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# Scuttlebutt

March, 2023



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Spring Greetings!

It's been feeling that way early this year, with folks already checking/working on their boats & projects started (some completed) in the House & Jr. Sailing building.

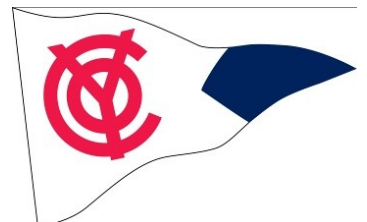
Your new Board started things off right away in January, as we know how SOON Spring catches up with us, and the milder days since then have certainly made work easier. Even attending meetings is easier when weather cooperates!

I always know Spring is coming when the OYC Bill arrives for the year, thanks to those who've already responded as the funds are always needed to start off our Season.

I'd like to welcome our two new Board members Shelia Flanagan and Alan Rosenbaum and also commend the Club entities outside of the current Board, for their hard work already this Season. Haulout & Storage, Mantle Club, Long Range Planning, Finance, House Committee, etc., the groups that often go unnoticed are essential to our continued operation.

Here's to a GREAT New Season on & by the Water, can't wait!

*Roger Voss*



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

I'm just getting my feet wet as Vice Commodore, but, with the help of the House Committee, Julie, Mike Layman, and others things are beginning to take shape.

We recently had our second House Committee meeting where we nearly finished the social calendar. As soon as we have it finalized it will be posted on the website. We are in the process of booking entertainment and solidifying some dates for our events.

The soft opening takes place on Friday, May 5 with the Kentucky Derby the next day. Flag Raising will be May 27. Be sure to save the Commodore's Ball on June 10 and Sail Past on June 24. Of course there will be our fireworks celebration on July 3. We will be bringing back some of our favorites events, like the Creek Cruise Poker Run and Monte Carlo Night, as well as trying out some new events.

Chef Julie and her assistant Catherine Stella will be cooking for us while Lauren Cramer and Tony O'Donnell will be behind the bar again. We are still looking for a third bartender to round out our staff and a few other positions.

The House Committee this year is Marie Sharp, Janice O'keefe, Sara Thiebault, Joe Connolly, Jen DiLorenzo, and Elaine Ryan.

I want to encourage people to support our restaurant facility by dining at the club frequently. Most clubs on Lake Ontario do not offer the type of food/bar service we do and it is a credit to OYC that we can continue with this tradition. From a personal standpoint, the bar and restaurant was the main reason I chose OYC when I came to this area 17 years ago. The restaurant is a vital part of our club and I am hopeful members will do all they can to support it.

*Joe Higgins*

## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

Rear Commodore, Special Projects (Dan), and Commodore (Roger) activities kicked off in January with the initiation of the rebuilding of the fireplace room floor. Historical consulting was provided by Roy Knapp and Paul Elter.

We thought it best to get an early start, since before you know it, spring will be here. We will be scheduling preseason clean-up April weekends shortly.

*Alan Rosenbaum*

## FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

We are gearing up for another great year of sailing and racing on Lake Ontario and OYC. Jason Cramer has left giant shoes to fill, but I am looking forward to this opportunity to serve the club. There are a couple of changes for the 2023 schedule. We have added Fun races to the calendar, scheduled on days earmarked for make-up races. If a make-up-race isn't required for a date, we've added opportunities to be on the water. The races will all have some sort of twist, and while there will be prizes, results will not be calculated in the Club Championship or Series.

Our roster of participating boats has increased year over year. That is a trend that we would like to continue. If you haven't raced before and are interested, please reach out to me and we will make that connection. OYC will also be hosting the stomp race with YYC and the Wilson clubs. Last summer, we had a good series of races, and of course the party afterward. As usual OYC lived up to our reputation both on and off the water. A new race is being added to the Southshore Racing Schedule. The course will be an overnight from Youngstown to Toronto with a finish off of the Wilson pier. This program is successful because of all of you, the race committee volunteers, mark setting, scoring and racing. Thanks in Advance!

*Elizabeth McAllister*

## CONSTITUTION & BY-LAW UPDATES:

At the December 2022 Annual General Membership Meeting, the membership approved the proposed Constitutional changes.

The Board of Directors made the following change to the Club By-Laws on January 19:

### HOUSE MINIMUM (19 JAN 23):

There will be a House minimum for members in the categories of Senior and Associate. The minimum spending requirement will be a quarterly commitment, for food & beverage service only, as follows:

#### Quarterly Schedule

Member Class	May-July	Aug-Oct
Senior	\$75.00	\$75.00
Associate (23 and over)	\$75.00	\$75.00
Associate (under 23)	\$38.00	\$38.00

Unfulfilled commitments will be billed at the end of each quarter and will be due upon receipt.

Board of Directors

## JUNIOR SAILING ...

We are happy to welcome back Head Instructor Clair Lewis, Instructors Ella Thibault and Gabe Ferreria. CITs Natalee and Siena are looking to schedule their Level I US Sailing Courses and joining the staff this year. We hope to have three coach boats in the water this year to enable us to utilize all three of our Opti, 420 and Laser fleets.

Thanks to Hank Hinckley for his dedicated service to the committee and welcome new member Bill McKenna!

*Vic Thibault*

Fleet Captain Junior Sailing

*P/C Mark Cassidy*

Chairman Junior Sailing Committee

## MANTEL CLUB

Mantel Club has contacted a "stump grinder" outfit to remove the stump in the Van Buren St. lot. We plan to grade the lot and then lay in stone to increase out storage area.

We have Opti storage racks on order and I am pursuing 420 racks as well, and some other back ordered parts and supplies.

I am going to go look at Youngstown YC recently retired 420 fleet, a number of our 420s are "wet" boats and are ready to be donated to Oak Orchard. YYC Junior Sailing Foundation was very successful in fund raising to allow them to replace their 20 year old fleet. The boats have been stored inside Winters and are "dry", full spinnaker rigged and need only some cosmetic work, I'm told. A travel trailer may be available as well, which would eliminate the need for one 420 rack. Stay tuned.

*P/C Mark Cassidy*

President, Mantel Club

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT...

Welcome back for the 2023 season at OYC! Mark your calendars, we will have an evening to invite potential members to see our club on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Watch the Scuttlebutt and Constant Contact for details! Meanwhile be thinking about who might love our club as much as we do and would like to join us!

The Board has again approved half price dues (in brackets) for first time new Senior and Associate memberships. 2023 Dues & Initiation fees are below (plus 8% NYS tax):

Senior: \$700 (\$350)

Initiation Fee: \$250

Associate (23 and over): \$420 (\$210)

Initiation Fee: \$150

Associate (under 23): \$210 (\$105)

Initiation Fee: \$150

Non-Resident: \$175

We would like to welcome the following new members for 2023, who's applications were approved late last year:

Carol Flores (Associate)

Vincent and Marion Olivieri (Associate)

Robert Pastor (Senior)

Tim & Catherine Sylvester (Senior)

Robert & Samantha Zillig (Associate)

The Board of Directors has approved the following application for posting:

Doug (Bonnie) Wintersteen

Associate

Sponsors: Tom Beilein, Joe Connelly

The following members have resigned:

Paul Andre Lehmueller (Non-Resident)

Denise McKnight (Associate)

*Shelia Flanagan*

Secretary, Membership

## SPECIAL PROJECTS ...

As spring quickly approaches preparations have been underway for some time now getting the OYC ready for another great season.

Over the course of the last couple months efforts have been underway to address the ongoing issues with the stability of the fireplace room floor. Cutting a small opening in the floor last summer revealed a couple locations where the floor joists had been compromised by flooding. After several discussions among the OYC leadership it was determined that any repairs to the floor would have to wait until OYC closed for the season. Those repairs have been ongoing for several weeks now.

At this point in time the entire scope of this repair project has yet to be determined. However, I can guarantee the finished result will provide decades of solid flooring for dancing and parties. I'm extending a huge thank you to Alan Rosenbaum and Roger Voss for their continued assistance in moving this project forward toward completion.

*Dan Maxwell*

## HAUL OUT AND STORAGE

With the Boat Yard maxed out this season we are encouraging all boat owners to get an early start on planning your launch. We are also working with RCR, Wilson Boat Yard and Zillig Marine and encourage boat owners to schedule early if you need work getting your boat ready.

*Andy Sharp/Paul Elter*

## ZILLIG MARINE

Zillig Marine at the Hedley Boatyard in Olcott, NY is available this season for springtime commissioning/inspections, maintenance, trouble shooting and repairs. We are equipped to work on most Marine systems, old and new. We specialize in advanced diagnostics and electrical systems. We are currently offering electric drive installs and various types of power system upgrades including solar power and generators. Zillig Marine will also design, build and install offgrid/backup power systems for RVs or on properties. I am also available for advice and consulting. Just call or email Rob at 716-474-7049 or [zilligmarine@gmail.com](mailto:zilligmarine@gmail.com) or visit us in the boatyard at 5829 Ontario street. Also keep a lookout for the Zillig Marine service van and 4KW hybrid electric mobile solar power station wagon.

## RCR/Wilson Boat Yard

RCR yachts and the Wilson boatyard are working together again this year to help get your vessel ready for spring. We are offering a wide variety of watercraft services this season to keep your vessel looking great and of course to ward off an untimely breakdown. Even though it's only February we are hoping a proactive approach might help everyone get a jump on boating season by getting their spring maintenance scheduled. By scheduling early we can then coordinate with your yard manager and schedule your work in conjunction with weather and your prospective launch date. To help incentivize the process, we are honoring 2022 pricing as well as waiving all travel fees for any of those services booked before March 15th. Also beginning this season, we will begin use of a CRM to track services and hopefully provide better communication with our customers. Please see the list of recommended services below

General maintenance items with suggested service intervals where applicable

- Charge, check(test) and replace batteries as needed.
- Bottom painting - prep and recoat.
- Impeller maintenance - every 3 years or sooner
- Coolant change - every 5 years to maintain proper winter protection.
- Transmission fluid change - every 4 -5 years depending on use.
- Engine tune up (gas) every 3 or so years.
- Oil change - gas or diesel
- Change primary and secondary fuel filters - gas or diesel
- Gear lube change - sail drive or outdrive
- Prop and cutlass bearing r&r

Boat cleaning

- Wash and wax hull sides only - below rub rail
- Full exterior wash and wax - above and below rub rail
- Full exterior wash, compound, and wax
- Complete stand alone scrub down

We are happy to announce that we will be offering cover removal, storage, repair, and fall installation.

Upgrades

- Full hull painting - featuring awlgrip/yacht finishes
- Fiberglass and gelcoat cosmetic and structural repair
- Electronics sales and installation - Garmin, Raymarine, Simrad, B&G, Furuno
- Lighting - interior, exterior, and underwater
- Engine replacement

As Spring approaches feel free to reach out with questions and concerns we are happy to help!

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Kevin Jerge 716-863-1001 [Wilsonboatyard@gmail.com](mailto:Wilsonboatyard@gmail.com)

**OLCOTT YACHT CLUB**  
**2023 YOUTH BOATING & SAILING REGISTRATION**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_  
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STUDENT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL#: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PARENT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT CELL#: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY CONTACT:  
NAME #1: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE (home): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

ARE PARENT/GUARDIAN CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF A YACHT CLUB? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_  
IF YES, CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (10% DISCOUNT FOR OYC MEMBERS)

PREVIOUS YOUTH SAILING EXPERIENCE:  
# OF YEARS: \_\_\_\_\_ OPTI: \_\_\_\_\_ 420: \_\_\_\_\_ LASER: \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS BOATING EXPERIENCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE YOU'RE SWIMMING ABILITIES:  
\_\_\_\_ NON \_\_\_\_ RECREATIONAL \_\_\_\_ TREAD WATER \_\_\_\_ COMPETITIVE

T-SHIRT SIZE: YOUTH S M L  
ADULT XS S M L XL XXL

REGISTRATION: Classes run Monday through Friday 9AM – 4PM **NOTE: No Class on Tues. July 4 \***

Regular Sessions:	Session Fee:	Deposit:
____ #1 July 3 to July 14 (No Class 7/4)*	\$470	\$150
____ #2 July 17 to July 28	\$520	\$150
____ #3 July 31 to August 11	\$520	\$150
____ **Register for <b>ANY</b> 2 sessions: Indicate sessions by selecting above	\$925	\$300
____ **Register for Full season (3 sessions)	\$1350	\$425
____ Single Week Dates: _____	\$295	\$100

Return Registration form along with Medical Questionnaire (one each per child) and deposit by mailing to:

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c/o Youth sailing  
P.O. Box 715  
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Make checks payable to: "Olcott Yacht Club General Fund" Re: Junior Sailing



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## **Youth Boating & Sailing Program @ Olcott's Lake Ontario**

***Sponsored by Olcott Yacht Club***

The Olcott Yacht Club's Junior Sailing program is a summer sailing camp which began in the mid 1940's and today is still an important part of the Club and community. Over the years we have served many families and children as they enjoyed learning to sail and taking with them lifetime skills and friendships. Our program provides general sailing instruction for both boys and girls ages 7 to 18, non-members and members alike. Our sailing training is done in Optimist dinghies, Club 420's and Lasers, providing ample fleets of boats for both beginner sailors and returning veterans. We also train in a fleet of kayaks, providing additional water instruction on days when the lake is too rough to sail. Our advanced racers are known around the lake to be great competitors and true sportsmen.



Several levels of instruction are taught with an emphasis on safety, fun, sportsmanship, cooperation and competition. The curriculum follows the US Sailing Association format and our instructional staff (many of whom went through the program themselves) are all US Sailing and American Red Cross certified. Classes are kept small with a student/teacher ratio of less than 10:1.

We continue to do our best to provide an instructional experience that is reasonable in cost to each family. In order to be able to provide & maintain all of our boats & equipment used, beyond the income from camp tuition, we rely on generous financial support and fundraising from The Olcott Mantel Club; our past commodores organization which is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Through their annual fundraiser and tax-deductible donations, we continue to keep our program a success.

### **2023 Sailing Session Dates & Fees:**

**Program Hours:** Monday through Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm **NOTE: No class Tuesday July 4 \***

Session 1: July 3 to July 14*	\$470
Session 2: July 17 to July 28	\$520
Session 3: July 31 to August 11	\$520
Weekly Rate:	\$295

\*\*Register for ANY 2 sessions \$925

\*\*Register for FULL season (3 sessions) \$1350

Parent/Guardian a member of Olcott Yacht Club? Receive 10% discount

For further information and questions, email or call:

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Mark Cassidy – Junior Committee Chairman: [rapparems@aol.com](mailto:rapparems@aol.com) or 716-778-9028

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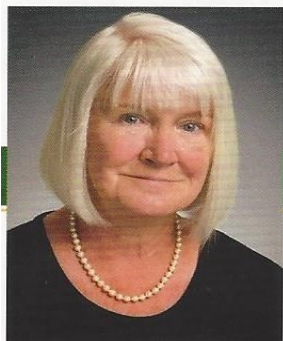
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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As we head into March, our 2023 open season of the Club gets closer. Dues invoices were mailed the beginning of February and as a reminder are due in full by April 1. As written on the invoice, you may split your payments in half for convenience. To date payments have been quite steady so thank you to those members who have been prompt with payment. Member cards are being mailed when payment is received.

Dues are the prime source of income for the Club covering all expenses including the largest of insurance, utilities, building & grounds maintenance, equipment repairs, and taxes. While the Club is only open six months, it still must be maintained for twelve.

In January, the Board of Directors approved establishing a "House Minimum" based on feedback from the survey last year. Those who completed the survey were in favor of it. The minimum spending requirement will be a quarterly commitment for restaurant food and bar service. Quarter 1 will be May – July and quarter 2 will be August – October. The addition and details of this program into the Club By-Laws is listed on page two of this issue. As with the Member Service Program, this is to encourage your participation and support of your Club. Next month we will have more details to pass along. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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