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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

June Greetings to my OYC family.

It's past May, and time to Play, at our House on the Beach. The Flags are flying, the Boats are Racing, we're Dancing on our new floor (thanks gang!), and with a week of warm weather we're enjoying the Patio again.

H & S has cleared the lot of boats & cradles/trailers, in plenty of time for it to get a bit crowded again.

The northeast corner, and our front yard, will soon see a lot of activity as the inner harbor resiliency project moves to OYC. Gabions, blocks & fencing along the Federal Pier will be removed, and a new concrete wall installed West of the Pier, joining up with our wall along the dock.

After that is complete, new fencing along the Pier will be installed, and the lawn redone, particularly between the new wall & the Pier fence.

A fresh look for the Club, but worth the disturbance to be better prepared for any future high water.

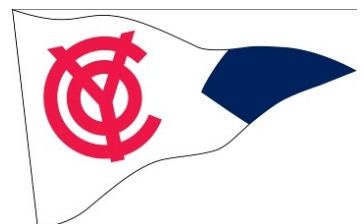
Thanks to the Cassidy's for the donation of a new suit of flags for the season and for reframing the photo of the original Board of Directors.

I look forward to seeing all of you on your boats & at the Club, and as always comments & suggestions are welcome!

Roger Voss

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

Our pricing policy has caused confusion for a while and I am hoping I can clarify things. The prices on our menu includes both NYS sales tax and a 15% service charge. The service charge allows us to pay all our staff at a higher rate than minimum wage. **Diners do not need to leave a "tip" due to the salary we pay our staff.** Naturally, the wait staff would appreciate any additional gratuity you might choose to add to your bill. There is an article from the Buffalo News posted on the bulletin board in the foyer that may explain things better. This is a trend that restaurants are moving towards.

The above segways into another issue and that would be the pricing of our menu and drink items. When comparing our prices to other restaurants I hope members realize that the menu price at a local restaurant does not include tax and tip, while our menu prices do include those add ons. Per example; our fish fry is priced at \$20. If one removes tax and service charge the menu cost would be \$16.26. Considering the size of our fish fry this price is indeed a bargain. I hope members will keep these pricing strategies in mind.

Also, I hope members remember that our beer is a 20 oz pour as compared with 16 ozs at most bars. When it comes to premium beers \$6 is a typical bar price which works out to \$.38 an ounce. At this price our 20 oz premium should be \$7.60. We charge considerably less than that

.. We are working to price our items at prices that will give us a "break even" result. Usually, the restaurant/bar loses money and we are hoping to reverse that trend. The bar/restaurant is an integral part of what makes OYC the club we are.

That said I would like to turn to another issue. That would be the practice of bringing drinks onto the patio/pavilion area and into the club itself. When the club is open, drinks in this area need to be purchased at the bar. There are two reasons for this. One is our state liquor license requirements. Bringing outside alcohol into these areas could result in loss of our liquor license. Second is that the OYC house relies on your business in order to survive. Please, if you are going to make use of club amenities, give back to the club by purchasing refreshments at the bar. Please do not bring any drinks you may have started out in the yard or on your boat into the club. Finish them before you enter.

The clubhouse is what defines OYC. It is where we meet and gather and enjoy each other's company. It is the heartbeat of OYC. It is essential to the existence of our club. That is why each of us must be sure to make use of the bar and the restaurant. It is the dynamic of what makes OYC the club we are. Sure, we have our issues, as every organization does, but it is my hope that all OYC members will support the house and help make a 2023 a successful year.

One additional tidbit: We are now adding a pinot grigio to our house white wine list which will compliment the chardonnay we already offer. Just ask the bartender when ordering.

Joe Higgins

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

The club is open again for dinners, drinks, and various events/activities. I wanted to thank the many persons that helped with the club clean-up and opening preparation during the weekends of 22nd and 29th. The working crew included: Sue and Mark Cassidy, Elaine and Tom Ryan, Robert Winter, Alex and Linda Rosenbaum, Willy, Carl Beitelshoes, Sheila Flanagan, Roger Voss, Tom Beilein, Paul Elter, Jason Cramer, Marie Sharp, Tim and Cathy Sylvester Joe Higgins, Sarah and Emelia Thibault, Nick Southard, Doug Wintersteen, Lisa House, and Julie Cornelius. I apologize if I missed anyone.

Meanwhile the rough work on the fireplace room work was completed by Dan, Roger, Steve, Michael Layman, and myself. The room is usable now. We are hoping to have the final finishing professionally completed before the Commodore's ball.

There are plenty of additional building and grounds activities planned for the remaining of the season. I will inform the membership of these service opportunities or members can let me know if there is a specific interest.

Alan Rosenbaum

FROM THE HARBORMASTER

If you should visit Frenchman's Bay/Pickering by boat this summer you will need both a smoke detector and a CO2 detector installed aboard to stay at any of the docking facilities there. This would include the public marina and both yacht clubs. The town of Pickering is interpreting Ontario law to include boats with living accommodations.

If you do any cruising on Lake Ontario, you will find most reciprocal clubs will offer dockage for the first night free of charge while subsequent nights are subject to a range of policies. Some clubs charge for the first night. For example, Island YC is the most expensive on the lake with a first night at \$3.25 per foot. RCYC charges \$2.25 for their first night. All this information is available at The Lake Ontario Cruising Club Association (LOCCA) website, which is a good source for information on reciprocal clubs around the lake. One can find out at LOCCA what services are at each club including their docking policy,

OYC is a member of LOCCA so take advantage of their website: <https://locca.org>

Joe Higgins

"For those of you who wish to get a feel for it, get in the car and bring it up to fifty miles an hour and then stick your head and arms outside and, while driving, try to fold up a simple bath towel in the wind"

— Gary Paulsen, [Caught by the Sea](#)

Rob Zillig at Zillig Marine in the Hedley Boatyard has boat batteries at a discounted price.

Flag Raising



OYC BOARD

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MANTEL CLUB

We have a June court date to see if we can't get the tree people we hired to clear the stump from the Van Buren Street lot to finish "hauling off" the stump. If mediation fails we go to court in July.

Our Junior Instructors have done their course work for the program as have two of our Councilor's in training.

We will do a thorough review of our fleets and other gear before we kick off the season.

We will be surveying the 420 boats we have and readying some for sale. Let us know if you might be interested. We already have one interested party.

Thanks to Mike and Josette Tahari for the donation to put toward our Friday Junior Sailing Bar-B-Cues.

Looking forward to our first Mantel Club meeting June 8.

P/C Mark Cassidy
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT...

Saturday, June 3...I hope you plan to be at the club for our Open House! Come down, bring a friend/potential member, have a drink, dinner, and listen to music by Cameron Seib from 5:30-8:30! Show off our great club!

We have several new members who were approved at our May Board of Directors meeting. Please welcome...

Joe and Jillian Mangiafesto Senior
Taylor Sukdolak Associate
Natalie and Bill Beilein of Youngstown. Associate
Sharon Strassel of Lockport. Associate

The Reciprocal Club Notebook has been updated, check it out or the listing in the new 2023 Club Booklet. Be sure to pick up your copy of the booklet at the club for all sorts of information and the calendar. There are lots of great activities planned this season!!!

Shelia Flanagan
Secretary, Membership

PAST COMMODORE'S REPORT

Member Service Hours completed can be submitted to our new Member Service Hours email address: olcottyachtclubservicehours@gmail.com Please be sure to include the following information: Your Name, Date of Service, Service[s] Provided, Hours Worked

Alternatively, submission slips will be available in the front hallway of OYC to be dropped off in the Member Service Hours submission box for Members to submit completed service hours.

Chris Eglin

FROM THE TREASURER

Our first month of the 2023 season is already in the books, where did May go. While we were only open on week-ends, we had plenty of fun events happening and good food and drink to go with it.

Your May house statements will be in the mail soon. This is always the time of year where the membership enjoyed much fun before having to be asked to pay for it. We have already incurred the bills of supplying you with food and beverage. The Club relies on timely payments and your House bills are "due upon receipt" so please keep that in mind though out the season. Melynda and I are both volunteers who work full time jobs on top of managing all the billing and deposits needed. Your cooperation is appreciated

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

Sincerely,
P/C Susan M. Cassidy

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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 <u>ANY</u> 2 sessions	\$925
**Register for <u>FULL</u> season (3 sessions)	\$1350

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For further information and questions, email or call:

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

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

Visit the Olcott Yacht Club website www.olcottyachtclub.com

COME TO THE LAKE IN JUNE

Open House
Saturday June 3rd, 5:30 PM



Commodore's Ball
Saturday June 10th






Sail Past Fleet Review Blessing
Saturday June 24th



Monday July 3rd
Fireworks Over Olcott



OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Commodore's Ball 2021 Saturday June 10th <i>Hors d'oeuvres 5:30 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM Music with "Fabulous USA"</i> <i>Reservations Required - Black Tie Optional</i>					Club Open House Sat. June 3, 5:30 pm Music with Cameron Seib 5:30 - 8:30 pm	
 OYC Sail Past & Blessing of the Fleet - Saturday June 24, 4pm - Everyone Welcome! Join the fun and get on a boat!					1	2
3					Club Open House Adult Sailing	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sunday A1	CLOSED	CLOSED Adult Sailing	Wed A1 6:20 PM	Women's #1 6:20 PM Mantel Club		Commodore's Ball Adult Sailing
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday A2 & 3	CLOSED	CLOSED Adult Sailing	Wed A2 6:20 PM	Women's #2 6:20 PM		Adult Sailing
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Cook Trophy Happy Father's Day	CLOSED	CLOSED Adult Sailing Scuttlebutt Deadline	Wed A3 6:20 PM	Women's White 6:20 PM		Sail Past & Fleet Blessing Adult Sailing
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Sunday B1	CLOSED	CLOSED	Wed A4 6:20 PM			
JULY 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mid-Season Membership Meeting Sunday July 16th, 11:00am		"FIREWORKS OVER OLCOTT" Monday July 3rd Members must show Card, Guests require Gate Pass				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 Fireworks DuMiles Patterson 8 - 11		Club Closed	Wed A5 6:20 PM	Women's #3 6:20 PM		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday B2 & 3	Club Closed	Club Closed	Wed B1 6:20 PM	Women's Shafer Distance Mantel Club	Jr. Sailing Session #1 Ends	New Members Night "Mike & Mandy" 6:30pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Mid-year Mtg 11 AM JR Sail Fundraiser 1PM	Jr. Sailing Session #2 Starts Club Closed	Club Closed	Wed B2 6:20 PM	Women's #4 6:20 PM Scuttlebutt Deadline		Dinner & Dancing in the Moonlight
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Jr. Sailing Session #2 Ends	
New Members Night Saturday July 15th Music with "Mike & Mandy" 6:30 - 9:30 pm			Junior Sailing "Reverse Raffle" & Basket Auction Sunday July 16th, Music & Fun start at 1PM Get your Tickets Soon!!			



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