

WINDJAMMER 2003

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Main Event Update

STEVE SCOTT COMMODORE

Perhaps an apology is in order. I recall my last article somewhat berated the elements and made a harsh reference to the long, cold and hard winter we have all been through. In retrospect, comments like that can sometimes cause these elements to come back and voice a rebuttal in the form of "you think that was bad, wait till you see April". This rebuttal has certainly caught my attention and I sincerely regret badmouthing the elements in the first place. I may have inadvertently hurt the feelings of the elements and been the cause of this horrendous ice storm. Come to think of it, I have heard a few others speaking harshly about this past winter and I may not be the one to blame after all.

Pub Night at the Crow's Nest

Every Thursday Night to April 24th starting at 8:00 PM

Racing Registration, Spring Clean-up and BBQ

April 12, Starts 8:00 am

'Specialty Beers Night' at the Crow's

Thursday, April 15, 8:00 PM

Racing Seminar 4- Racing Safety

Tuesday, April 22, 8:00 PM

Ladies Seaview Afternoon

Thursday, April 24, 3:00 PM

Tempest Bar Opens for the Season

Thursday, May 1, 8:00 PM

OYS Launch Day

Saturday, May 3

Cradle Day and Potluck Dinner

Saturday, May 10

Racing Spring Series Start- Sunday, May 11

Racing Wednesday Series Starts- May 14

Racing Thursday Series Starts- May 15

OYS Cruise to Mimico

Weekend- May 24-25

J-22 Regatta at OYS

Weekend- May 24-25

(see Racing on our Web page and Scuttlebutt)

Sailing School Open House

Monday May 26, 9:30 PM, Main Clubhouse

OYS Sailpast and Annual Pig Roast

Saturday, June 7

(Event starts at 12 Noon)

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

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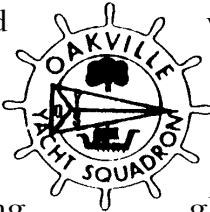
From the Executive

While there were thoughts as to delaying launch due bad weather, the necessity of booking the crane and bobcat well in advance and the impact on the racing schedule have negated those ideas. Launch will proceed on schedule and I am confident we will all manage to be ready. Knowing how unpredictable our spring weather can be, many had started the job last fall.

What a great time was had by all who attended the 2003 Commodore's Ball. Dawn and I were one of the first to arrive and my jaw dropped to the floor in awe when I beheld the wondrous efforts of Linda Stevens and Terry Joyce and the many committee members. My hat is off to the many people who played a part in making that precious day such a success for all those who attended.

Ian Mylet and his committee have worked very hard over the long winter and the resulting summer mooring list has been approved and published. There was very little turnover this year. Our harbormaster has a hard set of shoes to fill each year and I heartily commend him as his task was well done. There is plenty of work ahead as the mooring patch is pieced back together in preparation for launch and Ian will no doubt be grateful for any assistance you may care to lend to his work parties as the season unfolds.

Al Parkhill and his committee should also be commended for their restoration of the Men's



washroom. They have worked hard to return it to its former glory over the winter months. Thank you Al and team.

Al tells me that the Crows Nest will receive some plaster repairs and a long needed coat of paint in May. With this in mind, I wonder if I could round up a small team of Burgee Hangers to help mount the many burgees that we have acquired over the past years? Please give me a call if you think you could find some time to join in the fun.

Now, I'm not complaining, but April ice has built up in Oyster Bay's rigging and several

large chunks of it have managed to loosen and fall right through the plastic bubble that envelopes the boat. This has left a few small holes and fresh cubes on the deck. Tiller the cat has started looking up a little more often as she jaunts about the deck waiting for spring and her return to home in Oakville.

The next time you read one of my articles, we'll all have our boats in the water and be well on the way to a safe and enjoyable summer.

AL PARKHILL PROPERTY DIRECTOR

It's been a long cold winter but finally the weather is starting to look like spring may actually get here.

After our Commodore's Ball (great job Linda and crew) our thoughts turn to preparing our boats and



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clubhouse for another season.

If the weather cooperates we may even be able to turn on the outside water soon.

During the last couple of weeks of March we have been working on the Men's bathroom, trying to make it as attractive as the Ladies (no small task). I would like to thank Pierre and Jonathan Boileau, John De Sousa, and Ted Haugen, for giving up their weekends to give me a much needed hand at painting and cleaning and to Ray Weise for repairing the tile.

I hope to see everyone at the club on April 12th to pitch in for Clean-up day (starting at 8:00 am). If we all help out we can start out the season in great shape so there will be lots of time to enjoy our boats and

the club facilities.

Hope to see everyone at the club and on the water.

**GEORGE PROVOST
CRUISING DIRECTOR**

As I sit at my computer to write this article, the Weather Gods are playing havoc with any thoughts I might have to getting at my many boat projects. Before we know it however, our boats will be in the water and our cruising season will have begun.

Our first destination this year is set for the Mimico Cruising Club on May 24/25. Hot buttered rum and other goodies are on the agenda with more details to follow. The sign-up sheet will be posted at the club on May 14th.

The ever popular 6th annual Jimmy Buffet Cruise to the Island Yacht Club is

slated for June 21/22.

June 28/29/30 brings us to Bluffers Park Yacht Club for our Canada Day Celebrations.

July 19/20 The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, with a tour and wine tasting at our favorite vineyard owned by our own club member John De Sousa.

August 2/3/4 Cruise planned but location and details to be confirmed.

August 30/31/September 1 brings us to Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club for our last official summer cruise.

**OFFICER OF THE
DAY PROGRAM**

Once again, our Officer of the Day program will be in effect. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by

the washrooms. Remember, this is a great way to promote our club and get to meet fellow sailors. The procedures are similar to previous years. Simply monitor Channel 68 on the VHF radio mounted at the patio door of the clubhouse or use the VHF on your own boat.

All you need do is check the "Sign Out Book" to see which slips are available and allocate visiting cruisers to either a member's vacant slip or the visitor's dock. Hours are 6-9 on Friday evenings and noon to 6 PM on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday Mondays.

We have all visited clubs around the lake and know how comforting it is to be greeted by a smile and a helping hand as we enter an unfamiliar harbor. Please pick a date and sign up before

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The OYS 2003 Commodore's Ball



Above: Tall Ship Head Table View

Right: Receiving Line Welcome



Above: Cocktail gathering at the Ball



Above: Dinner Attendees

Left: View of Head Table





**Above: Master of Ceremonies, Vice Commodore, Bill Merry
Right: Commodore Steve Scott addresses dinner attendees**



Above: Linda Stevens, Social Director, thanks Chef and staff of Richview



Above and left: Dancing until the 'Wee hours' to music arranged by 'Kruz' Radio

April 27th, or call me at 905-849-8832. You can also e-mail me at gprovost@fluidpack.com

**RICHARD BODT
HOUSE DIRECTOR**

From the Crow's Nest . . .

I am sitting here in shock, snow and ice everywhere, my street is still not ploughed and I am stuck in the driveway. This was supposed to be the weekend to take the cover off my new baby, "Rhapsody" and give her lots of

TLC. Not that she needs it, David Cyr obviously babied her, but a new toy is a new toy and needs fondling. I have never lived through such a miserable winter, even Montreal (where I lived from '69 - '72) winters seemed more "civilized" and predictable.

But winter should be almost over as we are now on daylight savings time! Winter activities at the Crow's Nest are coming to an end, just the "Beer &


Food" on April 15th, the 4th Racing Seminar on April 22nd and "the Last Night at the Crows' Nest" on April 24th. I have got some terrific 2002 memories to show you that night and might even have a few "2003 Commodore's Ball" pictures.

A good time to say "Thank you" to all the people, who worked so hard to make the Crows' Nest a fun place this winter; Linda Stevens and her Social Committee (Christmas Party, New Year Eve, New Year's Day, Valentine's, etc., etc.), Rick Williams and "Ceddie" (Car Rally), Gary Bell (Wine, Single Malt and Beer Tasting), Lee Anderson (New Year's Day Race and Racing Seminars), Anne Crook and Lorraine Bartell (Ladies Sea View), Terry Joyce (Windjammer, "From the Docks", photos and videotapes), Sandy Kennedy (Crows' Nest Website publicity), Laurie and Al Parkhill (for cleaning up the

Crows Nest after EVERYBODY!!!). I am sure I forgot contributors and events (for which I do apologize in advance). I also want to thank all the club members (my lips are sealed) who made it a point to come to the Crows' Nest . . . and contributed so generously to the bottom line. You made it possible to put on all the events and still keep me in the black. Last but not least a big "Thank you" to Id Crook and the Lovely Lenora, who were "there" ALL the time.

The summer and separate racing calendars look "cool". Great cruises, including a repeat of the already famous/notorious visit the De Sousa Wine Cellars, lots of racing and of course the big highlights; Sailpast and the OYS Regatta.

The Men's washroom is freshened up. The Crow's Nest will be totally repainted and is therefore off limits in May till the painting is done.

<p>ANOTHER SEAVIEW AFTERNOON</p>	 <p>Cape Forchu Lighthouse</p>
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Attention OYS Ladies

Come and join in for Champagne and Appetizers at the Crow's Nest

Thursday, April 24, 2003, 3:00 P.M.

Participants please alternate by either purchasing a bottle of Australian "Seaview Brut" Sparkling Wine at the OYS bar or bringing an appetizer of your choice.

For information call:
Anne Crook (905) 842-7949
Lorraine Bartell (905) 842-0052

Gary Bell has "donated/organized" a brand new sound-system for the Crows' Nest. We're switching from "Star Choice" (which broke down 3 x this winter) to Ma Bell's Satellite TV system. The Club is funding a professional P.A. System, which Chris Caley volunteered to install.

I hope the weather will be kind to us for the balance of April. Please volunteer a shift for the launch and have a great, GREAT, sailing season.

Richard

PS I am looking for (racing) crew for "Rhapsody"

**LINDA STEVENS
SOCIAL DIRECTOR**

The first social event of the year, Commodore's Ball, was a wonderful evening with good food, great music

and lots of fun. This year's theme, "Square Riggered Ships" chosen by Steve and Dawn Scott was carried out in spectacular fashion, thanks entirely to the artistic talents of Darlene and Don Fitzsimons and Patti Hibbard. I hope we can reconstruct their efforts at some point during the year so that it can be enjoyed by all members. Sincere appreciation is also extended to Sue and Terry Joyce. Once again Terry's artistry produced some beautiful dinner menu cards and information folders and Sue's centerpieces were the special touch to complete the black and white décor. To the entire committee, a huge thank-you for a job very well done!

Of note also is the "Women for Sail" evening held in the Crows Nest. This

event was aptly paneled by three of our own sailors, Kathryn Bamford, Dee Taylor and Sandy Kennedy, each of whom shared some of their backgrounds and introductions to sailing. The intent was to have a forum for ladies to ask questions, express concerns and/or offer suggestions in order for everyone to feel more comfortable, safe and knowledgeable about sailing. Several topics were discussed and ideas brought forward. It was decided by all that more times together, both on and off the water, would be extremely beneficial. Thanks to all that attended - please encourage the participation of others as we try to plan more sessions



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Terry Joyce, Publicity

The Canadian J22 Championships: Bruce and Helen Scott

How many J22 sailors does it take to launch a boat? You'll find the answer at the J22 Canadian Championships being hosted by OYS the weekend of May 24th! The word is out, the registration forms are beginning to roll in and we're looking forward to finally, after 10 years, having our J22 friends near and far sail our fair waters and enjoy Oakville's hospitality.

Our local Oakville fleet is swelling at the bow, with 3 boats. Whitby and Niagara-on-the-Lake boats will be joining us. From across the border we will have boats from Tawas Bay, Michigan and Youngstown, N.Y. Any OYS member who is INTERESTED IN HOSTING an out of town competitor - usually a crew of three, sometimes a spouse or two, please contact the SCOTT'S at 905 339 0262. Floor space in a nice, warm home would be appreciated.

Boats will begin to roll in Friday May 23rd for registration and refreshments. The racing will begin on Saturday by 1100 hours, headed up by Andrew Riem, our J27 big sister owner of Curved Air and a capable Oyster crew. The mid-regatta race party will continue at the club Saturday evening with a BYO barbecue. Plan to join us and check out our race happy family. The racing will resume Sunday and wrap up with award presentations on the lawn in the late afternoon.

If you're looking for a responsive, well-balanced boat with hitch-up-and-tow-it-away features, a J22 is the boat for you! A crew of three, maximum crew weight of 606 pounds, and competitive venues, averaging 15 to 25 boats, all season long have kept our racing interest alive and forged our willingness to travel. Over the years we have met great racers from nearby ALTERNATIVE GIRLFRIEND at NOLSC to a ROLEX=DARK & STORMY and ISAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS in Dubai, UAE. The J22 has proven to be a truly competitive, reliable, fun boat.

We look forward to your support of our first regatta of the 2003 season.

Derek Pollock, 'Gremlin' writes:

While many of you attended the AGM to keep the Club on an even keel I was in St. Maarten sailing on Stars & Stripes. This was a Cruise Ship side trip and while the race is staged so that each of the three yachts wins either a mark rounding or an eventuas win it is well worth participating.

The yachts are two versions of Stars & Stripes, True North and two others, which were at anchor. The yachts are authentic except for the booms, which have been raised for safety reasons. Also roller furling has been added to the foresails. If you go you are invited to crew or just go for the ride but crewing makes it vastly more interesting.

Going upwind at 15 knots in three metre seas in 24 knot tradewinds is a truly wonderful, wet experience. Do it if you can!

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CYNTHIA ROBINS

OYS 2003 LAUNCH DAY NOTES

My clipboard and I are gearing up for this spring's launch, and here are a few items to help us get sailing faster and easier. Every year I assemble the yard crews for launch (hence the clipboard, for those of you who don't know me).

The Date: Launch is Saturday, May 3. We only need one day for launch. I think that is because everyone is so excited about going sailing (and, more practically, because it takes less time to launch a boat than to put it down into the cradle).

The Harbourmaster: Ian Mylet is Harbourmaster 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 we need volunteers for (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: My goal is to have each shift last 2 ½ hours (7:00-9:30 am, 9:30-12:00 noon, 12:30-3:00 PM and 3:00-5:30 PM. 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! Thanks to those who have already called or emailed me to volunteer. Usually you see me around the boat yard on weekends in April signing up volunteers from the sailors who are preparing for launch. 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 Brett Parkhill and Ross Mylet did a great job and also used the boat to get mooring lines off 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.

Timing: 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.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SAILING SEASON.



O.Y.S. 2003 Calendar

Saturday	April 12	Club	All day	Spring Clean-up, Race Registration & B.B.Q.
Tuesday	April 15	CN	20:00	"Beer & Food" Tasting
Tuesday	April 22	CN	20:00	Fourth Racing Seminar - Racing Safety.
Thursday	April 24	CN	15:00	Ladies Sea View
Thursday	April 24	CN	20:00	Last Night at the Crow's Nest(2002 Slide Show)
Thursday	May 1	TB	20:00	First Night at the Tempest Bar
Saturday	May 3	Club	8:00	LAUNCH DAY
Saturday	May 10	Club	All day	Cradle Day & Potluck Supper
Sunday	May 11	RACING		Start Spring Series - note 1
Wednesday	May 14	RACING		Start Wednesday Series - note 1
Thursday	May 15	RACING		Start Thursday Series - note 1
Sat - Sun	May 24-25	OYS CRUISE		Mimico Yacht Club
Sat - Sun	May 24-25	Club	All day	J-22 Regatta (Bruce Scott)
Monday	May 26	Club	19:30	OYS Sailing School Open House
Saturday	May 31	Club		Private Function - A Mayers
Sunday	June 1	Club		Private Function - G. Goodfellow
Saturday	June 7	Club	12:00	SAILPAST
Mon - Fri	June 22 - 27	Club	All day	O.S.A. Green Clinic (B. Merry)
Sat - Sun	Jun 21-22	OYS CRUISE		Island Yacht Club
Sat - Mon	Jun 28-30	Club		Arlberg Regatta (M. Steinz)
Sat - Mon	Jun 28-30	OYS CRUISE		Bluffers Park Yacht Club
Tuesday	July 1	Club	15:00	Canada Day picnic BBQ
Sat - Sun	Jul 19-20	OYS CRUISE		Hamilton Yacht Club
Thursday	July 24	Club	18:00	OYS Sailing School Graduation Dinner
Sat - Mon	Aug 2-4	OYS CRUISE		Tuscarora Yacht Club
Fri - Sun	Aug 8-10	Club	All day	OYS REGATTA - See Website
Thursday	Aug. 21	Club	18:00	OYS Sailing School Graduation Dinner
Sat - Mon	Aug 30-Sep 1	OYS CRUISE		Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club
Friday	Sept 19	Club		Private function - G. Cooke
Sat - Sun	Oct 25 - 26	Club		HAUL-OUT
Saturday	Nov. 1	Club		Awards Night
Saturday	Nov. 8	Local	11:00	OYS Car Rally

- For full details see Racing Calendar
- During the Racing Season the Tempest Bar will be open after every race.
- Will be updated from time to time on the OYS Web-pages see: <http://www.oysqn.com>
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