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# Scuttlebutt



Nov/Dec, 2009

### COMMODORE'S REPORT...

Another year of good times and good friends at the club has passed. As we move on into the holiday season I'm happy to report that the Grog Room and Restaurant enjoyed a successful year and the patio / dock project progressed along nicely with more improvements to come next year. My thanks go to all who gave their time and effort to make it happen!

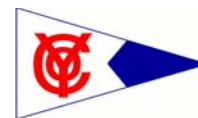
Thanks for the privilege to have served as your 2009 Commodore and as a Board member over the last few years. Along the way I was fortunate to have the benefits of experience, guidance, dedication, and support from many talented members and staff to help keep the club on course through all kinds of weather. My job went much more smoothly because of you.

This season I enjoyed a fair amount of sailing time thanks to the afternoon cruises of several fellow members and I look forward to more of the same next summer. Someday Christine and I will be able to return the kind favors with invitations out on our own sailboat.

I must say that the economy did not diminish the fun we shared this season at OYC! I wish everyone much happiness with family and friends during the holidays.

See you (next summer) at the club!

*Dave Long*



## **VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT...**

In spite of a somewhat dismal summer, our "House" operation has come through in fine shape. We have produced positive results with the restaurant and bar ending up in the black once again. We were able to pay bonuses to our managers and have a balance to carry forward to next year.

A round of hearty thank yous go out to Julie, Simonne, Meghan, Jessica, Zoe, Natalie, Anthony, Jordan and Courtney who wrapped up the year. "Clean up" went very smooth as the kitchen staff left very little to do for our volunteers. Sell-offs got our inventory down to just liquor and canned goods.

I cannot say thank you enough for all of the great support that I received from so many members in the special events, hosting Friday and Saturday nights, the House Committee and the membership for the financial support that you showed throughout the season in an otherwise economically tough year. I would love to say that I would welcome the chance to be Vice Commodore again next year. I would love to, but I am not, because it is a very demanding and time consuming job. I will certainly offer my knowledge to the next VC who fills this chair. Thanks again for making our "House", the best house on the lake.

*Mike Layman*

## **FROM THE REAR COMMODORE...**

Hello to all of our soon to be winterized Club members. I would like to sincerely thank all of you who worked so diligently this past season to keep our Club looking great. Your hour after hour of hard work made the grounds as well as the exterior and interior look terrific. I can't list all of you by name, but you and I as well as the other Club members know who you are. Thank you!!! Thank you!!! Thank you. There will be a number of jobs that need doing next spring, and knowing this club there will be a long list of volunteers to do it. So until then rest up, stay healthy and we'll see you next spring.

The BUTT END guy,

*Ed Bova*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT...**

Another season quickly comes to an end. I am happy to report the Club's overall financial health is in good shape. We ended the year in the "black" in all areas including the House operation. I will have a full detailed report as well as the 2010 budget for everyone at the January General Membership Meeting.

Thank you to all members who made this year a success. For those who still owe balances on their House account please get them paid so we can close out all the finances in November.

*Rob McIntosh & Fred White*

## **DOCKING POLICY at OYC DOCKS (01 OCT 09)**

1. Overnight docking by members and reciprocal yachtsmen is allowed provided skippers spend the night aboard.
2. Olcott Yacht Club recommends that boats never be left unattended. If skippers choose to ignore this recommendation it is understood that the skipper takes full responsibility for any ensuing damage to the vessel and/or club docks.
3. Boats will not be left unattended overnight without approval by the harbor master or a member of the Board of Directors. Even with such approval, skippers are responsible for damage to vessel and/or club docks.
4. Should the haul-out slip be needed in an emergence, OYC reserves the right to move any vessel docked there to another location at our docks.

**NOTE: Please insert the above revised Docking Policy into you Constitutional Booklets. Copies will also be available at the Annual General Meeting.**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE...

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following nominations to the Secretary of the Board of Directors to prepare a ballot for election to the Board at the Annual General Meeting in January.

### NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Club will have three vacancies to fill this coming year on the Board of Directors. The following members have agreed to run for the vacant positions.

Tony Bochniarz – Associate Member

John Carpenter – Associate Member

Robert McIntosh – Associate Member

Alan Rosenbaum – Senior Member

Jocelyn Sikorski – Associate Member

Meet the Candidates.

Tony Bochniarz is a plant manager at Pivot Punch Corporation and has served on the Long Range Planning Committee. He has sailed out of Olcott for many years, currently on *Soundwave*. He and his wife Christine reside in Gasport.

John Carpenter has been a member of OYC for since 1973. He worked as an independent contractor out of Wilson harbor for many years and is recently retired from RCR Yachts where he worked commissioning new boats. He and his wife Ann reside in Olcott.

Rob McIntosh is currently on the Board of Directors and has served as treasurer for several years. He and his wife Heidi reside in Lockport.

Alan Rosenbaum resides with his wife Linda and family in Olcott. Alan skippers an Erickson 27 *Jolly Roger* out of Olcott Harbor. He is a chemical engineer with Praxair Corporation.

Jocelyn Sikorski has served on the House Committee. Jocy has skippered *Soundwave* to numerous championships. She is youth coordinator for Genesee County and resides in Attica with her husband Kevin and daughter Paige.

### OYC Annual Membership Meeting 2010

#### Ballot (Sample)

Please indicate your membership category: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote for three (3). Any votes for more or less will not be counted.**

\_\_\_ Tony Bochniarz     \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ John Carpenter     \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Rob McIntosh     \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Alan Rosenbaum     \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Jocelyn Sikorski     \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

## **OLCOTT YACHT CLUB...**

With the end of another season we look back and debrief and critique our season. I look at the ups and downs, and ins and outs of our Junior Program, The Vice Commodore pours over the House activity to find the plusses and minuses to suggest for next year. The Treasurer and Finance Committee look at numbers and project a budget. All of the Officers and Directors are privy to numerous suggestions and criticisms which abound... and this is all good.

But I am struck by a blog being kept by a Great Lakes solo navigator who stopped by our Club. To me his words are the essence of what OYC is all about. We have had testimonies from visitors in the past but this sailor sums it up.

*[The Editor]*

## **WHISPER EN ROUTE**

Cruise of the sailboat *Whisper*, made famous through the voyages of Hal and Margaret Roth, through the Great Lakes, destination Maine.

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

### **Yacht Clubs**

One of the great, Corinthian traditions is reciprocity among yacht clubs wherein the facilities of the club are made available to visiting yachtsmen in transit.

This has been a godsend to *Whisper* along our way. We have enjoyed the hospitality of some truly fine yacht clubs, but none better than that afforded us by the Olcott Yacht Club in Olcott, NY.

Upon arrival at sunset *Whisper* was directed to a secure slip by no fewer than four members who took lines, fended off, made fast and, with a hearty handshake invited the skipper for a drink.

As it turned out, a member at Olcott was a former member of the Racine Yacht Club. We enjoyed a fine evening getting him caught up on the comings and goings in Racine. In turn, he and colleagues at the bar gave great advice for cruising Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Like RYC, Olcott Yacht Club is a hands on kind of place. Without the hard work of the members the Club could not exist. With that hard work comes true ownership. The Club is not just a place to go; rather it is a place to "be". And in company of Olcott Yacht Club's members I found myself among friends. A pleasant interlude in a solitary cruise.

(To follow *Whisper's* voyage go to: <http://yachtwhisper.blogspot.com>)

{Piece submitted by former Racine member Joe Higgins}

## FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN...

The season has come to a close and I would like to thank all who participated. Congratulations to all the winning skippers and their crew. I would also like to thank anyone who helped as well. From setting our permanent marks or retrieving them, running the races as race committee, setting the starting mark, doing the results and polishing trophies. It's a huge job and without your help, it would have been tough to do. Thank you again. A special note to the accomplishment of Tom Vossler and crew, John Curry, Roy Knapp, Jeff Douglas and Richard Carlo aboard *Aurora* for sailing the Lake Ontario 300.

### 2009 OYC Racing and Special Club Awards Results:

White Trophy (Spinnaker):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Stiletto, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Soundwave, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Menace
White Trophy (White Sail):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Merci, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Lightfoot, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Crews Control
Gooding Series (Spinnaker):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Soundwave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Stiletto, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Menace
Gooding Series (White Sail):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Merci, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Lightfoot, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Crews Control
Cook Trophy (Spinnaker):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Soundwave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Menace
Cook Trophy (White Sail):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Lightfoot, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Merci, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Crews Control
Atkinson Series (Spinnaker):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Stiletto, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Soundwave, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Menace
Atkinson Series (White Sail):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Merci, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Lightfoot, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Crews Control
Boysen Series (Spinnaker):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Stiletto, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Soundwave, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Menace
Boysen Series (White Sail):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Lightfoot, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Merci, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Rapparee
Women's White Trophy:	1 <sup>st</sup> – Bluemoon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Rapparee, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Soundwave
Nutshell Regatta:	1 <sup>st</sup> – A. Sharp, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – M. Peterson, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – P. Elter
Williams Trophy (Spinnaker):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Stiletto, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Soundwave, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Aurora
Williams Trophy (White Sail):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Merci, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Lightfoot, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Rapparee
Women's Shafer Distance:	1 <sup>st</sup> – Soundwave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Crews Control, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Rapparee
Women's Sage Series:	1 <sup>st</sup> – Soundwave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Rapparee, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Stiletto
Lee Series (Spinnaker):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Stiletto, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Soundwave
Lee Series (White Sail):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Golden Vanity, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Lightfoot, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Merci
Women's Sacca Sail:	1 <sup>st</sup> – Soundwave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Stiletto, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Rapparee
Capt. Yankee Race (Spinnaker):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Soundwave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Stiletto
Capt. Yankee Race (White Sail):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Merci, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Crews Control, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – The Beat Goes On
Powley Trophy (Best Results outside OYC) –	Fred White - Soundwave
Bonnie Quenzler-Gann Memorial (Woman of the Year) –	Mamie Leyland
Christy Trophy (Sportsman of the Year) -	Steve Hiller
Neried's Pitcher (Yachtsman of the Year) -	Dan & Diane Seaman
Seneca Trophy (Highest dedication to OYC) -	Paul Elter
Albright Trophy (Spinnaker Club Champion):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Soundwave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Stiletto, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Menace
Past Commodore's Cup (White Sail Champion):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Merci, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Lightfoot, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Crews Control
Kurt Dewitt Trophy (Women's Club Champion):	1 <sup>st</sup> – Soundwave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Rapparee, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Stiletto

*OYC Fleet Captain  
Bob Stolzenberg*



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please be advised that the Annual Meeting of the membership of the Olcott Yacht Club will be held at the Wilson House on Sunday January 10, at 11:00 A.M. The meeting agenda will include reports from Board Members and Committee Chairs and the election of new Board members for 2010. Any business that may require a vote of the membership will be presented in the meeting notice which will be forthcoming from the Secretary.

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### Up Coming Events . .

Jan. 10 Annual General  
Membership Meeting -  
Wilson House  
Restaurant, 11 AM