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January 2011



2011 Annual General Membership Meeting Agenda Sunday January 9, 2011 @ 11:00 AM Wilson House Restaurant – O'Brian Room

Call to Order – 11:00 AM
Determine quorum
Approval of July 13, 2010 Mid-Season Minutes

Board of Director Reports:

Commodore
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Committee Reports

Old Business:

New Business:

- Constitutional Changes for Absentee Balloting
(Membership vote required)
Election of Officers

Adjournment



Sample Ballot

OYC Annual Membership Meeting 2011

Election Ballot

Vote for five (5) only. Any votes for more or less will not be counted.

___ Joe Higgins

___ Ron Lindemann

___ Denise McKnight

___ John Rosenberg

___ Jocelyn Sikorski *

___ Robert Stolzenberg*

* Incumbent

REAR COMMODORES REPORT...

Well, our season is over and we have accomplished a great many things this year, and we had a lot of fun doing it! The membership really stepped up making my job easier and I thank you all.

I had the privilege to work with a great group of people on the Board as well. We put a roof over the office, a new door going to the patio, and a new lawn. The wall project is coming right along, the sheet pile is already in place. The new lawn is looking great! I hope I met your expectations, and look forward to serving the membership in the future.

Have a great holiday season hope to see you over the winter.

Bob Stolzenberg

FROM THE TREASURER...

We still have members who have not paid their October House Accounts. It is important that these accounts be paid as soon as possible. When remitting payment, if you also received a invoice for Member Service hours unworked, DO NOT write one check for both. They must be separate checks.

All House account payments: make check out to "Olcott House Account"
All Member Service Hour payments: make check out to "Olcott General Fund".
These are separate accounts.

Any questions, please contact me. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

P/C Susan M. Cassidy
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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Joe Higgins - Joe and his wife Cathi joined the Club in 2006 having moved back to the area from Illinois. Joe has served as Harbor Master, greeting and taking care of our visitors, planning cruises and serving on several Club committees. Joe sails a Nassau 34.

Ron Lindemann - Ron and his wife Joanne have been members of the Club since 2005. Ron was a career long member of Sheet Metal Worker's Local #71 rising from Journeyman through Fund Manager, Business Representative to Business Manager in charge of the local. Ron and Wife Joanne managed the local Shur Fine Store before retiring in 2004.

Denise McKnight - Denise has been a member of the Club since 2006. She spent most of her working years as a nurse. She found time to serve on her local school board downstate and served as a state representative under Governor Pataki. Denise pilots as Sea Ray 26.

John Rosenberg - John is a Past Commodore of OYC who has served in many of the Board positions. He has continued serving the Club in recent years on the Constitution and Nominating Committees. John and his wife Joanne sail a Benetaeu 10 R.

Jocelyn Sikorski - Joce is currently serving on the Board as the House Treasurer. Joce and husband Kevin have been members since 2000. She can be seen competing in the Women's Series of races and always at Sacca Sail.

Bob Stolzenberg - Bob joined the Club in 2006, where he met his wife Melynda. Bob has served on the Board as Director of Communications, Fleet Captain and Rear Commodore

FROM THE EDITOR...

I will indulge myself to write a year ending missive...

I have been sailing this Lake now for over 30 years and I still marvel at the qualities that the Olcott Yacht Club continues to represent and produce year after year. I have been to no club of our size, and seen anything like the amenities, programs and services that we offer to our members.

From our racing program, our sailing instruction, the Grog Room and restaurant, we are unequaled when compared to similar clubs. Can we improve and grow, of course. That is what is so unique about OYC, we are growing while others are contracting. Our harbor wall and expanded patio are examples of our growth.

We need to provide more activity for our power boaters. We need to take a hard look at our racing program, to keep it strong. We need to consider a dry sail facility. We need to look to the future of acquiring slips in the harbor for our membership. Never stand still!! I feel nothing but optimism for the future of the Olcott Yacht Club!

JUNIOR SAILING

Let me open by congratulating Elisa Schneider on her 3rd place finish in the Western New York High School Sailing Association Dinghy Championships. Elisa was also named as "Best Crew" at the end of season awards. The High School Sailing program in WNY is in it's second year and is comprised of teams from Canisus, Nichols, Lew-Port and Sacred Heart Academy (Elisa's school). Well done Elisa!! High School sailing is big in Rochester and I am going to pursue getting more Niagara County Lake Ontario schools involved... this is the future!

We have stored the 420s over in the "lot" across from the Club and they are shrink wrapped for the off season. I am both gratified, and never cease to be amazed, at the success of our Junior Program. We get a lot of support from the membership but I must single out Paul Elter for his almost daily contributions to the success of the program. There are many others I know, too many to fit this column, and all of your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Mark Cassidy

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.

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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, for reference only)

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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As most of the OYC members know, the OYC Mantel Club organization of the Clubs Past Commodores is dedicated to the support of the Junior Sailing Program. The Mantel Club is a non-profit, and donations to it are tax deductible. If you wish to make an end of year donation to Mantel Club send your check to:

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Annual General Meeting

Sunday January 9, 2011

11:00 A.M.

Wilson House