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# Scuttlebutt

90 ANNIVERSARY YEAR !



November/December  
2010

## COMMODORES REPORT...

Happy thanksgiving to all it is hard to believe that the year is almost over as we go into this holiday season. As I reflect back, I have enjoyed being your Commodore for the year 2010 and will take with me many fond memories.

One recent event was our year ending great Halloween Party that was enjoyed by all. It is always interesting to see the creativity it brings out each year in our membership. You know its fun when its time go and you feel like you just got there.

The weather this season was one of the best for all our boating and racing. I would like to challenge all boat owners to get out and give racing a try and come out and race your boat. I know myself it is so enjoyable even when were in the back of the pack. I would also like to put out a challenge to our membership to join in and race in the OYC sponsored Wire Down Regatta our visitors rave about the venue and the hospitality and the proceeds benefit our Junior sailing program.

This Spring we saw the completion of the 2nd phase of the wall project, (great addition) and Fred White has been able to get an extension granted to begin work on the final phase which is in progress. When you stand and look at the remaining wood walkway it is easy to see what a great asset the new wall has made for our Club.

At this time I would like to thanks the 2010 board members for their sincere dedication and all the contributions they have made for smooth sailing. Thanks also to all the committees that have giving so much of there time and effort. As a group we are able to achieve great things.

*Commodore Bill Russell*  
716-572-4729



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT...

Greetings Crew,

By the time you read this the Club will be ready for a deep Winter's nap. Hard to believe that our beautiful Summer is over, but alas, it couldn't have been any better, only longer.

Well, Monte Carlo Night was a blast, Carolyn and I made sure we made a nice contribution to the club as did many of you. I think the craps table was fixed!!!! I didn't have Patti to aim for.

Joe's Talent night was a Huge success, I have never heard so many wonderful voices in the karaoke segment !!!! We need to record and copywriter. Thanks to everyone who participated , you made it a great evening.

Deep fried Turkey,...what a meal, y'all did great. I ate and ate and ate again. Thanks to cooks, dessert makers, servers, and clean up crew, you made it a success and enjoyable event.

Trophy night, what a crew, Tony did a great job not only with all the time and effort setting up races, but look at those shiny trophies!!!!  
I think there should be a trophy for his efforts too!!! What a great turn out and the food was excellent as well. The Halloween parties were terrific, kids and adults; and the Chili and Dessert cook off was great... 18 pots of chili brought in. Made judging very tricky!!

Club clean up and closing went very well... thanks for the Turkey soup Marie, lots of left over food was enjoyed as well as leftover beverage.!

I would like to thank everyone who put in countless hours this year doing what you do best and what is needed at the Club, I won't begin to name names as I know I will forget someone and I do not wish to do that, you have my utmost respect, your great people who take pride in their Club. OYC is unrivalled in what it does

*Ed Bova*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT...

The Board of Directors would like to welcome to Olcott Yacht Club  
Jason Wilson, Senior

*Cathi Higgins*  
Director - Membership  
799-3477

## SECRETARY/COMMUNICATION REPORT..

As the new *Scuttlebutt* hits the press, the Club activities have wound down. I would like to thank all those that have put in hard work to facilitate communications in the club. Mark Cassidy has worked hard through the season to pull information from several sources and provide monthly updates of past and future news via the *Scuttlebutt*.

Roy Knapp has provided regular updates to the website to make it a key reference for us members when we can't find that piece of paper or lost E-mail. Sue Cassidy has provided several timely communications of Menu's, Activities, etc. via Constant Contact throughout the season. They have all done an excellent job to let us know all the great things that are going on at the Club.

If you have any suggestions or comments, let me know.  
Thanks,

*Alan Rosenbaum*  
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[716]-778-5153

## FROM THE TREASURER...

The Club has closed for our 90<sup>th</sup> Season. Billing for your October charges will have been sent within the first week of November. Both Jocelyn and I ask that you pay your House accounts upon receipt of your statement so we can begin to wind down the House operation. There are a few accounts that are past 60 and even 90-days. We ask that these be paid immediately.

Again, thank you to those who have paid your accounts in a timely fashion this season.

P/C Dave Long has put a deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup> to submit your Member Service Hours worked. Once the final hours have been recorded, any un-worked hours less than the required 10-hrs will be billed at the \$10/hr rate. These invoices will go out by the end of November and will be due upon receipt. We certainly hope that the list is short and that all members have helped and pitched in at the Club this season.

Sincerely,

*P/C Susan M. Cassidy*  
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# 2010 Awards Winners – Trophy Night

White Trophy (Memorial Day)

Spinnaker – *Soundwave* Fred White

Gooding Series

Spinnaker – *Soundwave* Fred White

Atkinson Series

Spinnaker – *Soundwave* Fred White

Boysen Series

Spinnaker – *Soundwave* Fred White

Lee Series

Spinnaker – *Soundwave* Fred White

Cook Trophy (Keg Creek)

Spinnaker – *Soundwave* Fred White

Williams Trophy (Keg Creek)

Spinnaker – *Soundwave* Fred White

Captain Yankee (Labor Day)

Spinnaker – *Stiletto* Andy Sharp

White Sail – *Merci* Tom Staples

White Sail – *Rapparee* Mark Cassidy

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White Sail – *Ariel* Dave Wahl

Women's White Trophy - *Soundwave* Jocelyn Sikorski

Women's Shafer Distance - *Soundwave* Jocelyn Sikorski

Women's Shafer Course - *Bluemoon* Sue Curry

Women's Sage Trophy - *Soundwave* Jocelyn Sikorski

Sacca Sail Trophy - *Soundwave* Jocelyn Sikorski

Woman of the Year – Sylvia Major

Yachtsman of the Year – Jon & Candi Wilson

Sportsman of the Year – Joyce Russell

Seneca Trophy – Ted Bensinger

Club Champions

Spinnaker – *Soundwave* Fred White

White Sail – *Merci* Tom Staples

Women's - *Soundwave* Jocelyn Sikorski

## SACCA SAIL WINNERS CELEBRATE

JON WILSON  
HOISTS  
NEREID'S  
PITCHER AS  
YACHTSMAN  
OF THE YEAR



### CLUB WORK HOURS...

Please report any and all service hours worked for the club soon either by email ([oycmemberservice@gmail.com](mailto:oycmemberservice@gmail.com)) or the front hall mailbox! There are still many opportunities to assist with events, grounds keeping, and (eventually) the club's closing for another season. Contact RC Bob Stolzenberg or Mike Layman for ideas on how you can complete your 10 hours of service to OYC to avoid year-end fees! Many thanks,

**"Please report any and all service hours worked for the Club for 2010 BY NOV 30....."**

P/C Dave Long

Proposed Constitutional Changes from the Constitution Committee 30 OCT 10

Article VIII, Section 1

Was:

“The members nominated by such committee shall be reported in writing to the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the annual election, whereupon the Secretary shall cause a blank ballot of the candidates nominated to be provided in writing forthwith to each member of the Club eligible to vote, which shall also contain a blank space for each office to be filled for write-in votes.

Changed to:

"The members nominated by such committee shall be reported in writing to the Secretary. The Secretary shall cause a blank ballot of the candidates, which will also contain a blank space for each office to be filled for write-in votes. The ballot shall be provided in writing forthwith to each member of the Club eligible to vote, and will be posted on the website by December 1 of the calendar year immediately preceding the annual election.

Article IX, Section 4

Was: At any meetings of the Club, the presence of twenty-five (25) members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum, with the proviso that fifteen (15) of these must be “Boat Owners”.

Changed to:

At any meetings of the Club, the presence of twenty-five (25) members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum, with the proviso that fifteen (15) of these must be “Boat Owners”. At the Annual Meeting, those eligible members who have properly submitted absentee ballots shall be counted as present for the purposes of establishing a quorum.

Article IX, Section 5

Was: Action on all matters, except the election of directors, brought before any meeting of the Club shall be taken viva voce unless vote by ballot shall be called by at least five members eligible to vote. Each Life and Senior Member shall be entitled to three (3) ballots; each Associate Member shall be entitled to one (1) ballot. If the membership is a family membership, either spouse can vote their ballots. However, on matters pertaining to the modification of real property, assets or ownership thereof, a majority vote of the Senior and Life Members shall be required in addition to the overall weighted vote theretofore taken.

Change to:

Action on the election of Directors shall be taken via written ballot, including those members present and those voting via absentee ballot; action on all other matters, brought before any meeting of the Club shall be taken viva voce unless vote by ballot shall be called by at least five members eligible to vote. Each Life and Senior Member ballot shall be weighted as three (3) votes; each Associate Member ballot shall be weighted as one (1) vote. If the membership is a family membership, either spouse can vote their ballots. However, on matters pertaining to the modification of real property, assets or ownership thereof, a majority vote of the Senior and Life Members shall be required in addition to the overall weighted vote theretofore taken.

Article IX, Section 6

Was:

Voting by proxy or other than in person is prohibited.

Change to:

Voting by proxy (assigning your vote to be cast by another member) is prohibited. Voting by absentee ballot is permitted only in the matter of election of Directors at the annual meeting. The procedures and requirements for voting by absentee ballot shall be defined in the Club By-Laws.

\*\*The By-Laws of the Olcott Yacht Club (Not needed to be voted on, set by BOD)

New Section:

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

The absentee voting requirements and procedures are as follows:

- The Club Secretary shall make available on the Club website a ballot containing the complete slate of candidates for election to the Board of directors, including space for write-in candidates, no later than December 1 of the calendar year immediately preceding the Annual meeting.
- In order to be counted, completed absentee ballots shall have been mailed by "USPS Certified Mail" and postmarked no later than December 21 of the calendar year immediately preceding the Annual meeting.
- The absentee balloting procedure is designed to be blind, that is not to divulge the identity of the member casting the vote.
- The member voting by absentee ballot shall complete the printed ballot and place it in an unmarked sealed envelope then placed inside of another envelope addressed to:

OYC Commodore  
Olcott Yacht Club  
PO Box 715  
Olcott, NY 14126

- The outermost envelope should clearly identify the member casting the absentee ballot. The unopened absentee ballot shall be kept with the original envelope until the Annual meeting. At that time, if it is determined that the member is in good standing, the absentee ballot envelope shall be marked with the membership class of the voting member. When the election vote is tallied, these absentee ballot envelopes shall be opened and the vote cast and weighted in accordance with the membership class of the voting member.



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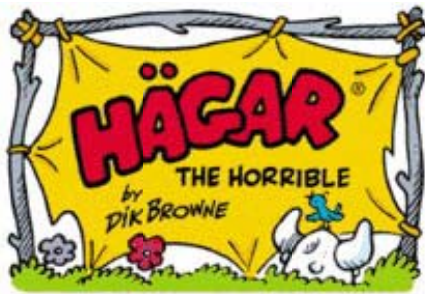


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WERE TAKING ME TO  
"TIME OUT TOO?"



TOASTMASTER BRENT POWLEY WITH OUR  
HALLOWEEN WINNERS





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Up Coming Events . . .  
Annual General Meeting  
Sunday January 9, 2011  
Wilson House