

Ocean Gate Yacht Club Newsletter Winter/Spring 09

*A sailor is an artist whose medium is the sea.
Webb Chiles*

Commodores Corner, January - February 2009

Happy Centennial Year OGYC! We haven't been in touch with you through the newsletter for a while but don't think there isn't anything going on. With this newsletter we hope we are back for the duration. Thank you Susie Proko for helping get out this edition of OGYC News.

Two months have gone by already and there is a lot of activity underway to prepare for our Centennial Celebration. There have been several meetings of the committee with Tim McNeilly at the helm and plans are moving along nicely. The commemorative yearbook is nearly ready to go to print thanks to Roger Love and his crew. It's getting late to submit anything for that project but you could still try. Along with the centennial preparations Nancy Foote is planning for a less than formal BBYRA Commodores Ball that I am sure will be a fantastic, lively and fun event.

Since our last communication we have had the Christmas Party, Chili Nite, Superbowl Sunday and Trivia Nite. Many thanks to all who were involved in making these great events happen. Everyone attending seemed to enjoy the activities. Don't miss these events check the schedule posted at www.OGYC.net and your email from us to get the latest on events.

Last fall we told you of a plan to purchase Cable TV Service and a nice Flat Screen TV to draw some off-season business for the Commodores Lounge. We can thank Larry McDowell, Rich McDowell and Vic Roth for the installation of the new 40" Sony Hi-Def TV. Donations were requested and received to fund this purchase. Thank you to those of you that believed this upgrade was necessary.

The cable service was installed two days before the game and about 25 members and guests enjoyed the Super Bowl. Not too bad for such short notice and the new TV made for great viewing.

The Waterfront Duo returns to OGYC on St Pat's weekend in just a few weeks on the 14th. Make your reservations for the St Patrick's Dance very soon to get in on this event. Remember everyone is Irish on St Pat's Day. Call Rosemary and Paul.

The OGYC Executive Board meets again on Sunday of St Pat's weekend. The other committees are hard at work making plans for the upcoming season. The sailing committee has met and those details will be covered later in this newsletter.

The buildings and grounds committee has been very busy making plans to spruce up the building for the Centennial Celebration. In addition to planning, the building sustained some damage due to Mother Nature's fury. We had a few roof shingles repaired and then lost an even greater number along with some soffit damage a few weeks later. This has kept everyone busy. The dredge pile is gone in record time this year thanks to a little extra push. Other plans for fix ups are in the works so keep an ear open if you can spare some time. This effort will be ongoing. As we get closer to the season give John King a call, we can use your help.

Thanks for reading and I hope to see you soon. Keep the faith, Spring is on its Way!

Commodore, Riley Applegate

BBYRA Corner by Eileen King

In spite of today's snow, winter is almost over and spring will be here soon. It will be time to get out those boats and get them ready for the summer sailing season. The BBYRA will begin their Championship Series on Saturday, June 27th at Mantoloking Yacht Club. Ocean Gate and Pine Beach will sponsor the BBYRA on Saturday August 8th. A few changes have been made this year: **1.** US Sailing published new Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 – 2012. The majority of the changes made focused on when boats meet. We suggest you read the new RRS. **2.** The Sunfish fleet has decided to split the fleet. The Junior Sunfish fleet will continue to compete on the S Course (fka Q Course) and the main Sunfish fleet will sail on the Primary course in the morning. A Junior may sail on the Primary course but will be scored with the main Sunfish fleet and not be scored with the Juniors. **3.** The afternoon sunfish fleet has been discontinued. **4.** The S Course (fka Q Course) will run a maximum of five races each Saturday. **5.** If a fleet has a general recall, the intention of the Regatta Committee will be to postpone their re-start to the end of the start rotation. **6.** On July 4th, July 18th and August 22nd the A-Cats and PM E-Sloop will start and finish in the vicinity of Seaside Park Yacht Club. All information for the new season will be posted on the BBYRA website, www.bbyra.org, by May 15th. If you have any questions about sailing in the BBYRA Championship Series please contact me at 856-234-3062 or kingsofnj@comcast.net.

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 13 **Commodores Ball** at Ocean Gate YC

June 19 **2009 - 2012 Racing Rules Seminar** at Ocean County College Presented by Dave Perry

Looking forward to seeing you on the water.

Sailing

All sailing forms have been mailed out, if you haven't received yours or know of someone who is interested in the program you can download the forms off our web site www.ogyc.net. The program will run from June 22 – August 13 with Awards Night on

August 14. Our parents' meeting will be held on June 14, 2009 at 10am. We strongly encourage new parents to the program to attend. Remember that registration fees are due by May 1, 2009 to qualify for the largest discount.

Just a note, please do not put your child's boat on the club ground until at least June 14, 2009. We are hosting the BBYRA's Commodores Ball the night before and we need all available ground and beach space for our party. We also wouldn't want any accidental damage done to boats. The committee thanks you in advance for your help and cooperation in this matter.

Social

Come out for some great food and music on Saturday March 14, to celebrate the Irish in all of us....call Rosemary Butow for reservations 732-269-8899

The Social Committee is looking for someone to run an informal event during April. If you are interested please contact Joella or Donnalee for information.

Are you the social type, always looking for fun, looking to meet new people do we have an opportunity for you, become a volunteer bartender! There is no better way to have a little fun while lending a big hand to our membership. Don't worry if you have no experience we do "on the job training"! If you have any interest please contact Alan Dittenhofer at 609-242-8843.

Keep the date open...

The British Virgin Islands are coming to our club on **June 13, 2009**. Our club will once again host the BBYRA's Commodores Ball. As the original host of this ball over 27 years ago we are so honored to once again have the opportunity to throw a great party for the entire club and the other clubs of the BBYRA! See you all, in your island attire, on the beach for great food and "boat drinks"!

Membership

Welcome aboard to our new members; Michele Berenwick, Dennis Mahon, Richard & MaryLouise Andrews, Robert & Eileen Sadlow , Frank Scala & Melanie Hague! Hope to see you all soon!

A big "Get Well Soon" goes out to our own Bill Rebmman, we hear he is on his way back to the "Gate" real soon!