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OYS honours Commodore at Sailpast 2008

Prior to last weekend's Sailpast, I had been told by a number of past Commodores about how great a day I was going to have. They were right, but actually experiencing it is something else entirely. Cindy and I had a great day and have never experienced anything like that before. From the ceremonies, to the dedication of Oyster 4, to seeing a train of yachts bearing down on our position for their salute, to the fantastic hor doevres and meal, to a night of celebrating (perhaps too much in my case), it was an incredible day.

I would like to thank everyone who turned out that day for coming out to celebrate and help make the Sailpast the success it was. Tommy put on a fine meal that I appreciated very much - thanks Tommy. Linda Stevens and her crew were tireless as always - thank you all. In the weeks leading up to the event, I must've asked George Provost a hundred times if we were ready - thanks to George for being my lead organizer and also for tolerating me!

I am very much looking forward to the many remaining cruises, races and other big events remaining in our sailing, but I have to say, nothing can compare to the feeling of being Commodore at Sailpast. It is truly an honour - thank you!

Murray Fischer



Picture of Commodore Murray Fischer - Speech



Murray and Cindy Fischer



Murray and Cindy at Sailpast 2008



Murray Fischer welcoming new OYS Members

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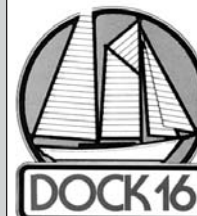
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Race Director's Report - June 2008

Oyster IV was delivered a couple of weeks ago and we have been busy commissioning her, (time that has taken away from writing these reports), however most of the work is now complete and we can start to focus on sailing.

As part of the commissioning exercise we are implementing a new system to indicate the first mark. The first mark will now be shown by a number sign hanging in the port and starboard windows of Oyster. Hopefully this will be easier for everyone to see especially in light wind conditions when the number flag that we have used up to this point would hang loose and not be clearly visible. The number signs are 11 x 16 inches and should be clearly visible.

Last week X mark disappeared for a few days. Fortunately a member reported seeing it off the shell pier (many thanks to whoever reported this) and yesterday we were able to retrieve the mark that has now been fitted with a new rode and replaced in its original position. It's a bit of a mystery as to why the original rode (new this spring) had completely frayed through at the anchor end. Many thanks to Gary Hill for obtaining and making up the new rode and to Don Fitzsimons for helping replace X mark.

Racing seems to be going well under the guidance of our PRO this year - David Kupas assisted by Tim Klemarow - thank you

gentlemen. We trust everyone has enjoyed the Spring Sunday series and is now enjoying the Wednesday and Thursday evening racing.

There has been a few people looking for crew positions - their contact information has been posted on the racing notice board and sometimes there are people on the crew bench. If you need crew don't be shy about taking these people on - it's a great way to encourage new members.

Two upcoming events to think about this year are (1) our second annual Pursuit Race - Sunday July 6th and (2) our Weekend Regatta August 9th and 10th. A notice for the Pursuit Race will be posted in a few days. Our Weekend Regatta will be rather special this year as we have been asked to host an Ontario Sailing "Title" regatta in conjunction with our own event. We are expecting some 30 - 35 additional boats for the OS regatta, - Shark, Tanzer 22, Ultimate 20, Kirby 25 and J22. We anticipate using 2 race courses, one for our PHRF fleets and one for the Title fleets. We have arranged a second RC boat (38 foot trawler) and will be looking for volunteers to assist with organization etc. Please let me know if you can help. Being asked to host the Title event is an honor and we expect this will further enhance our image as a premier yacht club.

Peter Urwin Racing Director

Cruising Update:

Our next couple of cruises are well along in the planning process. June 28, 29, 30 we will be cruising to RCYC to celebrate the Canada Day holiday. This will be a reciprocal cruise, joint with boats from the Oakville Club. We're going to have a pursuit race, for those who want to participate - sign up no later than Tuesday night June 24 and we'll post your start time at the club on Friday June 27. Report your finish time for a chance at prizes... RCYC staff will put on a barbeque for us on Saturday evening at a cost of about \$15 per person. Let's see how big a crowd we can send to RCYC. It's a great location and we expect tons of space, so let's try and set a new record for a group to go cruising. Can we get 40 boats out? RCYC reports they may have as many as 70 boats coming, so we may have to raft as many as 25 boats in the basin by the crane. If you dock in the basin, or dry sail, and want to use your boat on this weekend please speak to me (Peter Mack) by Friday the 27th - we'll try hard to find you a slip on the river side for the weekend.

After that, our next cruise will be to Port Dalhousie on July 19 / 20. We've arranged a tour and barbeque at Stoney Ridge Winery (\$25 per person for this trip). Busses will leave Dalhousie Yacht Club between 3:30 and 4:00 to drive up to the winery. Don't be late! Our first cruise, to Etobicoke Yacht Club, has come and gone. Wyvern's crew came up with the "Dark and Stormy" as a theme



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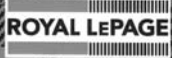
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drink, and the day matched. Nearly 10 hardy crews sailed to EYC braving a forecast of scattered showers and most arrived before the rain. Numerous others joined us by road, and we all had a great party under the tent. The sailing was wonderful in both directions - Windsmith was over 7 knots surfing with just the jib out and I know others had similar trips. Thanks very much to Rick Williams and Linda Crane for their work to pull this together. The Officer of the Day program still has lots of empty spaces and I'm getting nervous about it. Volunteer an afternoon to help out the club by sitting on the patio and welcoming any sailors who may come in - the welcome we provide to visitors builds our reputation. Thanks!

Peter Mack
Cruising Director

OYS Cruise to Etobicoke Yacht Club Saturday, May 31st & Sunday, June 1st

on Saturday, May 31st nine boats from OYS ignored the inclement weather forecast and ventured out for OYS' first cruise of the season. With steady winds of 20 knots and the sun popping out regularly, it made for great sail and the skies behaved until most of us were moored at EYC. Although the cocktail party had a bit of a soggy start, the sun took the chill away when it was time for the cooks and sous chefs to hit the grills.

Approximately 40 members came by land and by lake to socialize and enjoy the appropriately chosen refreshments - 'Dark & Stormies!' Following appetizers and a barbecue the night came to a cosy close around a blazing fire at the fire pit.

A great time was had by all and EYC proved more than hospitable by putting up a big tent and assisting in every way. This was the first time OYS has organized a cruise to EYC and we highly recommend this friendly destination. Don't miss OYS' next cruise to RCYC June 28th to July 1st.

Rick & Linda Williams



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The Executive



Mayor of Oakville addresses OYS



The DeSousa ladies raising the flags



Maureen Cook Blessing the boats



Cindy Fischer christening Oyster IV

The Dance



The DJ kept everyone dancing



Terri and Susan Joyce dancing the night away



Steve Scott preparing the OJ

Executive Breakfast to OYS members



Bruce Bennett and Paul Garrick preparing the bacon

More pictures of Sailpast



Morning Star Crew



Look Mom, I have a flower!



Dinner is being served in the Lawn Tent



New Members enjoying dinner together



John Quinlan, Terry Joyce and Kathy Quinlan



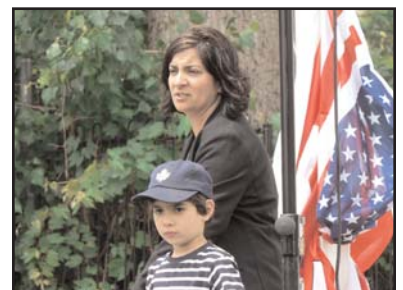
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We're beginning work to join the CLEAN MARINE program organized by the Ontario Marina Operators Association. CLEAN MARINE encourages good environmental practices for yacht clubs and marinas, and the requirements of the program are things that we're all thinking about anyway. For example, we'll need to separate recyclables out from the rest of our garbage. We all do this at home, and the club has recently obtained a number of grey bins for recycling (paper, glass and plastic bottles, and cans all go in the same bin). There are 2 benefits - the protection of the environment, and a cash incentive. The club's insurance company will give us a discount if we participate in CLEAN MARINE. More news about this initiative as the year progresses, but as a start - PLEASE - put your recyclables in the grey bins and keep putting your garbage in the dumpster or the garbage cans. Grey bins are not for garbage!

For the environment, or for the money (and really, for both) CLEAN MARINE is coming.

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| | After July 2 Race fund raiser for Oscar Johansson 2008 Olympics | Wed Canada Day Picnic 1 pm Bring your own picnic and 1 dish to share | Wednesday Race After race - fund raiser for Oscar Johansson | Thurs night race | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Pursuit Race | | 1st Dinghy Race | Wednesday night race | Thurs night race | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Recovery Practice | Sailing School 2nd Session | Dinghy Race | Wednesday night race | Thurs night race | | Lake Ontario 300and..... Cruise to Port Dalhouse YC |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | | Dinghy Race | Wednesday night race | Thurs night race | | |
| 17 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| | | Dinghy Race | Wednesday night race | Thurs night race | | |

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

