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Scuttlebutt

June 2021



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE ...

The weather was not very co-operative for the first two weekends of May. We did get 20 to 25 people down each night to have dinner inside. Derby Day was far from the usual crowd but we had some big winners. John Roehmholdt scored the only winner for first place finisher Medina Spirit, Sue Cassidy took home all of the place cash, and Sue and Barb Layman split the show pool. Junior sailing was the only winner on the exacta as there were no correct tickets for the first two finishers.

The third weekend had a packed house Friday and a very nice turnout for Doralyn Marshall's Celebration of Life.

The weather is warming up so let's see if we can keep the waves rolling and support our house operation.

Elsewhere around the club, boats are getting launched, the grounds are getting spruced up and our activity board is showing more events. The pushing back til spring for construction of our new clubhouse gives us a lot of weekends to schedule events. House committee members are working on the last three months of our season. There is no news on any other front to report at this time.

Mid June should see some action on the break wall and rubble placement along the federal piers. Twenty years ago Buc Buchanan put together a drawing for slips in front of the club. This past month saw those plans resurrected as some of our members are now pursuing a permit for 36 slips. This will be the birth of a new look for the next century. Hopes are high for more success.

Thanks to P/Cs Mark and Sue Cassidy for the donation of our 2021 set of flags.

Mike Layman,
716-622-1304



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

May is in the logbooks, and it's been wonderful to see so many Members enjoying the Club, the low water levels, and a return to near normalcy!

Our Polar Bear Swim event was a great success. We raised \$110 for the Lions Club, and Members donated 12 pairs of eyeglasses! Sue Cassidy was the 50/50 raffle winner, and we'd like to thank her for her additional donation to the Lions Club! Additionally, a very special thank you to Sara Thibault, and her helpers, for organizing the event!

June promises to be a fun-filled month, and the Bar and Restaurant will now be open Wednesday - Sunday.

- On Saturday June 5th, we look forward to hosting the Commodore's Ball in honor of Mike Layman. This year we'll be featuring the acclaimed musical styling's of the band, Rock Angel.

Friday the 18th is the Solstice Race. The Bar will be open late on Thursday the 17th to welcome arrivals from other clubs in preparation for the race on Friday, so don't be shy... come for a nightcap and welcome the visiting boats.

Please note that Sail Past and Fleet Blessing has been moved to Saturday July 10th.

The upstairs dining room and patio are now open, and the sunsets have already been spectacular. Be sure to enjoy one of Julie's great weekend specials while taking in the best view on the lake.

Can't wait to see you at the Club!

Chris Eglin

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FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

We are finally here!! The season is upon us and the weather has been extremely helpful with launching boats and getting ready for the summer. We have placed all the race marks in their summer homes including the infamous number 6 !

The fleet blessing and Sailpast have been moved to July 10th due to a conflict. Please put this great celebration on your calendars it's a great site to see the fleet decorated up to honor the Commodore.

The season kicks off with our Memorial Day Race from Olcott to Wilson and return and our weekly club series events start the first week of June. I would like to thank Pete and Dottie Patterson who have volunteered for our Wednesday series as race committee.

Although we are all excited about the tentative break wall project this will pose some difficulties in running and scoring our races but we are already thinking outside the box of how to work around this project.

I would like to encourage all sailboat owners to come out and race with us this year. We have two separate divisions for white sail racing with the option to run spinnaker for the stand alone trophy events. Please don't think you're not good enough for this. We all started somewhere and this is a great opportunity to see how others sail and ask questions. This is a great group of sailors who enjoy just being on the water as much as the competition. I hope to see some new faces out there.

The OYC South Shore Solstice is gaining entries as we prepare for the second event. We are looking for a celebrity race committee boat and Captain to start this event so if you are interested please reach out to me.

Next month has a lot of race opportunities as YYC is hosting their Can Am regatta followed by LYRA. OYC will be hosting a feeder race to help support and house about a dozen boats the night before. Looking forward to the summer.

Jason Cramer

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COMMODORE'S BALL ...

I would like to thank everyone who brought an appetizer to the Flag raising and past commodores reception, it was beyond my expectation, again thank you and don't forget to put in your hours of service for that.

This Saturday is the Commodores Ball and reception, therefore we need appetizers for the reception which is at 5:30 pm.

Please email me at dolorosstinson@yahoo.com or call me at 628 6064 if you are able to bring one.

Doloros Stinson

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY AND MEMBERSHIP...

The following member applications have been posted:

Kelley Maybach (Jim Payne) Associate
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Sponsors: Roger Voss & Tom Beilein

Anthony Coulson (Jacqueline)
Associate 5511 Ward Heights
Burt, NY 14028
Sponsors: Paul Elter & Tom Beilein

The Membership Committee consists of Bill Russell and Sara Capen along with myself. We welcome any and all suggestions from the membership. We encourage you to "friend" the OYC Facebook page and sign up for the "member" section on the OYC website for specific member information.

See you soon at the club and out on the water.

Justin Naylor

JUNIOR SAILING

Applications for Junior Sailing are up and running with 19 applicants.... We are actually ahead of last year and my expectations. If we actually end up with numbers like last year, sign up now or encourage others to. We had to close out registrations last year.

We wish last year's instructor Alexis Katsabekis well in pursuing his appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy this coming academic year.

Any suggestions or comments, get a hold of any of the committee members; Andy Sharp, Hank Hinckley, Vic Thibault or myself.

P/C Mark Cassidy

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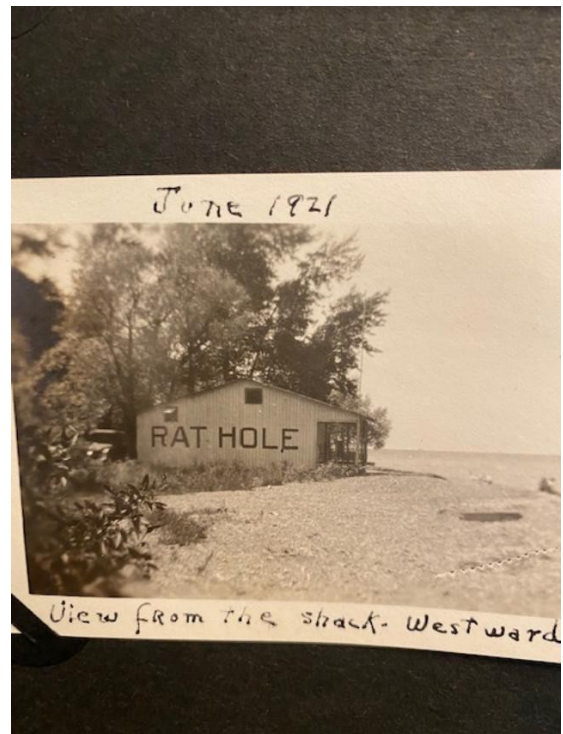
FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

Thanks to all who continue to maintain and beautify the club.. Always put in your service hours.
If you have any questions at all, please let me know.

Mark and Sue Cassidy donated the reframing of the Tiller Jockies picture from the 1940's; our club incorporation document and the framing of our 2020 anniversary burgee.

Call or text.

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Editor

When I first joined the club and started racing my own boat, post race bar talk from veterans started filling me on local conditions like currents in the lake and wind off the bluffs... One of the comments was, "when finishing from the west be careful of the 'Rat Hole Puff' it may knock you off the finish line and you'll have to throw in another tack." I never thought much about where the term came from until Sue found this picture going through her mother's things. The "Rat Hole Puff" occurred just as you were a few hundred yards from the West Pier and aptly named for a cottage that had once been there. The precursor to Sue's family cottage was "euphemistically" known as "the shack..." [photo 1921]

FLAG RAISING



OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Commodore's Ball 2021 Saturday June 5th Hors d'oeuvres 5:30 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM Music with "Rock Angel" Reservations Required - Black Tie Optional						
		1 Adult Sailing	2 Wed A1 6:50 PM	3	4	5 Commodore's Ball Adult Sailing
6 Sunday A1 10:20 AM	7 CLOSED	8 Adult Sailing	9 Wed A2 6:50 PM	10 Women's #1 6:50 PM	11	12 Adult Sailing
13 Sunday A2 & 3 10:20 AM	14 CLOSED	15 Adult Sailing	16 Wed A3 6:50 PM	17 Women's #2 6:50 PM Mantel Club	18 Southshore 100 Race	19 Adult Sailing
20 Cook Trophy 10:20 AM Happy Father's Day	21 CLOSED	22 Adult Sailing	23 Wed A4 6:50 PM	24 Women's White 6:50 PM	25	26
27 Dock Dash 2021	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30	Southshore 100 Race Friday June 18th		
JULY 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mid-Season Membership Mtg. Sunday July 18th			 "FIREWORKS OVER OLCOTT" Saturday July 3rd Members must show Card, Guests require Gate Pass 			
 OYC Sail Past & Blessing of the Fleet - Saturday July 10th 4pm - Everyone Welcome! Join the fun and get on a boat! 				1	2	3  Fireworks "Beamin Sounds" 8 - 11
4	5 Club Closed	6 Jr. Sailing Session #1 Starts Club Closed	7 Wed A5 6:50 PM	8 Women's #3 6:50 PM Mantel Club	9	10 Sail Past & Fleet Blessing plus New Members
11 Williams Trophy	12 Club Closed	13 Club Closed	14 Wed B1 6:50 PM	15 Women's Shafer Distance 6:50 PM	16 Jr. Sailing Session #1 Ends	17
18 Mid-year Mtg 11 AM JR Sail Fundraiser 1PM	19 Jr. Sailing Session #2 Starts Club Closed	20 Club Closed	21 Wed B2 6:50 PM	22 Women's #4 6:50 PM	23	24
25 Steak & Fry Sunday	26 LYRA Founders Race Social	27 Founders Race South OYC to YYC	28	29	30 Jr. Sailing Session #2 Ends	31
New Members Night Saturday July 10th Come say hi!			Junior Sailing "Reverse Raffle" & Basket Auction Sunday July 18th , Music & Fun start at 1PM Get your Tickets Soon! 			

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June 5 - Commodore's Ball

June 18 - OYC's Southshore 100
Solstice Race

June 27—Dock Dash

July 3 - Firework's Over Olcott