



OGYC NEWS

December 16, 2010
Merry Christmas!



From the Commodore's Desk

As submitted by Matt Marrow

"It's all cold down along the beach, the wind's whipping down the boardwalk... Hey band! You guys know what time of year it is? What time, huh? What? What? Christmas time?...." Bruce Springsteen, "Santa Claus is coming to Town"

Christmas time may be fast approaching, but at Ocean Gate Yacht Club its Dredging time. Every year as the rest of the world gets ready for the holidays, the cold air heralds the return of heavy equipment to the yacht club to remove the sand that has accumulated in the breakwater area over the year. This year, the burden for removing the sand will be heavier than in the last few years as the area to the north of the breakwater will need to be dredged as well, and this will require bringing in a barge to do it.

The accumulation of sand in our breakwater area is the natural result of the wind and wave action that moves sand down the beach from east to west. During the last few years, we have been struggling to find a way to manage the accumulation of sand in a way that minimizes our cost to remove it. Utilizing land based excavators, we typically have to pay between seven and eight thousand dollars a year to remove the sand, but when we need to bring in a barge because

the sand has accumulated beyond the reach of land based systems then the costs skyrocket. This years cost will exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

We will be attempting something new this year by creating a hole north of the breakwater that will allow the sand to collect in an area that is within reach of the land based system. As time passes and the hole fills in, it should reduce the quantity of sand that is currently passing into the breakwater area. Time will tell if this strategy will work.

In preparation to have this work done, it is imperative that all boats be removed from club property by December 1 of each year. It seems that we always have to contact a few members to have their boats removed in a timely manner. The deadline is listed on your ground space lease that you sign each year, and this is done to prevent any damage as a result of moving the heavy equipment around the property in support of dredging operations. We only have until December 31st of each year to get the dredging completed because the state imposes a moratorium on it from January to July to protect spawning fish.

On another subject, we are fast approaching the end of our year long study on volunteerism at the club. I hope to be able to share the details of this study with you next month as the last of the hours should be counted and quantified. The result of this study may have a dramatic impact on how the club will operate in future years. But in the meantime, please continue to forward to Donnalee Snyder any hours spent in support of club operations (social events, bar tending, building maintenance, sailing program, etc.).

Finally, I want to wish all of our members a happy and safe holiday season, and a happy new year as well.

Matt



Rear Commodore News

as submitted by Jim Fry

The Rear Commodore has the responsibility for running the bar and the social events. There are two committees to support these functions, the bar committee and the social committee. Beginning in January 2011 the bar committee will meet once a month. All members are invited to share their ideas with the committee. Bar committee meetings alternate between Sundays and Thursdays to accommodate members that do not live in Ocean Gate full time. Thursday meetings are held in the club at 7:00 PM and Sunday meetings are held at 10:00AM. Thursday's meetings are January 6, March 3, May 5, July 7, September 1 and November 3. Sunday's meetings are February 6, April 3, June 5, August 7, October 2 and December 4. Social committee meetings are in the process of being established and will be forwarded in the next newsletter. Belonging to these committees is a great way to volunteer your time and efforts in support of the club. Hope to see you at the next meetings.



Slips and Ground Space

As submitted Riley Applegate

Building and Grounds

SLIP HOLDERS - 12/31/10 IS THE DEADLINE FOR SLIP CONTRACTS AND DEPOSITS.

Linda and I know that the Holiday Season can get very busy. Please DO NOT FORGET about the OGYC Slip Deposit and the Signed Contract Due 12/31/10. If you sent it in already thank you and have a Happy Holiday.

Those that have not responded to our emails please do so. We need to know that you have received your Contract. If you haven't received your contract we will resend in PDF or by Snailmail if necessary. If your email has changed contact us at snapcom@hotmail.com or call (732) 267-3799.



Social

As submitted by Joella Nicastro

Volunteerism

The social committee is looking for some volunteers to host an event during the month of January and February 2011. Both months are currently available!! The goal is to have one event each month so please share your ideas and volunteer your services. **Remember that this club survives due to the generosity of our volunteer members.** Please get involved in ANY capacity that you are able to. Also, remember to report any volunteer hours that are performed in support of the club to Donnalee Snyder. We are coming down to the end of this year, and Donnalee is compiling an end-of-year report regarding this. As it stands now the preliminary statistics are a bit troubling, but we will be awaiting the final report before sharing specifics with the general membership. Joella can be contacted at 732-995-1006.



Christmas Party

There were approximately 60 people who attended the Christmas party this past weekend.

A delicious buffet dinner was served and most enjoyed a little Holiday cheer. Santa Clause made a surprise visit with a gift for all of the children in attendance. A great time was had by all!! Our Thanks go out to all that helped to put that event together. And to all of santas helpers



Upcoming Events

- The month of January and February are open for anyone who would like to host an event. Please call Joella @ 732-995-1006 to volunteer your ideas and services.



Sailing

Laser Sailors!!!

The new GRP Laser Rudders arrived today!
We can ship to you, or you can swing in and take a look.
You will like what you see.

We also have the new Laser dagger boards.

I posted the announcement of the arrival of the rudders on our blog yesterday and I will ask Joe to post a picture there today for you to see.

Go to <http://coliesail.com/>

Our blog "News" is on the right hand side of our homepage, about half way down, or go directly to <http://coliesail.com/blog/>

Also in stock:

Laser, Radial and 4.7 sails—folded and rolled by North and Hyde.
Ready for under the tree or for your next event.

For those of you who haven't been to our site recently, as of September we now have a shopping cart for ordering. All the links and information from our old site is in the blue footer section of each page. Of course we still take orders over the phone and love to hear from you: 800-481-4349.

Happy Holidays and thanks again for your business!
Steph Colie



General Announcements

Newsletter Information

From this point forward, I, Lynda Kennedy will be completing the monthly newsletter. If there is any important information, special announcements, photos, etc. that you would like have published and shared with the other members, please send to me by the 15th of each month. You can contact me at decorlynn@comcast.net.

Member Updates

- Carol Dudak is successfully recovering from knee replacement surgery

Marriage Announcements

- Robert Livingston, son of Rob and Kuki Livingston, exchanged wedding vows with Danelle DeLeo on Oct. 22, 2010. The ceremony took place at St. Genevise Church in Elizabeth, N.J. Followed by a reception at "The Venetion" in Garfield. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Livingston presently reside in Ocean Gate!

Condolences

- Mr. James Mooney, a long time resident of Ocean Gate was tragically killed in a car accident on the Garden State Parkway Nov. 11, 2010. Mr. Mooney was recently honored the "Grand Marshall" in the Ocean Gate 4th of July Parade.
- Early Thursday morning, Thanksgiving Nov. 25th, Jason C. Marles, 32 years old and an Ocean Gate police officer for the past nine of those years, was killed in a grisly crash caused by a drunken driver on the northbound Garden State Parkway in Toms River. He had just finished an extended shift on a special holiday duty. His assignment: to monitor these borough streets for drunken drivers.