

The Bullfrog

Oak Orchard Yacht Club

November 2010

Commodore's Report:

Summer Romance

The stretching and straining of dock lines. Halyards flapping against masts. The hum of a well-tuned engine. A white wake disappearing in the distance. Turtles slipping off a log. These are some of the sounds and sights of summer on Lake Ontario and the Oak Orchard river.

We all return here each year to celebrate and enjoy the beauty, wonder, and awe of one of nature's great creations - the Great Lakes. As we set sail or push the throttle forward, we experience the true meaning of romanticism.

In music and the arts, romance means adventure, drama, power and a concern for nature. It is easy to see how these qualities are evident every time we come back to the sea.

I hope you and your family have had a relaxing and memorable summer. We have much to enjoy and to be grateful for here at the Oak Orchard Yacht Club and, as we fade into Fall, let us know that next summer, the romance will continue.

2011 Board of Directors Executive Secretary Still Needed

Listed below are the nominations for officers for the 2011 Board of Directors. At this point, we do not have a nominee for the position of Executive Secretary. The responsibilities for this post are to take the minutes of the board's monthly meetings and to send out and receive the reciprocal notices with other yacht clubs. Please help us out. If you or someone you know could take on this small responsibility, it would help the board greatly.

Also, be informed that nominations for any position may be made from the floor at the November General Membership Meeting which will be held on Sunday, November 21st at 2 p.m.

Board of Directors - 2011

Commodore - Ted Anderson
Vice Commodore - George Webster
Rear Commodore - Ray Tangent
Treasurer - Gar Trusselle
Membership Chair - Terri Wood
Fleet Captains - Dan Schuth (Activities) and John Brown (Youth Sailing)
Recording Secretary - Tina Bartholomay
Executive Secretary - TBA
Dock Master - Doug Kenyon and Paul Petrie
Senior Commodore Director - Ray Yacuzzo
Commodore Director - Doug Kenyon (For Greg Feller)
Commodore Director - Bob Frost

Constitution Changes

As you are probably aware, the board has been studying the issue of membership and is recommending some changes which are attached to this issue of the Bullfrog. A sub-committee, which included Bob Frost, John Brown, Terri Wood and Dan Schuth, discussed the many issues related to membership and made its first recommendation at the August Board meeting. The proposal was then discussed at the September meeting, was rewritten and discussed again at the October meeting where it was voted on and approved. The recommendations were then presented to the membership on October 17th and will be voted on by the whole membership at either the November or December Membership meetings. A vote to change the constitution must be approved by 2/3 of the voting membership in order to go into effect.

Please read the attached proposal and feel free to call or contact a board member to register your opinion, questions, etc.
It is the intent of the board to come up with a document that meets our current needs, addresses some ambiguities in the current constitution and streamlines the membership process in the future

.Oak Orchard Yacht Club Proposed Revisions to the Constitution October, 2010

Current

ARTICLE 3 CLUB MEMBERSHIP 3. CLASSES

There shall be classes of membership as follows:

3.1.1 FULL MEMBERSHIP

The Full Membership shall consist of individuals or families, owners of boats

used for pleasure and non-owners of boats who have expressed interest in recreational boating activities. Families shall consist of family units including spouse and children under twenty-one years of age. All individuals in the family unit shall be considered members of the Club with the following restrictions:

One vote per family.

One regular dock rental per family if there is a dock waiting list.

Only one adult serving on the Board of directors at any one time.

A family with one surviving spouse may apply for or retain a Membership.

Proposed

3.1.1 Full Membership - Revised 2010

A Full Membership shall consist of individuals or families who are owners of boats used for pleasure and non-owners of boats who have expressed interest in recreational boating. Families shall consist of spouses and children under twenty-one years of age. Boats owned by partnerships will be required to have a full membership for each partner. Full members are entitled to the following:

- One vote per family
- One regular dock rental (At additional cost) per family if there is a dock waiting list
- One family member may serve on the board of directors at any one time
- A family with a surviving spouse may apply for or retain a membership
- Participation in all club-sponsored boating activities
- Visitation to other participating, reciprocal clubs

An initiation fee shall be charged to all full members and may be paid in full or in equal amounts with interest over four years. In addition, 20 work hours are required each year and may be earned by any of the family members.

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3.1.2 INTERMEDIATE MEMBERSHIP

The Intermediate Membership shall consist of individuals between the ages of 21 and 30 years or family units whose eldest member is between 21 and 30 years and are owners of recreational boats or are non-owners of boats who have expressed an interest in recreational boating activities. For the family units, the same restrictions stated for Membership in 3.1. apply. The Club will waive the first half of the initiation fee for

children of active members who apply for membership within 36 months following their 21st birthday.

Proposed

3.1.2 Intermediate Membership

The Intermediate Membership is for anyone, aged 21-35, regardless of their previous membership at OOYC. The initiation fee shall be half of what is charged to full members. Twenty (20) work hours are required per year and all privileges and restrictions as stated for full members in 3.1.1. shall apply to Intermediate Members.

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3.1.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

An Associate Membership can be granted to any Full or Intermediate Member in good standing as of December 31st provided he has been a member for five (5) consecutive years. This membership class is for those who have sold their boat or moved out of the area and/or keep their boat more than 5 miles away from the club but wish to remain a member of OOYC. Associate members have 1/2 vote per membership but have no dock privileges, nor can such a member hold an elective office.

Proposed

3.1.3 Associate Membership *Not valid for any new applicants*

An Associate Membership can be granted to any Full or Intermediate Member in good standing as of December 31st 2010, provided they have been a Full member at OOYC for five (5) consecutive years. This membership is for those who have sold their boat or moved out of the area and/or keep their boat docked at their own property. Associate members have 1/2 vote, are not required to fulfill work hours, may not hold an elected office on the Board of Directors, but may participate in club-sponsored

boating activities. Members who have docking issues at OOYC due to mast height or other factors may make special requests to the Board of Directors for dockage exceptions.

Current Associate Members (as of October 1, 2010) may retain their Associate member status after January 1, 2011.

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3.1.4 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

An Honorary membership may be granted by the Board of Directors to any person.

Such

members shall have the privileges of such membership at no cost.

Proposed

3.1.4 Honorary Membership

An Honorary Membership may be granted by the Board of Directors to any person. Such members shall have the privileges of social membership at no cost.

Current

3.1.5 SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Social Membership shall have full use of the club grounds, dining and beverage service, and social functions. Such members shall not own a boat over 23 feet long and within 5 miles of Oak Orchard unless such dockage is at property or business owned by the member. Such members may not vote, hold office, or apply for dockage. (Those with boats over 23 ft and less than 5 miles from Oak Orchard may be a Social Member for one full year as a trial member.) Applicants must have demonstrated an active interest in non-commercial, recreational boating. Application for social Membership shall be made and renewed on an annual basis, to the Board of Directors, who will judge the merit of each application on the basis of the best interests of the club and who will limit the total membership in this class to no more than forty-eight percent (48%) of the rounded total of Full and Intermediate Memberships. There is no initiation fee for Social Membership. Social Members desiring other classes of membership will apply and be voted on in the prescribed manner except that the dues already paid in the year of application will be applied to the initiation fee/dues applicable to the class of membership if attained prior to September 1st.

Proposed

3.1.5 Social Membership

A Social Membership may be granted to individuals or families for the express purpose of using the club grounds, dining room and to attend social

functions. Social members may not vote, hold office or apply for dockage and may not participate in club-sponsored boating activities. Those with boats over 23 feet long and less than 5 miles from Oak Orchard may be a Social member for one full year as a trial member. Social memberships shall be renewed each year by the Board of Directors. There is no initiation fee for Social Membership. Social Members desiring other classes of membership will apply and be voted on in the prescribed manner except that the dues already paid in the year of application will be applied to the initiation fee/dues applicable to the new class of membership if attained prior to September 1st.

Current

3.2 REINSTATEMENT

Formal application for reinstatement to voting membership, either Full or Intermediate, shall be made by an Associate member to the Club Executive Secretary. Reinstatement must be approved by the Board of Directors as for a new member, see section 3.3.

Seniority shall be reckoned from the date of reinstatement. The member can again revert to associate membership only at the Board of Directors discretion.

Any former member whose resignation has been fully accepted may, after formal application for reinstatement the Club Executive Secretary, be reinstated, without the payment of a second initiation fee, at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority Vote of the members present.

Any former member whose resignation was not in good standing may apply with procedures as a new member.

Proposed

3.2 Reinstatement

Formal application for reinstatement to Full membership by an Associate member shall be made to the Membership Chair. Reinstatement must be

approved by the Board of Directors. Any former full member whose resignation has been accepted may, after formal application to the Membership Chair, be reinstated without the payment of a second initiation fee. All application procedures (See 3.3) shall apply. Any former member whose resignation was not in good standing may apply with procedures as a new member.

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3.3 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

All applicants to the club shall share the boating interests of the club as expressed in Article 2, Purpose. Application for membership in the Club shall be sponsored by any full member in good standing. An application for membership shall first be referred to the Board of Directors for approval. If passed by the Board in session, it will then be referred to the general membership at the next regular or special meeting and shall be voted upon. Voting will be by secret ballot. Approval by a minimum of 75% of the voting membership present at the general membership meeting is required. If the application is approved, the applicant shall then become a member of the Club upon payment of the required fees and dues.

Proposed

3.3 Application for Membership

Application for membership in the Club shall be sponsored by any full member in good standing. All applicants shall introduce themselves to the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting who shall then vote on their membership. Two weeks prior to the meeting, the Membership

Chair shall inform the membership of the pending application. The Board of Directors shall approve all membership applications by secret ballot at a regularly scheduled board meeting. A total of three (3) negative votes shall reject the application.

Upon approval by the Board, the applicant is an official member of Oak Orchard Yacht Club. The new member shall then be sent an invoice and temporary membership card by the treasurer and a welcome packet (Constitution, By-Laws, Dock Policy, Work Hour Policy, Membership Roster, etc.) by the Membership Chair.

The new member shall be introduced to the General Membership by the sponsor and/or the Membership Chair at the next Membership Meeting or Social Function.

For members joining mid-season, full initiation and dues shall apply.

Dockage fees will be pro-rated based on a 5 month season (May - Sept.) and work hours will be pro-rated according to the month of entry.

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3.4 RESIGNATION

A member in good standing may resign by tending a written resignation to the Executive Secretary prior to December 31st of his current membership year.

Proposed

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A member in good standing may resign by tending a written resignation to the Membership Chair. Requests for refunds of dues/fees paid for the year will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Current

3.5 TERMINATION

Membership in the Club may be terminated for non-payment of dues, fees or assessments by action of the Board of Directors. Any member indebted to the Club for over ninety (90) days will automatically be terminated, unless by vote of the Board of

Directors. Termination of any member shall not release the said member from the obligation to pay all monies owed and payable up to the termination.

Proposed

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Current

3.6 SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

A member may be suspended for a specified period or may be expelled for cause such as a willful violation of any of the By-laws, or rules of the Club or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Such suspension or expulsion shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors provided a statement of the charge or charges shall have been sent by registered mail to the member at his/her last recorded address, at least ten (10) days before final action is taken against such member. Such notice must also inform said member of the time and place where action is to be taken upon the charges and the said notice must also inform said member that he will have an opportunity to present a defense at that time and place.

Proposed

3.6 Suspension/Expulsion

Same as 2004 revision

Vice Commodore's Report:

Earlier this day, after spending a few hours starting to winterize Dandelion Days, I stopped by the OOYC club house to check things out. It sure looked good. It looked neat and tidy, all the chairs, tables and bar stools in their proper place. Quiet! Not quite like on those summer past evenings when the laughter and talk of members and friends made the place rock. Though the summer was a busy one for me, it was a great one, weather and restaurant wise. I am exceedingly grateful to Bob Frost for all his help solving problems this past season and also to George Webster for keeping everything operating and in good order. But, enough on the past, we still have time for one more fling for the year. The Holiday Party on Sunday Dec. 12. This traditional event has always been one of my favorites, as if they all weren't, with all the appetizers and goodies provided by the club's culinary experts. The bar will be open at 3:00 with Lori Robinson back to serve fine holiday cheer. The final membership meeting to elect the bridge and board for 2011 will be at 4:00. Following the meeting we will enjoy a light dinner with Roast Beef and Ham sandwiches to complement the delicacies contributed by all who wish. Appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts are all welcome. My mouth is watering already! For our added enjoyment, we will have music provided by our own Bob Chaplin and his group from 6:00 till 8:00. Plan on making the event; the more the merrier. Hope to see you there.

Ted Anderson
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report:

What a great year we had for boating and socializing at the yacht club. But with all good things they come to an end.

As a working club I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the maintenance, ground work including the gardening and keeping the club looking great. It's an endless job and again thanks for everything you have done.

Now that we have put our boats to bed for the season it's time to close the club up for the winter. Mark your calendar as we will be doing this on Saturday November 6th starting at 9 o'clock. Let's all chip in and help with the closure. Remember many hands make for an easy job.

Some Landlubbers Nautical Terms:

Anchor – A device designed to bring up mud samples from the bottom.
Dead Reckoning - A course leading directly to a reef.
Freeboard – Food and liquor supplied by the owner.
Great Circle Route – The ship’s course when the rudder is jammed.

George Webster
OOYC Rear Commodore

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Treasurer:

Get Out and Vote

At the November membership meeting, the full membership will discuss and vote on a significant change to the language in the OOYC Constitution and By-Laws in regard to the classifications of membership. I urge all full members to carefully read this proposal and then to exercise your right to vote. The more members that vote, the better understanding the board will have of the direction you wish us to take.

Ray Tangent
Treasurer

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Recording Secretary:

Special notice to all OOYC members. At the Nov. 21, 2010 meeting there are several important issues and possible constitutional changes that are going to be brought forth. Any change to the constitution of the club will have a possible impact on some or all Members.

To be informed and have your opinions heard, your ATTENDANCE at the meeting would be beneficial. **It is your club!**

Tina Bartholomay
Recording Secretary

