

OGYC News June, 2007

Commodore's Corner

The Deck is up and ready. The boats are arriving in the slips and on the property. Summer (officially) arrives in a few days. Activities are being planned, schedules being settled. In 2 weeks it will be July 4th. We are off to a good start for the summer activities at the club.

Remember the 'New Members Party' this weekend. Come and enjoy and meet some of our newest members.

Volunteers are needed for:

Tending Bar – either sign up in the bar area or call Matt Morrow 269-4049

Sailing parent of the day or Fun Day Driver or Fun Day Chaperone – Call Leslie Sucar 269-1177

Friday night or Saturday Night activities and socials – check your calendars and pick one or two events you would like to help with – call either Joella Nicastro 269-5852 or Donnalee Snyder 269-4032

Officiate at the Rubber Duck Races – call Dale Froriep 505-4320 or Jerry DeNigris 269-3203

Sunday Sailing Races – be on the race committee, no boat required (but it's helpful) – call Rich Proko 269-4299

And the list goes on ...

Remember that volunteering for one or two of the events makes them all a lot more fun. You'll meet new people and enjoy the club more. NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED for any of these events. There will be people available to help you understand what needs to be done. OR if you have some experience, your help will make things run smoother.

Supporting the club with your volunteer time is something each member should do. There are currently a few members who handle most of the work, please thank them by volunteering for one new activity this summer. There are only about 25 different events that we run so sign up early so that you can participate in one that you think you would enjoy. Check your calendars and check the web site for events and updates.

Hopefully it will be a very long and enjoyable summer for us all.

Commodore John King

Sailing –The sailing program activities started on Sunday, June 17th with the parent meeting followed by the Rust Regatta and barbecue. The kids who participated could get the feel of being on the water again and make sure their boats are in order. I was there for a short time and it was great to again see all the activity. Moorehouse Sails had a trailer there where parts and accessories could be purchased. The first day of program is June 25th.

As of now there are 52 sailors signed up for the program. We will have 3 420s, 2 Lasers, 111 Sunfish, 28 Optis and 5 for the puddle duck program.

The club boats are in order and 7 instructors are hired. Rachel, Pete, Ryan and Brad will return and new instructors are Michael Dudek, Amy Hawkins, and Blair Lorenz.

BBYRA Corner

It's time for the season to begin. Remember the Competitor's Meeting this Friday, June 22, 2007 at Lavallette Yacht Club at 7PM. You'll hear about the changes for this year, you can register for the season, pick up your Tyvek Course Sheets and get a chance to get your questions answered. E-Sloops, Laser Full Rig, Club 420, Flying Scots and Ensigns are not scheduled to race Saturday, June 24th.

Remember, you should notify the Committee immediately after finishing of your intent to protest. You will have until 8PM on that day, except for Seaside, to file your protest in person to the Protest Committee Chairman or Secretary, or a BBYRA Flag Officer or electronically at www.bbyra.org.

Here's to a great summer on the Bay. Hopefully we can bring some Bay awards to OG again this year.

Social-The Commodore's Barbecue was a nice initiation of the new deck. Good food, good company, and good weather –what more could one ask for! The bar also did well that evening.

June 23rd will be the annual Welcome Cocktail Party at 7:30. We hope to see the new members there. Come and welcome them and re-connect with others you haven't seen since last summer. There's no charge and no reservations needed for this.

June 30th will be a "bar open" night with no event scheduled.

July 7th at 6PM is now going to be cheesesteaks by the Juniors instead of Boardwalk Night. Cheesesteaks are always great!

July 14th will be the Red, White, and Blue Barbecue with filet mignon and other great food. This is always one of the biggest and best events of the year so save the date and watch for more details. Reservations will be requested.

Wednesday, July 18th is meatball sandwich dinner night, hosted by the Juniors.

July 21st is scheduled to be Martini Night. We'll be concocting several different flavors of martinis. Of course regular bar drinks will be available for those who don't drink martinis. If you need a place for quick dinner that evening the OG Firemen's Roast Beef dinner is at Adrian Hall.

July 22nd is the annual Pancake Breakfast by the Juniors at 9AM.

July 27th-Cocktail party at Island Heights

July 28th-duck race ,auction and barbecue

August 11th will be a new event. The Juniors are going to sponsor a Talent Show. This will be open to participation by adults and children. I believe auditions will be required. Stay tuned for more information.

Complimentary Sunday coffee and donuts will start July 1st.

The social calendar is posted on OGYC.net and we try to keep you updated with details and changes. For those of you who don't use e-mail information is posted at the club.

The goal for the bar is to be open Friday and Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon starting June 22nd. However, we will not be able to do this unless we get enough volunteers to tend bar.

Open meetings have been changed to 7:30 PM to give members more time to get there. This should help to boost attendance. July 13th and August 10th are the dates and then elections will be August 24th at 7:30. The slate for elections will be presented at the meeting on August 10th.

Building and grounds- The club looks good. Some rearranging has been done. The new freezer is in the kitchen and we will be getting a work table to go where the old freezer was. The beer and liquor storage part of the Commodore's Room has been partitioned off and secured with a door. The restrooms have been redecorated.

The trustees are discussing long-term needs and maintenance issues. Part of that will be to create a database of routine maintenance of equipment, inspections, etc. Speaking of inspection, the sailing instructors will be doing a preprogram safety inspection. This should help assure that any potentially dangerous conditions will be noted and remedied before the kids come.

Membership-The new information packets for your membership books will be available on Saturday at the cocktail party.

Docks and Groundspace- As of last Sunday there was one slip still available. Due to the constant problem of sand buildup in the slips the club is exploring closing off the breakwater. We don't know how long this will take for permission to be obtained. If you keep a boat on the property (other than sailing program) please fill out a groundspace form and submit it with the fee.

The following was sent as an e-mail from Commodore John King.

The sand pile has been removed and due to some industrious members the ground has been leveled. It is clean also.

SO – the area can accept boats for the classes and others.

Be aware that on the 17th of June there will be a sailing lessons meeting. So we are expecting to have many of the boats in place that weekend. The sailing committee has first take on how the boats are placed so that they can be comfortable that the boats will go in the water and come out of the water with the least trouble. We may need to move your craft to accommodate this, please be patient if this happens.

This moving of boats will also occur around the winch. There are 5 boats that will go in and out of the water each day. Once most of the boats are on the property we may need to move some.

THANK you for understanding.

Showcase-The showcase this year is being managed by Merlyn Morrow. Phyllis Rebmann is assisting her. New items are in. Windbreakers, pastel ladies zip-up sweatshirts, silk-screened kids t-shirts in several colors, visors and other nice items. Merlyn is trying to keep prices reasonable and there will be a featured sale item each week. Hours for the showcase will be Sunday morning and at most social events. Stop in and shop. We hope that accessibility will increase revenue.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, OGYC!

Hello Everyone,

OGYC is about to reach its 100th Anniversary. The Club was founded in 1909 when Ocean Gate was nothing more than a thinly populated cluster of summer cottages on a grid of sand roads. One hundred years later we have a lot to celebrate.

There are already a number of exciting things planned for 2009. We have committed to hosting the annual BBYRA Ball that opens the racing season. We will be publishing a hard bound History of Ocean Gate Yacht Club. The usual OGYC burgee will be replaced that year with a special celebratory "100th Year" burgee. The design for that is currently being developed. It would be great to have a float in the parade.

Other possible ideas for that year include a parade of decorated boats, a cookbook, and a "historic" fashion show/luncheon. Even fireworks are being considered.

But we would like to hear from everyone. We need your ideas, your imagination, and your enthusiasm. Please join the 100th Anniversary Committee at the Club for a meeting on Sunday, July 1, at 10 am. We'll brainstorm over coffee and pastries.

Thank you.

Eliza Auth
100th Anniversary Committee

Attention officers, executive board, and trustees—We are planning to have group photos taken sometime on July 1st, most likely in the morning. Please try to be available if possible.

Juniors-Dale Silva has agreed to be the Juniors Advisor this year. Thank you Dale. I think we will be seeing a more active group this year from what I've heard so far. Come and support their events. Dale and her crew will be putting a lot of effort into it.

As we begin another summer at OGYC we hope that all members will come out and participate in some way. We all have something to contribute. Come out and enjoy the view, spend time with your friends here, eat, drink, and have a good time!

SUMMER'S HERE---LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT ONE!

