

WINDJAMMER ^{OCTOBER} 2006

Main Event Update

DAVE GRAY COMMODORE

When you go down to the clubhouse you will notice that we now have new chairs, tables and a gas fireplace. It was decided that since we needed new chairs and more tables that we would invest in good quality ones that would last a number of years. The chairs are made of wood and are comfortable to sit in. We decided on square tables to allow us to continue using the existing tables for large functions.

Thanks to Bill Frenke we have acquired a high quality propane fireplace and he looked after arranging the installation. As much as everyone enjoys a real wood fire the propane fireplace can easily be turned on and off and provides much more heat. We have been working all year to improve the club for our members and I am happy to say this year's projects are almost finished.

We have now had our first practice for the interclub challenge on Dragon Boats. Everyone who came out had a great time, not to

Lake Ontario 300 Awards

October 20, 7pm for 8

OYS Awards Night

October 21st 6.30pm

Halloween Dinner & Dance

October 27th 6.30pm

Haulout

October 28th & 29th

Pub Night

Thursdays 8pm

Cradle day

October 21st

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

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mention a good workout. I didn't realize the creek from the canoe club to Speers Road was so long.

There will be a challenge race in the spring involving all of the boating clubs in Oakville. The crews will be mixed from all clubs and all proceeds will go to a charity, to be decided. Thanks to the Burlington Canoe club for providing 2 boats and instructors.

As you know we hosted the OSA High School Regatta in September. The Parkhills and Frenkes deserve a round of applause for the organization and running of this regatta. Also, we had a great turnout of members to help both on the water and on land. OYS did a superb job and all participants had a great time. Thanks to all who gave their time and made this an event we can all be proud of.

Ian Mylet VICE COMMODORE

Well as I write this the temperatures are noticeably cooler and the season is unfortunately once again coming to an end. I'm sure everyone is preparing for the

From the Executive

onerous task of preparing the boats for winter. Over the next couple of weeks I will be sending out messages via FTD pertaining to haul out and winter storage as there are a few changes coming. I hope everyone has had a chance to see our new fireplace and furniture in the main club house, it is starting to feel very cozy and will hopefully extend our use of the downstairs.

I am sure others have gone into details on the success of our OSA High School Regatta that we recently hosted so I will keep this short. I am tremendously proud of everyone involved with the Regatta weekend! From the Chair People right down to all the volunteers, everything went off without a hitch and was delivered to the kids with a big smile. The accolades we have received from the students, parents and the OSA has been



overwhelming, thanks again to everyone involved for making OYS look like a world class venue for Junior Racing and Regattas.

DIRK RASMUSSEN PROPERTY DIRECTOR

Since this is likely the last issue of the Windjammer before the AGM, I thought it would be useful to summarize this year's "Property" related completions and some thoughts on the future.

So here we go:
Improvements

1. . . Outside washroom renovated.
2. New sinks and faucets installed in main washrooms.
3. Washrooms and Crows Nest entrance/stairs painted.
4. Kitchen floor tiled.
5. Additional electric circuits installed in kitchen.
6. Faulty light fixtures and wiring in showers

- replaced.
 7. Wooden enclosure built around dumpster.
 8. Air conditioning installed in office/computer room.
 9. New picnic tables and umbrellas for dock.
- Security

1. All locks re-keyed and system implemented to control issuing of keys.
2. Parking lot floodlights refurbished.
3. "Video Surveillance" signs posted on fence around property.

- Housekeeping
1. Detailed work lists and schedules issued and followed up on.
 2. Man-hours for cleaning increased when needed.
- Housekeeping of the washrooms, clubhouse and grounds has been a struggle and I believe it has improved significantly. There is still much room for further improvement but we are limited by how many man-hours and dollars we want to spend. A large number of members, guests and sailing school kids use our facilities daily and a once or twice a day cleanup will only get us to a certain level of cleanliness. To meet some members' expectations we would need a full time attendant to clean

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sinks, wash counters, pick up papers and flush toilets every hour. This is not likely to happen so I think we will have to be satisfied with incremental improvements. One way to improve housekeeping is to encourage members to participate. In other words to pick up the occasional pop can, pizza box, beer bottle or paper towel and drop them in the trash bin. Anyway, this is one of my pet peeves and I am rambling on and should get back to my report.

I hope this list of "property" related activities gives you an indication of where some of your membership money is being spent. I believe it is essential to continue to improve our facility to make sure it remains a club we can all be proud of. In some respects it is much like a boat. You have to maintain and make some improvements every year; otherwise, it becomes a "handy man special".

DON FITZSIMONS RACE DIRECTOR

This weekend saw the last OYS race of the 2006 season. The Turkey Race and Angus Kyle Potluck were a great success due to the wonderful dishes that our members brought and the 16 turkeys that went home with some happy winners. The season wound up with Ernesto doing some significant damage to our race marks, so the decision was made to pull the marks in September and that meant that we would have some interesting starts and finishes for the fall series. The starts went smoothly, but the first finish between the West Pier and the green channel buoy was more exciting than most folks like. Particularly the folks on Go Gerty Go, they rounded up in spectacular fashion right at the end of the East Pier scattering the onlookers on the pier. Looked as if we had a volunteer for the Bent Toe Rail Award, but instead Gary went on in the next 2 races to clinch first place in division. Gets a trophy anyway, just not the

one he was going to get. On the subject of trophies, the awards night is coming up and if you want to know who won the various series Sandy Kennedy has kindly put the race results on the web site and they are on the race board at OYS. Thanks Sandy. The banquet will be a great event with the usual awards and disk jockey to help us dance 'till the wee small hours. Come on out and play with us. This will be Darlene and my last event as Race Director and next year Peter Urwin will be nominated at the AGM to take over. Peter has looked after Oyster this year and has been a great help to me running the race program. We have had two wonderful years in the race portfolio spending time with the racers at OYS, a truly wonderful lot. If only Mother Nature had been near as wonderful. I would like to thank all the racers that came out to man the committee boat this year through fair and foul weather, and some of it was pretty foul. Help came as well from the ever helpful Al Parkhill who retrieved

number 4 mark and worked with Dick Stamm to bring in the rest of the race circle, with the exception of mark number 5, and that one was retrieved through the Herculean efforts of Richard Bodt and friends. Throughout the year I have received assistance from many folks at OYS, a few of whom are Peter Urwin, Gary Hill, Harry Miles, Gordon Groom, David Moores, David Cyr, Andy Whyman, and Al Parkhill who repaired and painted marks, spliced lines, fixed Oyster, placed marks and did a lot other jobs that made our race program possible. I would like to also thank Robin Merry for not just her help on the committee boat but her advice and support. Robin truly makes the OYS race program the jewel that it is. Thanks Robin.

CYNTHIA ROBINS & LESLIE FRENKE HAULOUT 2006

So much has happened this sailing season that we really think it should extend for another few months. It's tough to think about haulout,

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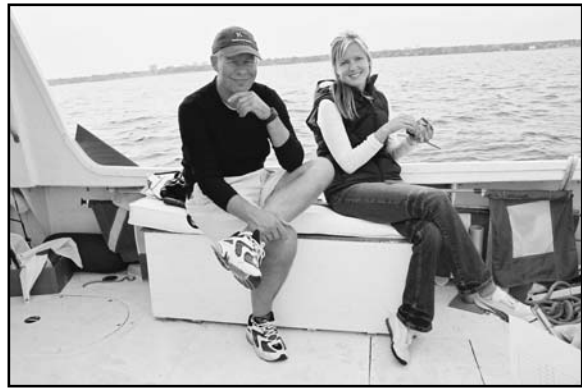
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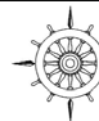
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but haul we must!
Leslie and Cynthia will be your "haulout team", looking after the haulout crews again. Leslie is taking names of volunteers this year. Thanks to all who have already responded to our "From the Docks" emails. In case you don't get the emails, or have forgotten, here is the layout. Each shift is 2 1/2 hours. Here are the job lists and times:
Saturday October 28:
7:00-9:30 am
9:30 am-12:00 noon (LUNCH)
12:30-3:00 pm
3:00-5:30 pm (all times daylight savings time)
Sunday October 29:
8:00-10:30 am
10:30 am-1:00 pm (LUNCH)
1:30-4:00 pm (all times standard time)

Job descriptions:
At the water's edge - put the slings on (mild activity, involves lots of on and off boats) - 4 per shift
At the water's edge - "boat greeter" (easier on the back than the other jobs) - 2 per shift
Bow and stern lines - (lots of walking, coordination with the crane operator) 2 per shift
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.

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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 some time, we would be pleased to see you. If you cannot be present on the day they haul their boat (business commitments, health reasons etc.), please let me 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 or email Leslie. The trailered boats usually are hauled first thing Saturday morning, but there may be changes to that schedule. 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 acting harbour master, Ian Mylet, your full support by making this a safe and efficient haulout.

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RHAPSODY WINS LORC

Fall 2005: David Rourke: "Why don't we do the L.O.R.C. circuit next year?" Me: "Eh?" DR: "Well, you know the L.O.R.C. Regattas at NYC, RCYC, QCYC, PCYC, EYC and ABYC. It will be fun" I didn't know!!! David used the rest of the winter to work on me.

Successfully I might add.

2006: So we did L.O.R.C. and had a ball and ran the gamut of no competition to too much competition and from no wind to gear busting winds.

David organized it all; crew and assignments, tactics, boat deliveries (with Brett White and often Kelly Aver), libations AND talked me into a new main sail, while I just steered.

If my attention wandered for just a nano-second, he would in no uncertain way tell me: "DRIVE THE BOAT!" "DRIVE THE (expletive deleted) BOAT!"

Thanks to an outstanding core crew: David (Main & Tactics), Brett White (Genoa and Spinnaker) and Kelly Aver (Pit and yummy lunches) and with a consortium of volunteers with only limited time available: Rita, Karen, Jamie, Dylan, Rick and Michelle we managed to do all the Regattas and come 1st in our Division.

Like I said, I just steered. The crew consistently did an awesome job, kept their cool and worked their fannies off. My hat off to them! Special thanks to Rick & Michelle for filling a critical crew shortage at the NYC Open.

Richard Bodt
"Rhapsody"

SHARK LARKS

Two Sharks from OYS raced in the Shark Worlds in Toronto in July with Andrew McCrae coming in 33thrd place and Dave Crompton, on Gladiator, placing 34th out of a fleet of 52 boats.

At the Shark Home Comers Regatta held at Niagara-on-the-Lake on September 23/24, three OYS members raced Gladiator, Shark # 60, to a 4th place finish out of a fleet of 32 boats:

Tim Klemaran ...a blue sail racer

Dave Crompton....a shark racer

Dave Kupas.....a J22 racer

They even got a 1st place finish in the 4th and last race on Saturday....Way to go guys!

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