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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE ...

The news of a civil action and the need to hire an attorney is very disheartening to all of us. After discussing the complaint with Dan Seaman, the board has authorized a retainer and contract with Phillips Lytle LLP in Buffalo to represent Olcott Yacht Club Inc. in this matter. The civil case dates back to the 1982-85 time frame, a period when very few of us were members. It is in our best interest to avoid any speculation and conversations and let the law firm do their job. We will keep you informed as best as we can as the law firm reports back to club on the progress.

As for the new clubhouse, we continue to move forward obtaining bids, meeting with General Contractors, Sub contractors and Project Managers and trying to be ready to move forward this summer. We completed an asbestos report and found there to be minor asbestos issues that will not require special disposal.

On to boating season. Our board has been meeting monthly preparing race schedules, getting the Junior Sailing program ready for three summer sessions, staffing our house operation and getting the grounds in shape for an enjoyable summer. Clean up weekend is ahead of us so hopefully many of you will step forward to help get the club ready for opening day, Friday April 30th.

If there are questions about anything, please feel free to call me at any time.

Mike Layman,
716-622-1304



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

Hello Members! Spring is finally here, and Club Season is right around the corner! Mark your calendars as this year we plan on a "Soft Opening" Friday April 30th, and a Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday May 1st.

We're looking forward to presenting a year of great food, good times, and many ways to enjoy your Club! This will include plenty of opportunities to guest bartend again this year. So if you'd like to be a celebrity guest bartender this year, please reach out and let me know!

As always, if you have any questions or comments for the House Committee, as always, please let me know!

Chris Eglin
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FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

Hello everyone, good news is club clean up is scheduled earlier than last, which means we should be able to enjoy the club earlier as well. More good news, No Sand bags to pick up this year. Club Cleanup is still slated for Sat/Sun April 17, 18 and Sat/Sun April 24, 25. If you are interested in assisting, please let me know ahead of time and I will add you to the list.

Our cleaning activities will be dictated by the Members available, and supplies on hand. For those of you working on your boats, please DO NOT put shrink wrap in the dumpster. At this time we need to ask members to "pack-out" their shrink wrap, and bring it with them to dispose of at home. The dumpster IS available for smaller, more typical trash as you work on your boats.

Additionally, there will likely be more boats in the yard than usual at this time, so please take extra care as you maneuver around the parking lot. Lots of jackstands and boats to avoid. Also, a reminder that if you choose to use the outside rest-rooms at the club, please ensure that you are cleaning up after yourself as we have limited resources to keep the bathrooms clean as we usually would.

If you have any questions at all, please let me know. Call or text.

Michael Capen
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FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

With the warmer weather approaching there is more activity down in the yard as the anticipation of the the summer season is upon us. The racing schedule is complete and will be posted on the web-site soon.

The OYC 100 summer solstice is posted on Yachtscoring .com and already had 10 entries signed up. We are also still in contact with YYC for the LYRA week events.

I am hoping for a good turnout for the skip-pers meeting, Saturday May 22, as I would like to discuss scoring for our weekly racing as well as how to layout fleets. I am leaning towards the same fleets and divisions as last year as we are still under certain restrictions and can ease as allowed and to our comfort levels. Cruising white sail, Racing white sail, and open up the single trophy races to a spinnaker division is how we were set up last year and seemed to work out well.

I look forward to see you all safe and well in the next few months.

Jason Cramer
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SPECIAL PROJECTS ...

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

We will set a date of April 16/17 to work on the needed Haul Out Slip repairs.

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

Roger Voss
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FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY AND MEMBERSHIP...

Hey there Shipmates! We are looking forward to a great season of fun and entertaining activities. Some ideas include: movie night under the stars, "Captain Ron" anyone? Rafting parties, boats and pool floaties. We are also looking at obtaining some additional yard games to jazz things up. Events like Lobsterfest and other larger group events are more likely to occur this year.

We have received some reciprocal letters from other clubs. I would recommend maximizing your membership by visiting other clubs.

Please let me know if you have any additional ideas for member activities. I'm open to all suggestions no matter how crazy.

The following membership applications have been accepted for posting:

Michael Nolan (Karen Dempkowski) Non Resident
1103 Woodmere Dr.
Keyport, NJ
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Dian Tucker (Donald Tucker) Associate Family
315 Wellingwood Dr.
East Amherst, NY
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See you soon at the club and out on the water.

Justin Naylor

Reflecting on the Past

An old sea captain was sitting on a bench near the wharf when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair and each spike was a different color.... green, red, orange, blue, and yellow.

After a while the young man noticed that the captain was staring at him. "What's the matter old timer, never done anything wild in your life?"

The old captain replied, "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son!"

JUNIOR SAILING

Applications for Junior Sailing are up and running with eleven Juniors already enrolled.

Gabe Lewis has completed his Masters Degree work over the past two summers and we are happy to have him back as Program Director. Ethan Sharp will be Head Instructor and we welcome new Instructor Clair Lewis who is currently wrapping up her Level One US Sailing Certificate Ella Thibault will be starting this season as Counselor in Training. Staffing needs are a little uncertain this season, but we don't anticipate quite the numbers we had last year as Oak Orchard is back up and running their program. We will ramp up as needed.

The Junior Sailing Committee is busy putting the word out to the community. We don't want to have to turn kids away as we did last year... so sign them up.

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
Chairman Junior Sailing Committee
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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
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TREASURER'S REPORT

As we begin April, there is a lot of excitement growing with our new building project and the soon to begin outer break wall work. There won't be any quiet or boring days this year to speak of.

Many members have sent in their dues payments, making my job easier. If you have not done so yet, please get them in as soon as possible. A reminder statement will go out April 1st if we still have not received your payment in the mail. Our 2021 opening day will be here sooner than you think and you will want your charging privileges activated.

Sue Cassidy

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DIRECTORY UPDATES

DIRECTORY CHANGES??

If you have any changes, corrections or additions to your information listed in the Club directory, please mail them in with your payment or email them to me. The directory will be printed to be available by Memorial Day week-end. Did you buy a boat? What did you name her or did you change the name? Change to mobile only phone? Did you move? Please get any changes to me.

Sue Cassidy

Treasurer/Historian

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A SAILOR ASHORE AFTER 9 MONTH AT SEA

A sailor who smelled like a distillery flopped on a subway seat next to a priest. The sailor's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes, the sailor turned to the priest and asked, "Say, Father, what causes arthritis?"

"Mister, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol and a contempt for your fellow man."

"Well, I'll be damned," the sailor muttered, returning to his paper. The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the seaman and apologized.

"I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?" "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the pope does."

MEMORIUM

As some of our members only get club news via the Scuttlebutt, we pass along in memory of members who have passed away in recent months.

Fred White - November

Richard Southard - November

Doralyn Marshall - March

Many thanks to all who donated in their memory to the OYC Mantel Club for the support of Junior Sailing.

Mark Cassidy

Editor

OYC CALENDAR

APRIL 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLUB SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK-ENDS: APRIL 17, 18, 24, 25 Come help with Spring cleaning to ready to Club!						
4 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 Club Clean-up 11 AM 
18 Club Clean-up 11 AM 	19	20 Scuttlebutt Deadline	21	22	23	24 Club Clean-up 11 AM 
25 Club Clean-up 11 AM 	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Club Opening!</i> First Fish Fry	

MAY 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Flag Raising & Past Commodore's Reception</i> Saturday May 29th, 5:30 pm Come recognize all our PC's!			 KENTUCKY DERBY	<i>Kentucky Derby</i> Saturday May 1st, Post time 6:50pm Get your best hats ready!		1 Kentucky Derby Party
2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5  CLOSED	6 CLOSED	7 Friday Fish Fry	8
9  Happy Mother's Day	10 CLOSED	11 CLOSED	12 CLOSED	13 CLOSED	14 Friday Fish Fry	15
16	17 CLOSED	18 CLOSED	19 CLOSED	20 Scuttlebutt Deadline CLOSED	21 Friday Fish Fry	22 Skippers Meeting 4:00pm
23	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28 Friday Fish Fry	29 "Flag Raising & Past Commodore's Reception"
30	31 Memorial Day Club Open White Trophy 10:20am			 SKIPPER'S MEETING Saturday May 22, 4:00pm		

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 or 607-426-7913

Vic Thibault – Fleet Captain: vicsigns@yahoo.com or 716-778-7749

Mark Cassidy – Junior Committee Chairman: rapparems@aol.com or 716-778-9028

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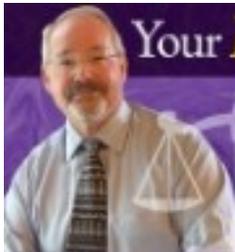
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April 4 Happy Easter!

April 17/18 Club Clean Up

April 24/25 Club Clean Up

April 30 Club Opens