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EVENTS**

**Photo above:
Sunrise in Oklahoma**

COMMODORE'S REPORT



Hello, and welcome to March, the beginning of Spring, and sailing season just around the corner. We always tell every new incoming Commodore that if you can just survive to the sailing season, the rest will take care of it self. Well a lot has changed since those days. The finances of the Club are immensely more complicated these days. Back when I was Commodore in 1995, I remember the dues being around \$500.00 a year. There was no Capital Improvement Account; there were very few Resident Seniors, those who have their dues frozen at age 65. Instead it was actually quite easy to figure a budget in your head. \$2,000.00 dollars of gravel, that was easy, that was four members' dues just used up. It was easy to count backwards from 200 Members to know right where you were going to end up at the end of the year. Splash Day was much simpler too; we usually met around 2:00 in the afternoon, said our piece, introduced new members, stood around and talked till around 5:00 and then left. Our big deal was the Banquet, and we went all out for that event. We spent a lot of time to recognize everybody who had contributed throughout the year. And it certainly takes a lot of volunteers to make all this happen. There are a lot of good people who are behind the scenes always doing what they do. They pick up the slack for all of us a lot, and we often fail to recognize them for their efforts.

Like I said, those were much simpler times indeed. The budget is now quite complicated. We have a Capital Improvement Account to keep up with. The dues are now \$800.00 per year, but only \$600.00 of that is operating monies. So back to the simple math, where we have spent almost \$5,000.00 now on gravel, well that is 8.33 members' dues already gone. Everything has gone up, you know this to be true, and you experience this in your own life as well. Your cable bill is up, your electricity is up, your water is up, etc. I had to make some really tough decisions when I worked out this year's budget; I had to make some cuts that I really did not want to make. But we could not sustain ourselves like we were going with the available cash income we have. We have made the cuts to make the budget work out, but at the same time we have offered some solutions to fix both the immediate problem and the foreseeable future. It is my hope that everyone sees that the Board of Governors has worked hard to make strides to do what is best and right by the Club as a whole and not just the needs of a few.

In the last month alone, I know I have heard just about every idea in the book to save the Club money. From "let's charge for slips," "I don't use one so therefore I shouldn't pay for it," to "we need to charge for the racing program", again "I don't use it so therefore I shouldn't pay for it" to "let's get cheaper insurance and raise the deductible, so that the member who screws it up has to pay it," to one of my all-time favorites: "Scott I don't have any kids so why should I pay for the youth program?" Well I don't have any kids either but I will gladly support the Youth effort. It is the one saving grace of the sport of sailing. I also hear "I don't come to the parties, I only want to sail, and we spend too much money on parties, let's cut that out." The point being that almost every suggestion given to me was very singular in nature, and not very Club orientated. Folks, we belong to the Oklahoma City Boat Club. It is an organization that has many facets to it. Not everything will be your cup of tea, but we all have to get along and we are all in this together.

I would certainly love to have a great Splash Day, a good sailing season, and then follow up with a "GREAT" banquet, One where we can go back to the old school style of recognizing everybody who works so hard to make all of this happen and be a reality for all. Please join me at the Membership meeting on March the 10th, let's get out and vote and try to move this Club forward for us now and all who come after us. This Club has a long, time-tested tradition of excellence; it is up to all of us to make sure that it is preserved for future generations to come.

Scott Law
Commodore 2015/2016



Vice Commodore's Report

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The winter whimper is past and the Ides of March are upon us. Warmer weather will bring more of us out to the clubhouse every week. One thing you will notice is that the Rear Commodore is working hard getting the grounds and clubhouse shipshape. Many of the things that need to be done have been put off for quite some time because of a lack of funds. That can no longer be done. The current budget will fund some of the needed repairs, but not all, and at the expense of some of the social life of the club. Members have an opportunity to set the club on a better financial footing for the rest of the fiscal year (the asked for assessment of \$100) and for the future (the asked for increase in dues by \$200). Many of you who have been around to different clubs around the country are aware of just how much of a bargain OCBC members have with their \$800 per year dues. Believe me when I say there are few, if any, clubs around the country where members have dry and wet storage and hoists for what OCBC members pay. Even with the asked for increase, members will still be paying less than \$100 per month. I urge each one of you to attend the membership meeting Thursday, March 10, and support the requested assessment and dues increase. This is your club, it can only be what you want it to be. We need to make sure a quorum is present at the meeting so the votes can be taken. Your presence and your vote are needed. Fair winds and calm seas my friends.

Danny White attended the friends of the library book sale and purchased a book entitled "A Dictionary for Landlubbers, Old Salts & Armchair Drifters". He was kind enough to present that to me at the board meeting. From time to time I will be including tidbits from that book in my column. It is fitting, therefore, that I start with the definition of "sailing."

Sailing is the fine art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense. Hear Hear !



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Rear Commodore's Report

Summer is right around the corner! Which means it is spring work party time as well. The work party will be next month on Saturday, April 16, at 08:00 to 09:00 for sign in, work party to start at 09:00. We will be addressing, but not limited to: Cleaning the inside of the clubhouse, Power washing the outside of the clubhouse, Re-securing porch deck boards, Re-varnishing the tables and benches, Painting, Re-securing and replacing dock boards and dock fascia boards, Replacing styrofoam under the ends of the docks, Cleaning up the club grounds in general (trash and tree branches)...etc.

Maintenance Items, Changes, and/or Improvements:

The new Wet/Dry Slip Maps are now posted in NW corner of the clubhouse above the kegerator. Many thanks to Tony Fuller and Jay Collins for helping with the project. There is also an electronic copy available of the maps posted on the club website on the login site.

The Gravel Project is coming to a close. And I have no doubt with all of the hours he has put in, that Mr. Terry Carlson is ready for it to be over. He has been spending hours and hours organizing and executing the project. Not to mention getting us a great deal on the gravel itself.

The Rope Fence project is coming along nicely. We are constructing a rope fence (similar to the one in front of the clubhouse and next to the centerboard lot) in front of the south rip-rap seawall (south of c-dock). We are re-using all of the old telephone pole lumber from the old c-dock. An anonymous member was kind enough to drill all of the post holes and Mr. Terry Carlson also asked to head up the task of setting and securing them. He has already set a large number of them as many of you have seen.

The west porch landing by the playground has been re-leveled as well as the porch itself (next to the landing) thanks to Mr. David Newlon.

The Porch Post Replacement Project is underway. The posts holding up the roof on the west side of the clubhouse are rotten and in need of replacement. Mr. Karl Benzer has volunteered to head up the replacement project. Weather provided, he plans to get that done as soon as possible.

The power washer reel at the east hoist has now been replaced putting the power washer back in full operation.

The outside ice machine is now being repaired and should be in full operation for the summer.

Last but not least on the projects list are KEYS. Due to some security and other issues ALL of the locks on the club grounds have been re-keyed EXCEPT the General Membership Common key. The common key allows the general membership access to the front and side clubhouse doors, the small front gate, and the locker shed. Those locks will be re-keyed **LATER** in the year. We will be issuing out the new clubhouse key ahead of time. Your current general membership key does still work.

As usual, other items are in the works. Keep your eye on the YeLogge for future maintenance items, changes and/or improvements to the boat club and facilities.

AGAIN as stated in the last YeLogge, I need a copy of everyone's insurance verification. To date, we are still at about **30%** of the total count. Again, I am asking the membership to submit a copy of their insurance declaration page. Delivery can be done by either a hard copy in the slot in the office door or an electronic copy emailed to me at stan.nieves@gmail.com.

Selecting the Member of the Month was difficult this month with so many people doing various things for the club. This month it is Mr. Terry Carlson. Terry is spending countless hours on the gravel project and has now increased his efforts by heading up the task of setting all of the posts for the rope fence project. Thank you Terry. Thank you for your service to our club.

That is all for now...

Stan Nieves

Rear Commodore

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OCBC St. Patrick's Day Party
Saturday March 12 @ 6:30pm

Crane will be cooking
up Bayless Corned Beef
and all the fixin's

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

7 May
6:30 p.m.
Con La
Comida
Mexicana



Hosted by Rosa Walters
Barbara Kendall
Ginny Green
Peggy Sharon
Becky Drennen
Pam Angle
Barbara Brinker

& Caribbean Punch



BOOKSALE 2016 - The line for the Pre-sale

Thanks to great Friends of the Library members and supporters, the 2016 Friends of the Library Book sale was a tremendous success! The 37th annual Book sale raised over \$227,000 to support the Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma Count. This year the Friends have also gained more members than ever before – nearly 2,300 individuals and families!

Check out this amazing time-lapse video of the Book sale's opening night to see what it looks like when thousands of book lovers converge for Oklahoma's greatest book event:

<https://vimeo.com/157143432>

MARCH QUOTE OF YE MONTH



Photo credit: Cindy Friedemann

***Don't worry about the world ending today. It's already tomorrow in Fiji.
- Daria Blackwell***

Hear Yea, Hear Yea All Mariners!

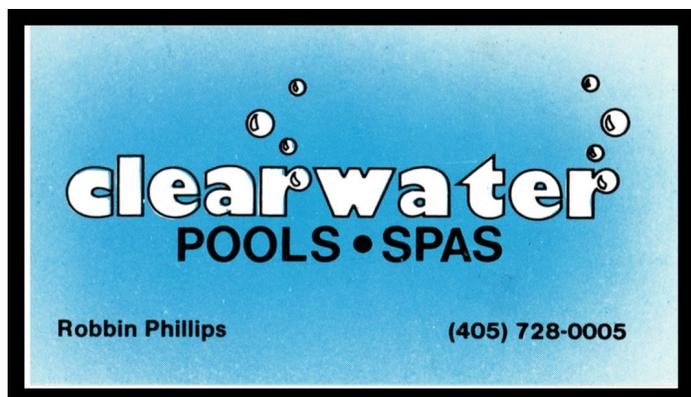
OCBC will have a Nautical Flea Market this Saturday, March 12 from 0900 Hrs to 1100 Hrs
Bring your wares to swap/sell or come to see what nautical items you might purchase at a good price!

Those planning to bring items are asked to come earlier (0800-0830) to help set up tables and have their items on display by 0900.

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OCBC is planning on hosting a Club Judge workshop on Saturday, March 26, presented by Ric Mallinson. The cost to US SAILING members is \$30. For Nonmembers, the cost is an additional \$50 for their membership fee. Refreshments and lunch are furnished, thanks to OCBC. Registration is to be made online at <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/become-a-race-official/judge-seminar-calendar/>. USSAILING will send online addresses for the recommended study materials upon receipt of your registration.

Included in the registration fee are the course materials which include the course guide that follows the PowerPoint presentation and a large number of forms, guides and reference materials that are of good general interest.

For those who are interested in certification, and online test will be offered within 10 days after the workshop.

Call, text or email Gary Sander (405-808-5-18) for any questions regarding the workshop or registration.

THE TRADING PAGE

For Sale: 1988 Capri 22 winged keel, 4hp Nissan four stroke, tandem axle shop built trailer, 2 sets of sails, battery, radio/cd player. Running and standing rigging in good condition. CDI roller furling. Needs a coat of bottom paint. \$5,500. Call Vick Colbert (405) 324-6866, vick@olvick.com ⁶

For Sale : 1976 Ranger 29. Gary Mull design. "Red Boat" Includes main, 3 jibs, spinaker and pole, atomic four engine on way over built trailer with 15 support posts. Contact Billy Pratt at 405-706-4941

For Sale: 2005 IC-24 CONVERSION FROM J-24 - \$15,000

Two suits of sails, New bottom job, Newly painted hull, boat is currently at The OKC Boat Club. \$15,000.00 OBO, negotiable price.

Please contact Jeff Burke (sailorjb@cox.net 405-361-7684) or Dwight Bays (dwight@onesds.com 405-473-0444) for any additional questions, pictures, or demo sail.

Items on the Trading Page will run for three issues. To continue publishing your ad for an additional three issues, or if your item sells, please notify Billy Pratt , Editor.

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If you see something



say something!



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I also solicit constructive suggestions of things you would like to see or change.

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