

OGYC News

February, 2007

Commodore Corner

Winter is upon us and the river is frozen. There are many ice boats taking the opportunity for some winter sailing using a very fast 'boat'. Unfortunately the ice was not thick enough in some areas and some have gone thru the ice. No one was seriously injured.

And, thanks to Lee Gashlin and others the Ice eaters have been working well in the dock area and currently there are no damaged pilings.

The docks are dredged which is evident by the piles of sand in the 'beach area'. The town will soon come and take that away. The dredged area appears to be filling in, but remember that the water is low this time of year.

Since we have been dredging every year, at the cost of several thousand dollars per year, several of the members are working on the state and government officials to develop more cost effective solutions to the 'shifting sand' that keeps filling our dock spaces. This appears to be a long tedious process whereby we just keep asking for help with the problem, until a compromise is worked out.

The Club wants to recycle several items – label this a silent auction. There is a Commercial Dishwasher available, there is a domestic chest freezer available, and there is a ping-pong table available. All of the items are in serviceable or nearly new condition. If you are interested in placing a bid for these items, please mail your bid to Phyllis Rebmann for her to receive it no later than March 17, 2007. The items are at the club for viewing if you are inclined. Contact Lee Gashlin or myself for a phone discussion. The dishwasher was removed from our kitchen because it was not being used, and it made room for our new upright freezer. The Chest Freezer was replaced with the upright freezer, and a few things moved to utilize room better. The proceeds from the ping-pong table will be earmarked for the Juniors, so be generous. We have several members interested in the items.

THE DECK: Things are moving along, we are on the agenda for the OG Planning Board for February 27. This means that we may get the official OK by March 27 to begin construction. We are currently lining up contractors and materials to begin work on April 2, and if things go well we will be completed by May 1.

Winter is a difficult month to run social functions, and thru a series of unfortunate situations the Valentines Day Party needed to be cancelled. Not to be deterred, there was a reasonable attendance at the Super Bowl Party, and although I did not attend, there was apparently enough food for about 100 people. For those of you who attended thanks for you donations of the food. Talk to Matt Morrow if you feel you would attend this next year, there were big plans being discussed if the attendance is there.

The Summer Sailing Program is developing well. We have a large number of sailors returning from last year. Many of the instructors are returning as well, although you will see a few new faces. Evelyn Seymour is very excited about the program that is developing.

If you have some spare time and are in the area, Please let Lee Gashlin know if you can help out with the many little maintenance jobs that are cropping up. Look for the dates for the Spring Clean-up sessions that Lee is planning and mark your calendars.

Please offer your condolences to Joella Nicastro and Rosemary Butow on the passing of their mother. Please also offer your condolences to Virginia Essick on the passing of her husband Bill. Our prayers and support go with you all.

Volunteer Corner

Handymen for assisting with some various maintenance jobs around the club. Please contact Lee Gashlin 732-278-2972 for arranging a schedule and find out what needs to be done.

Construction work for the Deck: Removing the existing deck needs to be completed the weekend of March 31. This will entail removing some siding from the club building to allow the new deck to be attached. Ladders and pry-bars will be needed. Contact Riley Applegate 732-269-2703, Jerry DeNigris 908-272-3239 or John King 856-234-3062 if you can help.

Construction Work for the Deck: Layout of the Pilings, and cutting the existing concrete patio need to be done. Date will be March 31. We need a volunteer with a concrete saw. We will purchase a new blade. Contact Riley Applegate 732-269-2703, Jerry DeNigris 908-272-3239 or John King 856-234-3062 if you can help.

Bartending: Matt Morrow is looking for bartenders for the Saturday evenings the bar is open this winter, and for the weekends that the bar is open this season. Interested? – contact Matt at 732-269-4049.

John pretty well covered everything in the commodore corner but I have a few things to add.

We thank Donnalee for all her efforts in planning the cancelled Valentine party. The year-round club opening and social events are really still in the trial and error stage. It takes a couple years to see what works and what doesn't. February will probably be a 'smaller event' month next year.

March 17th is the St. Patrick's Day party, and this promises (if history repeats itself) to be a big event. Get your reservations (REQUIRED) and payment (\$20) in to Rosemary soon! (732)269-8899. Evening includes corned beef dinner buffet, and music with The Waterfront Duo.

The bar will be open March 10th. Bartenders are needed for these 2 dates. March 10th would be great for a "novice" bartender. Looking ahead to spring April 14th will be the Spring Dinner. Details to come later.

