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CELEBRATE THE 25TH ON THE 25TH!

OSCA'S 25th Anniversary Haul Out Party will be held afloat in Narragansett Bay on October 25th aboard Commodore Ron Lewis' boat *Argo*!

No, we won't all be crowding aboard the Commodore's Boat??? We will be dining aboard the *Harbor Queen* (pictured below) out of Warren! The *Harbor Queen* is a new 85 foot luxury yacht which seats up to 120 guests. This is one of the Bay Queen ships but not the *Vista Jubilee*. We will have the Harbor Queen all to ourselves!

Save the date: **Celebrate OSCA's 25th Anniversary on the 25th of October, 2009!** We will enjoy a 3 ½ Hour Narragansett Bay Cruise onboard the *Harbor Queen* featuring a complete Majestic Buffet Dinner prepared by Majestic Catering Co. of Bristol, and cash bar services. Entertainment will be provided by your fellow OSCA members supplemented by a professional Disk Jockey.

Boarding time: 11:00 am
Departure time: 11:30 am
Return time: 3:00 pm

We will be boarding the Harbor Queen at Bay Queen Cruise Lines, 461 Water Street, Gate #4, Warren, RI. This is just off of RI Route 114 in the downtown area.

The 25th Anniversary Haul Out Dinner Party is open to all OSCA members, and their guests, (friends, relatives). If you love them – bring'em.

To reserve your seat on this once-in-a-lifetime cruise, mail you checks payable to OSCA today! The address is OSCA Treasurer, Ms. Shirley Slattery, 136 Sykes Road, Seekonk, MA. The deadline is October 1, 2009. Adults are \$49.50 per person and children 4 to 12 years old are \$30.00.

Bring children of any age on board. They must be supervised by a

parent or guardian at all times. To be fair, parents must also be supervised by children at all times!



2009 DATES OF INTEREST

- Fleet Night, March 28
- Wine & Cheese, April 5
- Memorial Day EGYC , May 23 - 25th.
- RI Yacht Club, June 13 - 14th
- Annual Cruise, July 18-26th
- Dutch Harbor, August 15 - 16th
- Labor Day Event, Sep. 5-7th
- Newport Boat Show, Sept. 12 - 13th
- Allen Harbor, Sep. 26-27th
- Haul Out Party Oct. 25th, Bay Queen Cruise Lines

PHOTOS BY OUR OSCA FRIENDS



OSCA welcomes Jim Torinese (left) who joins Brokers Tim Norton and Glenn Walters at Eastern Yacht Sales of RI

LABOR DAY RENDEZVOUS AT THE



OSCA'S Annual Labor Day Rendezvous at the Bristol Yacht Club is fast approaching. It will be held on Saturday September 5th through Monday the 7th. The weekend will include our summer favorites;

- Spectacular pot luck supper overlooking the harbor
- Ted Trudeau Memorial MERCURY RACING
- Saturday night STEAK FRY
- RI PHILHARMONIC CONCERT

It is an exciting time to be in Bristol!!!

MOORINGS are available through the Bristol Yacht Club and pre-assigned according to boat size. Just EMAIL (steward@bristolyc.com) or CALL (401) 253-2922 to make a Mooring Reservation. Emails are preferred. Include your name, phone number, boat name & length, dates of arrival & departure and the fact that you are with OSCA. Make your reservations early as the harbor moorings sell out and the yacht club will be turning away reservations from other groups as well as late comers. BYC monitors Channel 68. OSCA monitors Channel 72.

SCHEDULE

Saturday (Sept 5th): 5 pm – Welcoming Cocktail Party & Pot Luck Supper at BYC – Cash Bar

Sunday (Sept 6th):

- 8:30 am Coffee & Donuts
- 9:30 am Skippers Meeting
- 11 am Mercury Racing Begins
- 4:30 pm Steak Fry
- 7 pm RI Philharmonic Concert

Monday (Sept 7th): 8:30 am – Coffee & Donuts

STEAK FRY RESERVATIONS

Dinners will be reserved upon receipt of your check. **RSVP NLT Tuesday, September 1st.** Include your name, boat name, phone number, email address, number of people attending and a check for \$30.00 each.

Mail reservation & check to:
Shirley Slattery, 136 Sykes Rd, Seekonk, MA 02771

Be sure to check www.oscafleet.org for all of the latest & greatest info.



25TH ANNIVERSARY BURGEE



**THIS IS ONE
GALA EVENT
YOU DO NOT
WANT TO
MISS !!!
RESERVE
THIS DATE &
MARK YOUR
CALENDARS
TODAY.**

In commemoration of OSCA's 25th Anniversary, the board of directors decided it would be appropriate to have a new burgee signifying this historic milestone. The new burgee is a 'swallow-tail' design made of a lighter material than the previous rectangular burgee. This enables it to fly in much lighter winds. The final design was selected by the membership via popular vote at this spring's Wine and Cheese Party. It was judged the best one of about six designs submitted. The designs were the result of a collaborative effort by Commodore Ron Lewis and his nephew Sean Tracey. Sean graduated this spring from Western Connecticut State

University with a degree in graphic design. Thanks to Sean for his tenacity and willingness to take on the task - the outcome is a new burgee which members can be proud to fly! In fact it is already flying from many OSCA boats! The burgees can be purchased from Rear Commodore John Impagliazzo for \$30 each.



STERLING ASSOCIATES

STERLING Associates are longtime OSCA Sponsors. Their specialties are Boat Loans For New Purchases, Refinances For Current Boat Loans, Boat Insurance and Coast Guard Documentation.



A quick check among OSCA members will find many happy Sterling Associates customers.

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- Fax. (508) 234-1557
- <http://www.boatbanker.net/> , or
- 49 Church St.
Whitinsville, MA 01588



WORD FROM OUR COMMODORE



AHOY! The beginning of "Summer" was about as soggy as I have ever seen! I think the crew of the Enterprise beamed me into an alternate rainforest universe! How to escape? On a boat!

Even though the weather didn't cooperate (I was going to get some stats on inches of rainfall, heating degree days, lack of

cooling degree days and the like but decided it would be too painful) we are still having a great 25th Anniversary Season! All of our events, Dead of Winter, Wine & Cheese, Memorial Day, Gaspee Days, Kickemuit Rendezvous, the Cruise and Dutch Harbor, have been well attended offering activities for varied interests.

The Dead of Winter Party, hosted by Laura Collins and Jeff Bullock, started the season on a truly cold night! Despite the cold and dreariness of winter, many members shared their enthusiasm for sailing and their visions for the upcoming season. Not to mention the always super hors d'oeuvres and dinner items provided by OSCA members! Diet – Not!

At the Wine and Cheese, hosted by Jeff and Susan Mahall, John Nesbitt offered a perspective of OSCA's history showing how OSCA's original charter has been fulfilled over the years. (Please remember to send John any pictures and stories you have of past events to help flesh out the OSCA story.) John was followed by Captain Skip Litterer from BoatWise LLC (also a captain of the Jamestown – Newport Ferry), who gave an informative talk on "What Every First Mate Should Know!" The topics were covered at a high level, but the breadth of the information was an eye opener with regard to how much there is to know to run a safe vessel!

The Memorial Day Weekend, hosted and superbly executed by Sandy and Peter Borowiec, was a great success! The East Greenwich Yacht Club provided red carpet treatment for OSCA! Our dinner buffet was excellent, with delicious fish and chicken featuring a Caribbean flair. The often hilarious and perplexing magic and comedy show by Matt Roberts, Las Vegas comedian/magician, had everyone young and old alike laughing and scratching their heads! He is worthy of a repeat performance at some point!

Gaspee Days Weekend, hosted by Sandra and Bruce England, became a new addition to the OSCA summer schedule, and what an addition! The Rhode Island Yacht Club opened their arms to OSCA for this truly interesting and historical weekend. The infamous HMS Gaspee is burned in effigy after a day

of parades and music in the quaint village of Pawtuxet. Bruce and Sandra arranged permission with the Coast Guard to practice setting off hand-held and aerial meteor flares. If you ever need to use one of these, particularly on a pitching boat in the dark, this practice session could prove invaluable! The Englands also provided everyone with hand-held flare "extenders" that help you keep the flare away from you and the boat, preventing burning both! Look for instructions on the construction of the extenders on the web site and in a future Gazette...

The July Kickemuit River Rendezvous was hosted by Joe & Dennise Arruda of Time Out and Anne & Steve Anthony of Tianna. Over a dozen boats met on shore for a pot-luck supper and camp fire. Members cooked a variety of foods on the campfire. The brisk wind helped keep the mosquitoes away. A good time was had by all.

The Summer Cruise to Nantucket was a smashing success thanks to Fleet Captain David and Admiral Sandy Arnold! The weather was quite good for the first two days and the passages from Third Beach to Tarpaulin Cove and then Edgartown. It got a little tricky with dense fog between Edgartown and Nantucket, but the fleet handled it beautifully with radio communication between radar equipped boats and those without. A hard blow meant abandoning Vineyard Haven in favor of the more sheltered Edgartown Harbor on the return from Nantucket, and an additional lay day there. The fleet headed out for Westport, and was again confronted by fog in Vineyard Sound. Once through Quick's Hole the fog disappeared, the wind came up, and everyone had a great sail into the harbor. The final evening was highlighted by a fantastic lobster boil hosted by Bill and Paula Kaylor from Seanchai. We departed Westport in fog again, and the fleet broke up at the Sakonnet River as everyone headed to their home ports. The camaraderie was outstanding as everyone enjoyed seeing old acquaintances and making new ones!

The Dutch Harbor Rendezvous, hosted by Kathy and John Impagliazzo, was very well attended. Our new wine tasting contest was the highlight of the evening. Almost everyone successfully made it back into their dinghies! The weekend was beautiful and we had great sailing on both days!

OSCA's cookbook *Meals on Keels* is about to go to press. The proofs are back from the printer and we are in the final stages. Thanks to Janet Gendreau, Anne Anthony and all of those who contributed recipes. They will be available for purchase very soon.

If there is a topic you would like covered at an event or in the Gazette, please send me an email at oscaron@townisp.com. I look forward to your input on how to make OSCA a better value to you.

Once again, many thanks to the Sponsors and to the Officers for a great season! Looking forward to Labor Day, Allen's Harbor and the Haul Out Party!

Best to All!
Ron



FLOSCA BOATS FOR SALE

FROLIC

Yes, FLOSCA is the Florida Ocean State Catalina Association? More OSCA members are heading for Florida and "Frolic" is for sale! Ed and Eleanor Cox pretty much live in Florida now, so their next boat will probably be down there. They can be reached via telephone at their summer quarters by dialing (401) 847-0412.

Frolic is a 1984 Catalina 27 tall rig. She has a diesel engine, two propane fueled burners, pressurized water system, wheel or tiller (can be converted), a Martec folding prop for extra speed, an auto helm for busy captains, full cockpit cushions for your comfort, stereo to entertain you, Loran to confuse you, cockpit awning to shade you, holding tank to..., and 4 Lewmar winches. They report that it is a very complete boat, ready to sail away. Frolic is located Portsmouth, RI.

TRANQUILITY

Al and Jan Lewis were members since the inception of OSCA 25 years ago. They have had a mooring at Block Island for the last 24 years, so they have spent most of their time there and at their niece's mooring in Newport. Tranquility was purchased virtually brand new from Eastern. The first owner moved and had to sell it just after purchasing it new, so

really it has been a one-owner boat--well loved and cared for.

Al is at the point where he doesn't want to "build a frame", cover the boat, paint the bottom, etc. any longer. However, Tranquility can be found in the water at Wickford and it looks spiffy. They're not going to FL, but do go North in the winter (to NH).

Tranquility is a 1980 Catalina 30' refurbished in early 2000, (replaced all the wiring because most 30's have had electrical problems). The engine is a Universal diesel 25; has GPS, radar, a fully-battened main, a roller furling and (2) 150 jibs (2002), new rigging (2003), a cruising spinnaker with, self-tailing winches, a stainless propane stove with oven, a hot water, tank gauge on pump-out, 5" thick comfort upholstery (2000), full dodger with an enclosure (open only at transom), cockpit cushions & table, two new batteries (2009), and new dock lines. Includes dishes, silverware, utensils, v-berth comforter, spare parts (including new water pump--just in case). The 2008 insurance value is \$28,000 but they need to retire so they are asking only \$18,900. Contact Al at king-coo@cox.net or (401) 294-3668



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Talk with Dick, Ann and Ed at the next OSCA event or contact Dick and Ann at (866)439-5630 or (401)349-3566 and on the web at rbowman@cruiseone.com or <http://rbowman.cruiseone.com/travel/cruises/>



WWW.OSCAFLEET.ORG

A new web site is in the works. Jeff Bullock & Roland Gendreau have recommended to the OSCA Board that we rebuild the web site to achieve:

- A clean/modern design
- An uncluttered layout
- Highly graphical content
- Easy maintainability
- Easy for our officers to update

They want to make the web site a place where members:

- Share sailing experiences
- Create ad hoc rendezvous
- Share tech tips/questions
- Share boating pictures

Visit the OSCA web site now for the latest updates thanks to our webmaster Jeff Bullock of OS/V Rhode Runner.



OSCA CLOTHES FROM THE GOB SHOP

THE Gob Shop is the place where you can pick up OSCA clothing. They have the OSCA logo ready for embroidering onto a wide selection of clothing such as ball caps, vests,



465 Main Street (Rte 114), Warren RI,
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shirts, sweatshirts. While they don't have an OSCA page, you can check out their selection on-line or at their showroom. Visit them at:

www.gobshop.com.



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EASTERN YACHT SALES OF R.I.

Eastern Yacht Sales of RI continues to be OSCA's Flagship Sponsor. Based in Portsmouth, Eastern Yacht Sales of RI contributed to OSCA for Father Misgivings who entertained us at the last year's annual East Greenwich Yacht Club Memorial Day Rendezvous. Eastern also has provided the musical entertainment for the annual OSCA Haul Out Parties held at the New-

port Naval Station's Officers Club.

They provide customers who purchase new Catalinas with complimentary one year memberships in OSCA. This is an important factor in our continually strong membership rolls.

Eastern also provides OSCA with booth space at the Newport Boat Show where our volunteers introduce boat shoppers and current Catalina owners to OSCA.

The members and Flag Officers of the Ocean State Catalina Association offer our thanks to Eastern Yacht Sales for their continued and valued support.

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