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Commodore's Message

A Season to Remember — Thank You!

As another wonderful season comes to a close, I find myself reflecting with gratitude on all the things that make our club so special. From exciting days on the racecourse and beautiful sunsets on the water to delicious meals, great entertainment, and memorable gatherings with friends, this season has given us so many reasons to celebrate.

Thank you to our members, guests, haul out and storage crew, race committee, house committee, kitchen and bar teams, and everyone who contributed their time, talents, and enthusiasm throughout the season. Whether you helped behind the scenes or simply brought your energy and spirit to the club, **you helped make this season a success.** Our club is more than a place to sail; it is a community built on friendships, shared experiences, and a love for the traditions that bring us together.

As Commodore, it has been a privilege to share this season with you. I am continually reminded that the true strength of our club lies not just in a building or its history, but in the people who make it come alive. Every shared laugh and every new memory adds another chapter to our club's story.

The boats may be coming out of the water, but the friendships we've built and the memories we've made will carry us through the winter months. Thank you for your support, your participation, and for making this such a memorable season. I hope you leave this year with wonderful stories to share, new friendships to cherish, and plenty of reasons to look forward to our next season together.

Until then, let's stay connected and looking forward to those days back at the club.

-Pattie

From the Treasurer

As the Club closes out the 2026 open season, it certainly was a full 6 months of fun events, good food & drink, great boating and friendships at OYC. Vice Commodore Sheila Flanagan did an outstanding job of making sure we were informed, entertained, and not left bored this year. Julie and her staff kept us happy with great food, drink and service all season long.

House Accounts -
One of the benefits of membership is being able to charge your house account and pay when invoiced at the end of the month. Those invoices are due on receipt. Unfortunately, we have some members who disregard that and have overdue accounts currently. October house invoices will be emailed beginning of November. If you did not meet QTR 2 $75 minimum, you will be billed for that or the difference owed. If you have an outstanding House account, you will also receive a statement showing all owed. Please make payment when your invoice/statement is received so the club's accounts can be closed out for the season. All House accounts need to be paid in full by Dec 1.

General Fund -
A $100 assessment was billed in August from the General to support several large facility projects/repairs. Again, several accounts are still outstanding and statements have been mailed as reminders. The deadline to submit Member Service Hours to P/C Alan Rosenbaum is Sunday November 15. The email to use is olcottyachtclubservicehours@gmail.com
The current list of hours Alan has recorded was emailed in Constant Contact. Any hours unworked/unrecorded will be invoiced at $25/hr. This is invoiced from the General Fund and will be mailed. As a reminder, please don't combine your House Account payment with any General Fund (service hours and assessment) payments. Each account should be paid separately. Please get them all satisfied by the deadlines and prior to the AGM.

Finally, I'd like to thank Jocelyn Sikorski for her work keeping our House bills paid all year. It can be challenging when member accounts are unpaid. I'd also like to thank the members who do pay on time, support the House operation and enjoy everything that the Club offers. If you have any questions about any invoices or need to ask about payment options, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sue Cassidy
financeolcottyc@gmail.com

Vice Commodore's Report ...

By the time you read this our season will be over. I hope you had great OYC experiences this year. We tried to bring you a calendar full of old favorite and new events, great music, sailing, boating, and overall good friends, family, and fun.

We had a packed October! Paint and Charcuterie classes, shopping for Gong Xi Pearls, Trophy Night with Doug and Nite Cruise, OYC Jam with Doug, Luke, Joe, and Jim, Bills and Sabres watch parties, and Halloween parties for kids and adults. And don't forget all the great food and specials served up by Julie.

It has been an honor to be your OYC "hostess" this year, and I look forward to working with you again next season. A huge thank you to all the members who worked on the House Committee and those who encouraged me throughout our busy 2026 season.

I hope to see you at our AGM meeting in December on Sunday the 13th, at 11:30am, at the Newfane Town Hall. We will be electing board members that day and reviewing the 2027 season.

A special thanks to everyone who made purchases at our "Club Sell-off". We managed to sell all our wine and beer as well as much of the food. Special thanks to Sue Cassidy for getting the inventory lists in shape back in May and to our chef/manager Jule Cornelius for keeping our inventory in check each month.

As our 2026 season comes to an end, I wish you joyful holidays and health and happiness as we look forward to the 2027 season.

Sheila Flanagan
Vice Commodore

Secretary/Membership Report

A big OYC welcome goes out to Shane Laubacker, our newest Associate Member! We're at the end of our season, but we hope to see a lot of Shane and his wife Joanne at the club next year.
We welcomed five new Associate members in 2026: Robert (Suzann) Lutz, Cynthia West, David Sheffield, Dan (Monica) Tronolone, and Shane (Joanne) Laubacker.

On another note, mark your calendars for December 13th. That's the date for our Annual General Membership meeting. This year it will be held at the Newfane Town Hall Community Room starting at 11:30 AM.

Doug Wintersteen

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Day at OYC 2026

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all who packed shoeboxes and/or made a donation for children in need around the world. Thirty-four (**34)** shoeboxes were packed, plus **17** were added using monies collected from items purchased at the "Shoebox Store".

This year's unofficial total is **51** shoeboxes!!! The children who receive your gifts will be blessed by your generosity and thoughtfulness. Plus, they will learn about God's amazing love and care for them. Contact Cathi Higgins if you are still interested in donating a shoebox or donating funds towards one. **Thank you and God bless you for your support!**

Cathi Higgins

MEMBER SERVICE HOURS

It is sad that OYC is officially closed after another great season. To not incur additional fees, please be sure to send me your service hours. I know many of you have put in a lot of hard work but have not gotten around to reporting your service hours. The deadline is **November 15th,** so let's not wait. If you helped out we need to know. Senior & associate members need to help with 10 hours annually. Time less than 10 hours will be charged at $25/hour. Our club relies on our member support & help throughout the year to take care of our place on the lake.

There may be a few activities left to earn service hours including barroom disassemble for rebuild (we need to document/categorize pictures, flags for storage till spring). Email ***olcottyachtclubservicehours@gmail.com*** to submit your time and what it was for.

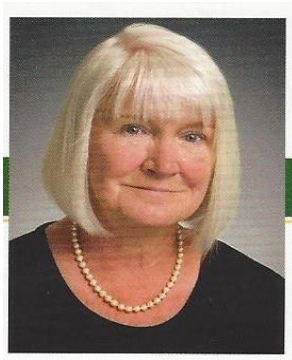
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Alan Rosenbaum P/C.

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Official Absentee Ballot – Election of 2027 Board of Directors

(See instructions for filing Absentee Ballot)

~ Olcott Yacht Club Annual Membership Meeting ~

Sunday December 13, 2026 @ 11:30 AM

Newfane Town Hall Community Room, 2737 Main St., Newfane, NY

Vote for THREE (3) candidates only

Place an 'X' before the name of the candidate(s) or write-ins for whom you are voting for. Ballots, on which more or less names are voted than there are offices to be filled, shall be voided. * indicates currently on the board.

Candidates: Vote for THREE (3) Candidates Only	**Write-Ins:**
___ Sue Czelusta (Associate)	___ _____
___ Bill McKenna (Senior)	___ _____
___ Tom Pearse (Senior)	___ _____
___ Jocelyn Sikorski (Associate) *	___ _____

Ballot Instructions

Ballot must be mailed and post marked by November 21st.
Ballot must be placed in an unmarked sealed envelope then placed inside another envelope and addressed to:

OYC Commodore
Olcott Yacht Club
P.O. Box 715
Olcott, NY 14126

Outside envelope must have member's name casting the absentee ballot.
****All absentee ballots count toward meeting quorum****
Ballots are not opened until day of meeting election

This is in accordance with the Constitution and By-Lays for
"Absentee Voting Requirements and Procedures for Election of Directors"

2027 Candidates for the Board of Directors:

- Sue Czelusta is retired and lives in Olcott in the summer and in Florida during the winter.
- Bill McKenna is employed as a school teacher in the Gates-Chili school district, Rochester and during the summer helps with the junior sailing racing team.
- Tom Pearce is employed as a school teacher in the City of Buffalo school district and is a local charter captain.
- Jocelyn Sikorski is currently on the OYC board and is employed as the Executive director of the Genesee-Orleans & City of Batavia Youth Bureaus.

2026 Annual General Membership Meeting Agenda
Sunday December 13, 2026 @ 11:30 am
Newfane Town Hall Community Room, 2737 Main St., Newfane, NY

Call to Order
Determine quorum
Approval of 2026 Mid-season Membership Meeting Minutes (July)

Board of Director Reports:
- Commodore
- Vice Commodore
- Rear Commodore
- Fleet Captain – Racing
- Fleet Captain – Sailing Instruction
- Secretary/Communications/Membership
- Treasurer
- Director – House Support
- Director - Special Projects
- Past Commodore – Member Service Program
- Other Club Committee Reports

Old Business:
New Business:
- Election of slate for 2027 Board of Directors

Adjournment

ABSENTEE VOTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES
FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (OYC By-Laws 14 JUL 13)

If unable to attend and are voting by absentee ballot, please read the following:

- 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 **November 1** preceding the Annual meeting.
- In order to be counted, completed absentee ballots shall have been mailed and postmarked no later than **November 21** preceding the Annual meeting.
- Per Article VIII, Section 6 of the Constitution: Ballots, on which more or less names are voted than there are offices to be filled, shall be voided.
- 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:

  Olcott Yacht Club, Attn: OYC Commodore
  P.O. Box 715
  Olcott, NY 14126
  re: Election

NOTE: 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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Sun. Nov. 15 – Member Service Hour submission deadline

Sat. Nov 21 – Absentee Ballot Deadline

Sun. Dec. 13 – AGM at Newfane Town Hall, 11:30 am