

UNDER THE BRIDGE

*...the newsletter of the...
Oriental Dinghy Club Inc.*

Commodore's Corner

The 2010 sailing season is fast approaching... A reminder that your dues are due before March 1st. The race schedule has been posted on the ODC web site. We believe that we have put together a very comprehensive schedule that will give members a variety of racing.

In summary, there will be a kick-off party on Saturday, April 17th at Whitaker Point Marina, with a barbeque much like last year. At the head of the food line there will be a container, in which member will be asked to donate \$5 per person to offset the cost of the event.

Eight fleet races for both the one design and PHRF are planned. The fleet race on April 24th will be a long distance race. The course will be determined later. The Race Committee will be mixing up the courses between the windward leeward or the triangle.

The Hancock Regatta has been added as a third ICRC event this year. The three are: ECB (Black Beard), Hancock (HYC) and Dragons Breath (ODC).

Two other long distance races that sound interesting will be the First Citizens' Cup, which is an overnight race from New Bern to Garbacon and back. This race is always held during a full moon (hopefully no clouds).

The Oar Race and Michelob Cup, on September 4 & 5, is a combined race from New Bern to Oriental on Saturday, and back to New Bern on Sunday. ODC will provide the finish line on Saturday, and the start on Sunday. The Festivities on Saturday night will be at the Toucan Grill.

The Ensign Fleet under the direction of Ken Small, will be hosting the Region-1 Championship here in Oriental. This should be a great event for Oriental as this is to be a tent/tables/chair for a steak/shrimp buffet at the Oriental Marina. Ken will keep us posted as things shape up

Our Training Chairman, Gordon Kellogg, is putting together two training sessions this spring. One will be on rigging and tuning. The second session will be on the operation of the committee boat and race operations.

Back by popular demand this year is the River Dunes race weekend at River Dunes. The race will be similar to that of last year with a race up to River Dunes on Saturday and a race back on Sunday. Costs for this event will be forthcoming as the plans are firmed up.

ODC NEEDS YOU!!

As you all know, the success of this organization depends on its members and volunteers. We will need help with all the events, especially the regattas. So, when you are contacted with a request to participate in an event, or to help with the Committee Boat duties, please know that without the participation of the members, these events cannot go on.