

# WINDJAMMER 2004

APRIL

## Main Event Update

### BILL MERRY COMMODORE

I would like to start by thanking Linda Stevens and the Social Committee for their tireless work in putting together a wonderful Commodore's Ball. The committee went way over the top in preparing the head table, table booklets and centrepieces. The food and setting of the Oakville Golf Club were superb. Lynda and I were deeply honoured and truly impressed by the entire evening. We haven't danced as much since we were married! Launch is not far off and we will all be pretty busy getting the boats ready for the sailing season. Work around the club is proceeding well on many fronts. Oyster is looking terrific with the efforts of so many people. The sailing school renovations are moving ahead. We have received our grant money from the Trillium Foundation and our new sailing

### Crow's Nest Thursday Pub Night

Thursday Nights, 8 PM December through April

### Spring Clean-up

Saturday, April 17, All day

### Race Registration Night

Tuesday, April 20, Crow's Nest, starts 7:30 PM

### Ladies Seaview Afternoon

Crow's Nest, Thursday, April 29, 3:00 PM

### Launch 2004

Saturday, May 1

### Cradle Day

Saturday, May 8

### OYS Racing Series Start

Sunday, May 9, Wednesday, May 12, Thursday, May 13

### OYS Cruise to Mimico

Long Weekend, May 22 - 24

### OYS Hosts J-22 Regatta

Weekend, May 29 - 30

### Sailpast and Annual Pig Roast

Saturday, June 5, Noon start

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

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school boats are under construction. The co-ordination of the volunteer work is making good progress and I encourage everyone to participate. Our club prides itself on all of our volunteer efforts and we really want to emphasize and promote the social aspects of working together and getting to know our fellow members better. We will be on the water soon. Here's to a great sailing season.

**RICHARD BODT  
REAR COMMODORE**

...From the Crow's Nest

For the past 2 years I liked that perch and thought I may as well continue to report from that look-out now that I have acquired the exalted title of Rear-Commodore. With a bit more time available than in my previous position, I have scoured around and found a few things to do:

**a. New Members**

# From the Executive

**Program** - As a new member, finding the way around our Club can be a daunting challenge. (In fact as an old, returning member I didn't find it all that easy in 2001 after an absence of 6 years). While we do formally recognize new members at our annual Sail-Past, I believe, we can and should do more to make new members feel at home and make use of all the various programs and facilities we have available. Accordingly I would like to personally meet with all new members since say, January 2003 and invite them to a special new member's get-together in May. Perhaps this would also be a good time to invite sailors with moorings in 16 Mile Creek, who are not



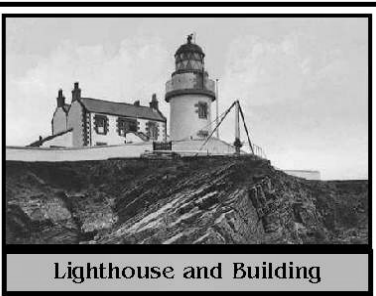
yet members of OYS, for a drink and look about. The same holds true for those members that haven't been at the Club for a while.

Volunteers are urgently needed to organize the invitations and to look at a buddy system for our new members. Please contact me.

**b. The Tempest Program** (formerly known as the "Members-without-boats")

Over the past years this program blossomed under auspices of Steve

**April Seaview Afternoon at OYS**



Lighthouse and Building

**Attention OYS Ladies**

Come and join in for Champagne and Appetizers at the Crow's Nest  
 Thursday, April 29, 2004, 3:00 PM  
 Attendees, please alternate by either purchasing a bottle of Australian "Seaview Brut" Sparkling Wine at the OYS bar or bringing an appetizer of your choice.

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Scott and Bill Merry. Knowing full well that the Rear Commodore was the person on the Executive in search of something to do, the Executive of your Club have, in their infinite wisdom, decided to anchor this program henceforth with the Rear Commodore. This year we have again a full roster of participants and I have put the wheels in motion to meet them all and get the Tempests ready for launch day.

c. **G.H.Y.R.A.** - This year GHYRA will host an active agenda of fully crewed, double handed and single handed races. Details can be found on the OYS Website by clicking the GHYRA link on our "links" page. The biggest news is that all fully crewed races will be run on a course set approximately 1.5 miles off the Shell Pier in Bronte and that means no more long trips to the various Clubs, who, in the past, hosted the GHYRA events. OYS

members can register for the GHYRA events on our on own Race Registration Night - April 20 next.

d. **P.C.Y.C. Single Handed and Double Handed Races** - Port Credit Yacht Club has put together an exciting 6 race schedule, in which Single and Double Handers will sail on the same dates from the same starting lines to the same finishes (and great parties afterwards). Details can be found on the OYS Website by clicking the appropriate link on our Racing page. Registration forms will be available on our own Race Registration Night - April 20 next. If you haven't participated in the P.C.Y.C. Single or Double Handed Program, a "try-the-first-race-on-us" is offered by the Double Handed Program coordinators. They'll wave the Registration fee of \$35 per race for the first race and will give you a special discount for the remainder of the

2004 races. OYS members can contact me for further information. Have the best sailing season ever.

**STEVE SCOTT  
PAST COMMODORE**

Yes we have Regalia.

As your duly elected haberdasher this season, I want to introduce JOLLYRAGGS as our Regalia supplier this year. Thank you Phil Hawkins and Rick Williams for passing the contact along to me. The folks at JOLLYRAGGS are keen sailors, they do the regalia for many other clubs in the Toronto area, and they did all the regalia for the Newfoundland Flotilla. They visited our club late last month and presented a huge selection of some pretty neat stuff as a prelude to the last Social Committee meeting, (Thank you Linda and Team!) You see, I sort of borrowed the Social Committee, knowing what good taste they

have, to serve as a good representation of our general membership to help sort through the myriad of samples and select our new spring line up.

As we speak the artwork is coming together and I am sure you all will be as pleased as punch when the samples arrive early next month.

Our initial line up will consist of men's and two styles of women's shirts, 3 in 1 jackets, reversible vests, reversible fleeces, a nice crew neck sweater, ball caps, fleece berets, and a zip top Samsonite yacht tote. Samples of all of these items along with our logos will all be on display and available in our ship's store. Don't see what you want - no worries - together we will find it.

A new order form is in the works that can simply be dropped off at the Tempest Pub where I'll retrieve the paperwork and initiate the order. I will also be able to

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*The 2004  
Commodore's  
Ball  
March 27*





More pictures will be on our Webpage shortly.

Above: Some of the Ladies...

Right: Security...two Lieutenant Colonels at the ready...

Below: More Ladies...

Lower Right: Service with a smile...



receive orders by email at oysterbay@sympatico.ca and Terry Joyce and Sandy Kennedy have also volunteered to make shopping online available from the OYS web site (although this still has to be resolved at this point in time). Thank you Terry and Sandy for your offer to help. More news will follow next month.

**RICK WILLIAMS  
RACE DIRECTOR**

The first race of the year is only one month away! Race registration will be held in the Crow's Nest Tuesday April 20th at 7:30 PM. If you intend to race, please come out and register. You will need to bring your chequebook as PHRF fees will be collected directly by the club this year. The fee will be \$20.00 for each participating boat. Repairs on Oyster are almost completed. Many thanks to Dave Moores, who organized the re-fit, and to the many

volunteers who assisted in this project. Oyster looks great and it is hoped that everyone who uses her will make sure that she stays that way. The final stage of the project will occur on April 24th at 9am when Bill Frenke will be organizing the disassembly of the shed that has so ably protected Oyster over the winter. Volunteers for this project can contact Bill at (905) 849-4653 or show up at 9am on the 24th with a crowbar and/or a hammer. The Derek Hatfield seminar at OYS was a standing room only affair with over 50 attendees. Derek's story is very exciting and I would recommend that anyone, who missed him at OYS, try to catch his presentation at one of the other clubs. You will not be disappointed.

**JANE LUMBERS  
SAILING SCHOOL  
DIRECTOR**

The Sailing School is gearing up for

another season. Bill Frenke and his team have made a great start to the renovation of the building and plans call for completion in early June. I am sure more hands will be most welcome so call Bill or myself and sign up - and get your volunteer hours out of the way. Bill Merry has successfully seen the Trillium grant through and six new and much need CL14's have been ordered for the White Sail Program. They will replace the CL's we bought used from RHYC about 18 years ago. They certainly served us well!! The Lake Ontario 300 has given OYS a developmental grant of \$1000. This money will be designated for assistance to our Junior Sailing Program. I am pleased to report that staffing has been completed and that Mike Frenke will be the Head Instructor this season. Ian Hogan has been hired



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as the race coach this year. Ian did his early training at OYS before joining the RCYC race team. Returning instructors and the addition of Sophie Coote for the White Sail Program will round out the rest of the staff.

The adult program has been substantially revamped for this year. More dinghy courses will be offered as well as more weeklong courses on Keelboats. This has been made possible by the addition of an Adult Program Head position, to be filled by Matt O'Donnell. Matt trained at Bronte, did his Gold at OYS and was race coach at OYS in 2002. Last summer he worked in Hamilton but taught adults at OYS - glad to have you back Matt.

I would like to thank Sandy Kennedy for all she has done to help the sailing school. She updated the registration forms and forwards to me all the emails we receive regarding the school. Many thanks. If you know of anyone needing lessons please direct them to the web site or directly to me. The registration forms are also available on the

web site at [www.oysqn.com](http://www.oysqn.com) or I will be happy to mail them out to you. Just contact me at [janelumbers@cogeco.ca](mailto:janelumbers@cogeco.ca) or by phone at 905-844-6562 mailbox 1.

### **GEORGE PROVOST CRUISING DIRECTOR**

Mark your calendars. Our sailing season has officially begun. Our first cruise of the season is scheduled for the Mimico Yacht Club on May 22nd and 23rd. The sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board May 8th. Please check the board in weeks to come for further details.

### **Officer of the Day Program**

The sign up sheet for the Officer of the Day program is on the bulletin board in the Crow's Nest entrance area. Please pick a date and sign up. I would hope to have all the dates covered by the end of May in order to provide everyone with a duty officer roster for the year. We all know how important this issue is. Please do your part and get involved with this program.

### **LINDA STEVENS SOCIAL DIRECTOR**

Our 2004 Commodore's Ball held at the Oakville Golf Club was a smashing success. The theme "Lake Ontario Local Lore" and the ship paintings of Canadian marine artist, Peter Rindlisbacher, were portrayed dramatically. Both theme ideas were put forward by Bill and Lynda Merry.

Thanks go out to some extremely talented people, Don and Darlene Fitzsimons and Patti Hibbard. Their head table ship, complete with Commodore's burgee, billowing sails and wonderful rigging was certainly a spectacular sight to see as one entered the ballroom. Table centrepieces were beautifully designed

books detailing local stories about Oakville and Lake Ontario and were created by Sylvia Henderson and Terry and Sue Joyce. They were a wonderful memento for those lucky winners who got to take them home. All members should make a special note of seeing the one on display in our Club trophy case. Dinner menu cards, place cards and booklets outlining each story with colourful pictures were designed and printed by Terry and certainly provided the perfect finishing touch.

I can't possibly thank each and every one of you enough for your enthusiasm, talent and generosity of time. You did indeed, make this an event to remember for all the attendees.

### **It's time to house clean at OYS**

#### **VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED BY PROPERTY DIRECTOR**

Needed:

50+ Members to work on OYS Spring  
Clean-up Day, Saturday, April 17th

- Work parties operating throughout day
- Come down early...come down later
- Jobs posted for easy selection
- Inside and outside jobs available

**Come and meet other members!!**

# Around OYS in March



**Top:** Some of the revellers who 'tipped' a couple at the Crow's Nest to St. Patrick's Day.



**Left:** View a picture from of our past 'Circa 1956' currently in the Crow's Nest. Id Crooke, thanks for finding this bit of history.

**Right:** Race Director, Rick Williams arranged a Thursday Pub Night that featured an informative presentation by Derek Hatfield.



**Left:** Over 50 members listened to Derek's discussion, and asked many questions about his single handed around the world sail.

**Launch Notes: Spring 2004**  
**From: Cynthia Robins**

Despite the horrible weather Ma Nature is throwing at us, launch is just around the corner. Every year I assemble the yard crews for launch and help smooth rough edges during the launch activities. Here are a few notes to get us on our way.

**The Date:** Launch is Saturday, May 1. We can't guarantee a time when your boat will be launched. We can make assumptions based on the boat's position in the yard, but the final decision is the crane operator's. It's your responsibility to be there when your boat is launched, and to have your bow & stern lines attached.

**The Harbour Master:** Ian Mylet is Harbour Master again this year. He did a wonderful job last year and I am looking forward to working for him again. Give him your support.

**Yard Crews:** Here are the types of jobs for which we need volunteers (number of people per shift):

- 2 people up on top of the boats attaching the slings prior to the crane lifting the boat
- 4 people at the dock taking the slings off after the boat is in the water
- 4 people at the cradle to steady each boat as it is lifted
- 2 people to handle the bow and stern lines as the boat is being lifted from the cradle to the water (experience preferred)
- 2 people on the dock to help the sailors get their boats away after the boat is launched
- 1 person to transport the slings from the dock area to the cradle area with the wheelbarrow.

**Volunteers:** Each shift lasts 2 ½ hours (7:00-9:30 am, 9:30-12:00 noon, 12:30-3:00 p.m. and 3:00-5:30 p.m. In total, approximately 50-60 people are needed for launch day, to fill all of the positions and times. Some of the work is a little more physically active, but there is something for everyone.

**Who Can Volunteer?** Everyone! Usually you see me around the boat yard on weekends in April signing up volunteers from the sailors who are launching. Towards the end of April, I start phoning those I haven't seen down at the club. Even if you don't own a boat, helping out at launch time is a good way to meet people (and - who knows - you might find a skipper who needs crew). Just call (905-845-1131) or send an email (robinsnest@globalserve.net) to let me know your preferred time and job. Oh yes - please be on time and be prepared to stay for your whole shift.

**Safety:** Safety first. Safety always. If you have hard hats, steel-toed work boots, work gloves, etc. - by all means wear them! Don't overexert anything, especially your back. Please keep small children and pets away from the crane, bobcat and water's edge.

**Towing and Mooring Lines:** Ian is planning to have a tow motorboat and operators, who will provide a tow to your mooring for those of you who can't get your engines going. Last year at haulout, the tow team of Lee Parkhill and Ross Mylet did a great job and also used the boat to put mooring lines on the tires. It is planned to provide a similar service again on launch day. This has become very popular with those of us who don't like hanging upside down off the sterns of our boats trying to attach/detach mooring lines.

**Special Circumstances:** If you will not be present to launch your boat (business, holiday, illness, etc.), please let me know as soon as possible who will be launching your boat for you (and their telephone number just in case). If you are bringing a trailer down and launching your boat from a trailer, please give me a call so we can schedule you in. Drysailers, please do not bring your boats into the club until given the go-ahead by the harbourmaster.

Thanks to those who have already called or emailed me to volunteer. Have a safe and happy sailing season.

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Terry Joyce, Publicity

**Some calendar notes....**

- The LO 300 Races are in play Thursday, July 15, 2004
- The Easter Seals Races at RCYC, Sunday, July 18, 2004
- The OYS Weekend Regatta is August 6, 7, and 8, 2004
- The 14th Annual Port Credit In Water Boat Show is August 27, 28, & 29, 2004

**OYSSS Building Renovations 'Call for Crews': from Bill Frenke**

The following work parties are scheduled for the Sailing School renovations:

Sat. April 24:	Take down the OYSTER garage.	Crew of 4.	9 a.m. to Noon.
Sat. May 8:	Build forms for new floor and install steel grid.	Crew of 6.	9 a.m. to Noon.
Sat May 15:	Supervise concrete float contractor.	Crew of 2.	9 a.m. to Noon.
Sat May 22:	Install doors, windows and cladding.	Crew of 8.	9 a.m. to 3 PM.
Mon May 24:	Interior electric's and walls.	Crew of 4.	9 a.m. to Noon.
Sat May 29:	Finishing work.	Crew of 6.	9 a.m. to Noon.

If you are able to participate in any or all of the above work parties, please let me know at 905 849 4653 or at bfrenke@cogeco.ca.

**Oakville Nautical Outfitters Plus:**

The new owner of the Oakville Yacht Outfitters, Harry Whittaker, has renamed the store, and is working to have the store open and in full operation for this season. Harry is in the process of renovations and bringing in key stock items to meet customer launch preparations. Planned full operation is April 14, with a store operation of Wed. to Sunday. The store will be open Easter weekend as well. The store's phone number is 905-844-9733.

**Flare and Safety Demonstration Night at PCYC:**

OYS members are invited to attend this information and demonstration meeting by Lori Mason, at the Port Credit Yacht Club, Wednesday, May 5th, starting at 7:30 PM. Bring your old flares and practice shooting them off in a safe and well instructed environment. Any over 10-year-old flares will be collected by the Marine Police Unit at no charge. 'The Store' will have some practice flares available.

Arrive early for a pub style dinner, just a drink, or just for the event. Lot's of room for all. If you have questions, please call Ian McAllister at 1 800 479-6603 Ext. 656.

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