

WINDJAMMER 2001

FROM THE COMMODORE

PETER JACKSON

Well, here we are in the Holiday Season with lots of snow and cold. Our wonderful sailboats are safe under their covers and all we have is GAM and Canadian Yachting to keep our dreams alive (plus Thursday night at the Crow's Nest & the Toronto Boat Show).

Your executive is hard at work planning for our upcoming season, and this is the best time if you have some thoughts on improvements, changes, additions, new approaches etc., etc. to share them with us. We meet the first Tuesday of every month with the various sub committees establishing their own schedule based on need.

The new members of your executive (Mike Dale, Social, Don Hendry, Treasurer, Sandy Kennedy, House, Malcolm Macfarlane, Racing, and Adam Mayers, Secretary) are already hard at work along with rest of our 15 member group, of which many of us are learning new roles. Remember Maurice is now in charge of Regalia (what will the engineer provide and will Linda have any influence?) Welcome Mr. & Mrs. Haberdashery.

We will be planning two or three winter and spring events in addition to the

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Event Update

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT OVER WINTER PERIOD

Crow's Nest

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH
Bobby Burns' Scotch Night

at the Crow's Nest

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
Cruising's Ceramic Night

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
OYS Slip Applications Cut Off

THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH
Saint Patrick's Night at Crow's

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST
Commodore's Ball

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH
Race registration Night

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH
OYS Launch

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH
OYS Cradle Day

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH
OYS Potluck Dinner

FIRST CRUISE
50 Point (tentative)



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Commodore's Ball in March. Notices will be included in the Windjammer, sent via E-mail, and posted at OYS, please plan to attend and have fun. We encourage all that have an e-mail address to contact Terry Joyce to have it added to our OYS list.

Writing columns like this is not a job I look forward to (so they will not be too long). However, I am very excited about being your Commodore this year and welcome your comments and advice.

Two additional items:

OYS lost a long time contributor to our club when George Von Estorff passed away at the beginning of December. Gary & Maureen Bell and Pat Dinsmore represented the club at the funeral.

Further in this issue you will find a reprint of the letter from the Town declining our request for addition docks. We will continue to make every effort to make OYS as accessible to all members' whether you are on the Town docks, OC or at OYS.

CEDRIC MILLER VICE COMMODORE

Whilst we are all rushing for our long johns and heavy winter coats it is good to know some members have their priorities right, and will have their shorts on.

Bob and Joyce Wade have "Seasons Ticket" in Fort

From the Executive

Myers and will continue their cruising in Florida and the Bahamas after Christmas. Karl and Madeline Fiala have "Salt Spring" in Florida, and are having a great time. Harry and Maureen Cooke will be back in Florida on "Anglezarke" in January for further adventures to maybe include Cuba. Marcel and Karen Steinz expect to go down to "Southern Cross" in January for more cruising in the Florida Keys and possibly the Bahamas.

I know that Howard Youngs has already been sailing with David Cyr in Florida and I am sure many others of you have sailing plans for the winter. Any stories or anecdotes will be much appreciated by the editor.

Anyway, best wishes to all for the holiday season from Janet and myself. We will be thinking of you at Christmas when we are down with Janet's daughter and grandchildren in Palm Desert, California.

ULRICH WICKARDT HARBOUR MASTER

By now the dredging of

Oakville Harbour is under way, so that the shuffling of boats which was necessary at the beginning of the last two seasons will be a thing of the past. Prior to dredging we removed the stern anchors. They will be replaced in the spring, complete with new chains.

Depending on the renewals and new applications received in February, it may be necessary to alter some of the mooring spacing. We will also be adjusting some of the mooring widths, which should have been done two years ago, but was left due to the uncertain delays in dredging. There will not be a major reallocation of moorings. As far as possible, boats currently moored on club docks will be in the same location in 2001 as in 2000. Any relocation of boats allocated a mooring in 2000 will be done only to maximize space utilization and consistency in boat sizes, and not to accommodate personal preferences.

In order to leave some extra time for review of the moorings, applications for summer moorings are being mailed about a week earlier

than usual, with a similarly early closing date. By now you may already have received your application form. When you receive it, why not fill it in and return it immediately.

Brackets for the new safety ladders for the high dock were completed in early October. Since location of the ladders is affected by mooring location, installation will be done after any respacing of moorings. There will be a total of ten ladders on the high dock, including the existing two. We are also looking into providing lifelines at water level.

JANET MACDONALD CRUISING DIRECTOR

Only five months to go until our first cruise on Lake Ontario!! We are still in the planning stages so if any of you would like to join, there is always room for new members on the Cruising Committee. It is a lot of fun to get involved and see your ideas put into action. We will assign each couple responsibility for coordinating a cruise to a particular destination, but everyone on the Committee works with them to have a successful event.

We would like to organize a winter get together at the Ceramic Studio 4A (located at Lakeshore & Forsythe) to create some ceramic masterpieces for your boat or home. You don't need to



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Please call me at 844-8930 if you would like to participate.

DIRK RASMUSSEN
MEMBERSHIP
DIRECTOR

I would like to join the rest of the OYS executive in wishing each of you a very happy New Year and a great sailing season for the year 2001.

We are starting the year with 145 "Full", 62 "Associate", 3 "Junior" (excluding Sailing School) as well as 10 "Life" and "Honorary" members. Every year we welcome new members as well as accept resignations and changes in membership types. In order to give you an indication of the dynamics of the club membership, what follows is a summary of an analysis of data for the years 1999 and 2000:

- 20 new members joined in 2000 (7 Full, 10 Associate, 3 Junior)



- 23 resignations in 2000 (11 Full, 12 Associate)
- 9 changes in membership e.g. F to AS, F to ABS, AS to F etc
- Net loss of 3 members
- Reasons for resignation:
 - Lost interest in sailing (7)
 - Sold boat (6)
 - Moving out of the area (5)
 - Not satisfied with OYS policies, practices or facilities (3)
 - Harbour too shallow (2)

On the business side, the OYS Membership invoices for the year 2001 will be mailed out on January 31st


and your remittance is required by March 15th. You will note that the membership fees have increased by \$25 for Full members and \$10 for Associate, Absentee and Junior members. This is the first increase in about five years and it is required to offset the slowly increasing costs of operating the club and its programs. The increase is very small (approx. 1% per year) and I am certain you agree that despite our practice of fiscal restraint, fee increases are occasionally required.

This year, your executive will work hard to increase

the membership through a number of initiatives and by addressing issues that may affect membership. In the meantime, if you have questions, comments or suggestions on membership related matters, please give me a call at 905-844-6441 or e-mail me at drasmuss@direct.com

TERRY JOYCE
PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

With the stroke of midnight on Sunday the 31st, we celebrated the end of the first year of the new Millennium. Having just got use to writing 00 on my dates, now I have to again concentrate




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to put down 01. I note that so far referring to "00" never took off like sayings such as "remember the summer of 66", or "try getting a job in 33". The way things are going though, we may all be referring back to, "the winter of 01".

As we move through the winter issues of the Windjammer, I will be adding an Internet Site Listing for areas of interest to club members. I have a few Web Sites now, and I am looking for others to add to the list. If you have a favorite site and think it should go on the list, please send it to me at OYSSoCom@aol.com (Terry Joyce)

We are also continually updating the OYS member e-mail list. If you have e-mail address changes or wish to be added to the listing please send me an e-mail to the above address. Please note for your information that this AOL address is for Terry Joyce, and is not an official OYS e-mail address. Please do not give it out to Sailing Associations, etc.

SANDY KENNEDY HOUSE DIRECTOR

The "Hors d' Oeuvres and Eggnog" Christmas event in the Crow's Nest Pub was an absolutely delightful evening to kick off the Y2K holiday season merriment. I want to extend my thanks to Anne Crook for the organi-

zation, to Id Crook and Terry Joyce for bartending services and, of course, to all the members who braved the wet, wintry weather to pack the house with lots of food and fun. Intrepid, each and every one!

Ideas and volunteers to organize additional Thursday pub theme nights are welcome. Simply let me know what you'd like to do on which Thursday, and we'll get the ball rolling. The Crow's Nest will be open every Thursday night from 8 p.m. on an on-going basis (theme or no theme) until we start the summer schedule in the main clubhouse.

Those club members wishing to hold private parties, meetings, etc., between now and spring launch can book the Crow's Nest Pub subject to the terms of OYS's non-commercial private function agreement. Please give me a call to schedule your event and make arrangements for any catering, bar or clean-up services required.

MIKE DALE SOCIAL DIRECTOR

The Millennium 2001 Regatta on New Years Day went off without a hitch — and without any regatta!! The cold spell of the preceding week froze over the river almost to the end of the pier leaving no harbour open water for sailing and more importantly no way to


launch the Boston Whaler safety boat. Dave Beattie did a much better job of arranging the weather last year.

About 50 stalwarts showed up for the barbecue portion of the event and we had a great lunch and bar, with thanks to the Chef's Bill Merry and Maurice Stevens, and Sandy Kennedy on House. In place of the regatta we cobbled together an OYS trivia and scavenger hunt. There were 15 questions covering such topics as the date we rescued our Lighthouse (answer, 1960), and the street name coming down the hill to OYS (answer, Francis).

The contest was narrowly won by the Merry's group of Emily, Ingrid, Claire, and Eleanor. Close on the heels of the winners was the Mylet – Parkhill team.

Thank you all for your participation and assistance at this yearly regatta event.

After polling the executives for a consensus regarding continuing to hold the Commodore's Ball at the same location, I have been in contact with the Richview Golf and Country Club and have booked the Ball for Saturday, March 31st. Between now and then I will be actively seeking members interested in helping out as part of the Social Committee. If you are interested, please contact me at mike.dale@4office.com or (905) 822-9907.



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