**Commodores Corner:**

*Dave Burke (ocyc16@gmail.com)*

Greetings all and Happy Spring! Although winter has released its icy grip, unfortunately it has left behind some fairly significant damage to our float system. As has been discussed at the meetings, the club sustained major ice damage. Multiple floats were crushed and 16 of our pilings were displaced or broken. In conjunction with the board of directors we took the necessary steps early on in February to begin the process of getting quotes and coming to terms with a contractor to conduct the emergency repair work needed to replace / repair these crucial parts of our float system. As reported at the last meeting we were one of the first clubs/ marinas in the harbor to have our work completed and it was done ahead of schedule and under budget. This being said there is much to do. Many of the floats sustained damage and some of the older floats are beyond repair. We need all members to come down early and do their work detail now. I implore those who use the float system to step to the plate before you step on your boat. Ask not what the club can do for you, but what you can do for the club! Please follow the emails sent out by our secretary and sign up to help. Pre registration is essential so we can keep things properly organized.

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Also as we enter the Launch Season please stay in contact with the Fleet Captain Bob Lesenechal, Yard Master Neil Smith, and your Dock Masters Dan Conley and Frank Razsa. Communication and cooperation is not only requested but required by all of our members.

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I also must remind everyone to clean up after your boating projects. There is a specific dumpster for your shrink wrap for your convenience. As always it is every members responsibility to dispose of paint, chemicals, oil, and other hazardous waste off site. Carelessly leaving these items behind can result in club fines, sanctions, or worse. The officers take this seriously, as should you.

**Member of the Month**

**March 2015** – Jim Duwors, Tom O’Connor, Tom Callahan and Bob Seville. These members went above and beyond their duties plowing and removing snow to keep us open.

**April 2015** – Kevin Daly, for his invaluable day to day contributions to the club.

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On a positive note, there has been much work completed already. Thanks to the hard work of our officers and outstanding members, our launch dates have been set on schedule, despite a record breaking destructive winter. We will be boating on time because we are the best Yacht Club in Mass Bay. Once again we have proven our resolve and resilience. I'm extremely proud to be your commodore for the 2015 Boating Season, if I can

assist you in any way please don't hesitate to contact me. God Bless and happy boating!

Respectfully submitted, Dave Burke

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**Fleet Captain:**

*Bob Lesenechal*

Reminder, requests for slip location must be submitted prior to the first OCYC scheduled launch date. The first launch will be on May 2nd 2015 with Continental Marine. Request is only required if you request a slip other than your location the year prior. No request is required if you intend to remain at the same slip during this past season of 2014.  If you did not occupy a slip last year, you must submit a request if you desire a particular slip based on your seniority letters.

**LAUNCH DATES**

* May 2nd with Continental Marine
* May 16th with Continental Marine
* May 19th with Simms
* May 30th with Continental Marine

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**Vice Commodore:**

*Brian Burns*

I am accepting submissions for the ad book. If you would like to place an ad please contact me on or before May 6th 2015 to have your ad in the opening night book. There are some great events coming to OCYC this year. Some dates are listed below and more will follow as we get into the season.

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**Rear Commodore:**

*Mark Healey*

I would like to thank all who attended last Saturday's meat raffle.  Thanks to your participation, the raffle was a success raising revenues for the Club and our veterans cruise!  The next meat raffle date will be announced shorty.  Be sure to come by, enjoy a complimentary sandwich, win a steak, and enjoy the waterfront views from our beautiful "Buccaneer Lounge".

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**Secretary:**

*Chris Croke (ccroke13@hotmail.com)*

We recently started something new call an E-Blast, if I have your email address you have received these. The E-Blast will allow us to send out reminders via email for upcoming work details, club functions, events and any information that may come up in between newsletters. So far it has been working pretty well and I have been getting great feedback from the membership. If you would like to be added to the E-Blast list please send me your email address.

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A special congratulation to OCYC member Ricky Coyne. Rick ran 50 miles on his 50th birthday to raise money for charity. His run was from Cape Cod to Marina Bay in Quincy. Great job Rick!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 16th – Opening Night

June 12-13th – OCYC Fishbowl

June 27th – OCYC to host an invasion

July 25th – OCYC to invade Lynn Volunteer Yacht Club