



THE OAKVILLE YACHT SQUADRON

WINDJAMMER

May 2008



Summer is here...well almost here...the boats are in the water...and activity has certainly picked up. Racing has started and our 1st cruise is fast approaching. Things have been busy on the new member side as well and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce some new OYS members, many of which are part of our Team Tempest program.



Kathy Beairsto and David Loggie:

Hailing from East Coast roots, Kathy and David have been avid sailors (laser and keel) for years. One of the new members of Team Tempest , David has some solid sailing experience, ranging from the completion of several ASA

sailing programs, cruising the BVI's, as well as coastal navigation and regular trips from Nova Scotia, to PEI to New Brunswick. Living in Oakville , and already frequent visitors on Thursday nights, they plan to get back into sailing as part of our club. Once they get some additional courses, including celestial navigation under their belt, they are heading back to Nova Scotia for a holiday in June where they will be doing some salt water sailing around the province on a 36ft sloop.



Louise & Nick Mountain :

Another new addition to our Team Tempest program and a member of the Royal Yachting Association, Nick has some extensive cruising experience

ranging from cruising in the Mediterranean, Thailand , the BVIs as well as channel sailing in the UK . They have also done some racing with the Oakville Club. Already active, many of us have met Nick as he and his team busily toiled on their boat getting it ready for launch. We can expect to see Louise and Nick, along with their children Elliot and Grace around the docks this summer.



Erika & Richard O'Hare:

This is Erika, Kate, Shannon, Ainsley and Richard taken at Lyttelton Harbour , Christ Church , New Zealand during their trip in 2006. A member of the Oakville Harbours Advisory Committee, Richard is deeply involved in some serious work

in protecting the lake, some of which was shared with us at the Oakville Symposium earlier this year. Richard is a new member of our Team Tempest program, and has completed the Keel Boat Sailing program at OYS in 2007, sailed dingys when he was younger and is looking forward to some long days of sailing this summer.



Rob Randall:

An avid windsurfer in his earlier years, Rob has also done some sailing in the Gulf Island in BC, part of which was sailing school.....not a bad place to learn to sail. He is also a member of the Canadian Yachting Association and has completed their cruising course. He is very interested in doing some serious crewing

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during race nights, and we can expect to see him on our crew bench. With the long summer evenings approaching we can expect to see Rob and Paola along with their children Kate, Emma & Margot around the docks.



Alison & Edward Thompson:

We have probably all seen "Wildthing" out on the lake...and this photo is one of Alison trimming the sails and Edward at the helm...both avid sailors and racers...in fact, including their children Emily, Samuel & Oscar... so is the entire family. Edward has been sailing since the age of 9 and actively racing keelboats since he was 18. They have just parted ways with "Wildthing", and are actively looking for a new boat...hopefully in time for Sailpast. I am planning a social for the mid June timeframe and it will be a great chance for everyone to meet our new members... but more to come on that.

Bruce Bennett
Membership Director

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 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 rearcommodore@OYS.com if you are willing to help out.

Helle and I both wish you a happy and safe boating season!
Paul Attwood
Rear Commodore



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CRUISING UPDATE

The Cruising schedule is now complete for the season. We'll be starting with a Shakedown Cruise to Etobicoke Yacht Club. Linda Crane and Rick Williams have kindly volunteered to coordinate this cruise. After last year's "Weather Report", we're all waiting to see if they come up with another Shakedown drink. This will be a great chance to check that all the important gear is on board, without getting too far from home. Last year Windsmith turned out to be missing a corkscrew. Fortunately we had a back-up on board, but you don't want to get caught out without critical gear.

Our second cruise will be a 4-day event, and participant's will have to take a vacation day Monday. We will be sailing with Oakville Club cruisers to RCYC, and hope to have our largest cruise ever. At the same time, RCYC will be coming to Oakville, with between 60 and 90 boats. We'll be rafting boats in the basin by the crane, so the more of us who go cruising the better. Boats in the inside of the basin, and which are dry-sailed will have restricted access on those days, so if you need to get your boat out see if you can switch with someone that has a slip on the riverside.

The Officer of the Day

program needs your help - we look forward to the welcome we get at other clubs, and we want to provide a welcome to our visitors as well. If each member would pick a day to be Officer of the Day, we would cover a couple of years. So far, only about a third of the days are filled - pick your slot now and look forward to a quiet day at the club, chatting with friends and visitors. If it's been a while, I'd be pleased to advise about the duties, which are simple.

We're also looking for volunteers to coordinate a cruise. 3 of the 6 are spoken for so far. Again, this is a great way to meet other club members, and I'll be glad to advise. It's not hard, and the pleasure you provide is a nice reward.

I'll see you all on the water! A Great Cruising Secret We try to put up the sign-up sheet for each of our cruises on the Tuesday 11 days before the cruise begins (no guarantees, though).

OFFICER OF THE DAY PROGRAM

Welcoming Visiting Cruisers is an important part of the Sailing lifestyle. We appreciate that welcome when we visit other clubs. Please sign up to be Officer of the Day and share our Welcome with sailors who visit OYS.

Sit in the sunshine at the club, sign in a boat or two - it's a pretty nice way to spend a few hours.

The sign up sheet will be available at the Racing Registration Night, April 24, and will be up on the Cruising bulletin board after that. Sign up now to get your favourite date. It's easy - It's fun - It helps the club.

Thanks,
Peter Mack
Cruising Director

HARBOUR REPORT

Once again launch has come and gone - launch is not possible without the enthusiastic support of Cynthia



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Next month the May Windjammer will feature Vegetables and Breakfast recipes.
Please email your easy recipes to make on the boat and barbecue To Sue Richards, mrssuerichards@yahoo.com

Month Recipe Feature
May: Vegetables and Breakfast
June: Beef and Pork
July: Deserts and Fruit
Please email your recipes ASAP and I will enter them into the folder for the month to be submitted to the Windjammer.

Thank you
Sue Richards

2008 Cruising Schedule

May 31 / June 1 Shakedown Cruise to Etobicoke Yacht Club

June 28, 29, 30, July 1 Cruise to RCYC Joint with the Oakville Club Pursuit Race for those who want to, enjoy the fireworks

July 19 / 20 Cruise to Port Dalhousie

August 2, 3, 4 Cruise to Highland Yacht Club

Jimmy Buffet Sails Again!

August 16, 17 Cruise to Island Yacht Club

August 30, 31, Sept 1 Cruise to Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club

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- "the face who has launched a thousand ships" for organizing our crews, Sean and Peter as signal men, Linda and the kitchen gang for our chili lunch (and dinner this year for the late shift). This year we had a few obstacles to overcome - Simon's Crane had 2 cranes breakdown on Tues and they frantically found us a replacement in Grand Valley Crane Service. Rick and Ron the operators were very pleased with the safety procedures and how well everything went. The weather did not cooperate for some of the shifts with the rain coming down in torrents in the afternoon and the chilly temperatures.

A huge thank you goes out to the full membership who volunteered to once again make launch a success.

Now that we are all busy getting the rigging sorted out I look forward to seeing you on the water.

HOLDING TANK MAINTENANCE

I found this information about maintaining plastic tanks with PVC pipes. The article was written by Charles Bruni (who owns an RV) but

felt it was an expensive maintenance item for our boats.

Buy a box of Calgon Water Softener - dissolve two (2) cups of the water softener in a gallon of hot water. Then, pour the solution down the drain into the empty tank. The tanks drain valve should be closed otherwise the softened water will just drain out. Then use the tank normally until it is full and then pump it out.

The water softener makes the solid waste let go from the sides of the tank. If you've ever taken a shower in softened water you know that after rinsing the soap from your body your skin will feel slick. That's because all the soap rinses away with soft water. Softened water also prevents soap scum from sticking in the tub. Get the connection? With softened water gunk washes away instead of sticking. The same thing applies to the wastewater tanks on the boat.

Once you have cleaned the tanks out (may take a couple of pump outs) use water softener after a few pump outs to maintain a clean tank. Remember traveling with partially filled wastewater tanks that contain softened water promotes cleaning by agitating the water. The longer the water softener remains in the tanks the better.

For more information look on www.newrver.com/publish/holdingsnk.shtml.
Al Parkhill
Harbour Master

2008 LAUNCH REFLECTIONS BY CYNTHIA ROBINS

It's just so wonderful to see all our boats floating again. The harbour looks alive and humming with activity. However, if the water in the creek had risen any higher at launch, we could just have floated the boats right off their cradles and into the harbour. Those of us who remember having to sandbag the parking lot (it was 15 years ago!) were not looking forward to a

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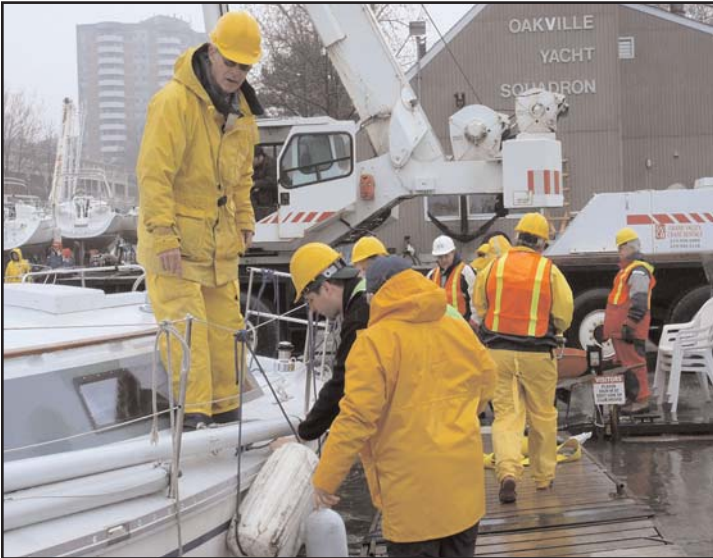
2008 LAUNCH



Easy does it!



Is it lunch yet?



It Rained



Keeping cradles in order!



She is good to go!



We are getting flooded

repeat event. But the water held off, and hopefully the parking lot will remain dry in the coming weeks.

I would like to say a hearty "THANK YOU!" to all of the people who participated in the launch crews this year. We had a very challenging launch - from the new crane crews who were unfamiliar with our yard, to the flat tire on the crane, to the the horrible rainstorm that drenched the late afternoon crews and the boat owners. I watched as the storm blew in - first the wind picked up, then the rain came down in sheets. Everybody just kept doing their jobs, and wiping the rain from their faces. True sailors all!

A note of appreciation should also go to the Grand Valley crane operators, Ron and Rick - they were pressed into service at the last minute when our regular crane operator reported that both his cranes had engine problems and would be unavailable for launch. Although Grand Valley does the Town's boats, it's always challenging in an unfamiliar yard, and Ron and Rick worked diligently to keep the schedule and handle the boats safely. Thanks guys. You did a fine job.

I was very pleased to see a number of new members turn out and volunteer. Thanks for your help - hope you enjoyed yourselves, and by all means call me in October, I'll be sure to put you on the haul-out crews!

We implemented some additional safety features this year - more hard hats and safety vests for the crew, and two dedicated safety officers (one in the morning, one in the afternoon) to keep the crane area and work yard clear and safe. I think the overall safety efforts have greatly improved our launch procedures.

I don't know how I could make it through the day without the wonderful LAUNCH LUNCH prepared by the ladies of OYS. I enjoyed every bite, and I know (from the eating sounds around me) that others did too. Thank you very much.

Our crane signalers, Sean Dinsmore and Pete Sandford, worked cheerfully

through the whole day, rainstorm and all. I think the crane operators were very impressed with their signaling abilities. The towboat crew - Ben Mayers and Matthew Major - also worked very hard putting on rear mooring lines and towing the boats whose engines wouldn't start. The Creek posed a number of towing issues this year - high water, rain and fast currents. A big note of appreciation for my partner-in-launch, Leslie Frenke. When things get hectic, Leslie keeps it all on track. I would especially like to thank Al Parkhill, our Harbour Master, for the wonderful job he did with launch, the moorings and all the harbour work that we never think about, but always gets done. Go sailing, Al. You've earned it!

Thank you, Cynthia Robins

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS RETURN TO OYS!!!

First Friday Night Dinner, June 6
(Time to be announced later)

Menu

Beef Tenderloin wrapped in proscuitto served with a red wine and sage sauce
Anna potatoes

Yellow and green beans with chardonnay honey butter
Spinach salad with curried almonds and shallots, with balsamic dressing
Assortment of cheesecakes and pies
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OYS IS HOSTING ITS FIRST OYS ANNUAL KIDS AND GRANDKID'S DAY

Sunday, June 22nd, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
Parents and grand parents please mark your calendars

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 the Windjammer, on Posters, at the Club and From the Docks

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

OYS 2008 Sail-past schedule Saturday, June 14

	Time
11:55	Race Director Peter Urwin will fire the cannon to notify all members assemble on the front lawn
12:00	NOON Opening Ceremony for the OYS 2008 Sail past
12:30	Commodore Murray Fischer introduces all new members that have joined OYS since last Sail-past and presents them with OYS Burgees
1:00 pm	Race Director Peter Urwin explains departure, assembly points, procession, radio frequency (72) and dressing your ship for the 2008 sail past
1:30 pm	All members are to leave the dock and proceed to assembly points
2:00 pm	Commodore Murray Fischer takes salute from OYS member's yachts as they pass his ships transom
2:45 pm	All OYS members return to dock and dress their ship
3:00 pm	All OYS members are to bring their appetizers to the lawn tent to share
6:00 pm	Dinner will be served on the front lawn. Tickets will be sold for this dinner
8:00 pm	Dancing in the main hall till 1 pm (no ticket required)

Sunday, June 15

9:00 am Commodore's breakfast served by OYS Executive to all OYS members in the main hall. Free to all OYS members, no ticket required.

OYS member Richard Bodt Raising funds to fight Cancer

Canada's 2008 Motorcycle Ride for Dad
Fighting Prostate Cancer

O.Y.S has about 150 male members and most of them have families. Did you know that roughly 1 in 3 over 50 years of age, will develop or have prostate cancer.

That amounts to 50 of your O.Y.S. club members, not counting the men you know in your circle of family and friends.

Of those who have it already 60-70% don't know!!!

This year, as I did in 2006, I will put my 70 year old frame on my motorbike and ride approx. 300 km to raise funds for prostate cancer research at the

Juravinski Cancer Centre Foundation

in Hamilton.

May I call again on the generosity you showed for this fundraiser in 2006?

I'll be at the O.Y.S. every Wednesday and Thursday night to accept your donations.

Please give generously.

Thank-you
Richard Bodt

OTHER OAKVILLE INFORMATION

Oakville Galleries - Community Information for OYS Members and Visitors

By Tracey Shepherd

(Tracey is the Communications Specialist for Oakville Galleries and she crews on Jeff and Cynthia Robins' boat, Isotope)

There are two locations for the Oakville Galleries (Og2): Centennial Square: 120 Navy St. (inside the Main Library Branch on the top floor), and in Gairloch Gardens at 1306 Lakeshore Rd. E.

Summer is the perfect time to enjoy Gairloch Gardens. Our public programmes have been designed specifically for the community this season – encouraging local participation in interpretative activities that put Oakville Galleries' exhibitions in context, while using Gairloch Gardens estate as the backdrop for conversation and art discovery.

First Thursdays: Art Walk

Oakville Galleries is participating in Oakville's First Thursdays: Art Walk - a public walk mapped out to nine art galleries in the downtown core.

Presentation by the Artist: Claude Philippe Benoit

May 30 at 7:00 pm - Og2 at Centennial Square: tour Société de ville led by artist Claude-Philippe Benoit.

Conversations on the Porch: In Conjunction with Mnemonic Devices

Oakville Galleries invites the community to Gairloch Estate's lakeside porch to participate in an evening of reading and story-telling while enjoying the majestic views of Gairloch Gardens and Lake Ontario.

Our first event features **Kristen Den Hartog and Tracy Kasaboski, co-authors of The Occupied Garden on July 15, 2008 at 7:30 pm** – This novel is the moving and revealing memoir of Den Hartog and Kasaboski's grandparents. Set during the Nazi occupation of Holland, the story leads the reader through several decades of life, ending with the immigration of the family to Canada. For more information go to: <http://www.theoccupiedgarden.com/>. Kristen den Hartog is the author of other novels including, Water Wings, The Perpetual Ending and Origin of Haloes. Check our Website at www.oakvillegalleries.com for upcoming **Conversations in The Porch** in August and September. The September event will be held in French.

RECIPES

Chinese Chicken Salad

Salad:

1 cabbage shredded (or equal size bag shredded cabbage/ carrots mix)
1 bunch green onions, thinly sliced
2 cups cooked chicken breasts, cubed
3 to 4 .teaspoons. roasted sesame seeds (optional)
1 small pkg. sliced almonds
2 pkgs. Ramen noodles

Dressing:

1/2 cup oil (I used olive oil)
1 Tablespoon. sugar
3 Tablespoons rice vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Crunch up noodles in package, mix with shredded cabbage, green onions, chicken, sesame seeds, almonds. Pour dressing over all, put in fridge and let stand minimum 2 hours (I leave it over night). Serves 4-6. Enjoy!

Lenora Cascarano

OYS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



July 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Wednesday Race - After race - fund raiser for Oscar Johansson	3 Thurs night race	4	5
		6 After July 2 Wed Race fund raiser for Oscar Johansson 2008 Olympics	7 Canada Day Picnic Brunch	8 1st Dinghy Race	9 Thurs night race	10 11
		12 Pursuit Race	13 Wednesday night race	14 Thurs night race	15 16	17 18 19 Lake Ontario 300 and..... Cruise to NYC
	13 Recovery Practice	14 Sailing School 2nd Session	15 Dinghy Race	16 Wednesday night race	17 Thurs night race	18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
			28 Dinghy Race	29 Wednesday night race	30 Thurs night race	31

August 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Cruise to Highland Yacht Club
3 Cruise to Highland Yacht Club	4 Cruise to Highland Yacht Club Holiday Monday	5 Dinghy Race	6 Wednesday night race	7 Thurs night race	8 OYS Regatta	9 OYS Regatta
10 OYS Regatta	11 Sailing School 4th Session	12 Dinghy Race	13 Wednesday night race	14 Thurs night race	15	16 Cruse TBD
17	18 Last Dinghy race	19 Wednesday night race	20 Thurs night race	21	22	23 Jack Ward Single Handed Race
24 Race Directors Double Handed Race	25	26	27 Wednesday night race	28 Thurs night race	29	30 Cruise to ABYC
31						

