

WINDJAMMER ^{OCTOBER} 2005

MALCOLM MACFARLANE COMMODORE

September has arrived and I am glad to see our incredible summer weather is continuing on. We've even had some wind to race with on Sundays, though the last Wednesday and Thursday evening races went out with a whimper as we once again had little or no wind.

The trees are beginning to turn and we have some great sailing ahead before getting ready for Haulout.

Thanks to everybody for getting your winter storage applications in to John De Sousa and mark your calendars for Cradle Day on October 15th and Haulout on October 29th & 30th.

As usual, we are looking for volunteers to fill the various jobs and shifts on both days. Please make sure you get your name in early to help out. The mast racks are being repaired and will be ready in early October. If you are planning to take down your mast early, please make sure the repairs have been completed before storing your mast on the racks.

We still have a few events left for the year,

Main Event Update

Pub Night is every Thursday

Crows Nest, 20:00 hrs

Dart Night at the Crows Nest

2nd & 4th Thursday of each month. 20:00 hrs

Sign up sheet in the Crows Nest

Turkey Race

Oct. 1, 2005. 12:00 hrs

Angus Kyle Potluck Dinner

Oct. 1, 2005 18:00 hrs

Cradle Day

Oct. 15, 2005 9:00 hrs

OYS Awards Banquet

Oct. 22, 2005. 18:30 hrs

Ladies Seaview Afternoon

Crows Nest, Thursday Oct. 27, 15:00 hrs

OYS Haulout

Oct. 29 & 30, 2005. 8:00 hrs

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Tuesday November 22, 2005. 20:00 hrs, Main Hall

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

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From the Executive

starting with the Turkey Regatta and the Angus Kyle Heritage Potluck Dinner on Saturday October 1st and the Annual Awards Night on Saturday October 22nd.

Some of you may have noticed that the Town has put up a parking meter in the parking lot outside our fence. We are working our way through the Town departments to find out what their intentions are and how this will impact us. I am hoping to report back to you next month with their plan and our proposals to deal with it. September also saw the passing of Alice Abt and Past Commodore Don Hains. Our condolences go out to the Abt and Hains families.

Don Hains Commodore
O.Y.S. 1964, Life Member
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September 5th 2005.

Don started his sailing at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club in 14 ft International dinghy's, then graduated to a 28 ft gaff rigged B Class scow, cruising extensively from 1938 to 1943. He joined the Canadian Navy as an engineer officer; during

this time he met his wife to be, Peggy, and they married in 1945. After the war Don attended Queens University, graduating in 1948. He then moved the family to Hamilton where he joined Stelco. Sailing continued at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club in Lightning's, with Don winning many trophies. This led to Don being selected to sail Dragons in the 1952 Olympics. After the games Don left Stelco and his engineering career took him all over the world. In 1957 Don moved to Oakville and joined the O.Y.S. in 1958. He sailed Snipes with his family and was Commodore in 1964 when O.Y.S. hosted the Western Hemisphere Championship. In 1964 he bought a Tumblaren Class yacht, Vanir, and with his sons won four Championships. Don supported his son Ted who represented Canada in the 1972 Olympics in the International Tempest



Class. Don bought one of the first Etchells built by Ontario Yachts Slipstick, 11 which the family still sail out of R.C.Y.C. Don worked hard for O.Y.S. and was responsible for the construction of the north dock, which is still in use today. The Lighthouse, when removed from the East pier, was dumped on the west side below what at the time were sand piles. Don was able to do all the engineering drawings for the top which had been destroyed, and then it was restored and placed where it is today. Don will be missed by all his friends at O.Y.S. and the Club will be the poorer for his passing.

Id Crook

DAVE GRAY VICE COMMODORE

The end of the sailing season is approaching and we have a few

events upcoming. On October 1st we have our annual Turkey Race followed by the Pot Luck Dinner. This makes for an interesting and full day at the club. Check out Don's report for race details and join us on the lake. At about 17:00 we will start getting ready for the Pot Luck Dinner. As in the past please bring an appetizer, main course or desert for the table and join the festivities. On October 22nd we will be having our Annual Awards Night festivities. Dinner will be Lasagna (choice of Regular, Seafood or Veggie) and Caesar or Garden Salad. Please call me at 905-845-7424 or e-mail me (lunatic@sympatico.ca) with your choice and number of dinners by October 17th. The cost is \$20 per person. We need some lead time to finalize quantities, so don't be late or disappointed. Payment can be made at the door with cash, visa, or debit. I look forward to seeing you there.

IAN MYLET REAR COMMODORE

Well, as I write this article Wednesday and Thursday night racing has ended and the fall series has started. The

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last cruise has also come and passed for 2005. Unfortunately all these events signal the end of another season which, as I am sure everyone will agree, always seems to pass too quickly.

I have mentioned before in earlier Windjammers the wonderful job the House Committee has done over this summer of running our two bars and helping out with our many functions. So once again to Ann Whitworth, Case Lammerse, Id Crook and their whole committee, on behalf of myself and the entire Executive I would like to send a sincere vote of thanks. Great job all of you.

The other person I would like to thank is our Team Tempest coordinator, Steve Scott. When I asked Steve if he was interested in getting involved with the program at the beginning of the season, it was virtually non-existent; I believe it had 2 members left. Through his efforts and coordination we now have multiple skippers and crews for all our Tempests and the program is thriving. Thanks Steve for a great job and I hope

that the Team Tempest will continue to be the success that you have made it. Further to this I encourage all members of the Tempest Team to come down and participate in haulout. Speak to Cynthia Robins or John De Sousa; I'm sure they will be glad to put you to work and then feed you lunch. I hope all of you enjoy the rest of the boating season.

JOHN DE SOUSA HARBOUR DIRECTOR

Haulout is fast approaching and I appreciate all of your efforts to contact Cynthia Robins and get signed up for the crews required to put our boats away for the winter.

If you have any questions let me know or Cynthia and we will do our best to get you the answers. The boat storage map is posted at the club and I feel we have accommodated our Membership as best possible. See you all on Cradle Day and at Haulout.

CYNTHIA ROBINS Chair, Haulout Committee

Haulout Crews 2005

With the weather being so nice, it's tough to think about haul out, but haul we must! I'll be looking after the haul out crews again this year, and Leslie Frenke will be assisting (thanks, Leslie!). Leslie will likely be taking over Sunday's crew management while I get Robins' Nest out of the water and tucked away.

Are you ready to volunteer? Each shift is 2 ½ hours. Here are the job lists and times:
Saturday October 29:
7:00-9:30 am 9:30 am-12:00 12:30-3:00 pm 3:00-5:30 pm (all times daylight savings time)
Sunday October 30:
8:00-10:30 am 10:30 am-1:00 pm 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.

CALL or EMAIL me NOW!

Phone:

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robins_nest@cogeco.c

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[NOTE THE EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE]

Call early to get your favourite job and shift time. Oh, by the way, bow and stern lines for Saturday morning are already spoken for. 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 haul out. "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

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member without a boat, being down at the club on haul out 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 your 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 haul out shift for you. If you are hauling onto a trailer and taking the boat out of the yard, please call or email me. 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 harbourmaster, John De Sousa, your full support by making this a safe and efficient haulout.

Laurie Parkhill SAILING SCHOOL SUPPORTER

What a fantastic summer for three of our past graduates of the OYS Sailing School. They overcame obstacles of boat breakage, no wind, heavy wind, rains and the perfect weather to show what they could do.

Our congratulations go out to Joey Hill, the Bronze Medal winner at the Laser Canadian Championships held at Trois Riviere, Quebec.

Way to go Joey. Lee Parkhill had a change of boat this year from Radial to Full Rig and found this quite a challenge. We congratulate Lee on his 1st place finish at the Ice Breaker and his 4th place finish at the Canadian Youth Championships held in St. John, New Brunswick. Lee achieved a 1st place finish in each of these competitions.

At Cork, Lee brought home the Gold Medal for the full rig Silver Fleet. Congratulations Lee.

Claire Merry moved from a Byte to a Radial Laser in 2005 and had quite a challenge with the new boat but

fantastic showings in her race results. The field for Claire has become very competitive due to the change in Olympic class boats for females moving from Byte to Laser Radials. Next year will create more challenges and we know better results. Great effort Claire. Congratulations again to each of you on your successful 2005 racing season.

As a parent who traveled with the kids it was a wonderful summer getting to know the sailors from all over the world, parents and the volunteers who work tirelessly to make these Regattas happen. I hope one day that OYS can play host to a youth event.

AL PARKHILL PROPERTY DIRECTOR

We have recently had a Health Board Inspection done at the Club and the following items have been brought to our attention.

If you choose to use bar soap in the washrooms please remember to either take it with you or dispose of it when you are finished.

When using our kitchen please take the time to clean all of your dishes

and take them with you. You will find a bottle of bleach and water mixture under the kitchen sink to be used to wash down the counter tops.

A new bulletin board has been put up in the kitchen explaining the proper procedures for hand washing and cooking food - a meat thermometer has been provided for cooking safety and is not to be removed.

On a number of occasions we have noticed that the kitchen has been left in quite a state. Countertops littered with garbage, sinks full of dishes, barbeque utensils that are unfit for use due to lack of proper cleaning as well the barbeques a complete mess. This does not reflect well on the Membership. Remember this is a self-help club and it the responsibility of each Club Member to clean up after themselves. Thank you for your attention to the above.

GEORGE PROVOST CRUISING DIRECTOR

What a great cruising summer for the Members of OYS. It's hard to believe our program has ended but the planning for next season has already

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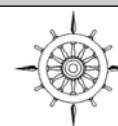
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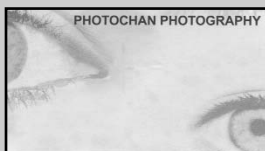


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begun. It is my hope to enhance your favorite stops with added excitement and destinations that will suit our Cruising fleet. I hope the photo spread speaks for itself.

DON FITZSIMONS RACING DIRECTOR

The racing season is winding down for the keel boaters with the last race of the season coming up on October first (sorry about the date mess up last month, used an old calendar by mistake). Skippers meeting will be at 13:00 next to the mast crane. Racing starts at 14:00. Don't forget to bring your favorite ethnic dish for the Angus Kyle heritage pot luck dinner. After the race, we will be awarding turkeys to the race winners and, on a lottery basis to some of the racers who didn't win on the racecourse. So come on out and race even if you don't normally. Last year's event was one of the best of the season with lots of wind. Next race following will be the New Years Day Regatta in the Opties on the Sixteen. Mark your calendars now, this is always a great event. While you're at your calendars mark down

the Awards Banquet for October 22nd at 18:30, another great event.

I understand that the National Capri 25 regatta at the Wayzata Yacht Club in Minnesota became the Capri 25 Worlds when a Canadian showed up, our Andre Beese with Wee Beestee (previously Tasmanian Devil). Andre did us proud at this international event finishing a solid mid fleet. There are some great pictures of the regatta on the Wayzata Yacht Club web site WYC.ORG.

Racing may be winding down for the keel boaters, but the dingy folks are still out there with some racing and training. Plan on seeing these very competitive folks on the racecourse next year with their own separate starts. These are the same folks that have taken home all the hardware at the New Years Day Regatta for the last few years. In the time-honoured spirit of OYS as a racing club, we are bringing back some of our young OYS racers to run our own High Performance Sail Training Program. Sail Ontario used to call their program OSARC

(Ontario Sailing And Regional Coaching) so Lee Parkhill and Claire Merry are calling their program CLEESARC. Lee and Claire are both accredited race instructors and are looking forward to some hot racing and development with the competition that is developing here at OYS. You will see them out on the water this fall and early next spring. Give them your support and OYS will again be the racing force to be reckoned with on Lake Ontario with a solid group of young racers. Speaking of young racers from OYS, one of our own that started with Lasers at OYS is now an Olympian, having competed in the 2004 Athens Olympics. Oscar Johansson, along with his partner Kevin Stittle, is campaigning full time for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, and has recently returned from the European sailing championships in Helsinki, Sweden. Keep up the great work Oscar !!!

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John Quinlan, Publicity

'Bronte Rocks. The regatta was blessed by great weather however the same cannot be said about the sailing. There were numerous incidents during the weekend of Skippers hitting marks some even attempted to mount them, and not one Skipper even attempted to do a penalty. This was true of O.Y.S. and the other club skippers. It is indeed sad to see the sailing degenerate to this level. Where have all the gentlemen sailors gone.

Sailing is just the bottom line, like adding up the score in bridge. My real interest is in the tremendous game of life. Dennis Conner

A sailing ship is no democracy; you don't caucus a crew as to where you'll go anymore than you inquire when they'd like to shorten sail. Sterling Hayden

'Did You Know'...

Lizzie Borden was acquitted...

'Tip of the Month'...

At latitude 60 degrees south you can sail all the way around the world...

'The Last Word'...

I don't know, I don't care, and it doesn't make any difference...
Albert Einstein

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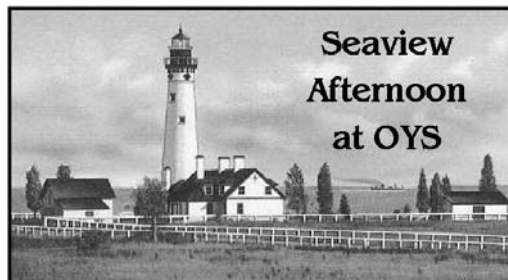
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