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OGYC UPCOMING EVENTS 2010

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 01 Ideal 18 Twilight Sailing
- Sep 01 Wednesday Vespers
- Sep 04 OGYC Club Championships
- Sep 08 Last Night of Ideal 18 Twilight Sailing
- Sep 11 USS America Regatta
- Sep 11 Fall Picnic
- Sep 19 Coffee with the Board
- Sep 19 YRA One-Design Racing
- Sep 25 Fall Members Meeting
- Sep 26 YRA One-Design Racing

OCTOBER

- Oct 03 Ideal 18 Fall Series
- Oct 10 Ideal 18 Fall Series
- Oct 16 Fall Cleaning
- Oct 17 Coffee with the Board
- Oct 17 Ideal 18 Fall Series

NOVEMBER

- Nov 07 Coffee with the Board
- Nov 13 OGYC Awards Ceremony
- Nov 20 The OGYC Annual Members Meeting

DECEMBER

- Dec 04 Children's Holiday Party



Commodore's Report

Will Morrison

Looking ahead to September, there will be a plethora of activities – The Club Sailing Championships; The Fall Picnic, Silent Auction, and USS America Regatta; and the Fall Members Meeting, September 25, when there will be a vote on the two By-Law proposals. (The By-Law proposals can be found in this issue and on the website.) Our Annual Meeting, on November 20, is when we vote on the 2011 budget.

August was a good month to focus on sailing, racing and kayaking. The rich variety of social activities that peppered June and July are slipping into the story of the summer of 2010. Coming to the fore in August was the steady flow of boating and racing events. Take a look at a typical week as listed in the online calendar, starting with Saturday, August 7:

- Aug 07 Women's Sailing Program
- Aug 07-08 YRA Long Island Sound Championship
- Aug 10 Women's Sailing Program
- Aug 11 Ideal 18 Twilight Sailing
- Aug 11 Wednesday Vespers
- Aug 12 Women's Sailing Program
- Aug 14 Mentoring Hands-On Sailing Clinic
- Aug 15 Sunday Sailing Seminar
- Aug 15 YRA One-Design Racing

A sailor's dream. Lady sailors had the opportunity to be on the water every day but Monday and Friday!

All this practice time on the water is putting members into the winner's circle. Check out some of our accomplishments in the Race Chairmen's article in this issue. To keep fully up to date with Race and Education activities, check out the website and subscribe to their forums at <http://ogyc.org/subscribe>.

See you around the Club and on the water.



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The 2010 Nominating Committee

The 2010 Nominating Committee is at work. The purpose of the Committee is to fill Board positions that open up at the end of the 2010 club year. New candidates are presented by the Committee at the Annual Meeting in November.

The 2010 Nominating Committee members are:

Michael Burke, Chairman

Dee Dee Aliamo

Kim Crocco

Beth Eaton

Peter Uhry

The Nominating Committee is also assisting in the filling of the Chairman positions for these three committees.

SailFleet

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If you are interested in serving on the Board or on one of the three committees, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members. Volunteering for these kinds of positions is key to the well being of the Club.

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Race Corner

Tom Hagan, Race Chair



After all the racing excitement in July, August fizzled with its annual doldrums. There were several notable exceptions, including the YRA Championships on Aug 7/8 and the "Go Your Own Way" race around the islands.

YRA Championships, Ideal 18s

We experienced two days of racing in light air and lumpy seas. With ten Ideal 18s racing, by the end of Day 1 there were four or five that could win it. Mike Millard of Indian Harbor YC prevailed in the end by one point over our commodore and defending champion team, Will Morrison/Chris Tella. Tied for third was our own Mary Desmond/Rich Blackwell. The tie-breaker fell the other way to another Indian Harbor boat. Sixth went to Tom Hagan/Al Shehadi who rounded out the OGYC teams.

"Go Your Own Way" Race

A PHRF race sponsored by Indian Harbor YC on three Saturdays through the summer, "Go Your Own Way", allows you to pick either a clockwise or counter-clockwise course around the Captain Islands. Benoit Ansart, Tom Hagan and Walker Lewis sailed Benoit's Wave Dancer on the last of the series, Saturday, Aug 28. Race reporting from Tom:

Benoit nailed a perfect start with speed and clear air and headed west to nun 4 at Cormorant Reef on starboard tack. We had a boat-length lead on our nearest competitor, Jet Star, which increased as we sailed across Capt Harbor. About 1/2 NM from the mark, the wind lightened and shifted from NW to SW, flopping us over to port for the mark rounding. We got the shift first, but it took several minutes for it to gradually freshen so we missed out on any possible lead that "get to the wind shift first" may have given us—at least we didn't lose anything. Now we had a short upwind leg to nun 2 off Gt Capt Island that we parlayed



into another boat length or two on Jet Star. Around nun 2 to gong 1 along Payea Reach was where we thought Jet Star would gain on us. Benoit still sailed fast and actually increased our lead several more boat lengths. Plus, the tide was in our favor against the boats that chose to go counter-clockwise. The rest of the race was a gybe at gong 1 and a reach to the finish. We had passed the only boat in the division ahead of us, and held off the faster boats in the division after us to not only win our division, but first across the finish line, and first corrected time for all divisions. Too bad we missed the first two races earlier in the season.

A Time to be Proud

Our congratulations to several of our fellow members for a very special achievement and one that makes us all proud. Whether you cruise, fish, kayak, paddle boat, or race, I'm sure you'll appreciate the outcome of this year's Vineyard Race (the 76th) which took place under beautiful skies, but in hostile waters typically reserved for ocean racing. The event is considered a yachting classic and in the end, three boats sailing beneath the OGYC burgee, Fin II (Tom O'Connell), Kekoa (Luke Wakeman), and Jamala III (Hamish Young), went home with trophies. Although there wasn't a trophy awarded to the club that won most, OGYC earned this title and these skippers should be proud. As OGYC members, we should all be proud.

- 3rd Place PHRF 3 – Hamish Young (Jamala III)
- 1st Place PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class – Luke Wakeman (Kekoa)
- 1st Place PHRF 1 – Thomas O'Connell (Fin II)
- Best Elapsed Time PHRF Class - Thomas O'Connell (Fin II)
- Lowest Corrected Time Over 2nd – Thomas O'Connell (Fin II)
- New England Lighthouse Series Winner – Thomas O'Connell (Fin II)



On the Waterfront

Dan Dobyryn, Director of Water Programs

Highlights

On Saturday, Sept 4, Labor Day weekend, there was a wonderful music festival, the 4th Annual Huntington Harbor Musicfest (www.lighthousemusicfest.com). This event attracts over 500 boats to anchor in the protected area around the Huntington Lighthouse, where bands play all afternoon from the top of the lighthouse itself beginning at 11am. This year several bands played classic's from the 60's & 70's, reggae, rock and R&B all afternoon. "Ye Pyrate Brotherhood" a 17th century reenactment group also patrolled the waters. There was a wonderful article on this event in a recent issue of Windcheck magazine (www.windcheckmagazine.com).

Kim Crocco, Fleet Captain for kayaking, had a Labor Day kayaking event from 9 to 11am and another planned for September 11th from 1 to 3pm, just before the Annual Picnic. Please check the "Our Calendar" page for details. Also please remember to email Kim at Kjcrocco@aol.com to let her know you are coming. She will email you back within one hour of the event if it needs to be cancelled due to weather.

Social Matters

Aileen Hutchins, Rear Commodore

It is important to leave the clubhouse and surroundings better than how you found it. Food scraps invite raccoons. Please wipe down the grills, tables and stack the chairs. When using the grills, be sure to turn off the gas and close the valve on the tanks.

Be considerate of fellow members who also want to have dinner. Confine your guests and belongings to ONE table on the deck. Use the sand area if you require more space. Children are welcome but ONLY if parents supervise. Children should not be indoors unless supervised by a parent or guardian.

Our club picnic is September 11th. The picnic is free to members, but only if you register and sign up to help on the registration. Guests may attend for a nominal fee.

The Club Fall Clean is October 16th. It is very important to have enough help to put the club to bed for the winter, so please mark your calendar early.

We urgently need volunteers for storm committee. Please contact Will Morrison if you can be available when the need arises.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Aileen Hutchins at 203-536-4029

Upcoming Events

On Sunday, Sept. 26, there is the famous Cow Harbor Day in Northport, LI. This annual festival is a fall classic celebrating Northport's heritage. The parade starts at noon, and festivities run from 11am until 5pm. This event is an excellent introduction to all the fun that can be had in Northport if you haven't been. If you go early, tie up at the "Town Dock" operated by the Village of Northport for a small fee, or there are usually transient moorings available on an hourly basis at nearby Seymour's (www.seymours-boatyard.com) which also provides free launch service. Seymour's is the next basin north of the Town Dock and is a very short walk to the village. Another option is to spend the night before at the beautiful Centerport Yacht Club which offers OGYC reciprocity and also free launch service to the village. Just be forewarned that CYC requires proper attire if you wish to dine or use their bar.

September 23-26 is the annual Norwalk Boat Show. (www.boat-shownorwalk.com) Another wonderful excursion by boat can be had. Check your charts carefully for Norwalk Harbor and locate the Norwalk Cove Marina, home port of the show. Adjacent to the marina is a designated anchorage area, (check that scope!) and launch service is available for \$5pp, (hail "Norwalk Boat Show Water Taxi" on Ch 72). Show hours are 10am to 6pm daily. You can also save a couple bucks to the show if you buy tickets online prior to the show.



The Classifieds are heating up! It is that time of year.

I noticed that there is a 3.5HP 4-stroke outboard and a 25' O'Day available. Both in terrific condition. Take a look.

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By-Law Change Proposals

These two proposals were reviewed at the Members Spring Meeting, April 17. No amendments were made. They will be voted on at the Members Fall Meeting, Saturday, September 25, 2:00.

Requested Change to OGYC By-Laws Article X - Dues And Fees, Section 5

Current with requested addition in bold and italic:

Section 5: Corinthian Members are exempt from payment of the Initiation Fee but are liable for other fees and assessments. Life Members are exempt from the payment of Annual Dues but are liable for sustaining membership fee *until they reach the age of 80 or have been Members for at least 50 years, and are liable for* other fees and assessments. Honorary Members are exempt from the payment of Annual Dues and assessments but may be liable for other fees. Associate Members are exempt from assessments but are liable for other fees.

Requested Change to OGYC By-Laws Article V - Flag Officers, Section 6

Current with requested deletion in bold and italic:

Section 6: The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Club, shall be responsible for the collection of Dues and other fees and the depositing of all incoming funds in banks designated by the Club. *The Treasurer shall sequester all monies received from Initiation Fees in the Club's capital fund which is for the purchase of vessels or for use in unforeseen emergencies.* The Treasurer shall promptly pay all properly approved bills of the Club. The Treasurer shall manage the payroll and shall pay, upon receipt of the proper time-sheets or other documents, all monies due employees for service to the Club. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to submit all necessary tax forms when required. The Treasurer shall also maintain records and report on the status of specific budgets established by the Board of Directors in accordance with these By-Laws. The Treasurer shall review and recommend the Club's financial policies. The Treasurer shall prepare a timely budget proposal for the Board of Directors for the forthcoming year and shall present the approved proposed budget to the Membership at the Annual Members Meeting of the Club. The approved budget shall be published in the November newsletter prior to the Annual Members Meeting.

Change to:

Section 6: The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Club, shall be responsible for the collection of Dues and other fees and the depositing of all incoming funds in banks designated by the Club. *The Treasurer shall maintain adequate cash reserves, over and above what is budgeted for the current seasonal budget, to cover both an Operating Reserve as well as a Capital Reserve.* The Treasurer shall promptly pay all properly approved bills of the Club. The Treasurer shall manage the payroll and shall pay, upon receipt of the proper time-sheets or other documents, all monies due employees for service to the Club. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to submit all necessary tax forms when required. The Treasurer shall also maintain records and report on the status of specific budgets established by the Board of Directors in accordance with these By-Laws. The Treasurers shall review and recommend the Club's financial policies. The Treasurer shall prepare a timely budget proposal for the Board of Directors for the forthcoming year and shall present the approved proposed budget to the Membership at the Annual Members Meeting of the Club. The approved budget shall be published in the November newsletter prior to the Annual Members Meeting.

