

WINDJAMMER 2007

SEPTEMBER

Main Event Update

MURRAY FISCHER VICE COMMODORE

With the Labour Day cruise behind us and the kids back in school, the sailing season is quickly approaching an end. I'm looking forward to a traditional Thanksgiving weekend cruise, but sadly, it is soon time to think about haulout, winter storage and of course, which of the many items on my boat project list will get 'invested' in this off season. I hate taking the boat apart.

I had a great time at Regatta and very much appreciate the effort put in by the Regatta team. Thanks also to Bob Ferguson and his crew for putting up with me at the helm of Traveller for part of the Saturday races. That was the first time I had a chance to participate in Regatta racing, and it was a lot of fun.

As I write this, final

Fall Series Races

Sundays Sept 23 and 30

Ladies Seaview Afternoon

Thursday September 27, Crowsnest 3pm

Turkey Race

Saturday September 29

Awards Banquet

Friday October 19

Cradle Day

Saturday October 20

Haulout

October 27/28

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

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preparations are being made for hosting the Highschools' Regatta which will be a great weekend too, if last year's result was any indication. The weather forecast for the weekend looks perfect - sunny and breezy, but not 'blowing the dog off the chain' like it did last year.

The fall is actually a pretty busy time for the Executive. We're finalizing financials for the year nearly past, planning for next year, preparing for the AGM, thinking about the transition to next year's Executive team, getting ready for haulout, and the list goes on. I'm always amazed that all this and more actually gets done, but we've enjoyed a good year on the Board, with a strong and cohesive team.

There's still a month or so of sailing ahead. I hope the weather co-operates

From the Executive

and you all have a few more opportunities for good fall sailing days on the lake.



GEORGE PROVOST REAR COMMODORE

The last days of the summer sailing season are drawing to a close. Our last cruise of the summer is now behind us and Wednesday night racing is now a memory.

The fall can be a great time out on the water however. Steady winds and clear visibility can make for some of the best sailing experiences of the year.

We, as members of OYS, are being given the opportunity to hone up on our sailing and navigational skills

over the upcoming winter months. The Canadian Power and Sail Squadron are offering courses, at cost, to OYS members. There are a number of courses being offered, and this is one way of keeping in the "Sailing Groove" over the winter months while improving our abilities. Simply access the Canadian Power Squadron website to see what courses are of interest to you. After doing so, give me a call at 905-849-8832 and I will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

AL PARKHILL HARBOURMASTER

HAULOUT
From Cynthia Robins
and Leslie Frenke:

We urge you to read

the article on "Haulout Safety", also appearing in the Windjammer and "From the Docks". Leslie and Cynthia will be your "haulout team", looking after the haulout crews again. Each shift is 2 ½ hours. Note that the time change to Standard Time happens in November, and all times shown here are daylight savings time. Here are the job lists and times:

Saturday October 27:
7:00-9:30 am
9:30 am-12:00 noon (LUNCH)
12:30-3:00 pm
3:00-5:30 pm

Sunday October 28:
8:00-10:30 am
10:30 am-1:00 pm (LUNCH)
1:30-4:00 pm

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OH WHAT A WEEKEND!

Ontario High Schools Sailing Championship 2007

Once again, OYS opened its docks to high school sailors for this Ontario Sailing title event - and further established our reputation on the lake for friendly hospitality and good racing! Our aim was to provide quality racing in a safe environment, promote sportsmanship and comradeship among the sailors and above all - have a good time! The smiles on the faces of the 108 competitors and over 60 OYS volunteers said it all!

81 boats competed in 6 divisions (Laser, Radial, Byte, 29er, Laser >>, 420) over 2 race courses (single & double-handed). Although there was a chill in the air, the offshore winds of 18 to 23 knots were plentiful on Saturday and 4 races were completed for each division, with 5 races for the 29ers. Sunday's weather was more welcoming, with sunny skies and winds in the 8 to 12 knot range. In total, 7 races were completed for most divisions, with the 29ers getting in 9 races! A busy weekend!

These feats of regatta organization are only possible with the help of skilled and generous individuals. Once again, we had help from Mark Searle (Principal Race Officer), Irene McNeil (Race Officer - single-handed course), both of PCYC and OYS's own Robin Merry (Race Officer - double-handed course). Our own Joey Hill, RCYC High Performance Coach, returned to the club to view the racing and provide a debriefing session for the eager to learn racers!

Supporting the two race courses requires, for each course, a fully equipped race committee, 2 mark set boats, at least 3 safety boats, a lunch boat and, of

course, seagulls at the end of the pier to ensure all those boats that left the harbour also return! The 'dolly diva & dudes' assisted the launching and return of all boats at the launch ramps. At the end of the day, the race scorers and protest committee get to work to provide accurate results on a timely basis - never an easy task. David Gray even found a new way to retrieve the finish pins - just sink them (accidentally, of course)!

Not only do these regattas provide good racing, but good food and entertainment as well! Laurie Parkhill, Daniella Beese and their gang served up homemade muffins and coffee both mornings, provided on-water-lunches both days, and served up a hot pasta dinner on Saturday. The awards presentation on Sunday also included a prize draw table with enough prizes for almost everyone! Throughout the weekend, a slide show, courtesy of Barb Spavins, Kelly Aver and Bruce Bennett, provided a view of the on-water activities.

These events are only made possible by the support of our executive and the over 60 OYS volunteers, and for this we are truly appreciative and offer our thanks to each and every one of you. I believe we each took back from this event more than we gave! Ontario Sailing representatives who attended the event were truly amazed at our enthusiastic group!

To see the regatta results and all the pictures, go to the OYS website and click on the link to the Ontario High Schools Sailing Championship 2007.

Cheers to all those volunteers for a superb job!
Leslie & Bill Frenke,
Laurie & Al Parkhill,
Regatta Co-Chairs

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Ontario Highschools' Regatta





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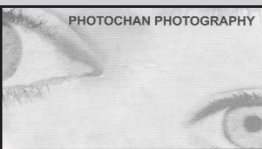
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Wheelbarrow - (lots of walking and lifting of slings into the wheelbarrow) 1 per shift

At the cradles - help get the boats onto the cradle (physically active) - 4 per shift
At the cradles - top of boats - take the slings off (also fairly active) - 2 per shift

Also, a few people are needed at the end of the day on Sunday to help tidy up and put the equipment away.

CALL or EMAIL Cynthia NOW!

Phone: 905-845-1131
or Email: robins_nest@cogeco.ca

Every member who hauls a boat with the club (either stored on

a cradle or trucked away) must provide at least one person for a work shift at haulout. "No" is not acceptable. If you can work more than one shift, supply more than one helper or even if you don't store with the club but can give some time, please call now! If you are a new or recent member without a boat, being down at the club on haulout is a wonderful chance to meet practically the whole club. Please volunteer your time, we would be pleased to see you.

If you are hauling with the club but cannot be present on haulout day (business commitments, health reasons etc.), please let Cynthia know as early as possible who will be looking after your boat in your absence and who will be doing the haulout shift for you. If you are hauling onto a trailer and taking the boat out of the yard, please call the

harbourmaster to schedule your time.

Please prepare your boat as if you will be hauling out at 7:00 am on Saturday (bow and stern lines on, fenders on, cradle assembled and pads on, etc.). Also, please show up on time for your shift and be prepared to stay for the whole shift. If you forget your start time, please ask.

Please give your harbourmaster, Al Parkhill, your full support by making this a safe and efficient haulout.

HAULOUT SAFETY,
From the Harbour Committee:
Al Parkhill - Harbourmaster

Sean Dinsmore and Peter Sandford - Crane Signallers
Cynthia Robins and Leslie Frenke - Haulout Crews

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Although we all try to work safely around the boat yard, the crane operators have asked for more formalized safety protocols during launch and haulout. Here are the new procedures that will be implemented during Haulout on October 27 and 28, 2007:

Hard Hats and Safety Vests will be purchased by OYS. All persons working on the haulout 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 haulout crews - including the Harbour Committee - will be required to wear hard hats. When your shift is over, you can pass on your hard hat and vest to the incoming shift. The hats and vests will be collected by Laurie Parkhill at the end of each day.

Safety Boots or Shoes are not required, but we strongly encourage all persons working on the crews to wear them if possible.

Active Work Area - this is the gravelled parking lot and asphalted dry storage area, but not including areas where boats have already been placed on cradles. **Only those persons directly involved in haulout activities (Harbour Committee, haulout crews, and OYS boat owners and their helpers whose boats are in the slings or in line at the haulout dock) will be permitted in the Active Work Area. If your boat is already on its cradle, please avoid the Active Work Area as you work on or remove equipment from your boat. If you have not been asked to bring your boat over to the dock, please stay out of the Active Work Area. If you need to enter the Active Work**

Area (e.g. to bring a volunteer a message or a coffee) please use caution and avoid the crane and bobcat. Children or non-members (other than those who have been asked to help with a boat) or the general public are not permitted in the Active Work Area at any time. Laurie Parkhill will be monitoring the Active Work Area.

"No Walk Zone" - this is the portion of the Active Work Area where the crane travels and the boom swings. **The "No Walk Zone" will be marked with cones, and will change throughout the day as the crane changes its route. Only the crane signaller, crane operator and bow/stern line holders will be permitted in the "No Walk Zone" when the crane is moving. People working at the cradles should stay clear of the area under the boat until it has been lowered to**



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cradle level. No one will be permitted to walk under a boat in the slings when the crane is moving or the boom is swinging. Jeff Robins will be monitoring the "No Walk Zone". These are all common sense items, and the safety of our members, volunteers and the general public is our prime objective. Have a safe haulout.



PETER MACK CRUISING DIRECTOR

At this time of year, the most important message I have to share is...THANKS !

Thanks first of all to those who coordinated and organized a cruise. It's not a horrible task (more chances next year!) but it does take some creativity and work, and a lot of members have benefited from the efforts of: Linda and Rick Williams, Janet and Steve MacDonald, and Carol and George Provost.

Thanks too to the people who took a turn as Officer of the Day. We filled most of the spots required over the summer, and hosted well over 100 boats. All those who cruise know how nice it is to be welcomed to a club. Your time builds the reputation of the club.

And then there are all the folks who took part in one or more cruises. I'll be trying to get some photos posted to the club website soon. The opportunity to share some leisure time with other like-minded boaters is one of the great joys of sailing, and I've always appreciated the happy spirit among our members. Thanks for coming out this season. We've enjoyed each others appetizers, salads, and desserts...watched the volunteer cooks carefully...and cleaned up too.

The Cruising program exists because members enjoy it. Let me know if you have particular favourite destinations, and we can try and work them in.

BILL FRENKE SAILING SCHOOL DIRECTOR

School's out!! The sailing school has had a very successful season. The sail boats are put away and the coach boats will join them after the High Schools Regatta. The 10 instructors under the leadership of Colin Frenke have done a super job of providing a safe and fun environment for the youth students to learn to sail. My thanks to Colin and all of the instructors for a job very well done.

Registration reached new levels this year with 88% our capacity being used. We were completely booked for the last two weeks. In addition we continue to see strong demand for adult sailing lessons both in the evenings and during the weekdays.

The August banquet was again capably and enthusiastically coordinated by Alex Mylet and my thanks to her and her volunteer crew for putting on a super dinner.

If you are interested in family and/or friends registering for youth or adult programs for next year contact the school and get your name on the mailing list. Contact information:
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Or visit the web site and download the forms (2008 fees yet to be set).

We now move into the planning season for 2008. There are boats to buy, program fees to be decided, brochures to be created, instructors to be hired and a race team to be supported. If you are interested in getting involved in the organization of the Sailing School, please give me a call.

PAUL ATTWOOD REGATTA RETROSPECTIVE

Well, another regatta has come and gone; and what a regatta!!! Once again, this regatta's success was dependent on many volunteers which

really is what our Club is all about. As there were many people who stood up (literally at the ticket table) I won't list them all here, but did want to pay particular thanks to Gary Bell, Linda Stevens (who although not able to attend, provided the template), Ann Whitworth, Andre and Daniella Beese (and their children) as well as Dave and Jo-Anne Gray, Peter Urwin and my wife Helle. It was particularly gratifying to see a number of new members stepping up and helping out. It is a great way to get to know your fellow members.

While as Regatta Chairman, I think we did a great job, please feel free to offer any suggestions on how we can make it even better for next year. We will be having a post regatta meeting soon, so if you have any suggestions please email them to me at paul.attwood@cogeco.ca

PETER URWIN RACE DIRECTOR

As I write this on Labour Day our racing season has

already started its inevitable wind down, evenings begin to draw in and the balmy nights of summer become a distant memory. Do not despair! The winds are typically a little stronger in the fall and there is still the fall racing to look forward to. Sunday races are September 9th 23rd and 30th. The Turkey Regatta this year will be on Saturday September 29th - leaving the Thanksgiving weekend free for family activities - no excuse not to race!

Awards night this year will be Friday October 19th, plan on a fun evening when you can cheer or razz this years winners before putting your boat away.

In previous reports the woes with Oyster have been discussed. The executive have now decided it is time to do something about this situation. Refurbishing Oyster's transmission is estimated to cost about \$10,000 with a requirement to ship parts to England - this will not fix the general decay that is also going on. To re-

power Oyster with an outboard, remove the existing engine and transmission and strengthen the stern will likely cost about \$15,000 while the estimate we have from E&C marine to re-power with an inboard is \$20 to \$25,000 - and they don't really want to do the work. The alternate to this is a new simple "work style" of boat with outboard power. We have received preliminary cost estimates that indicate a vessel of this type should be attainable for little more than the cost to re-power Oyster. A committee has been formed to explore this situation, and solicit proposals from manufacturers this fall in time to have a new boat next year - the trick is to ensure our wishes are kept simple. If you would like to participate in this process please let me know by email purwin@cogeco.ca

'SCUTTLEBUTT'... n. syn. report, buzz, cry, gossip, grapevine, hearsay, rumble, rumor, talk...

Cedric and Janet Miller are working their way back home from the Mediterranean. Their adventures will culminate in an Atlantic crossing with a crew of OYS-ers in November...

We are battling our way West and are now in Italy, Sicily to be precise. We have visited some charming little Greek Islands, and some wonderful anchorages along the way. From Pedi, we went to Kos .then from from Kos to Astipalia, to Ios, Milos, Elafonisos . to Karavostasi, Methoni, Pilos, and Katacoln, to Euphemia then to Levkas. We have also visited some so-called "Greek Marinas", but most of them have not been completed, though there is usually a wall to tie up to and they are fine, the best part is that they are free, as is the anchoring of course. In Levkas we ran into Anne and Les and their son Mark on Autumn Wasp (Rally Portugal friends). It was so wonderful to see them, we had dinner together and exchanged our kids wedding experiences, and generally caught up, it was nice to find them well and loving their sailing they were heading east though they are not sure how far. From there due to limited Bridge, if you can call it a bridge, it's actually a Ferry which connects the Island of Levkas to the mainland, the cars drive through the Ferry to get to the other side, then at certain times it turns so the boats can go through to the Levkas Canal, we went through and had a wonderful sail, anchoring in Prevesa bay before heading across the South Adriatic to Crotona. The sail to Crotona was a beat most of the way with such big waves we changed direction to Rocella Ionica, where we were going the next day anyway, then of course the wind changed and we finished up in Crotona anyway. Crotona is on Southern Italy's mainland. It was our first overnigher of the year, 165 miles of not nice sailing. The following day we headed southerly to Rocella Ionica where we met up with Eva and Johan Pedersen (also OYS members), they got in about an hour after us. It was so good to see them, they were in fine shape, we had drinks on board TW, then had dinner on TW. We spent the next couple of days catching up, eating out and Johan helped Cedric isolate our starter battery. We exchanged our experiences and advice, as we are going where they have been and they are going where we have been. A great 3 days. We are now in Riposto, in North East Sicily. It was an easy sail here from Rocella Ionica and we were lucky enough to see a crazy Dolphin doing belly flops and what I believe was a sword fish, to say nothing of the flying fish. From here we are heading up the Mesina Straight to the Aeolian Islands along the North cost of Sicily. We will let you know how that went later!

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