

## The History of the Yule Log

The custom of burning the Yule Log goes back to, and before, medieval times. It was originally a Nordic tradition. Yule is the name of the old Winter Solstice festivals in Scandinavia and other parts of northern Europe, such as Germany.

The Yule Log was originally an entire tree, that was carefully chosen and brought into the house with great ceremony. The largest end of the log would be placed into the fire hearth while the rest of the tree stuck out into the room! The log would be lit from the remains of the previous year's log which had been carefully stored away and slowly fed into the fire through the Twelve Days of Christmas. It was considered important that the re-lighting process was carried out by someone with clean hands. Nowadays, of course, most people have central heating so it is very difficult to burn a tree!

In Provence (in France), it is traditional that the whole family helps to cut the log down and that a little bit is burnt each night. If any of the log is left after Twelfth Night, it is kept safe in the house until the next Christmas to protect against lightning! In some parts of The Netherlands, this was also done, but the log had to be stored under a bed! In some eastern European countries, the log was cut down on Christmas Eve morning and lit that evening.

In Cornwall (in the UK), the log is called 'The Mock'. The log is dried out and then the bark is taken off it before it comes into the house to be burnt. Also in the UK, barrel makers (or Coopers as barrel makers were traditionally called) gave their customers old logs that they could not use for making barrels for Yule logs. (My surname is Cooper, but I don't

make barrels! My Great Grandfather did own a walking stick factory though!)

The custom of the Yule Log spread all over Europe and different kinds of wood are used in different countries. In England, Oak is traditional; in Scotland, it is Birch; while in France, it's Cherry. Also, in France, the log is sprinkled with wine, before it is burnt, so that it smells nice when it is lit.



In Devon and Somerset in the UK, some people have a very large bunch of Ash twigs instead of the log. This comes from a local legend that Joseph, Mary and Jesus were very cold when the shepherds found them on Christmas Night. So the shepherds got some bunches of twigs to burn to keep them warm.

In some parts of Ireland, people have a large candle instead of a log and this is only lit on New Year's Eve and Twelfth Night.

Different chemicals can be sprinkled on the log like wine to make the log burn with different colored flames! Potassium Nitrate = Violet; Barium Nitrate = Apple Green; Borax = Vivid Green; Copper Sulphate = Blue; Table Salt = Bright Yellow. This sounds very dangerous, so please only try this out with some adult supervision!!

The ashes of Yule logs were meant to be very good for plants. This is true, because the ash from burnt wood contains a lot of 'potash', which helps plant flowers. But if you throw the ashes out on Christmas day it was supposedly very unlucky! ...Editor

Source: [www.whychristmas.com](http://www.whychristmas.com)

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**HANDICAP FLEET MEETING**  
**12/11/2020: Movie: White Christmas**  
**Everyone is invited; 7:30PM**

### *Events*

- 12/10 Gen. Membership Meeting
- 12/17 Lighthouse Charities Monthly Meeting

### **2021**

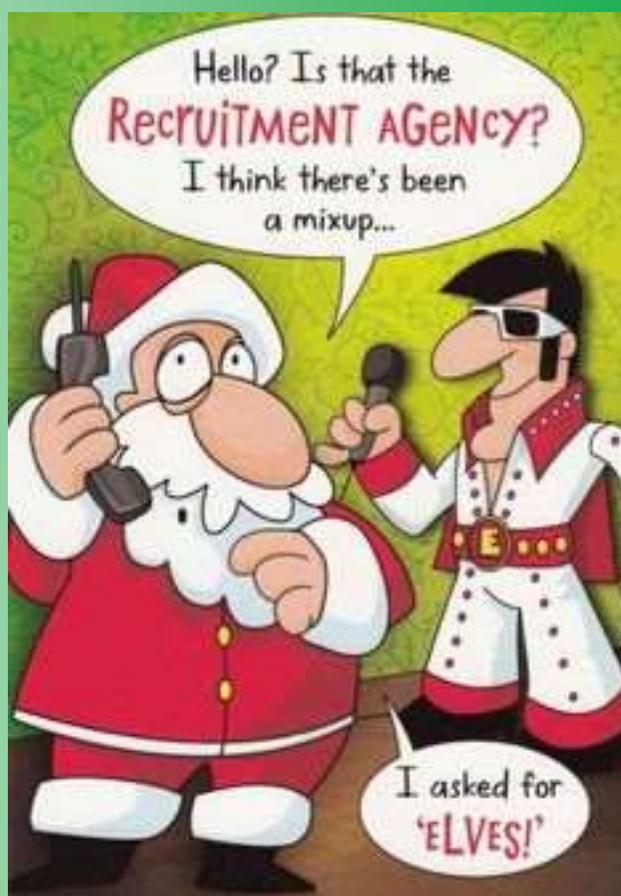
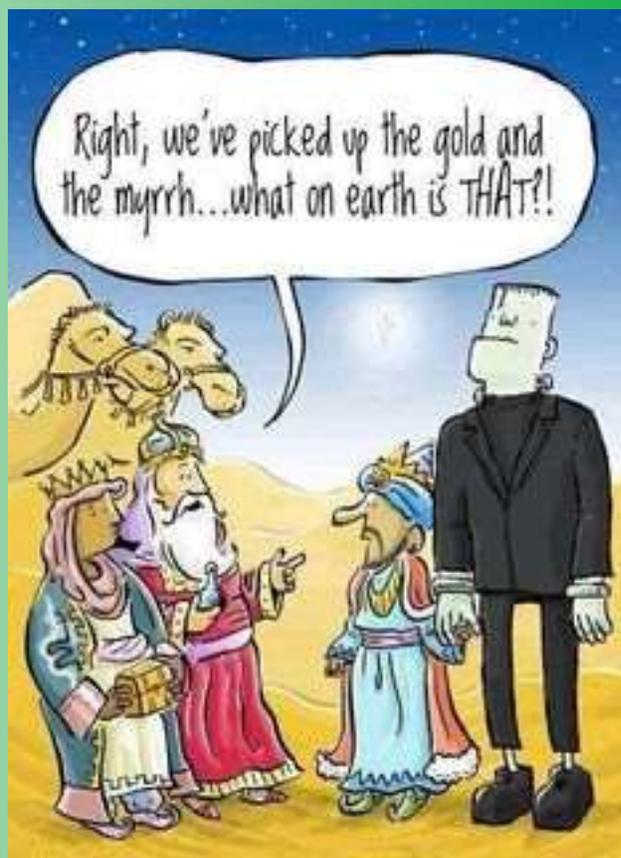
- 1/7 BOG Meeting
- 1/14 Gen. Membership Meeting
- 1/21 Lighthouse Charities Monthly Meeting

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# COMMODORE— Terry Carlson

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The Awards Banquet, Christmas Party, and November ice storm are all behind us; the tree damage around my property was extensive. I think I will be using my chainsaw for several months to come.

## **The saga of “SPAR TREK” —**

I thought I would tell the story of my purchase of my “little sailboat” and what you may want to consider when making an impulse buy.

Last July 31, I was looking on Craig’s List under sailboats and there was “SPAR TREK,” an Illusion Mini 12 Meter, listed as in very good condition. The photo for the boat looked good, so I made a lowball offer and after negotiating, a deal was struck and I was off to Waurika, OK to pick it up. I was assured the trailer was in top condition and was recently serviced. I asked about a title for the boat and was told Colorado did not title boats and all I would need was a “Bill of Sale.” The boat was as advertised, so I paid the cash and got my hand-written Bill of Sale and came back home. I got on the internet and found Oklahoma required a notarized Bill of Sale and Form 753BM, Affidavit of Boat/Outboard Motor Ownership, so I contacted Seller and he agreed to send the notarized Bill of Sale. When I received the Bill of Sale and filled the Affidavit out, I went to two Tag Agencies and was informed they would not accept the forms. I was prepared with a printout of Tax Commission # 710:22-7-9 Ownership Affidavit, where it clearly stated all I needed was the notarized Bill of Sale & the Affidavit. Both were unimpressed and stated they would not do it. I went home and called the Tax Commission, and after a very long conversation and being passed along to several persons, I was told they didn’t care about their own rules/laws, the only way I could get a title would be to get a Court Order from the District Court, directing them to issue a title. After checking with the District Court, it was going to be expensive and time consuming, so I decided to bring in my friend and fellow OCBC member Don Davis. With his connections at Northwest Tag Agency, we got setup with a helpful agent, who made several calls to OK Tax Commission and got them to issue a title. Thanks to Don Davis for all his help!



That’s all I have for this month, so be safe and Happy sailing,  
Terry Carlson, Commodore

## Rear Commodore—Glede Holman

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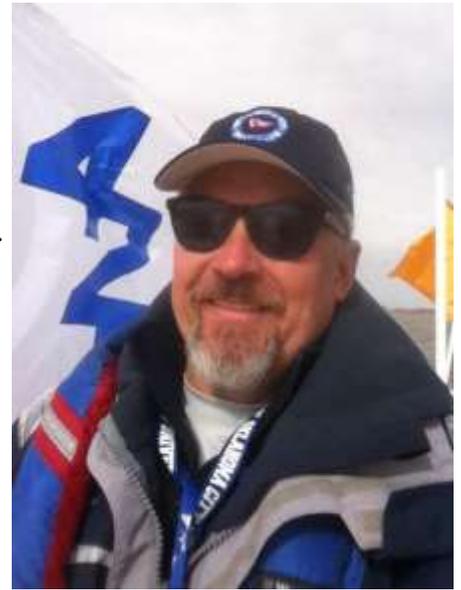
Winter keeps trying to raise its head and with that comes changes at OCBC. The pressure washers are still installed, but temporarily taken out of service if the temperature is expected to drop below freezing. This will continue as long as possible. Both hoists are operational.

COVID continues to have an impact on our activities. The weather has supported more social distancing by allowing us to have activities outside. Thanks to Don Steeber our patio activities are quite a bit warmer due to his donation of two outdoor propane heaters - Thanks Don!

Lake registration stickers are now a little more difficult to acquire, but are still required. Sales of lake registration stickers has moved totally online. Get yours by visiting the website below. Please forward your confirmation receipt to [rear-commadore@okcboatclub.com](mailto:rear-commadore@okcboatclub.com) as stickers may take a while to arrive by mail.

I hope to see you around the club or on the water soon. Until then, here's wishing you all a very happy, and safe, holiday season!

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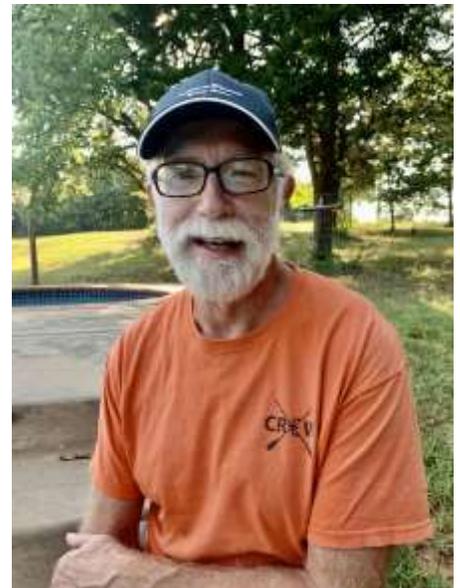
## Secretary's Corner—Jake Langthorn

### Board of Governor's Meeting—December 3, 2020

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The BOG met this December 3rd. There were 4 items of broad interest to the Members :

- 1) Power washers are decommissioned for cold weather;
- 2) The new Centerboard/Lighthouse building is set to go forward. More on this at the Club meeting!
- 3)The BOG enacted the Bylaws emergency clause to provide alternate voting methods in order to attain a quorum at the monthly General Membership meetings while pandemic restrictions are in place. This is immediately necessary to approve new members to the club. The December General Membership meeting will also be a live Webex Meeting. Invitations to the Webex meeting will be sent Thursday afternoon.
- 4) The BOG voted to provide a donation to Lighthouse in honor of Rudy Nieves and Luther Curtis.



Respectfully submitted, Jake Langthorn

# Christmas Party 2020

Dear OCBC friends; WOW what a Christmas Celebration it was at the Oklahoma City Boat Club; even Santa showed up for the celebration. The world will little note nor long remember the food, dessert and good times that we had there, but those of us that were there, will never forget it. It will go down in the annals of OCBC history as one of our finest Christmas celebrations ever. We need to give those that organized and prepared the food a big THANK YOU; it takes a village to put on fiesta like this: Glede, Teresa & Chris Holman; Don & Gloria Garrison; Sandra & Ane Baskerville; John & Blake Harrod, the outside heaters; John, Ethelyn & Casey Barnett; Caterers: Clint Eares of O'Cajuns Catering by Clint, and many more that I forgot!!!

To see all of the pictures: Click on the link below, then click on the first picture, to make it large, click on the arrow on the side of the picture to start the slide show.

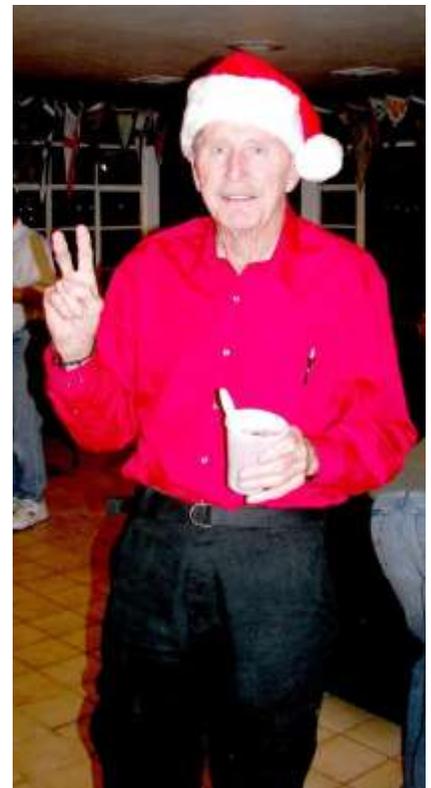
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2012 Christmas @ OCBC



Submitted  
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# Boat Winterization at OCBC

By Karl Benzer

November, 2019

We in Oklahoma are fortunate that we do not have to deal with the deep hard winters of the north but we do have enough winter that must protect our boats for those 5 months when it can freeze. For those of you whose boats do not have an inboard engine and plumbing, winterization is pretty simple and easy. All you have to do is to pull your boat, wash it, If it has a battery it should be removed and stored where it will not freeze or at the minimum be sure that it is fully charged. If you have an outboard, it is a good practice to fog the motor to reduce internal rusting over the winter. Lower the outboard so the cooling water drain. Tie it down cover it if you want to and you are done. Those of us who have inboards have other things to consider. If you have indoor plumbing for a head or galley you either need to drain both or freeze proof by introducing Pink (RV) antifreeze into the system. The ingredient in the pink stuff is propylene glycol. It is chemically similar to ethylene glycol that is used in engines but non-toxic. For an inboard engine that circulates lake water for cooling, the best thing to do is to winterize using ethylene glycol (automotive) antifreeze. If your engine still has a thermostat, be sure that the thermostat is open or you run the risk of not getting the antifreeze circulated throughout the engine and risking freeze damage. And again, address the battery. There will be no need for a space heater and its associated risk of fire or other damage.

A problem that we have at OCBC however is that our electrical infrastructure is not adequate to accommodate the number of people who have been putting space heaters in their boats for the winter. Those of you who have done so have I am sure, noticed that the heater in your boat often will not have power after a strong cold snap. There is a reason for that and in addition to the inadequate wiring it is mostly our own fault. We have approximately 5 - 15 ampere circuits running through the dry slip area immediately south of the harbor. That means that as many as 10 boats could be attempting to draw power from any given circuit. The typical small space heater found in box stores is rated at 1500 watts. That 1 space heater will use 12.5 amps so as you can see that one circuit cannot even support 2 boats with space heaters on the same circuit. The result of which is that the circuit breaker will likely trip and all of the boats on that circuit may not have power when needed most. If you are using a space heater you are endangering your boat as well as your fellow members boats.

Light bulbs (the incandescent kind) work but are subject to burning out at the wrong time. The best solution in my opinion is to use a magnetic block heater. They are a simple resistance heater with a built-in magnet in order to attach the heater to the oil pan of the engine and are used regularly in the Dakotas and Canada to help auto engines keep from freezing and improve starting. By delivering the heat directly to the engine itself it provides the best chance to keep engine water from freezing. I have been using one of these for eight years and have never had a problem (unless a space heater got involved). Mine is a 200 watt unit so it only draws 1.7 amps and so if in universal use could protect 9 boats per circuit. A 200 watt block heater costs about \$35.00. 300 watt units are around \$50.00 and usually have an internal thermostat. Block heaters are readily available at internet sources and can also be found at Tractor Supply type outlets.

Some block heaters are wired with an internal thermostat which will turn them on before the temperature reaches freezing and off after it is above freezing. This is better than running the heater continuously. If yours does not, I would also suggest that you buy a thermostatic plug to insert into the system. These run about \$15.00 and do the same job as an internal thermostat.

Finally, some members think it is okay to unplug another member's boat. It is not. If you are having trouble keeping power on talk to your neighbors and figure out where the power drain is occurring. A watt meter will do that very nicely so you can discuss the problem directly. Hopefully you are not the problem. We should all be courteous to our fellow club members and should be able to expect the same in return.

Thermocube thermostat plug: can be found at Tractor Supply or Home Depot.  
Kat 200 Watt block heater: ebay, Amazon and possibly Tractor supply:

# 36TH AMERICA'S CUP 2021

## UPDATE

The first regatta, which is just weeks away, the Christmas regatta, will be raced between December 17-20 and will mark the first time all four teams will be going head-to-head before next year's America's Cup race. The Prada Cup, scheduled to be held from January 15 through February 22, will be held to find the challenger who will take on Team New Zealand, the Defender. The America's Cup match will be held March 6-21.

The four teams currently are identified as the Defender – Emirates Team New Zealand, which has won America's Cup competitions three times (1995, 2000, 2017). Luna Rossa, Italy, will be competing in their fifth America's Cup and count Jimmy Spithill, who won the America's Cup in 2010 when he skippered BMW Oracle racing, among their team members.

American Magic is sponsored by the New York Yacht Club, which had been home to every winner of the America's Cup for the first 132 years of the Cup competition.

INEOS Team UK races for Britain's Royal Yacht Squadron. Team UK has 16 America's Cup wins and eight Olympic medals.

Over 250 people applied for a position as a volunteer race course marshal at America's Cup, referred to as a "dream job", although the list has now been whittled down to 124. The volunteers will be all over Waitemata Harbor, where they will be tasked with setting up races, laying out markers which are 4-meters high and weighing 800-kilograms, patrolling an estimated 5,000 spectator boats during the regatta. The helpers will be given some legal authority to direct boats to do things, such as, 'stop operating', or 'proceed in a different direction.' When such directions are not followed, the volunteers will have the authority to bring in other agencies to take action.

*Team New Zealand training with Rangitoto Island in the background. Source: America's Cup*



*Luna Rossa in training in Auckland ahead of the start of racing. Source: America's Cup*



*American Magic in a practice run off the coast of Auckland. Source: America's Cup*



*Team UK training on Auckland's Hauraki Gulf. Source: America's Cup*



Two other, previously announced America's Cup challengers, Stars & Stripes USA and Team France, have both apparently withdrawn from the 36th America's Cup competition.

Team France, formed in 2013 for the 35th America's Cup in Bermuda, announced they do not have the funding to challenge again for the next edition in 2021.

Stars & Stripes Team USA look increasingly unlikely to compete in the 2021 America's Cup in Auckland. The US team failed to pay an entry fee in time to contest the opening America's Cup World Series regatta (ACWS) in Italy. According to a Notice to Competitors, only four of the five teams—American Magic, INEOS Team UK, Emirates Team New Zealand and Luna Rosa—had paid the entry fee of US\$300,000 for the ACWS regatta in Cagliari, Sardinia.

## Entertainment 2020

Past Commodore Craig Bilodeau wanted to thank each and every person that, in spite of circumstances, made this a successful 2020. Through individuals donating their time and energy there is a done stamp on Craig's tenure as Commodore of OCBC.

The Awards (gifts) to those individuals that did not attend the Awards Banquet are being stored in the office at OCBC and are available for pickup. Please contact Glede Holman cell 405-416-0112 to make arrangements to meet him.

We would like for this to be accomplished by January 15, 2021.

These labeled items will also be available at the December and January general meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Of course, I would like to add that I will sell any items not claimed by January 15 to the general membership; but, I am not sure the Board will let me do that. Hmmmmmm?

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

### LOCKERS AT OCBC

There are 111 lockers for use by club members; however, we have 190 members currently. I would like to identify the owners of three small lockers in the club outside the restrooms, Lockers #6, 35, and 53. Please notify me if you know who the owners are.

Also there are two lockers in the large locker building by the docks. I threw away a bunch of old sails that people piled on the floor that were blocking some lockers, and before I had time to put my locks on them to give out to members on the waiting list, someone put two identical locks on them. These are Lockers #116 and 117. Please identify yourself to me as soon as possible. Also, we currently are permitting only one locker per person in order to accommodate those waiting for a locker.

John Walters [bigjohndiego@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bigjohndiego@sbcglobal.net)

# 2020 OCBC ANNUAL BANQUET

Below is the link to the pictures from the 2020 Annual Banquet. The drinks were plentiful, the food was delicious and the camaraderie was everywhere. We owe a special thanks to Glede & Teresa Holman, John, Ethelyn & Caasey Barnett, John & Marsha Harrod, Don & Gloria Garrison, and Charlie Shafer, Karen Bilo-deau, Danny & Inacia White, and all the others that pitcued in and gave a hand. It would not have been possible to put on such a fabulous banquet without these members. Please tell them how much you enjoyed the banquet when you see them.

## OCBC Banquet



## Aye - Aye

Somewhat-somewhat redundant-redundant nautical-nautical method-method of saying-saying "yes."

YES



AN AYE AYE



Submitted by  
John Barnett

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