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Scuttlebutt

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE ...

Another interesting summer at OYC is coming to a close. In the Spring it wasn't certain that there would be a summer season at all, yet with some changing circumstances, a little luck, and a lot of flexibility on the part of the membership we had a good season. There were some events lost but others were only rescheduled. Food and beverage service was provided and the fine weather was enjoyed from the patio. There was strong participation in the various races held by the club. So we can all feel good that we made the best of a trying situation.

However the season is not yet finished. The House will stay open on a reduced schedule but weekends at OYC will still be the place to be for fun and friendship. Watch the weekly notices for more special events coming this Fall.

This past month we received news from New York State that could potentially bring about the most momentous changes in Olcott Yacht Club in the past half century.

As I communicated in a recent email New York is allocating funds to assist in improving the resiliency of waterfront properties around Lake Ontario. This program will reimburse entities for 50% of their expenses up to a limit. OYC has applied and has been approved for a grant up to a maximum of \$200,000 for replacement of the clubhouse and improvements to the seawall.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for this yacht club.

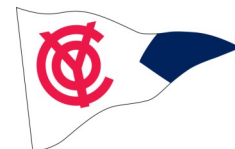
The need for a new clubhouse which will be safe, useable, and dry in an environment of rising Lake Ontario water levels has been thoroughly discussed and agreed upon by the membership over the past few years. What we lacked were the means. Now New York is offering us a grant which can make our hope a reality.

Over the next weeks and months the BOD and other committees will be working over the many details involved in bringing about a new clubhouse. However, the real key to this whole process will be the strong support of the membership. We can get this done if we all pull together as a team.

More information will be forthcoming.

As I said, this has been an interesting summer!

John Roehmholdt



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

The House Operation continues to thank all of you for the support you have shown this season. We finished July in the black and hope that we can sustain those numbers for August and September. As an example, we had 30 diners here on Friday to welcome Julie back to our staff. She will be working part time for the remainder of the season with the hope that she will return next year.

The only down note is that I have to beg you to try and make a reservation the day before. We serve IQF Haddock, Individual Quick Frozen, which is a once frozen filet. It's my understanding that the fish is completely packaged on the ship and delivered frozen. We have to thaw the fish on Thursday for Friday night. We are pretty good at guessing how many fish are needed when we have 11 reservations, but 18 fish will not feed the masses, well, only in rare occasions. Maybe we should try thawing 5. And a couple of loaves from DiCamillos. Do not feel that you cannot come if you did not reserve a spot, just be patient as we thaw more fish or pray for a miracle.

We currently have 31 attending the Commodores Ball Saturday Sept. 19th so we have room for several more. Trophy Night Oct. 17th is another story but we will do our best to squeeze 50 of you into 40 seats. Maybe some tag team eating might work. Let's continue to fight this crazy season and keep things alive for our future seasons. and hopefully that new clubhouse will arrive shortly. Thanks again.

P/C Mike Layman
716 622 1304

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New members:

Dan Maxwell (Laurie Hall) – Senior
Brian (Tracy) Carmer – Associate
Elisa Schneider (Marty Schwarzkopf) – Senior

Posted for Senior Member:

Aaron Dey (Jane Price)
San Juan 24

Sponsors: Mike Kearns, Chrystal Sharp

Mike Capen

"...this beginning motion, this first time when a sail truly filled and the boat took life and knifed across the lake under perfect control, this was so beautiful it stopped my breath..."

— Gary Paulsen, [Caught by the Sea: My Life on Boats](#)

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

I simply cannot believe that it is already September! All things considered, it has been a solid sailing year, and it's not over yet!

We are looking forward to a solid remainder of the year, both on the water, and at and around the Club!

We finally got the new ceiling fans up in the upstairs dining room, and we look forward to continually making improvements to the Club, your Club.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the season, we can't thank the Membership enough for their support this year. There are still several opportunities around the club to earn Member Service Hours such as weeding and trimming. If you are interested in learning of other Service opportunities, please let me know!

As always, don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions.

Chris Eglin
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MANTEL CLUB REPORT

OYC's Past Commodores organization, The Olcott Mantel Club, would like to thank everyone who supported our annual junior sailing fundraiser **"Raise and Sail"** on Sunday August 31st. For all who helped sell tickets and to those who simply took a chance to win. While this year the pandemic forced us to cancel holding the basket raffle, we still raised \$1800 to help support the upkeep and maintenance required to keep our junior sailors having fun on the water.

This season we added three laser's to the fleet, two purchased and one donated. These boats are single handers which helped in getting the kids on the water while still social distancing this summer. Surprisingly this year our program saw a record enrollment and for the first time ever we needed to cap our numbers.

P/C Sue Cassidy
Event Organizer

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EDITOR

The membership of the club owes Mike Layman a huge thank you for his dedication and tireless efforts to keep the club restaurant and bar open this season. Also thanks to the members who volunteered to help out with service in the house this season.

FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

Wow!! What a season so far, and here we are into September. A great August for racing, It all started on the 1st with OYC's first LYRA event. Although this was not a traditional event for LYRA (but I guess what has been traditional this year) we drew 20 boats to sail our course between Wilson, OYC and Keg Creek. I would like to thank Sue Cassidy for all the help in getting this race started, promoted and finished successfully.

Our weekly Wednesday, Women's and Sunday Series races will be finished by the time this article is printed. This does leave us with many open dated to keep racing into the fall. I encourage all boat owners to come out and join this racing fleet, this is a great time to come out and try while there is no trophy on the line!!!

We will be wrapping up our season with the annual Captain Yankee Labor day race to Wilson & return and the Celtic Cup Race on Sept, 20th. There is a sign up sheet in the main lobby for the Celtic Cup race. Please sign up so we can forward any info to Brent at WYC.

Jason Cramer
cramer9@roadrunner.com

MEMBER SERVICE PROGRAM

As the season is winding down there are still many opportunities to complete your service hours obligation. Our Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore will help you identify projects and services that still need to be completed.

If you have volunteered please make sure you report your hours at TAB7119@GMAIL.COM. Thank you.

P/C Tom Beilein

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

If there are any members who are interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact Mark Cassidy at 716-807-7915 by September 15th.

Feel free to contact if you have any questions.

"Thing about boats is, you can always sell them if you don't like them. Can't sell kids."

— **Lin Pardey**, [Bull Canyon: A Boatbuilder, a Writer and Other Wildlife](#)

SHIPS STORE NEWS

Online Ordering

If you have been to the Club you will have seen some of the great anniversary apparel being worn that is available in the online store. We have had two open order session and have just opened the third session with a order deadline of Sunday September 16th.

I have heard some say that they were waiting for their spouse to decide what they wanted and ended up missing the order deadline. You can place multiple orders, so when you see what you want, place the order.

Thinking of holiday shopping? Now is the time to get those orders in as it takes two weeks to come in following closing of each order session.

Don't wait, order you anniversary apparel before it's too late! The link is available through Constant Contact and on the website under "Club Info—Ships Store Online"

P/C Sue Cassidy

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT ...

Things have been quiet for Special Projects lately... a good thing as there were only a few minor emergencies needing repair to keep the Club running smoothly.

Thanks to new member Dan Maxwell for cleaning up the area between our patio and the pier, big job and he brought his own tools! Next we need a final plan for that area as its original "river stone" base has degraded.

With Fall approaching, we have few "priority" projects on the list, all needing helping hands to complete. Top priority Marie's request for gardening help. The area between the kitchen fence and front sidewalk needs plants removed, roto-tilled. I have a medium tiller and a small mantis tiller available. Overgrowth over and along the pier needs to be cut down and that whole area needs weeding and attention.




For my priorities, we have all materials on hand to finish board work around the haul out slip, a 2/3 person job in places... center cleats to help tie off are part of that project. Some materials on hand to strengthen and support the haul out walkway, once the crane is in position. Batter cleaning (pressure washer), a couple replacement cleats and more boards installed will aid docking at the club this Fall. Individual projects and teamwork both involved.

Keep in touch if you can help out so I can coordinate materials, tools and plans.

Great year so far!!

Roger Voss
716-908-6848

OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LABOR DAY MONDAY Club Open 12:30 - 5pm Kitchen open 1 - 4pm				September Hours: Watch your email for weekly hours listing		
"Steak & Fry Sunday" Sunday Sept. 27 Steak sandwiches by Gary Coppel and frys' by Bill Russell		1 Club Closed	2	3 Club Closed	4	5 Kentucky Derby
6	7 Capt. Yankee Race 10:20 AM Club Open	8 Board Mtg. Club Closed	9	10 Club Closed	11	12
13 Bills vs Jets 1:00pm	14 Club Closed	15 Club Closed	16	17 Club Closed	18	19 Commodore's Ball
20 Celtic Cup Bills at Miami 1:00 PM	21 Scuttlebutt Deadline Club Closed	22 Club Closed	23	24 Club Closed	25	26
27 "Steak & Fry Sunday" Bills vs LA 1:00 PM	28 Club Closed	29 Club Closed	30	 Watch the Bills at the Club Sept. 13, 20, 27		
OCTOBER 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October Hours: Watch your email for weekly hours listing				1 Club Closed	2	3
4 Bills @ Vegas 4:25pm	5	6 Club Closed	7	8 Club Closed	9	10
11 Bills @ Titans 1:00pm	12 Columbus Day Club Closed	13 Club Closed	14	15 Bills vs Kansas City 8:20pm Club Closed	16	17 Trophy Night 5:30 PM
18	19 Columbus Day	20 Scuttlebutt Deadline Club Closed	21	22 Club Closed	23	24
25 Bills @ Jets 1:00 PM	26 Club Closed	27 Club Closed	28	29 Club Closed	30	31 Club Clean-up
27 Club Clean-up Bills vs. New England 1 PM	 "Trophy Night" Sat. October 17th					

COME TO THE LAKE IN SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 5TH



WATCH
THE BILLS AT THE CLUB

SEPTEMBER 13 — 20 — 27
(WORKING ON IT)

COMMODORE'S BALL

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

celtic cup
sunday
september 20



STEAK AND FRY SUNDAY

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27

WITH

GARY COPPOLA AND BILL RUSSELL



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2nd Place — "Live Action" Phoebe Elter
3rd Place — "Rapparee" Sue Cassidy

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September 5 - Kentucky Derby

September 7 - Captain Yankee Race

September 19 -Commodore's Ball

September 20 - Celtic Cup

September 27- Steak and Fry