

OGYC News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL, MAY 2010 BE HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS. We've said farewell to our Centennial year, and a great year it was, with so many members working so hard to make it a success. It's almost time for Punxsutawney Phil to look for his shadow and tell us if spring is just around the corner. Whether you believe Phil or not you know that our favorite seasons are really not far away and will be here before we know it. We will be scurrying around to get everything done with boats, the house and all of the other stuff that comes with spring and summer. I have a fair amount of that work to do myself and look forward to a little more time this year to do some sailing and a lot more next year as I enter my last year as Commodore.

Right now we are preparing for and planning our summer activities for both sailing and social. Also the various committees that were formed last year are providing plenty of ideas to make your OGYC experience more enjoyable in 2010. The Executive Committee will be fielding recommendations from those committees over the next few months. We can try these new ideas and see if they work for us and if not we will make adjustments until they do work. A few changes are on the way but keep in mind that OGYC is only successful if we all work together. Stay tuned for more information.

I am very pleased with the makeup of the Executive Committee these days and I thank you all for your hard work and dedication. Our new member, Peter Genakos, provides a refreshing viewpoint that makes the meetings interesting. Our Rear Commodore, Tom Murphy, is learning the ropes with the bar and social. Not easy tasks but there are good people involved to help out.

I also am pleased with the return of Mike Corbett, sometimes known as the "Voice of Reason". Mike as you know retired last year as Treasurer after 17 years in the position. Committee member Leslie Sucar had asked the committee to consider her resignation as it was difficult for her to attend meetings due to her support of family activities. We thank Leslie for her years of service on the committee and welcome Mike's return. I am sure that Mike just missed the thrill of the Executive Committee meetings and just couldn't resist when I asked him to consider returning.

Mike's very able replacement, Jenn Voss, has been doing a fantastic job in the position of Treasurer since July of 2009 during Mike's illness and recuperation. Since then Jenn has automated the books beyond what Mike had done and seems to have settled into the position quite nicely. We've adopted the 2010 budget that she put together and when asked about certain items all were accounted for and in their proper place. Mike says don't let her get away. Nice work Jenn!

Congratulations to the Prokos, both have accepted positions at the BBYRA level. Rich is now the Commodore of the BBYRA and Sue is the BBYRA Junior Sailing Coordinator. Rich worked his way up through the ranks of the organization replacing Bob Morrow, an OGYC graduate. Rich will have no problem running that organization with his experience. Sue has moved out of the OGYC Junior Sailing Coordinators position into that title in the BBYRA. She will be very busy working with the sailing programs of all the BBYRA clubs, coordinating the individual club regattas and those at the National level. The BBYRA is fortunate to have these two high quality OGYC members.

Pauline Genakos will be running the Junior Sailing Program at the OGYC level. Pauline has worked with Sue Proko for the last few years and has really gotten into it. This is not an easy position but it will be a little easier with the returning staff, her experience and her ever present enthusiasm. I am looking forward to a great junior sailing year.

Well that's enough for now keep your eyes and ears open for news of our upcoming events. Coming up are the Superbowl 44 Party the Winter Olympic Game Night and don't forget to make your St Pat's reservations soon as they sell out fast. When you get the details call to show your interest or the event may not happen. My hope is that I will see you at some of these events.

Riley Applegate, Commodore

Sailing

The Sailing Committee will be meeting soon if they haven't already. Fees for the season have been established and are available on ogyc.net or the attached sheet for those without e-mail. They are starting to get an idea of who will be coming back to the program. It will soon be time to work on hiring of instructors. The scheduled start date is June 21st.

BBYRA

I believe the BBYRA will be meeting in February.

Social

The chili cook-off this month was a success. We had about 13 pots of chili and there was a wide variety. Prizes went to Nancy Foote for most original with "Seafood Chili", Harry Foote for hottest with "Diablo Chili" and Phyllis Rebmman for the favorite with "Darn Good Chili". It was a good night for chili with the icy cold weather!

On February 7th we will be having a Super Bowl get-together. It will be very casual, just come and bring a bar snack to share. Time TBA.

There was some talk of trying to have some sort of Olympics night using "Wii Fit" but that is still up in the air. It would be Feb. 13th.

A Great Event is coming.... Reserve your place Now
St Patricks Party

Sat. March 13th
7PM

Corned Beef Dinner Buffet, Cash Bar
Entertainment - Waterfront Duo

\$25 - RESERVATIONS A MUST

Rosemary & Paul 732-269-8899 and mail check to
P.O. Box 174, Ocean Gate, NJ 08740

We probably will not be having an event in April.

May 1st is tentative for a Kentucky Derby Party.

Sunday, May 30th is a definite date for the Commodore's BBQ. This is our kick-off to the summer season and is always a good, fun, well-attended evening.

The Social Committee has been working hard, visiting various clubs and organizations to get ideas and see how they deal with volunteer problems. We are going to have to start requiring volunteerism from our members. Exactly how is still not certain. You will be hearing more about this.

The social schedule is well along the way to being completed.

The Bar Committee has met and the tentative plan is to have the bar open Friday evening, Saturday evening, and Sunday afternoon Memorial Day –Labor Day. Anyone interested in tending bar please e-mail Bill Rebmann III at wildbill215@aol.com.

The club did very well with rental income last year and we are on track this year to do the same. We have quite a few rentals scheduled in the next couple months.

The trustees are reviewing the rental agreement and making recommendations to the executive board for revisions/additions.

Building and Grounds

If you have been under the club recently you will have noticed the winterizing improvements. Some open areas have been sealed off to try and keep the pipes from freezing. Thank you to Riley and Linda Applegate for the donation of used storm doors. There is some caulking around windows to be done but I assume that will be when the weather is a little warmer. This is thought to be the source for the water that causes floor damage.

Dredging has been done and Ocean Gate should be removing the sand pile. It is unfortunate that we need to spend money every year to dredge but we have no options.

Docks and slips.

The dates for the slip lease agreement have been changed from May 1st-December 15th to April 1st-November 30th. Removal of lines at the end of the season will be added to the agreement.

If you know you will not be leasing your slip this year please let Jerry De Nigris know as soon as you know. People waiting for slips need to know whether or not they have one.

Renewal information should be going out to slipholders soon.

Personal Notes

Ashley Knight and Kevin Moll were married on New Year's Eve. Best wishes for a very happy future together.

We offer our condolences to Dan Andolsen on the passing of his father.

If you have anything to put in the newsletter you can e-mail me at plrebrn@aol.com , plrebrn@comcast.net, or call 609-859-3854 by the 20th of the month.

By the next newsletter spring will be just around the corner!