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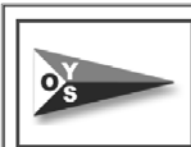
Main Event Update

IAN MYLET COMMODORE

Happy New Year everyone!
As I write this report, warm in front of a fire, outside it seems that winter has finally hit us with full force. Only last week it was unseasonably warm and the yard was still busy with people working on their boats so I guess no matter what is in store weather wise we have definitely had the start of a mild winter. The New Year's Day Regatta was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Bill Merry and family as well as his dedicated volunteers, great job. When the race results were in it looks like once again Bill is going to have to renovate the family trophy case. Congratulations to all who participated. The boat show is wrapping up this weekend. Thanks to everyone who participated on booth duty. It is a great way to see the show as well as a lot of fun. We are going a long way to get the name of the OYS and

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From the Executive

Oakville harbour out there. Once again, our goals were to introduce our club as a destination for sailors as well as promote the club to potential new members on all levels and, of course, last but not least to promote our Sailing School and Junior Program. This year we had a brand new booth donated by one of the members of the OPBC at no cost to either club.

Over the next while, the Executive will be publishing the year's event calendar and with that there will be various functions that will require committees and committee leaders. When this comes out if there is a particular function or party you are interested in helping with please let us know. In the same vein, we are planning on some events over the winter that I think most of you will find entertaining and informative. Some of them will be stand alone events and some will be in conjunction with the Thursday Pub Night. I will let Peter Urwin elaborate on these events as the winter

progresses, but I can assure you he has some great ideas. Dave Gray and I attended the first Easter Seals Regatta meeting for 2007. There are some major changes planned for this year mostly aimed at the race. The main objective to make the race itself a success is to fill the race course so the children and other spectators can see an exciting event. To that end we are changing the fee donation structure to enable both sponsored boats and non-sponsored boats to compete. The corporate style sponsor will still be promoted as in the past but in addition an individual sponsor system will also be implemented, similar to the system used for Cancer walks and other charitable events where the participants have a pledge sheet and try to raise donations for their




boat with no minimums. We are hoping this will open the regatta to everyone and promote the race beyond the Oakville Area.

ELI OSZLAK SECRETARY

Happy New Year to all members of OYS and their associates. Well here we are, its mid-January and winter has finally arrived in the GTA. So what is a sailor to do? Well go shopping - what else! Shopping indeed, it is boat show season. So off we go searching for all the latest gadgets and items from the list that we carefully compiled at the end of last season. All of your favorite vendors under one roof. Hopefully your shopping was successful. And now for something completely different! While winter

has so far left Southern Ontario most untouched, our friends in Western Canada are enjoying record snow fall so far this season. Whistler has received more than 800 CM of snow since November 1st. Lake Louise has received more than 300 CM. The BC interior has also received its share of snow as well. The base at Big White is now approaching 200 CM.

By comparison Mt. Tremblant has received 80 CM since the season opened. Conditions in Vermont might be even more sparse. Hopefully things will quickly return to normal here in the east. In the meantime our family visited Big White last year for the first time. The snow was just fantastic. It was easy to make first tracks even at 1 PM! Whether you're looking for groomed runs or untouched powder you can find it at this resort. The resort is very much a family destination. A great ski school for kids, and lots of rental condos that encourage you to cook your own meals. With direct air travel



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into Kelowna (YLW) and only about a 1 hour drive from airport to village, it is possible to get in an hour of skiing on your first day. I highly recommend this resort if you are considering a ski trip this winter.

Changing gears; please let me know what new features you would like to see on the OYS web site. I'll compile your suggestions and pass them onto the Executive committee for consideration. I can be reached at eli@cccis.ca

STEVE SCOTT TREASURER

There is not much to report here other than to say that the signing authorities have been changed to align with the new Executive team and the GIC's reinvested to allow our savings to work for a living. Those of you who were at the AGM already know Margaret White. She has signed on as our new Bookkeeper, replacing Caroline Cosgrove who had retired from the position at the end of last season. Margaret comes to us with a lot

of experience and has my vote of complete confidence.

That is just about that for the Treasurer for now. While I have your attention, however, I would like to recommend a movie to rent to while away the winter nights as we wait for the launch of our upcoming season. I have to fess up however; as I've pinched the following wording that best describes this amazing film from the Climate Crisis website.

"From director Davis Guggenheim comes the Sundance Film Festival hit, AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH, which offers a passionate and inspirational look at one man's fervent crusade to halt global warming's progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it. That man is former Vice President Al Gore, who, in the wake of defeat in the 2000 election, re-set the course of his life to focus on an all-out effort to help save the planet from irrevocable change. In

this eye-opening and poignant portrait of Gore and his "traveling global warming show," Gore also proves himself to be one of the most misunderstood characters in modern American public life. Here he is seen as never before in the media - funny, engaging, open and downright on fire about getting the surprisingly stirring truth about what he calls our "planetary emergency" out to ordinary citizens before it's too late". No doubt many of you are already very familiar with Al Gore's film and his message but for those of you who have not seen it yet, I promise you that you will not be disappointed if you invest in the time rent it and see it. I rest my case by remembering all the smoggy journeys Dawn and I have made in the past many years aboard our Oyster Bay, wondering about the cause and affects of changing weather patterns.

PETER MACK CRUISING DIRECTOR

As I sit down to write this update, we've just returned from the Boat Show. Should we add a roller furler this year? We could invest in new cushions for the bunks...or maybe just buckle down and do a good job on the brightwork. I guess we need to do some planning for the year ahead. And it's the same for Cruising. Where should we go? When? How many? How far?

So far we do have one cruise booked, to Port Dalhousie on June 23/24. The DYC folks want to come to Waterfront Festival, and we'll be doing a reciprocal cruise. After that? Well, the best way to have a cruise to your favourite destination is to let us know what you'd like. Send me an email with any suggestions. And of course volunteers for the Cruising Committee would be welcome too. If we do get a furler, we'd need a new jib...a few less square feet and we'd lose that 6 second PHRF penalty... See you at

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New Year's Day Regatta





pub night, or in the yard, and we can talk about plans.

PETER URWIN RACE DIRECTOR

I would like to express my thanks to our volunteers, friends and prospective new members who pitched in for the New Year's Day regatta (see Bill Merry's report later in this issue), Don Fitzsimons for making the wonderful Tugboat trophies, John Quinlan and Murray Souter for the photographic evidence of our foolishness and of course Bill and his family for the overall organization. Without you these events simply would not be half the fun or may not even happen at all.

Up coming events:

A couple of dates to remember - these are not just for our racers and hopefully will be of interest to all sailors February 22nd a talk on sail trim by Quantum Sail design Group.
Is there interest in other pre-season events to round out Pub Nights? Nautical

theme movies, talks by OSA on tactics/ rules etc - please let me know.

Volunteers (or conscripts) wanted!! Oyster Refurbishment is the big preseason thing. Constructing new bulkheads, providing engine ventilation, bilge pump replacement, new exhaust system. Again - please let me know if you can help with these important activities.

PAUL ATTWOOD MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Well, here we are just into the New Year and already I have some new Member applications. Please welcome Pieter Vos (associate Membership) and Graeme McMillian and family (associate Membership) as the 2 newest members to our Club. While Pieter has been sailing/racing for quite a number of years, the McMillians are new to sailing but eager to learn. Perhaps you will see them "hanging around the crew bench."

You will have received your Membership Application Renewal by now and as a volunteer for this position, I do appreciate your timely renewal payment. It makes life so much easier! During the Toronto Boat Show I had some members ask why the "early payment fee" is no longer available. The rationale for the reduction was that hopefully it would encourage members to pay early or at least on time and reduce the amount of "chasing of payment" that is required. Quite simply it didn't have the desired effect and it was a lot of extra work for the bookkeeper/GST calculations, etc. therefore it is back to the way it was previously.
The Toronto Boat Show is over now so that means it is about 3 months to launch!

Ontario Sailing Banquet

Sat. March 3, 2007
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Dinner/ Silent Auction
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BILL MERRY NEW YEAR'S DAY REGATTA

Bill Merry was the chair of this year's New Year's Day Regatta and has been kind enough to submit the following report: "The regatta was first held on January 1st, 2000 as our Club celebration of the new millennium. Since then it has become a bit of a tradition. The sailing enthusiasts have only been thwarted once

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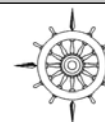
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from racing due to the stiffness of the water. Al Parkhill and I have a good chuckle and become somewhat giddy when we reminisce about the craziness of it all. We have been conspiring together on this event from the beginning. The regatta attracts between 60 and 80 members and provides entertainment for about 80 Town spectators (depending on the weather). We would like to think that it was the first sailboat race in Canada for the 21st century but we never checked this out. We had a full fleet of Tubby's and an interesting mixed fleet of Young Upstarts.

Wind and weather conditions were ideal (meaning no ice and a slight river current). The Race Director Peter Urwin and Race Committee Claire Merry set a challenging and entertaining course. 12 brave souls took the challenge to race and for the first time in years. To ensure fair play, actual penalty turns were taken by participants when called by the jury boat.

Results

Pierre Boileau 1st
Alison Norris 2nd
Tor Johansson 3rd

Young Upstarts

Emily Merry 1st
Eleanor Merry 2nd
Geoff Freeman 3rd

Combined Champions
Emily Merry 1st
Geoff Freeman 2nd
Pierre Boileau 3rd

I would like to thank John and Cathy Quinlan, Lynda Merry, Lori Parkhill, Terry Joyce, Don Fitzsimons, Bill Frenke and Al Parkhill for their help with boats, setup, barbeque, food preparation, serving and awards. Many thanks to the Oakville Fire Department. The OFD has provided emergency response staff every year since the beginning of the regatta. We had a great time, thank you one and all!

Ontario Sailing Association Regatta of the Year 2006

This award is presented to a Member Club or Organization that ran a regatta of exceptional quality during the past year. Nomination Process: In order to be considered a letter of recommendation or support for nomination must come from either an athlete or a coach who participated in the event.

Selection Criteria:

- Race management (must be certified Race Officer as PRO, Level 2),
- Pre-regatta information package, i.e. Notice of Race
- Reception, registration, billeting, hosting, food & refreshment
- Value for registration fee
- Overall component of fun and fellowship that may include entertainment or special events.
- A role model to others in the sailing community.

This honour has been awarded to the Oakville Yacht Squadron for the Ontario High Schools Regatta held in September 2006.

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(San Isidro, Argentina - Dec 10, 2006)

On the final day of the Worlds, the breeze under 6 knots kept the 48 competitors waiting on the water to start Race 9. When the breeze finally picked up the RC had to move the course due to the shallow conditions. By then only 1 race could be sailed and the Australians won the title with one race to spare. The battle for second was between local heroes Santiago Lange & Carlos Espinola (ARG) and Roman Hagara & Hans Peter Steinacher (AUT). Both teams started together in the middle of the starting line but the Argentineans went all the way to the right side of the course while the Austrians decided for the middle. Santiago and Carlos rounded in first, followed by Dutch Mitch Booth & Pim Nieuwenhis in second and Spanish Fernando Echavarri & Anton Paz in third. The Austrians rounded seventh, never able to overtake the Argentine's lead, thus falling to third overall. -- Event website: <http://tornado2006.cnsi.org.ar/>

Final Standings after nine races (48 boats - one discard):

1. Darren Bundock & Glenn Ashby (AUS) 23 pts
2. Santiago Lange & Carlos Espinola (ARG) 37 pts
3. Roman Hagara & Hans Peter Steinacher (AUT) 41 pts

16. Oskar Johansson & Kevin Stittle (CAN) 131 pts

Complete results: http://tornado2006.cnsi.org.ar/archivos/mundial06_res.htm

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