

# WINDJAMMER 2007

MARCH

## Main Event Update

### IAN MYLET COMMODORE

As I write this we have snow outside and it is bitterly cold. Fortunately there are enough planning meetings going on to make me realize there is a light at the end of the tunnel and winter will in fact end soon. I hope all of you have been able to get some relief from the non-boating season either by going away or by planning and preparing for when we will be back on the water again. I was at a meeting of the Commodores from the three clubs on the 16 Mile Creek to discuss the upcoming joint Sail Past that was proposed by the Oakville Club's Chuck Millar, and David Angas their incoming Commodore. There are many things to plan and arrange but in concept it looks to be a terrific event that spans the whole day. Things discussed is a Brunch for all, hosted by the Oakville Club, 3 pipers, a Commodores Boat

Pub Night  
Thursdays 8pm

Rules & Tactics (Starting)  
Followed by Team Contest  
Wednesday March 21st 8.30pm

Ladies Seaview Afternoon  
Thursday March 29th Crowsnest 3pm

Commodore's Ball  
Saturday March 31st

Race Registration  
Crows Nest Thursday April 26th

Launch  
Saturday May 5

Pre-Race Seminar with Robin Merry  
Thursday May 10th

(See Racing and Social Calendars on Web page for more detailed OYS events information)

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Raft, water taxis between clubs and many more ideas. This is also the 150th Anniversary of the Town of Oakville so we will be trying to work that into our plans as well. It sounds to me like it will be a great event, one to look forward to, to kick off the boating season.

Other committees are starting to form and reconvene so if there is some area of the Club you would be interested in getting involved with, now is the time.

The next big event to happen is the Commodore's Ball, and Alex and I hope to see you all there. Laurie Parkhill and group are doing a great job and it looks to be another fantastic OYS event. Last month a FTD went out asking if people would be interested in receiving the Windjammer electronically, we have had a great positive response with Alex and I definitely being among them. I think it's a great idea. If any of you are interested and have not responded please drop Dave Moores a line and we will get

# From the Executive

started on the program ASAP. Well, stay warm: we only have another 4 or 5 weeks to go (don't hold me to that) and we can get busy down at the yard preparing for launch.

## MURRAY FISCHER VICE COMMODORE

Although you'd never know it by observing the weather, we're getting closer to spring and launch is only two months away. For many that means spring project lists are being drawn up, and all those must-have toys purchased at the Boat Show will soon be installed. We have a number of projects in mind for Lorien, including some woodwork, new ports and a few other things. As usual, I suspect that I'll try to do too much, and end up working late into the early Spring evenings aboard the



boat, listening (hopefully) to Maple Leaf playoff hockey on the radio.

Those of you with kids in Minor Hockey will be gearing up for their own playoffs, and for season-ending tournaments. My son Garrett is very excited about his participation in House League this year and I'm looking forward to sharing the experience with him. If you're part of this other springtime ritual, I wish you warm arenas and mid-day game times! March Break is fast approaching, and many of you will be travelling to the sun or the snow for a well earned week off. We will be spending the Break in Nanaimo BC, visiting my sister and her family. I'm told that Spring comes early to Vancouver Island and that I may even get a chance to sail! For those travelling, have

a safe trip and enjoy your family vacation time.

At this time of year your Executive is focused on financial and project planning, and also on the early stages of major event planning. The Commodore's Ball is the first upcoming major event. Laurie Parkhill has had things well in hand since before Christmas, and I'm looking forward to an evening of dining, dancing, and celebrating the return of Spring. Now that March has arrived, things are starting to pick up. The mooring plan, some cool Wednesday night racing seminars, an increase in new member and sailing school queries are all signs that the season is approaching quickly and that we are about to get much busier. I look forward to seeing you around the Club soon.

## GEORGE PROVOST REAR COMMODORE

Our sailing season is finally approaching. Days are decidedly longer

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and the Commodore's Ball is less than one month away.....a sure sign that summer is within sight.

Plans are in place for various clubhouse improvements for the upcoming season. Several suggestions regarding club activities have also been put forward and are being considered. Thanks for your interest in our club.

We look forward to seeing you at the Commodore's Ball.

## DIRK RASMUSSEN PROPERTY DIRECTOR

It's still winter but as I am writing this article, the sun is shining, the snow is melting and there is a definite feel of spring in the air. It's a reminder that working on our boats and getting ready for launch is just around the corner; anyway, so I keep telling myself.

It is also time to start planning and working on this year's OYS "Property" related projects. I

have three major and a bunch of minor projects planned for 2007. The following is a brief summary of each:

### 1. Clubhouse Floor

**Renovation:** A project team has been formed to design and decide on the extent of the renovation. It is long overdue and will be a huge improvement when it's done. The work is expected to be completed before Sail Past.

### 2. OYS Property

**Fence:** The condition of the current fencing is mixed, ranging from "falling down" to "pretty good". In order to minimize costs, sections of the fence will be repaired and other parts will be replaced. Work will start after launch and will be completed in May.

### 3. Lighthouse

**Restoration:** The Lighthouse is in desperate need of repair. Many windows and a lot of rotten wood need to be replaced and the lighthouse needs to be painted, to mention a few of the tasks. I was encouraged by the number of members

that have stepped forward and volunteered to help. Thank you very much; your help is greatly appreciated. Work is expected to start in April and will probably continue into the summer.

### 4. Minor Projects:

There are a number of smaller projects planned. These include replacement of some rotten windows in the clubhouse and general painting and repairs to mention a few.

Just as a matter of interest, last month I was talking to John Taylor, a good friend of mine. As many of you know, John was a long time member of OYS and has moved to Nanaimo, BC where he sails his CS33. He mentioned to me that there was a serious boat fire at the Nanaimo Yacht Club and a second one in the nearby marina. The cause of each fire was electrical in nature, one by a heater and the second by faulty wiring. This drives home the importance of not leaving unattended stored boats plugged in.

That's all I have to report at this time. You should start seeing activity on these projects in the next few months and I'll continue to keep you informed of progress. Remember, spring is just around the corner.

## PETER MACK CRUISING DIRECTOR

La Vida LOCCA!  
No, it's not a Ricky Martin song. OYS has joined the Lake Ontario Club Cruising Association. The association was organized in 2006 and it's a way for clubs to share information of interest to cruisers. Each member club can post information about the club on the LOCCA web site, including a schedule. That allows us to see what events other clubs have scheduled you might want to attend and when they clubs expect to be full with a regatta, club cruise, or other event. It also allows us to let other folks know about OYS, and encourage them to visit us. Information for the

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## 2007 Commodore's Ball Saturday, March 31, 2007

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6:30 reception / 7:30 dinner

Forest Mushroom Velour Soup  
Angus Beef with Peppercorn Jus  
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Pistachio Crusted Salmon with a Lemon Butter Sauce  
served with herbed roasted potato and medley of vegetables

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RSVP Laurie Parkhill  
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Cut off date: March 22, 2007

2007 cruising season is supposed to be posted by April 15. If you're a cruiser, have a look at the LOCCA web site, [www.locca.org](http://www.locca.org). From the main page, click on the map zone of interest (we're in Zone 1) and a list of clubs will come up. A click on a club name will take you to their information. As a

new member, OYS will be added to the list soon, but the QCYC and ABYC pages show an example of what each club should be uploading. If you have any feedback, let me know. We now have 3 cruises tentatively scheduled for the coming season, with a plan for 6 in total.

As the cruises are confirmed I'll add them to the club's schedule. So far, we'll be cruising to Port Dalhousie June 23-24, to Queen City July 14-15, and to Ashbridges Bay Sept. 1 - 3. Thinking of schedules... Donna pointed out to me this week that I removed the tiller and handrails from Windsmith for varnishing over the winter. As I write this, covers will be coming off in about four weeks and launch is less than 9 weeks away. Guess I'd better get the brushes out if I'm going to get a few coats on. I hope your winter projects are nearing completion. See you at the Crow's Nest!

### PETER URWIN RACE DIRECTOR

We have now hosted two well received seminars in the Crows Nest, January 25th Brad Whalen presented an introduction to First Aid applicable to sailors and what to do if trouble strikes when you are on the water and on

February 21st John Dakin from Quantum sails presented Sail Trim. Interesting learning and reinforcing experiences for us and we thank the speakers for imparting their knowledge. It will be interesting to see how much is remembered and in my case if Tuppence can be made to sail a little faster. - I know, I know, you can't teach and old dog new tricks and most of Tuppence's poor performance is due entirely to the performance of this skipper. Pressing on, and ignoring all rude comments about my sailing ability..... On March 21st Carole Percy will present Starting Tactics, as part of her presentation Carole will organize participants into 4 teams for a contest on rules knowledge. Finally on March 28th there will be presentation on the Lake Ontario 300. These events all take place in the Crows Nest on Wednesday evenings starting at 20:30. Following the

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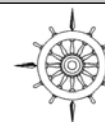
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presentations the bar will be open (or even prior, with luck!). I hope to see you at these events. Race Registration will take place on Thursday April 26th in the Crows Nest and a Pre-Race Seminar will again be led by Robin on May 10th.

As in the past all boats participating in the race program must provide adult assistants for duty on Oyster. I am also looking for volunteers, initially the team leaders, later worker bees to help with Mark refurbishment and placing and Oyster refurbishment and seasonal maintenance. A sign-up sheet for this will be posted in early April. I hope we will shortly be able to make available via our website the racing schedule this will also include some other non OYS events that may be of interest to racers. Please be advised we plan a slightly different schedule for the Fall Sunday Series. These will be held September 9, 23

and 30th - no race on September 15th to accommodate the OSA High School Regatta that we are hosting. Other news, I understand there are several changes to PHRF numbers this year ( no complaints to me please) and have been advised there is a PHRF training seminar at the Oakville Club on March 31st - if you are interested please register at admin@phrf-lo.org (PHRF Certificate holders given preference if they run short on seats).

**PAUL ATTWOOD  
MEMBERSHIP  
DIRECTOR**

A BIG "THANK YOU" to those members who have already paid their membership fees for 2007. For those that have not yet sent in your fees, PLEASE do so now. Feel free to postdate the cheque to March 31st but please send it now so that I don't have to call you. On a positive note we have had a lot of snow so the skiing has been fantastic! It sure seems to make

winter pass quicker when you can spend time on the slopes. Now it is less than 2 months before we launch! See you on the slopes or see you in the yard getting "your bottom ready." Please welcome John Rydall and Pierrette Buklis and their children, Ainsley and Cailleigh who have recently joined OYS. They are the owners of "Robin Hood II" a Kirby 36 which is currently moored with the Town. John has considerable racing experience and would be a welcome addition to any racing boat. It is a good thing that I have stopped racing Valentine Spirit or I would have signed him up right away (lucky for Pierre and George). Speaking of "Valentine Spirit" as many of you know, Helle and I are no longer the owners. Bruce and Diane Bennett are the new owners and you will probably see them on the Town slips as well. I understand that they are considering changing the name (perhaps back to LadyHawke?)

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Never put off until tomorrow what you can avoid altogether.

When a man marries a woman, they become one; the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

Heave-Ho - what you do when you've eaten too much Ho.

## And Finally...Heard on the Water...

**Helmsman** - Can you give me the course over the ground?

**Navigator** - Two Zero Six Degrees

**Helmsman** - Is that True?

**Navigator** - Yes, it says so on the GPS

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