

OGYC News

August, 2009

Commodore's Corner, July & August 2009

First summer was reluctant to arrive then it was here all at once. On July 4th I joked that summer was over. I know we were busy and did a lot of fun stuff. Once it got started it went really fast. This has been a year to remember and that's the way a Centennial year should be. There is not much more that could have been put on the calendar. E.P Ramer would have been proud of his club.

It has been a great year but the reason it was great was the participation of the membership. Nearly everyone got involved in some way to fix up, clean up or volunteer in some way to make this year a success. The clubhouse has seen many improvements this year and those things started before the season began. The Centennial Committee was hard at work back then making plans and getting things in order.

It all paid off, as we enjoyed many well attended events throughout the year. A lot of hard work went into all of them. Everyone running events took personal pride in making their events a success. I can only tell you THANK YOU for all of your hard work. I always find myself in the same predicament because I don't want to forget anyone so I'm not going to try to name you all. You've all been fantastic with the donation of time and energy.

You will hear more about our sailing kids and adults as time goes on. As usual OGYC produces some of the best sailors around and they are out to prove it again this year. I need to give a special thanks to our parents and volunteers who keep the sailing program and events happening.

This has been ONE GREAT YEAR. One in a hundred you might say. Volunteers are needed for the Bicentennial Celebration. Sign up soon, don't miss your chance. If it is anything like this year it will be tough to beat.

Thanks for reading and I hope to see you soon.

Commodore Riley Applegate

Sailing

Sailing is over and awards have been given. I will get that list by next newsletter. We had 45 kids in the program and 25 of them qualified for Interclub. Our sailors participated in quite a few regattas again this year.

The OGYC Summer Sailing Classic had 170 boats sailing and was, as usual, quite a success.

There is still a Fall Series at Beachwood that our sailors can participate in and then Toms River hosts a Frostbite Series. These are Sunday races.

BBYRA

There are still 2 more weeks of racing left. Several of our young sailors are sailing on the bay this season as well as some adults.

OGYC hosted the bay races on August 8th. Unfortunately the A-Cat anchor start couldn't be in front of the club but they were still in sight and the race ended off the club. The cocktail party afterward was great with lots of food.

Social

We've had very good attendance at most of our social events.

Pub Night was back in July. If you are owed a glass from that event contact Riley Applegate to make sure you are on his list.

The Juniors did well with both meatball and cheesesteak/auction nights. I understand that their talent show was again quite entertaining.

The OGYC-IHYC party was extremely competitive with the games this year. We did pull out a win and get the trophy (stuffed dog) back.

The Centennial Committee family picnic was very well attended and the food was delicious. The special part of the evening was the burying of a time capsule by the base of the flagpole. Al Dameika was there to take our pictures and we wrote on them and put them in along with some other centennial items. The capsule is to be opened in 50 years. The final Centennial event was the boat parade and barbecue. Turnout for the meal was unbelievable! Somehow there was food for everyone even though RSVPs were far below the number who showed up. There were 16 boats in the parade including a couple from other clubs. It was a beautiful night to be on the water and there were a lot of spectators at the piers and along the boardwalk as well as some at IHYC, TRYC and PBYC, which had a large crowd. Prizes went to boats belonging to Jay King, Nelson Hartranft, Roy Voss, Larry McDowell, and Hank Dudek.

This past Saturday was Eileen Chapman's luau night but also a surprise birthday party for Eileen King by her family. The entertainment was good and we danced a lot!

This Saturday, August 29th, is a last-minute addition to the schedule. We're making use of the lights "down under" the club. 6:30 PM we'll provide hamburgers and hot dogs for \$3.00/person and we ask that you bring a dish to pass.

Sunday coffee and donuts will still be served this Sunday and I think next Sunday, August 6th.

ELECTIONS is THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th. Adult service awards will also be presented. The bar will be open.

Building and grounds

Quite a few projects have been completed this year. The flagpole has been repainted and new lights installed as well as a new flag. Kempton Flags, Bernie Blomquist, and Gary Mease generously helped with this project. We have a new ice machine. This was perfect

timing since the old one finally “died”. The ceiling down under was painted, the floor repaired and refinished, the lift switch was replaced and we now have a wireless internet connection. There were other smaller projects also. Thank you to everyone who assisted in any way with these things.

Our burgee collection just keeps on growing! Rich and Patty McDowell obtained a centennial burgee from Wissinoming Yacht Club and Jay and Sandra King got one from Trinidad Tobago. This brings our count to 108. Roger Love is our “Burgee Man” and he has a record of where they all came from.

Miscellaneous

We send our condolences to the Seymour family on the passing of Parker. Parker was the husband of Evelyn and father to Peter and Michael.

Former member David Keyes passed away this month. David was the son of deceased members George and Sally Keyes. George was the founder of our junior sailing program.

2002 Sunfish for sale

Nice boat, recent racing sail, dolly and road trailer available. Thanks MartyD
hevysrf@hotmail.com

OGYC Members

At the last open Executive Committee meeting last Sunday, Commodore Reilly Applegate announced the creation of two new committees to address the following:

Boating Safety Training Committee- to address boating safety certification, and areas of safety concern around the breakwater and beach launching areas. We would like 3-5 members who would be interested in putting something together in this area.

Social/Food Service Study Committee- To study the feasibility of having regular nonevent meals, member vs. nonmember pricing, guest visit limits, and other issues pertaining to our social operations.

Sue Proko and I have volunteered to take on the Social/Food Service Committee. We are looking for 3 to 5 open-minded members who would like to explore alternative possibilities which would be of benefit to all members. This may involve visiting other yacht clubs to see how they conduct their social affairs, etc., and plagiarizing their ideas to benefit our operation. We would then report back to the Executive Committee with specific recommendations for implementation.

Anyone interested in serving on these committees please drop me an e-mail letting me know which committee you are interested in serving on, and when would be the best time to get in touch with you.

Thanks again.

Matt Morrow

To my friends as OGYC: They finally sent me home last week after about 4 weeks in Community Medical Ctr. I'm not sure if the doctors eventually got bored with me or they just ran out of tests, but it sure is good to be home. I'm still not quite at 100%, but I'm feeling better and stronger every day.

I want to thank each and every one for all the cards, kind thoughts and prayers. Your support for Laura and the family did more than you'll ever know to get us through this difficult time. To each of you, a very sincere and heartfelt thank you. If anything good can come from all of this it's the realization that the most important things in life really are friends and family.

Thank you all.

Regards,
Mike Corbett This was dated August 13th.

As this summer season winds to an end we will be starting to plan for the off-season events. There are a significant number of members who live in the area now so we should be able to have a successful monthly event. We need your ideas and your participation. Let Joella know if you would be willing to run an event. Usually it is on the second Saturday of the month. We need some new ideas and more people to get involved. The executive committee will try to have the dates established by our October meeting.

If what you have just read in this newsletter was really “new” to you then you need to be more involved.

By next month I will have the result of the election and will have the list of sailing awards to publish. If you have anything for the September newsletter please get it to me by September 20th. Phyllis Rebrmann plrebrn@aol.com 609 859-3854