

## Olcott Yacht Club

Foot of Van Buren Street  
Olcott Beach, New York 14126  
(716) 638-4378  
www.olcottyachtclub.com

web site:

www.olcottyachtclub.com

### Board of Directors

Commodore  
**Mike Layman**

Vice Commodore  
**Chris Eglin**

Rear Commodore  
**Mike Capen**

Fleet Captain - Racing  
**Jason Cramer**

Fleet Captain - Junior Sailing  
**Vic Thibault**

Secretary  
**Justin Naylor**

Treasurer  
**Sue Cassidy**

Director  
**Wendy Herman**

Director  
**Roger Voss**

Past Commodore  
**John Roehmholdt**

**Scuttlebutt** is the newsletter of the Olcott Yacht Club (est. 1919) Inc. and is published 10 times a year. Publication deadline for the April Scuttlebutt is March, 20. All submissions will be considered.

Editor: **P/C Mark Cassidy**

For inquiries about advertising space and rates call:  
(716) 778-9028

or

e-mail:

RAPPAREEMS@AOL.COM

# Scuttlebutt

March 2021



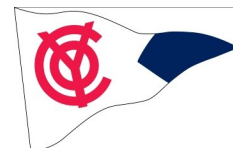
## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE ...

Paperwork. This is the one word that has described the process of obtaining a state grant for our new clubhouse. The work put forth by Roy Knapp, Sue Cassidy, Dan Seaman and the rest of the New Clubhouse Committee has been a major accomplishment to get to this point as March 1 approaches. We are positioned to obtain our building permit in early March. The demolition permit will be a separate action that takes place after the asbestos test is completed. We are still obtaining quotes and selecting contractors that will spend next fall and winter putting all of the pieces together.

The membership has come through with flying colors as we have pledges for loans totaling over \$400,000. The Limited Liability Company is being established by Dan Seaman to protect lenders from liability exposure. Our hope is that by April we will have our state contract in place for the grant and we can get various work on the contractors schedules for the fall season.

If you thought last season was creative for operating a yacht club, expect to see even more of that creativity this season. Launch season will be upon us as April begins. I expect the Elters to lead the charge as they are usually the first sailboat in the water. Restaurant and Grog Room plans will be announced by Vice Commodore Chris Eglin, Rear Commodore Mike Capen will be looking for cleanup assistance. The racing schedule is being finalized by our Fleet Captain -Racing by Jason Cramer while Junior Sailing is being advertised by Fleet Captain Junior Sailing Vic Thibeault. Our board is committed to making this season a success in spite of the obstacles like the virus, demolition and construction. Please support this board and our club, we need to pull together as we always have. Stay warm, stay safe, keep healthy, and wear that mask. I look forward to seeing you in May.

Mike Layman



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

We are all looking forward to the season ahead! The House Committee is getting things in order to ensure a solid calendar of events with an equally solid menu for this year.

We are also working closely with Fleet Captain (Racing) to ensure that we line up our social calendar with the racing calendar as we begin to turn the corner on COVID and get back to as much business as usual as we can.

If anyone is interested in joining the House Committee, please let me know!

Thank you!

*Chris Eglin*  
[ceglin@buffalo.edu](mailto:ceglin@buffalo.edu)  
716-523-7469

## FROM THE PAST COMMODORE ...

The campaign to raise loans from the members to finance the new clubhouse has become very successful! At this point in time we have over 30 members pledging a total of \$415,000. This puts us very close to our goal of \$450,000 and gives us the confidence to proceed with our project of removing the old clubhouse and building the new structure.

That being said we are still looking for more financial support from those members who have not yet stepped forward. Every contribution helps us reach our goal. Please contact me soon with your offer of support!

As a reminder, loan funds will be given to a Joint Venture which will in turn supply money to OYC to pay for the project. Interest on the loans will be 2% for the first two years, and then 4% for the following 5 years. Loans need to be made in full by June 15, 2021. Dan Seaman will be contacting each lender with the legal documents required prior to that time.

As for Member Service Hours, there will be a huge opportunity (and need) to do hours when the project starts this summer, so we can all look forward to having fun working together this year!

*P/C John Roehmholdt*

## FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

Although the boats are still in their winter homes, the off season wheels have been turning preparing for this year. We have scheduled the OYC Summer Solstice Race for this June 18th to 19th. The website for scoring and registration is now live on [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com). I would love to see many of you sign up again for this race as we hope to increase the boat count from last year. In addition, Youngstown Yacht Club will be hosting LYRA this year in late July. OYC will be finishing an informal race from YYC to OYC on Monday 7/26 to then start a Centennial Feeder race to kick off LYRA week in Youngstown On July 27. Our own racing schedule is finishing its final tweeks and I hope that it will be available to put on the OYC website in the next few weeks. I hope you are all looking forward to this years racing season as much as I am, after a long winter I hope that we will all be ready to enjoy some time on the water with family and friends.

*Jason Cramer*  
[cramer9@roadrunner.com](mailto:cramer9@roadrunner.com)

## SPECIAL PROJECTS ...

Looking ahead to a GREAT year at OYC through a cold February, Special Projects has been planning on Dock Improvements, Kayak Rack for Member use, ongoing Yard Maint./Improvements, and (YEAH) Planning for a smooth transition to a New House!

Haulout & Storage is funding repairs to the Haulout Slip catwalk/dock, and a second level of batter boards to make docking at the Club much more attractive.

Labor will be by the membership as was the previous level (dates tbd), so please contact me if you may be available.

Party & Play AT the Club, our raison d'etre.

*Roger Voss*  
716 908-6848 C  
[popsskygod@gmail.com](mailto:popsskygod@gmail.com)

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY AND MEMBERSHIP...**

Warmer weather is on its way! Start talking with your friends about trying out the OYC this year. We are continuing the 1/2 off Senior and Associate Dues for the 2021 season. There are lots of new ideas for member activities being discussed. I'd like to take the time to welcome Sara Capen and Bill Russell to the Membership Committee. Thank you for your interest and support.

Are you longing for the sailing season? Consider watching a movie about sailing. Our family has watched *Maiden*. It's a really cool documentary about the famous Whitbread Around the World race by an all female crew. Pretty awesome stuff. Share your ideas about cool sailing movies.

*Justin Naylor*

Jnaylor2@gmail.com  
[716]266-3226

## **ADULT SAILING**

Joe Higgins will be heading up the Adult Sailing Program again this season. The sailing programs are key to recruiting members to the club and we depend on boating members to take the lead in offering their boats and expertise to fill our needs. Boating members have been very generous over the years and we appreciate them making themselves available.

You don't have to be a member to enjoy the program so let your non-member friends know. No one should feel compelled to join the club either.

Adult Sailing will be dependent on the progress we make against the Covid-19 virus. We will make applications available when final decisions are possible. Let Joe know if you would be interested.

Joe Higgins  
qqhiggs@gmail.com  
716-799-3478

## **JUNIOR SAILING**

As ironic as it struck me in the season of Covid 19, the OYC Junior Program set records for attendance last season. As one parent put it to me, "you're the only game in town Mark." That no doubt was a contributing factor. For the first time in my many years of association with the program we had to turn people away.

Our instructional staff headed up by Ethan Sharp, did an outstanding job with testimonials from parents especially who had children in the program who had been in neighboring programs in the past. Sadly our staff is in a state of flux with college and career opportunities and changes. Happily I'm very pleased to announce that Gabe Lewis will be back to head up our program. Gabe has finished his Masters Degree work which occupied his last two summers.

Gabe and I met recently and he is eager to reach out to last year's staff to see who may be available and to put a team together of 2021. Gabe's credentials are outstanding as he has completed all of the US Sailing instructional courses.

One of the perpetual challenges for the program is the fact that it is totally weather dependent. The addition of kayaks filled the gap when we had no wind days and Fleet Captain Vic Thibault added another "tool" by introducing the kids to fishing.... At times that made it hard to get some of them back in the boats when the time came!

The Junior Sailing Committee is eager and ready to start to "advertise" the program to push for another successful year. Included in this edition are 2021 program fees and dates. Don't wait sign up now!

If there are any suggestions get a hold of any committee member, Andy Sharp, Hank Hinckley, Vic Thibault or myself.

*P/C Mark Cassidy*  
Chairman Junior Sailing Committee  
Rappareems@aol.com

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As we roll into March, our 2021 season of the Club gets closer. The clocks will be going ahead with daylight savings on the 14<sup>th</sup> and with it will come longer days and hopefully milder temperatures so we can all get out into the fresh air.

Dues invoices were mailed on February 1<sup>st</sup> and the Board of Directors approved holding them to the same as 2020. If for some reason you did not receive your invoice, please let me know. As the season approaches, I'm sure there are some of you wondering what 2021 will be like with the pandemic still around. As you recall last year we made it work! We were open and the membership was fully able to enjoy our great waterfront setting. This season we will do the same as we also look to the future of OYC as we prepare for a new clubhouse come 2022. This is both exciting and challenging for our club. On top of that, the outer harbor breakwall project, which has been talked about and studied since 1975 will finally happen as well. So there is much to look forward to.

As a reminder, dues are due by April 1<sup>st</sup> and can be made in multiple payments to meet member needs. For those who have already paid, thank you for your promptness. If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

*P/C Sue Cassidy*

716-807-7913

[rapparems@aol.com](mailto:rapparems@aol.com)

[susan.cassidy@ima.it](mailto:susan.cassidy@ima.it)

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

The 2021 Club directory will be available in May. If you have any changes to your information, please let me know. Since last season have you moved, dropped your land line, changed your cell numbers or email addresses? Do you have a winter address you would like added? Have you sold your boat, bought a new one, renamed her? We would like to know to be sure your information is correct. Please mail in your changes with your dues check or you can email them to me directly at

[SUSAN.CASSIDY@IMA.IT](mailto:SUSAN.CASSIDY@IMA.IT)

*P/C Sue Cassidy*

OYC Historian

If you are a member of US Sailing or considering joining, OYC is a "MVP" club. Be sure and tell them you are a member of OYC and you will get a nice discount.



**OLCOTT YACHT CLUB**  
**2021 YOUTH BOATING & SAILING REGISTRATION**

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB** \_\_\_\_\_ **M** \_\_\_\_ **F** \_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STUDENT EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PARENT EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PARENT CELL#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**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: Except where indicated with \***

Regular Sessions:	Session Fee:	Deposit:
_____ #1 July 6 (Tues.)* to July 16	\$520	\$150
_____ #2 July 19 to July 30	\$520	\$150
_____ #3 August 2 to August 12 (Thurs)*	\$520	\$150
_____ **Register for <b>ANY</b> 2 sessions: Indicate sessions by selecting above	\$950	\$300
_____ **Register for Full season (3 sessions)	\$1400	\$425
_____ Single Week Dates: _____	\$295	\$100

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

Olcott Yacht Club  
c/o Youth sailing  
P.O. Box 715  
Olcott, NY 14126

Make checks payable to: "Olcott Yacht Club General Fund" Re: Junior Sailing

## *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 both Optimist dinghies and Club 420's providing an ample fleet 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.

### **2021 Sailing Session Dates & Fees:**

**Program Hours:** Monday through Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm **NOTE: except where indicated with \***

Session 1: July 6 (Tues)* to July 16	\$520
Session 2: July 19 to July 30	\$520
Session 3: August 2 to August 12 (Thurs)*	\$520
Weekly Rate:	\$295

**Register for <u>ANY</u> 2 sessions	\$950
**Register for full season (3 sessions)	\$1400

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

For further information and questions, email or call:

Gabe Lewis – Head Instructor: [lewisgj394@gmail.com](mailto:lewisgj394@gmail.com) or 607-426-7913

Vic Thibault – Fleet Captain: [vicsigns@yahoo.com](mailto:vicsigns@yahoo.com) or 716-778-7749

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



*Waterfront Services*  
*"We've got you covered"*  
*Shrink Wrap*

PO Box 191  
 Newfane, NY 14108

Glen Sears  
 716-807-6316

**SWANS**  
  
**YACHT SALES**

*Catalina* Yachts

**YBA**  
 ASSOCIATION OF YACHT SALES PROFESSIONALS

**Tom Oldham**  
 Yacht Broker, CPYB

Office: 716-751-6877  
 Fax: 716-751-9946  
 swansmarine@wzrd.com

*Sail & Power Brokerage*

2 O'Connell Island  
 (Wilson Harbor)  
 Wilson, N.Y. 14172

[www.swansyachtsales.com](http://www.swansyachtsales.com)

  
**Howard Hanna**  
 Real Estate Services

**NANCY POST LANGE**  
 Licensed Real Estate Salesperson

5665 South Transit Road • Lockport, NY 14094

Cell: 716.417.8382  
 Office: 716.434.8458 • Fax: 716.434.6289  
 nancypostlange@howardhanna.com  
 HowardHanna.com



(716) 433-5522

**ANN GIARDINA HESS**  
 ATTORNEY AT LAW  
 454 WILLOW STREET  
 LOCKPORT, NEW YORK 14094  
 ALSO MEMBER OF  
 WASHINGTON D.C. BAR

Your *Personal* Injury Attorney

  
**jon louis wilson**  
 111 Ontario St. Lockport, NY

Free Consultation

**716-434-2010**

[www.jonwilsonlaw.com](http://www.jonwilsonlaw.com)

Roofing  
 Siding  
 Gutters  
 Patio Rooms



Windows  
 Doors  
 Insulation  
 Decks

**Over 60 Years of Service**

**ROBERTS ROOFING & SIDING CO. INC.**  
 6279 Ridge Road  
 Lockport, NY 14094

Free Estimates (716) 433-2883  
 1-800-834-2883  
 Fax (716) 439-8783

Jerry Roberts  
[www.robertsroofingandsiding.com](http://www.robertsroofingandsiding.com)

  
**Sailor's Service LLC.**  
*Roger Voss*  
**Your Yankee Handyman**  
*"If it needs to be done - right"*

P.O. Box 344  
 1577 Lockport St.  
 Olcott, NY 14126

716-908-6848 Cell  
 716-439-4358 Home

**M. CARTER DECOR**  
 360 West Avenue - Lockport, NY 14094  
 Phone : 716-434-2159 Fax : 716-434-8517

THOMAS DEADLINE

- Carpet - Ceramic - Hardwood - Vinyl - Luxury Vinyl -
- Custom Window Treatments - Hunter Douglas Blinds and Shades -
- Color and Product Coordination - Over 25 Years Experience -

  
**RCR**  
**YACHTS**

**48Years**  
 1972-2020  
 New & Used  
 Sail & Power  
 716-745-3862



Olcott Yacht Club  
P.O. Box 715  
Olcott Beach, NY 14126

March 13 Clocks ahead

April 4 Happy Easter!