out to build a new deck across the West side of the club. A big thank you to all who participated this weekend with the spring cleanup. There was a feeling of camaraderie and progress in the air, and though a tiring weekend, it was certainly fun.

Once the finishing touches are in place on the West deck, we will have a proper place to store the plastic furniture that is currently on the south deck, and once the south deck is clear we will raise another work party to fix that up. I'm pleased with the progress we've made so far on sprucing up the club for all to enjoy as the sailing season gets underway. When we use volunteer labour for projects like this, it is amazing how much can be accomplished at a very reasonable cost.

In sharp contrast to the work party dressed in jeans and t-shirts this weekend was the Commodore's Ball where everyone was dressed in their best! Cindy and I both enjoyed the evening and I'd like to thank all of you who attended and made this a special night for us. In recognition of earth hour, that was definitely the largest group I've ever shared a candle light dinner with! The Oakville Golf Club is a beautiful setting, the food was terrific, and the crowd was fun. Thanks to Dave and Jo-Anne Gray for their work in organizing the event. See you around the Club soon, meantime, Fair Winds!

PAUL ATTWOOD REAR COMMODORE

As some of you know, Helle and I recently returned from 2 weeks in Australia and I have to tell you that if you are looking for a place to visit, Australia is a fantastic country. The land is beautiful and the people are very friendly! The only potential danger in Australia is that they drive on the opposite side of the road which takes a bit of getting used to.

We went to Australia to visit our youngest son Michael who had a summer job there as a sailing instructor in Canberra which is the capital of

Australia. Canberra is land locked but they do have a small lake to sail on. They have well over 100 small boats and are a very active club. By the time you get this Michael will have finished his job there but will spend almost a month touring Australia in a camper van.

Michael is a graduate of the OYS sailing school and then he went on to the RCYC racing team. Sounds a lot like the path that Lee Parkhill has also chosen. As you know, Lee is one of our "up and coming" Canadian racers and a strong future candidate for our Olympic sailing team. Upon Michael's return to Canada, he will be the Head Instructor @ OYS for this coming season.

As Rear Commodore, I have the responsibility of looking after the bar and Clubhouse bookings. As events come up they will be posted on the OYS calendar so have a look when you get a chance. You will need to sign in so if you don't have the password just let one of the Executive know and we will make sure you get it. I have just put up the listing of "Friday night dinners" and I encourage everyone to come down and enjoy your Club while having a great dinner!

Another one of the "hats" that I wear this year is Regatta Chairman and once again I will be looking to you the membership, to pitch in by volunteering to assist in the running of this great



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event. This year we will need even more volunteers as we will a lot of other boats from the Ontario Sailing Association as part of the event. Please send an email to rearcommadore@OYS.com if you are willing to help out.

Helle and I both wish you a happy and safe boating season!

ELI OSZLAK SECRETARY

Sailing season is finally here. Hopefully the winter was kind to you and your spring boat prep has gone smoothly.

The members of your executive committee have been busily working to ensure that all members of the club will have a great time down at the club. No doubt you will notice many of the improvements to our facilities and programs. I for one, am looking forward to checking out our new racing committee boat. Also, our racing program has a new principal race officer. The cruising program will see us visiting several exciting new venues this year. The sailing school will christen new boats. As a result of your feedback we will be adding a new section to the club web site. The minutes of the executive committee meetings will be added to the password protected members only section. Spring is a time of new beginnings. I'm sure you'll agree that we will be enjoying

lots new beginnings this year @ OYS.

Muna, Jordan and I are looking forward to meeting all of the clubs new members and seeing all of our old friends at the club really soon.

PETER URWIN RACE DIRECTOR

Did you register for racing yet? So far we have 54 yachts registered and for sure there will be a few more late registrants, if you forgot and want to race please get your entry to me ASAP. Also as a reminder - don't forget to sign up for your race assistant duty - unfilled slots will be assigned!

As you will no doubt read elsewhere our new race committee boat is in the final stages of production and will likely arrive shortly after our launch day. It will certainly be a nice boat for the purpose - imagine being able to manage races from inside a weather proof cabin, no rain or strong sun problems and a built in head to eliminate this distress factor!

Looking at the recent membership survey results some topics came up that the membership feels need addressing. These (related to racing) were as follows:

Promote more dry sailing. I don't quite know how we can do this as both dry and wet sailors compete in our racing programs. Perhaps there is a

dry sailor who would like to help out here - if so please contact me.

Encourage cross cultural (racer / cruiser) contacts. To help in this we have decided to add pursuit race timing to our cruises so that those who wish can have a designated start time and the first one to the destination is the winner. Of course those who don't wish to race are free to leave whenever they want while those with a more competitive bent can enjoy a pursuit. Hopefully this will get some racers traveling with the cruisers.

Encourage reciprocal events racing & cruising; More Inter Club events.

Well, we run an open regatta that this year will be supplemented by some Title sailing classes organized by Ontario Sailing. Additionally our Pursuit and Single handed / Race Director's events are open to other clubs, and there are the GHYRA events for those who want to try competing with other clubs. I also understand from Peter Mack (who is traveling now) that we will be hosting a major reciprocal with OC where about 100 yachts from RCYC will visit ending their pursuit race from Toronto. More "introduction to racing" programs.

We tried this last year with experienced skippers available to help newbie's in a night of



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practice starts. At the time there was insufficient interest to proceed. Should we try again?

Encourage non - serious / occasional racers.

It seems that most likely these folks find the starts intimidating so to help with this last year we ran a pursuit race that drew some 30 yachts. We will repeat the event this year (on Sunday July 6th). Yachts do not have to be registered to compete in this event - just sign the liability waiver form.

BILL FRENKE SAILING SCHOOL

Registration forms with the course dates for the 2008 sailing lessons at the OYS Sailing School are available on the OYS web site. Please pass an invitation along to your friends and family if they are interested in learning to sail. If you need more information, contact the sailing school at 905 338 9379 or anytime by email at ssinfo@oysqn.com. In addition instructors will be on site at OYS from May 5 to set up the boats and to take registrations.

Highlights for the 2008 OYS Youth Sailing School:

- Membership in the CYA and Ontario Sailing are included in total fees.
- OYS Sailing School T-shirt included with your registration.
- Two new 420s have been added to the OYSSS fleet for the Bronze Sail program to complete the replacement of the Lasers with 420s.
- A coach boat has been added to the fleet to improve the on the water safety coverage.

Race Team Highlights:

- Two coaches assigned to the Race Team.
- OYS has been selected as an Ontario Sailing Training Development Center
 - o Race team members can join the Ontario Sailing Development Team
 - o Spring Training begins May 17
- OYS Race Team to participate in the Ontario Sailing 2008 racing circuit.
- OYSSS has purchased a 4 boat trailer for this summer.

Highlights for the 2008 Adult Sailing Lessons:

- Courses available weekdays in May and June, evenings in June, July and August.
- Adult lessons will all be in Shark class keel boats.
- All lessons taught by CYA certified sailing instructors.
- Membership in the CYA and Ontario Sailing included in total fees
- Upon successful completion of your lessons you are eligible for Associate Membership in OYS for the balance of the year.

****Information night and Open House Tuesday May 13th starting at 7:30 pm. ****

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PETER URWIN
RACING DIRECTOR

Looking for a new owner...

As has been previously announced OYS is in the process of acquiring a new Race Committee boat that we expect will be delivered within the next month. We are open to offers from members for the old RC boat which is in an "as-is, where is" condition. The best offer received by April 30th gets the boat and cradle. After this date we will accept offers from non club members.

The deal is the boat and cradle must be removed from the club property within one week of club boat launch.

Send your bid by email to
racingsdirector@oys.com
or drop it off at the Crows Nest bar,
marked To: Peter Urwin, Oyster Bid.

The old boat might make a long term renovation project if anyone is interested and has the required skills and time. It has an air cooled Lister diesel that last fall was in working condition, a barely usable and quite worn transmission, and needs considerable work to the hull and fittings. The boat should still float! Note that some of the existing fittings have been or will be removed for use with our new boat.

OYS FIRST ANNUAL KIDS AND GRANDKID'S DAY

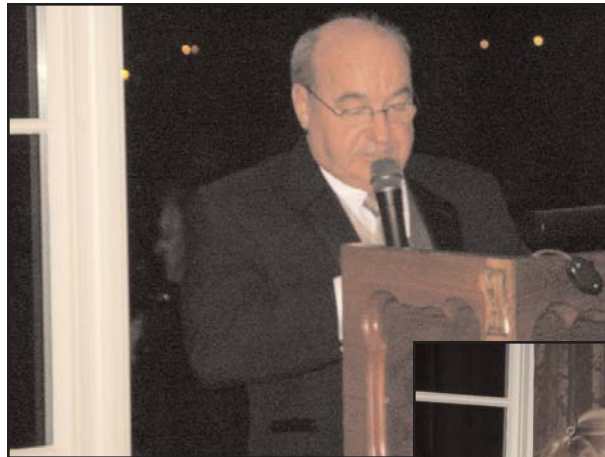
will be held on Sunday June 22nd,
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Parents and grand parents please mark your calendars. OYS is hosting its first annual Kids and Grandkid's day. A full day packed with all sorts of fun and games for all kids up to 12 years old. More details will be released in Windjammer, in Posters at the Club and the From the Docks newsletter. A signup sheet will be posted in the club, or signup by email (kidsday@oysqn.com) Volunteers are needed!

Hope to see you all there.
Muna Oszlak- Windsurfer



Sue Richards and Bruce Bennett represented OYS at the Oakville Boating Symposium on Wednesday, March 5th at the Oakville Town Hall.



Commodores Ball



LAUNCH NOTES - SPRING 2008

CYNTHIA ROBINS

Well, I've been doing this gig for over 15 years, and each year we launch around 90 boats. So you could say I'm the face that launched a thousand ships....

For those of you who've seen my launch note before, please read it again, because there are some new parts. If this is your first time, WELCOME, and please feel free to volunteer.

Launch is **Saturday, May 3**. We will launch ALL the boats in one day. Please give Al Parkhill, our Harbourmaster, your support. Al will post the 2008 mooring assignments on the Club bulletin board. Let him know of any changes to your boat or mooring.

If you are Launching with the Club: We can't guarantee a time when your boat will be launched. It's your responsibility to be there when your boat is launched, and to have your bow & stern lines attached. The launch order depends a lot on the type of crane we get, so don't assume you will be launching at any specific time. We make every effort to call you if we see that your boat will be launching soon, but the boat will be launched whether an owner is present or not.

Yard Crews: We need 15 people per shift (not counting safety crew). Here are the types of jobs for which we need volunteers (number of people per shift): In total, approximately 60 people are needed for the yard crews on launch day. Some of the work is a little more physically active, but there is something for everyone.

SAFETY CREW (new for 2008): One person in the morning and one in the afternoon to keep the crane travel area ("no walk zone") and yard ("active area") clear when the crane is in operation. OYS's Safety Officer, Jeff Robins, will give instructions and assistance to the safety crew.

Top of boats: 2 people up on top of the boats attaching the slings prior to the crane lifting the boat

Dock-slings: 4 people at the dock taking the slings off after the boat is in the water

Cradles: 4 people at the cradle to steady each boat as it is lifted

Bow/Stern: 2 people to handle the bow and stern lines as the boat is being lifted from the cradle to the water (due to the crane operator's requirements, not everyone is eligible for this job)

Boat Greeters: 2 people on the dock to help the sailors get their boats away after the boat is launched

Wheelbarrow: 1 person to transport the slings from the dock area to the cradle area with the wheelbarrow.

How to Volunteer: Just call Cynthia (905-845-1131) or send an email to Cynthia's email address (robins_nest@cogeco.ca) with your preferred time and job. We will reply to all calls/emails. Please be ON TIME and be prepared to stay for your whole shift. Each shift lasts 2 ½ hours (7:00-9:30 am, 9:30-12:00 noon, 12:30-3:00 pm and 3:00-5:30 pm). Leslie Frenke will again be giving her time to help out on launch day (thanks Les!).

Safety: Safety is our first priority. Hard hats and safety vests will be provided to all crew. All persons working on the launch crews will be required to wear safety vests during their shift. The boat greeters and wheelbarrow person will not need to wear hard hats (although they may if they wish), but all other persons working on the launch crews will be required to wear hard hats. When your shift is over, pass on your hard hat and vest to the incoming shift. The hats and vests are the property of OYS and will be collected by Laurie Parkhill at the end of the day. Safety boots/shoes or work gloves are not required, but we strongly encourage all crews to wear them if possible. We will send out another notice about safety prior to launch.

Towing and Mooring Lines: There will be a tow motorboat and operators, who will provide a tow to your mooring if you can't get your engines going, and also to put mooring lines on the tires. This is very popular with those of us who don't like hanging upside down off the sterns of our boats trying to attach mooring lines.

Special Circumstances: If you will not be present to launch your boat (business, holiday, illness, etc.), please let Cynthia know as soon as possible who will be launching your boat for you (and their telephone number). If you are launching your boat from a trailer, the trailered boats are usually launched at the end of the day. Drysailers, please do not bring your boats into the club until given the go-ahead by the harbourmaster. The mast crane is locked out until after launch.

Have a safe and happy sailing season.

Cynthia Robins



OYS in the BVI

OYS members Sue and Bill Richards, Bruce and Diane Bennett, Pierre and Charlotte and Jamie Perrnoud sailed the BVI's the week of April 6, 2008. While in Spanish Town they visited Kelly Dinsmore.

OYS Deck Building April 26, 2008



Bruce Bennett and Steve Scott



Pierre Perrenoud

Pictures of Spring Cleanup



Men cleaning the chairs



Ladies cleaning the Trophies

RECIPES

Cajun Café's Bourbon Chicken

1 to 2 lb chicken cut up
 ½ cup soy sauce
 ½ cup brown sugar
 ½ teaspoon garlic powder
 1 teaspoon powdered ginger
 2 Tablespoons minced onion
 ½ cup Bourbon Whiskey
 2 Tablespoons white wine

Place chicken in a large zip lock bag. Mix all the marinade ingredients and pour over chicken pieces saving a little of the marinade for basting. Refrigerate and marinate several hours or best overnight. Turn the bag of chicken over a few times. Bake at 350 for 1 hour or barbecue over low heat till done. Baste every 10 minutes.

Sue Richards

Salmon on the Bar-B

1 - 5-7 kg salmon fillet
 1 sweet medium onion thinly sliced
 4- 6 thin slices of lemon
 Salt & pepper to taste
 1/4 teaspoon of dill (optional)

Cut a piece of heavy foil big enough to fully wrap the fillet. Grease the foil and place salmon on foil. Add lemon slices, onions, and salt and pepper and completely wrap in foil sealing top and ends well. Pre-heat BBQ, and place on grill. Cook for 20-30 minutes or until salmon flakes under a fork.

Diane Bennett

OYS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
Sign up for Launch Duties						Launch Start 7 am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cradle Day Start 8 am				Race Seminar/ splits		Flares & Extinguishers
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
First Spring Race <i>Mother's Day</i>		Sailing School Open House	1st Wed Night Race	1st Thursday Night Race		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Second Spring Race	<i>Victoria Day</i>		Wednesday night race	Thurs night race		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Third Spring Race			Wednesday night race	Thurs night race		Private Event - BWMC Cruise to Etobicoke

June 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Wednesday night race	Thurs night race		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Wednesday night race	Thurs night race		SAILPAST
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<i>Father's Day</i>			Wednesday night race	Thurs night race		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
OYS Kids & Grandkids Party			Wednesday night race	Thurs night race		Cruise to RCYC
29	30					
	Sailing School 1st Session					



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