

OGYC News April, 2008

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching. I was in Ocean Gate over the weekend and here are a couple of my random thoughts.

It's beginning to look a lot like summer,

People coming down;

Airing their houses out; shopping and running about
for grill supplies and garden stuff and more.

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Dale's boat's in the slip.

But the thing that I'd like to see is the summer activity
at our own OGYC.

Enough of silly songs! Here is the BBYRA report.

BBYRA Corner

Toms River Yacht Club is hosting the BBYRA Commodore's Ball on Saturday, June 7th. Everyone in the club should receive an invitation shortly. Over 3000 invitations are being mailed out. They are limiting the event to 300 people. If you want to attend, RSVP early.

The 2008 BBYRA Championship Series will start Saturday, June 21st at Mantoloking Yacht Club for the Green Island Course and at the Lavallette Yacht Club for the Q Course and end on Saturday, August 30th at Seaside Park Yacht Club. Ocean Gate will co-host with Pine Beach Yacht Club on Saturday, August 2nd.

REGISTRATION: If you registered for the season in 2007, you will receive a Registration Form for 2008 in the mail. If you weren't registered for the season, registration forms and registration instructions will be available at the BBYRA website www.bbyra.org by May 15th. Lunches for the season can be ordered with your season registration until June 10th. There is a discounted registration fee for people that register by June 10th.

Sailing Instruction Changes:

1. The Laser Radials will no longer race on the Q Course. They will start with the Full Rig Lasers on the "Primary Course". Sneakboxes have been moved from the "Primary Course" to the "Q Course".
2. VHF Channel 68 may be used by competitors to report withdrawal from a race.
3. The Race Committee may call sail numbers of the boats recorded OCS on VHF Channel 68.
4. We are returning to the two turn penalty in lieu of one tack and one jib.
5. A boat that fails inspection will be protested by the Race Committee and entitled to a hearing.
6. The number of drops had been changed. See the Sailing Instructions for details.

Portable Mark Course Addendum Changes:

1. The Initial Mark (IM) will now be a yellow cone.

Regulation (formerly Racing Rules) Changes:

1. Qualify for the Series: Two changes have been made in this area. First, in order to qualify for the Championship a boat must come to the starting area in at least 50% of race days scheduled for her class. Secondly, boats that are registered on a daily basis and meet the first requirement will qualify for the Championship Series.

Each fleet has its own schedule of races. Please check the BBYRA website to determine when your fleet is scheduled to race.

Please remember that the BBYRA scores boats not skippers. If you need to miss some Saturdays that your fleet is scheduled, you can get a replacement skipper to sail your boat for you. Just remember to submit a Change of Skipper form before the race.

There will be a competitors meeting held before the Season begins to go over the changes that have been made to the Sailing Instructions, the Regulations (formerly known as Racing Rules) and Courses.

If you have any questions about sailing in the Championship Series please e-mail or call me. My e-mail address is kingsofnj@juno.com and my phone number is 856-234-3063.

The BBYRA is looking for additional members for the Regatta Committee. If you would like to help the Race Committee run races a few times this summer please contact Rich Proko or me to volunteer. The people that serve on the Regatta Committee are a great group and the competitors do appreciate the time and effort made by the volunteers to provide quality racing.

Have a great summer and see you on the water.
Eileen King

Sailing

The sailing committee has been working hard. Hopefully you have gotten your registrations in by now to make the early registration deadline. Instructors have been hired and I believe the committee has had a meeting with them. Any questions about the sailing program can be directed to Susan Proko.

Social

We didn't have any social events this month. The next one will be a barbecue on May 25th. I don't have details yet. Information will be sent as soon as I have it. Joella is working on the summer schedule.

Matt will be getting the bar re-stocked soon. As always we will need bartenders. Bar hours will probably be the same as last year so start thinking about what hours you could volunteer to tend bar.

Even though we have not had any social events this month the club is being used a lot for rentals. Increasing rentals was one of the goals for this year and we are doing very well so

far. Most people understand that the décor is yacht club oriented but one girl did ask Joella if we could take all those flags down. I guess she'll be looking elsewhere!

Building and grounds

Things are getting cleaned up under the club although it takes a while to get it all straightened out. I will let you know when the next work day is scheduled.

When you are around the club remember that we need to recycle better. Containers will be labeled for trash and recycling.

Docks

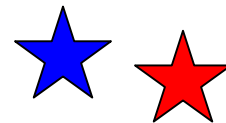
There is at least one boat in the slip already. Slip paperwork was sent out so if you did not get yours contact Jerry DeNigris right away. Paperwork and fee is due this week.

Ground space forms can be downloaded from OGYC.net if you need them.

Membership

Renewals are due by May 1st to assure that your name will be in the membership book. We always welcome new members so encourage your friends to join.

Ocean Gate is planning on having a 90th birthday celebration of some sort on August 16th. We may be doing something in conjunction with that.



Centennial Committee

The OGYC Centennial committee has met to plan events for the 2009 Celebration season. We welcome your ideas to be submitted for our consideration by May 5th, 2008. Send them to Jeryl McNeilly (tjmcneilly@frontiernet.net) or Rosemary Mastronardy (Rmastronardy@bhbins.com).

We are looking for events that would be in keeping with 100th celebration but would also appeal to all members young and old.

From your ideas the committee will review submissions and choose appropriate and fun events.

Thank You,

Centennial Committee--Tim McNeilly, Chairman

Condolences-Once again we have lost one of our beloved members. Lois Patchett passed away this week.

Our thoughts go out to her husband Arthur and their sons Steve and Thomas, who are both family members of the club.

We're hoping for a big turnout at the May 25th event to kick off the season so mark your calendar. Hope to see you there!