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Scuttlebutt

September 2023



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

It's been a busy and event filled Summer, with plenty of Great Olcott Weather (and some a bit "iffy").

Our Racers and Party goers have been Enjoying the Club a LOT, and we finished a good Season for our Jr. Sailors.

Our new Wall & Fence are nearing completion, and include a man gate from our dock to the Federal Pier, so large boats can dock & access the Club!

Landscaping the Lawn, and cleaning up our lot are next, and a start has been made on removal of our trees/bushes/garden between the lawn & the lot (RxR timbers removed).

The Memorial Bench area will remain, for the rest we are considering some small evergreens, well spaced, that don't need maintenance for a visual break between the lot and the lawn.

Thanks to Mark and Sue Cassidy for replacing our tattered Stars and Stripes with a new one.

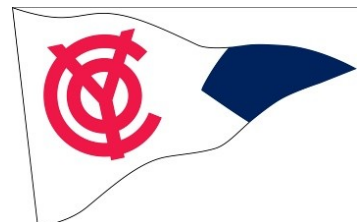
I'm looking forward to a great Fall, between more fun sails & racing, and our football/party Season.

Roger Voss, Commodore OYC

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

As we move into September we will be changing club hours to reflect the fact that the racing season has concluded. The club will be closed on Wednesdays and we will be closing the kitchen a bit earlier on Thursday. See hours at the conclusion of this article.

We are going to attempt to run the horse racing game on Thursday nights with betting opening at 6. Keep your eye on Constant Contact for more information.

The house committee decided to cancel the Disco Night we had scheduled for the 16 and we are trying to arrange horse racing for that night.

What we do have scheduled is Oktoberfest on September 9 once again hosted by the Schneider clan. It gets started at 4 pm and will have music provided by DJ Jason Klein.

We have Bills games on the 17th and the 24th at 1pm. Cathi Higgins is going to have her Operation Christmas Child shoe box packing along with the game on the 24th. It's a chance to enjoy the game and help out needy children.

Marie Sharp is going to treat us to a Monte Carlo Night on Saturday the 30th. This is always a fun night so be sure to mark that down on your calendar.

September Hours:

Wednesday closed

Thursday:

Bar 5 - 11

Kitchen 5 - 8

Fri/Sat

Bar 5 - 11

Kitchen 5 - 9 last order 8:45

Sun

Bar Noon - 6

Kitchen Noon - 5

Joe Higgins



ADULT SAILING

Mark Cassidy and I attempted to pass the adult sailing lesson program on last year and no one stepped forward to take it so we rented and ran it again this past summer. We are done. I have done it for 15 years and Mark for more than that.. Both Mark and I will be willing to help out or do any classroom sessions, but we are looking for someone to take on the organization of the on the water sessions.

This program has been a source for new members and it would be a shame to see it end after more than 40 years of operation. We are a self help club and as many of us older members age it is time for younger members to step up and take over.

Joe Higgins

SPECIAL PROJECTS

This scuttlebutt entry has nothing to do with special projects, yet

everything to do with special people. "She's coming home!" That simple comment brought another rush of emotion and tears to my eyes. Allow me to explain...

Last week an oak tree fell from our hill into Eighteen Mile creek. Unfortunately, that oak hit our sailboat which folded the mast in half while at the same time twisting the furler into a pretzel. Our floating dock was damaged, and the sailboat was wrecked! My immediate thought was no more sailing this season, or maybe even longer. As you might imagine I was extremely bummed out.

However, because of the immense kindness of my friends Hank Hinkley and Janice Okeefe I won't be off the water for long. Shortly after the mast was destroyed, Hank and Janice offered to donate their Pearson 34 "Island Woman" to Laurie and me. We have been so overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude for such a fabulous gift. Honestly, I've teared up several times thinking about it.

Allow me to bring this story full circle. Before we owned the property, "Island Woman" docked for several years in the exact same spot where the oak tree hit our sailboat. Janice mentioned to me just a few days ago how she and Hank took a degree of pleasure to think "Island Woman" was coming home. Home to our docks.

I've been all choked up and teary-eyed thinking about this past week's entire sequence of events. As Janet mentioned "She's Coming Home" that just brought all that happy emotion rushing in one more time.

This is a perfect testament to what it means to be a part of the Olcott Yacht Club family.

I am speechless, and anyone who knows me understands that is extremely uncommon.

Dan Maxwell

TREASURER'S REPORT

As we enter September, we come to the final two months that the Club is open. So far this season the House operation has been doing well, thanks to our members using the Club and Vice Commodore Joe Higgins, the house committee and staff who have kept the calendar full. Your support is what makes or breaks having a positive season so please continue to enjoy the Club..

Our second and final quarter (Aug – Oct) for spending your required \$75 House minimum is down to September & October. While our hours will change to weekend's only, don't let that slow your use of the Club's restaurant and bar. There are still many events on the calendar to enjoy as well as Chef Julie's great week-end specials.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

P/C Susan M. Cassidy
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MANTEL CLUB

Dan Maxwell has donated his Pearson to Mantel Club and Rob Zillig is going to diagnose what the boat needs to get its engine up and running. I plan to have the mast capped off at the point it is broken and run flag halyards from the spreaders. Add a bimini and a windless and we have a committee boat for a lot less than we had budgeted for.

Many thanks to Fr. Jim Hasset for his very generous donation to Mantel Club. Additional thanks to Mike and Josette Taheri, Dave and Lisa Hedley and Robert and Mamie Winter for their contributions to the Juniors weekly cookouts, much appreciated.

We have sold one of our "retiring" 420s to a Junior Sailing family and have contacted Oak Orchard Yacht Club as they have expressed an interest. We are retaining four of our original fleet and along with the six we recently purchased from Youngstown Yacht Club we will have a fleet of ten 420s. We are currently appraising our remaining Optimis and Lasers to see which among them to keep and which to retire. If any member is interest in buying a boat let me know.

In order to get more Junior boats in the water than we have the past few seasons we need to have a third coach boat and we are accessing that need as well.

Very happy with staffing this year and future staffing needs look good. All things positive going forward.

P/C Mark Cassidy

MEMBERSHIP / SECRETARIES' REPORT...

I hope you have enjoyed August...it sure flew by fast. Racing is over for the most part, and as I write this I am hoping we can make up the Sacca Sail and enjoy a few more days on the water.

We had a lot of August activities, with many planned for September...Bills games, Oktoberfest, Horse Racing, Monte Carlo Night...so take advantage of the club, stop down for a fish fry, relax on the patio!

No new members to report, but it's not too late to invite a friend and "sell" our club...the best spot on Lake Ontario!

See you at OYC!

Sheila Flanagan

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Commodore has tasked the nominating committee with securing nominations for the upcoming 2024 Board of Directors who will be elected at the December general membership meeting. If anyone is interested in running for the Board please contact myself, John Raskopf, Mike Layman or Paul Elter. We have three 3 year terms opening. Deadline to contact us is September 17.

P/C Mark Cassidy
Chairman

SACCA SAIL LADIES 2023



“CREEK CRUISE POKER RUN”

SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH



READY
TO
LAUNCH !!



This past Sunday, dozens of paddlers set off from the OYC kayak and small boat launch for the 2nd Annual Creek Cruise and Poker Run. Eight teams consisting of 27 paddlers and 7 dock stop hosts participated in this year's event. Dock stop hosts handed out Poker cards and treated paddlers to drinks, treats and lots of laughs. Master of Cards, OYC members Carrie and Kevin Miller, lended their Poker expertise at the card reveal under the OYC Pavillion. In the end, Team Zesty Crew (Jen DiLorenzo, Patti Schneider, Ann Hinton, and Nancy Rhodes) paddled away with 1st place with a pair of fours and sixes. Team Zesty Crew have added their names to the coveted Creek Cruise Paddle that is displayed above the mantel in the fireplace room. This event would not have been possible without the help of the following Dock Stop Hosts; Trav'ler (Joe and Cathi Higgins w/ Special Guest Mark Cassidy), Hedley Boat Co. (Dave and Lisa Hedley), Crews Control (Marie Sharp), Live Action (Paul and Cheryl Elter), Lightfoot (Thibault Family), Knot on Course (Dan and Laurie Maxwell) and Inconceivable (Joe and Natalie Connelly). Inconceivable walked away with the prize for favorite Dock Stop Hosts with their Luau themed decorations, leis, Jell-O shots and cool sunglasses! Thank you to all who helped make this event a success.

COME TO THE LAKE IN SEPTEMBER

RACES AT "CLUBHOUSE DOWNS"
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH & 16TH



Gong Xi Pearls



Friday
September 22
5:30 till 9:00



OCTOBERFEST

SEPTEMBER 9TH



Buffalo Bills at "OYC Stadium"

Sunday September 17th & 24th



Monte

Carlo

Night

Saturday

September 30th



August At The Club

JUNIOR SAILORS AT THE JUNIOR OLYMPICS AT ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB



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Saturday Sept. 2 & 16 Races at OYC

Saturday September 9 "Oktoberfest"

Sunday September 17 Bills v Vegas

Friday September 22 Gong Xi Pearls

Sunday September 24 Bills v. Wash

Sunday September 30 Monte Carlo