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# Scuttlebutt

February, 2011



## COMMODORE'S REPORT

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be voted in as Commodore of the Olcott Yacht Club for 2011. It will be a difficult task to follow such great Past Commodores; I will utilize their experiences and pick their brain power to do my best as Commodore. I am looking forward to working with the Board of Directors this upcoming year with great expectations and hopes of accomplishments.

WE have a great team to work with;

Vice Commodore Bob Stolzenberg will be working with Julie and her staff to make the house bar and restaurant run smoothly.

Rear Commodore, Tony Bochniarz will be in charge of buildings and grounds maintenance, an ongoing task with numerous issues inevitably popping up.

Fleet Captain, Joe Higgins will be in charge of race scheduling and events for the upcoming racing season, as well as the Junior and Adult sailing programs

Secretary / Communications, Alan Rosenbaum, has returned again this year to continue the wonderful job he does so well. Any notices of Club activities should be sent to Alan for distribution.

Treasurer, Sue Cassidy has agreed to stay on as treasurer again this season and once again helps keep us in the know as to our finances. Sue spends numerous hours on the books to keep us in the green.

Director of House Accounts, Jocelyn Sikorski also has agreed to stay on; her experience over the past year will help her again this season in keeping our house accounts, payroll, restaurant and bar in smooth running order.

Director of Membership, Ron Lindemann is new to the Board this year, welcome Ron. His duties will include initiating new members.

Director Special Projects, P/C John Rosenberg, new to this year's Board, but not to the Flag Officers role. His job is to assist the Vice Commodore.

P/C, Bill Russell will be keeping track of member service hours.

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## **FROM THE TREASURER...**

For those that were unable to attend the 2011 General Membership Meeting at the beginning of January, I would like to begin by letting the membership know that the Club's General Fund finished 2010 in sound financial shape. The House operation (Restaurant & Bar), which in July was showing a loss of just over \$10,000, rebounded to only show a loss of just over \$2000. Although a loss is never good, this was a big turnaround. An early season approach to ensure good service, and unspecified hours of operation resulted in some over staffing. This along with fluctuating cost of goods vs. pricing will be closely monitored this season.

For 2011, I have again accepted the position of Club Treasurer overseeing the finances of the Club. Jocelyn Sikorski, who was re-elected to the Board at the annual meeting, will also be returning as Director - House Account. Continuity is important in keeping the finances in line and both of us will bring back experience from last season.

### *General Fund-*

As everyone should have received by now, the 2011 dues bills went out on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board of Directors decided that dues for this season would remain at the same 2010 rate. Even with projections of our fixed expenses going up slightly, we still felt we could absorb them this season based on our budget.

Dues payments are due by April 1, 2011 and quite a few have already begun to come in. 2011 membership cards are being sent as I receive payments. As a reminder, dues payments should be made out to "OLCOTT YACHT CLUB - GENERAL FUND" and should not be combined with any House Account payments. If you have questions about this, please let me know.

The 2010 Member Service Hour billing went out at the end of November to those members who did not fulfill there required 10 hrs. Some are still outstanding, so please get those payments in. Payment should be made out to "OLCOTT YACHT CLUB - GENERAL FUND", footnote: Member Service Program. For those still unfamiliar with this program, membership categories for all Senior and Associates are required to work 10 hrs/season. Hours not worked are charged at a rate of \$10/hr. P/C Bill Russell will oversee the member service program this season and will certainly be encouraging everyone to help out at the Club and to remind you to submit your service hours.

### *House Account -*

At this time of year the House account activity is relatively slow, but unfortunately we do still have a few 2010 accounts that are well in arrears. This has been addressed with those members. All balances remaining beginning February 1 have had a 2% service charge added per the By-Laws under Clubhouse Policy, Item 7.

Our season is short (May - October) and a healthy cash flow in our House operation is important to keeping our finances in order. We all want to enjoy our summer and there is no better way than to use the Club's restaurant & bar, but we are a business and need to operate as one. The Board will be discussing the possibility of going to a Club charge or Credit Card operation only, no cash. This has been an area of concern for some time. Any decision on this will be made in the next few months.

Both Jocie and I will strive to continue to keep a good handle over the finances of the Club. We ask that you do your part and keep your accounts current. I hope to continue to increase all members understanding of how your money is used on the behalf of the Club. If you have any questions or concern regarding your accounts please contact me.

Sincerely,

*P/C Susan M. Cassidy*  
716-778-9028  
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## **Commodore's Report Con't**

Your 2011 Board of Directors welcome you to our Club. We look forward to serving you and your needs for the upcoming season. Please remember this is a self help Club. We need your assistance in making the Club one we all can be proud of. Your service hours are always appreciated and so many of you go way beyond the call of duty putting in hundreds of hours. Thank you and let's have a great boating season, mild waves, enough wind, and blue skies.

*Ed Bova*

## **FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN...**

I really have no desire to serve on the Board of Directors, but felt obligated to serve my club. I pledge to make everyone who told me I should serve on the Board to regret their words. I have no plans for what I will be doing at this time. I am too busy partying in Florida to bother with any yacht club business. My plan is to do such a lousy job that my resignation will be requested by June 1 and no one will ever again suggest that I should be on the Board. I would set an earlier target date, but I do want a chance to get an officer flag set up at my place in the dining room.

My first move as Fleet Captain is to suspend the entire racing schedule. As a cruising sailor, I have little interest in racing and, frankly, see no point in seeing which 5 mph boat is fastest. This action will be a big cost cutting move. We will no longer have to pay for all those flags, trophy engravings, and PHRF certificates.

Additionally, I plan to sell our starting horn, race marks, and trophies which will bring additional income into the Club. Trophy Night will be redesigned. It will be a night when the men at the Club will hire "escorts" to accompany them to the event. The member with the hottest looking "trophy" on his arm will be declared the winner.

OH... wait a minute... here it is...

I am trying to hit the ground running as your new Fleet Captain. Tony Bochniarz has already supplied me with a tentative racing schedule as well as plenty of information and advice, both which I surely need. Fortunately, Tony has offered to run the Wire Down Regatta again this year so that is one job resting in capable hands. I have spoken to Denise McKnight and she has agreed to take on the task of organizing some events for the power boaters in our Club, which will be a welcome addition to our schedule.

I have already been contacting those who did race committees last year and was relieved to find that Dave Fitzpatrick and Bill Lathrop had already planned on doing Wednesdays and Mark Cassidy has agreed to take care of Thursday nights, as well as continue with Adult Sailing and Junior Sailing. As I have been crewing on *Crews Control*, I am hoping to find someone to take on Sundays and someone to take the special races as well. If anyone has an interest, please let me know. Even if you are willing to take a race here and there that would be a big help. Unsure of your abilities? We will train you.

I'm sure I don't have to remind those returning to be sure you have your proof of insurance in as early as possible. For those who might be tempted to give racing a try your first step is to fill out a Lake Ontario PHRF form available at: <http://www.phrf-lo.org/index.php>. At the far left hand side of the heading bar you will find "App. Form". The one on the OYC web site is still from last year, and there is some slight changes to the new form. Once completed, get it to me and it will be taken care of from there.

Any comments, questions or suggestions can be sent to me at [qqhiggs@gmail.com](mailto:qqhiggs@gmail.com) or call at 716 799 3478.

*Joe Higgins*

## **REAR COMMODORES REPORT...**

We have a lot to accomplish this coming year, and with all endeavors come a lot of work, dedication and time. Signing up for one of the many projects that need to be done would be a great way to earn your service hours. I plan to have a signup sheet for each project that we will tackle in the coming season. Ten work hours are required, but many people work many more and they are always appreciated.

Some of the projects that need to be completed this year are a new floor for the upstairs kitchen and replacing the fridge. We need to repair the cooler door so that it will work better all year long. The parking lot needs some serious grading work and proper storage of cradles after haul out is completed. The new sea wall area will need electric and water along with finishing yard work, and reinstalling the pump-out. I would like to see a walkway done that would start at the patio run past the hall door and shower rooms, and continue on ending at the parking lot. Thus having direct access to the patio from the parking lot. Have some sort of storage for the outside umbrellas, maybe a bench type with cushions that will lift up for the storage of the cushions and umbrellas. Of course the usual painting and sprucing up, and a coat of paint on the shower rooms would be nice. We also have to consider new carpeting for up and down stairs it has seen its time, as well new blinds in the dining room to complete the year.

We will start with the necessities and continue down the list until the time and our budget runs out.. Looking forward to the new season see you soon.

*Tony Bochniarz*

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT...

I would like to thank all the members who supported my re-election to the OYC Board of Directors. I will do my best to justify your trust in my continued service. We will be busy this year trying to make our Season the best ever on and off the water. I would also like to recognize last year's Board for all the great work they did and welcome the new members.

I have started planning with Julie Cornelius for the coming seasons "House" operation; we are looking forward to continuing the high quality and variety that the members have come to enjoy.

E-Mails from bands that would like to entertain us have already started coming in! If you have seen any in the off season and have gotten their cards get them to me. Our social calendar is always busy but the House Committee and I will work hard to bring back your favorite events and try and plan on some exciting new ones to be sure to get you down to enjoy your Club.

As always, your help will be needed at many of the events, this is a fun way to fulfill some work hours. If you have any ideas or suggestions on established events or ideas for something new feel free to call or send me an e-mail.

*Bob Stolzenberg*  
807-5515  
bobstolzenberg@hotmail.com

## JUNIOR SAILING

The Junior Sailing sessions this season will be changed to the following dates: July 5 through July 22 and August 1 through August 19. This reflects a change from a two week break between sessions to a one break and leaves two weeks at the end, which allows our college student instructors more time before their Fall term begins. It also keeps us in session the week before the Junior Olympics at Rochester the weekend of August 5/7.

I am pleased to say Kathy Wronski will be back as our head instructor and we are currently contacting former assistants and scouting for some new talent to round out our staff. I will have information going out to last years participants ASAP. Many thanks to Buck Buchanan for his donation to the Mantel Club to support our Junior activities. Remember your donations are tax deductible.

Applications and further information will be available on the website; [olcottyachtclub.com](http://olcottyachtclub.com).

*Mark Cassidy*

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Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: \_\_\_\_\_

Emails \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship (If Any) to OYC voting member \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in the Program \_\_\_\_\_

Swimmer: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ T-Shirt Size (Adult XS – XL) \_\_\_\_\_

Open to Girls and Boys Ages: 7 to 18

**Dates:** First Session 5 July - 22 July  
Second Session 1 August - 19 August

**Hours:** Monday through Friday - 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

**Fees:** Full Season/Both Sessions: \_\_\_ \$600 first child in family; 15% Discount additional children

Single Session: July Session \_\_\_\_\_ August Session \_\_\_\_\_  
\$390 first child in family; 15% Discount additional children

Weekly Fee: \$150

**(20% Discount for OYC voting members)**

**20% deposit to accompany application by May 31: Balance due first day of the session**  
**Checks to be made payable to: "OLCOTT YACHT CLUB"**  
**Reference – Junior Sailing**

Car pool desired? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Application deadline is June 30. Send to:

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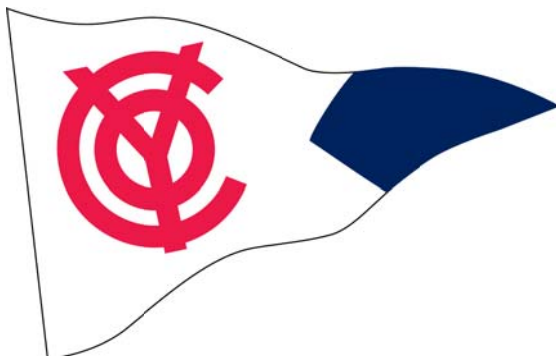
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Up Coming Events . . .

Cassidy's Polar Bear Day  
Open House

Sunday March 6, 2011

1:00 P.M.