

OGYC News June, 2009

Commodore's Corner, June 2009

I think summer is here but it's sneaking up on us this year. You really wouldn't want the glorious weather all at once anyway. What would there be to look forward to. Summer is arriving slowly but now that the OGYC Centennial Season has started it seems to be moving pretty fast. The BBYRA Commodores Ball, alias British Virgin Islands (BVI) at OGYC, has come and gone, the sailing program has begun and my boat is in the water. What more could I ask for? Maybe a peek at the sun would be nice.

In 1981 Ocean Gate Yacht Club and Pine Beach Yacht Club got together and created the First BBYRA Commodores Ball. The concept was to draw in as many Commodores of the BBYRA and its member yacht clubs to be honored for their service to their organizations. I was the Commodore of OG back then and Russ Whitman was the Commodore of PB. It was great to see Russ and Carol Whitman at this event that we started back 28 years ago. That was a formal dinner party format held at Sheppard Hall on the grounds of Farragut Academy. There is an excellent account of that event, by Dolores Brown in our Centennial Booklet.

I cannot thank Nancy and Harry Foote and their team enough for the work they put into the 28th Annual Commodore's Ball. Not many know the effort, thought and planning that went into this event. This event was quite a departure from the ball format of the last few years, and from the first ball for that matter. This one was planned to be a casual, fantastic, fun party and it turned out to be exactly that. What a great time everyone had! Our guests came by Land and Sea to experience a visit to several BVI lookalike watering holes manned by Katie Foote and her crew. Jersey Joe's Barbecue provided a superb menu of tasty hors d'oeuvres and delicious main course with "BVI" flair. The CPR band played music for everyone's dancing and listening pleasure.

Whether you were there or not, you need to see the beautiful pictures taken by Randy Nunn of the property with all of the tents and flags and lighting. The pictures are posted on www.OGYC.net. I would say that you wouldn't know the place. The "Old Gal" cleans up nice. What a night to remember.

I am extremely proud of what was accomplished and I am sure that those attending from other BBYRA member clubs enjoyed themselves as much as we did having them aboard. Kudos to our volunteers, our guests and everyone involved and to all, my personal Thank You

Next up is the Centennial/New Members' Cocktail Party hosted by Rosemary and Paul Butow. It's different from the last party in that the dress code is dress up. Please leave

the shorts and flip flops behind. Jacket and tie are optional. Please wear your uniform for this one officers. It's a great price at \$10 for dancing, an extensive assortment of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and an evening out. Specialty drinks will be featured in the Commodore's Lounge.

Try not to miss the OGYC float in the parade on the 4th of July organized by Donnalee Snyder and her parade team. Pub Nite is next on the 11th. Remember the social schedule is posted at www.OGYC.net. The schedule changes as information becomes available and the plans are finalized for events. Please check to see what is next on the schedule. Lots more to come.

The last few items on our fix-up list have been delayed by about the same number of days that we've had rain this year. The flagpole is undergoing a total refurbishing, rewiring and a shiny new coat of paint thanks to the efforts of Gary Mease of Ocean Gate Yacht Basin and Bernie Blomquist of Blomquist Electric. A small part of the cost for this project is being covered by a few donations from members. Carl Bach is diligently working on his project to build a new bulletin board for the front of the club that is really something special. We need some sun.

Last but certainly not least here is another attempt to say "THANK YOU" to everyone involved in getting OGYC ready for this special year. There are many others planning and working the events and the sailing program. I don't want to forget anyone so I'm not going to try to name you all. You've all been a fantastic help and extremely generous in the donation of time and resources. It would be nice to see some different faces--don't be shy.

Thanks for reading and I hope to see you soon.

Commodore Riley Applegate

BBYRA

The racing season has started with a poor weather day last Saturday. Hopefully we will have a good representation on the bay this season.

Sailing

Sailing program started this week.

Next Thursday, July 2nd is the Feed the Need Regatta @ Pine Beach Yacht Club. Many of our junior sailors participate in this event. This Regatta is also a fund-raiser for our local food pantry at St. Barnabas Church in Bayville. Times are tough right now and many families are in need. There will be a storage tub in OGYC beginning on Thursday, June 25th with a sign that says "Feed the Need Regatta Donations." The sailors are asked to donate one food item for the pantry. For example: dry pasta, jello, mac & cheese,

peanut butter, box pudding - no refrigerator items please. Even if they are not participating in the regatta, it would be a wonderful gesture on their part to donate. I will be responsible for bringing the tub to the regatta on July 2nd on OGYC's behalf. The kids will not have to worry about bringing a donation that day. The club that collects the most food for the cause wins a pizza party on behalf of PBYC for their sailing team.

Anyone from the club can make a donation, you do not have to be a sailor. Thanks so much for your time and generosity.

Sunday Series starts this week.

Social

The BBYRA Ball was a great evening. Congratulations to Nancy and Harry Foote and their committee for putting this together. The food was quite good, the CPR Band was good, and the rain actually held off for the evening. Under the club was transformed into 4 different island bars, each serving a different tropical drink. A water taxi using our inflatable was provided for those coming by boat and anchoring in the cove. There was a huge tent for the seating and the buffet. Dancing in the sand is a little tough on the legs but we had fun!

The kegs got iced up all week and there were plenty of drinks left so we worked on them last Saturday night along with the chicken that was frozen. There was a nice selection of dishes and desserts.

As you know this Saturday, the 27th, is the Centennial Committee Welcome Cocktail Party.

July 4th we are having a float in the parade and the bar will be open to watch the fireworks at night.

July 11th is Pub Night. I don't have details yet.

July 18th is still uncertain. Might be the talent show or duck race.

July 25th is the children's auction.

July 31st is the annual Island Heights –Ocean Gate party at Ocean Gate.

August 1st will be the Centennial Committee BBQ.

The open meetings will be at 7:30 PM on Friday, July 10th, and **Sunday**, August 16th, time TBA. Elections will be August 28th.

Sunday morning” coffee and doughnuts” has started. We need volunteers to set it up some weeks. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen. After that you can stay and watch the Sunday Series races.

Information will be posted at the club for the various events coming up.

Building and Grounds

The flagpole is at the Ocean Gate Yacht Basin being painted. We will no longer have to search for red and blue light bulbs for it. We got colored covers.

The bulletin board in front of the club is in the process of being made.

Membership

We hope to see the new members at the cocktail party on Saturday.

If you haven't paid your dues please do it now!

Showcase

There are some nice new items in the showcase including centennial burgees. Get one to proudly fly on your boat! The showcase is open during most social events and Sunday mornings.

2006 Boston Whaler 110TD for Sale

(Purchased new in the summer of 2007)

Hull Length 11 feet 4 inches Beam 5 feet 6 inches

Mercury 15HP 4 Stroke Engine

2007 Load Rite Trailer 180 pounds

Mooring gear included

This boat was in the water for two seasons (and professionally maintained each season). It has hardly been used – I bought it for my son when he turned thirteen, but he rarely took it out. It is currently winterized, parked in my yard.

I bought this boat for my son because it falls into the size and power restrictions for thirteen to sixteen-year-old's with boating licenses. Of course, it can be used by adults as well. I bought a Boston Whaler because I felt that it was the safest boat on the market.

\$5000.00

E-mail me at frankm@school-time.com or call 917-841-3585.

Please come out to the club activities and make the 100th year the best ever!