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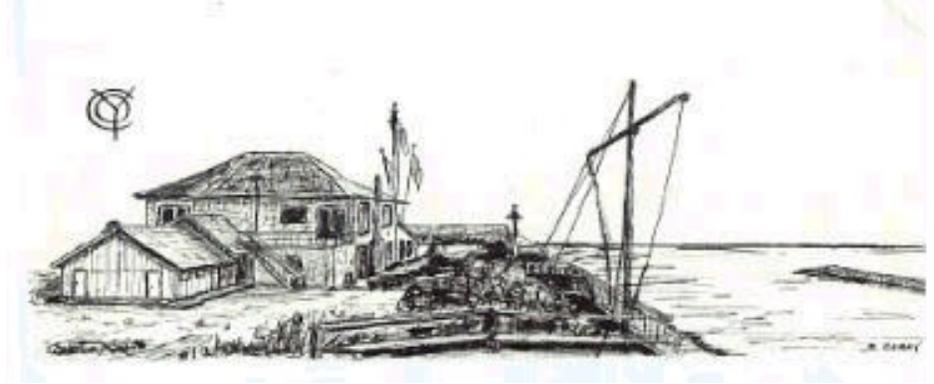
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April 2020



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE ...

We all are happy to see Spring arrive once again upon the shores of Lake Ontario. Although this winter was rather mild the longer days and warmer temps of April get us thinking forward to the sunny times of summer spent on the water. In this spirit your Board has been busy planning for the upcoming season to make it another great year at OYC.

However, we have all had our plans changed by the outbreak of COVID-19.

Opening weekend was planned for May 1st, but we now know social restrictions will last through April. With that being the case, we are planning an opening by Memorial Day. Perhaps it will happen some time in June. We will just have to see how this situation unfolds.

As part of our centennial year at OYC we are trying to encourage members of other yacht clubs on the lake to visit our friendly home. When the time is right we will have a TGIF party with our Wilson friends from Tuscarora Yacht Club.

OYC under the direction of Fleet Captain Jason Cramer is organizing a 100 kilometer race to honor our centennial on June 19th to 20th along our south shore. We expect participants from clubs all around the lake so this will be a great chance to showcase OYC. Again, the timing of this event will depend on the progress made in resolving the pandemic.

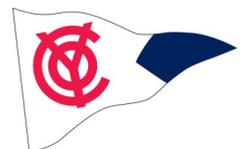
Many great House events are being planned for this season. We are also going to be using a new and more efficient POS system for ordering and charging in the bar and restaurant. This should reduce confusion about our bills.

COVID-19 is causing disruptions in our families, our economy and our communities, and the situation is changing almost daily. We will have to alter some plans. Let us hope that by early summer we will be able to resume our season.

In these challenging times it important that we all support each other, our families, and the things we care about. It is critical that the entire membership support OYC at this time by making sure our dues are paid on time so we can cover our expenses until we reopen.

We'll get through this. Stay well, stay safe.

John Roehmholdt



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

At last night's Board meeting it was determined given current situation to move opening to Memorial Day Weekend. Friday night, we will unveil a new menu and new wrinkles to make the club profitable. We are instituting a new service charge with the wait staff taking 13% and OYC retaining 5%. Our new Point of Sale system called TOAST will feature one station at the bar and 2 handheld tablets that will be used tableside in the dining room and out on our patio. There will be some returning staff and several new faces learning the ropes in our house operation. Remember, Patience is the key. Julie is returning for her 12th season. We will have House Committee members hosting on Friday Nights.

But before this happens, we will need volunteers to get our club ready for our 100th season. Cleanup days are scheduled for May 2/3 & 9/10. Details will be forthcoming via Constant Contact. And by the way, there is one more item needed for a successful Anniversary Season, YOU!

More than ever, we need YOU to come out often and bring your friends to take part in making our club successful. Hope to see all of you at the club REGULARLY

We have 10 Anniversary hats still available

P/C Mike Layman

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MANTEL CLUB REPORT

This coming season we will continue our support of the Junior Sailing Program by finishing "landscaping" around the new cement pad in our launch area where the kayak racks will be. Upgrading our regatta trailers and improving out storage lot across the street with grading and storage rack upgrades. Thanks to all who make tax deductible contributions to the program.

P/C Mark Cassidy

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

Despite the trying times we face, we all still hope for the best for the Club this year, and for many years to come. Although we may be physically distanced at this time, it's never a bad time to be thinking about OYC.

When (not if) things begin to normalize, I will implement the Rear Commodore projects discussed last month. In the meantime, if you have any questions, comments, or thoughts, please do not hesitate to contact me! Until then,

I sincerely wish all of us the best of health, and the fairest of winds.

Chris Eglin
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SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT ...

With "May you live in interesting times," being our continuing situation for the last few years, I'm happy to announce planning for a centralized drainage and pumping system for the clubhouse and grounds is complete and has been provisional approved by the Board. This would reduce the impact of water control "activities" on our regular operation.

Special thanks to P/C Paul Elter (planning) and my predecessor Chris Eglin. The advice and support from members and the Board has been invaluable.

As Spring moves on we are facing additional unexpected challenges to normal activities. Fortunately, "social distancing" is already the norm for some of our favorites. Should we have a "6 foot rule" on the starting line?

For the rest, innovative ideas, assistance from the membership will get us over the hump.

Sail in, Drive in, Patio/Pavilion seating.... "orders to go." We'll get creative if needs be.

Any ideas/assistance for temporary and long term solutions are always welcomed.

Roger Voss

Man is a credulous animal, and must believe something; in the absence of good grounds for belief, he will be satisfied with bad ones.

Many people would sooner die than think; in fact, they do so.

The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt.

.... *Bertrand Russell*



FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

Spring has sprung and I hope you and your families are all healthy and well.. I am very excited about our upcoming 100th year and am please to say we have boats signing up for our overnight distance race. We have a committee forming now and the planning stages are in full swing. I encourage you to sign up for this event, you can check out the details here <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm>

The racing calendar is in its final stages of completion with some tweaking it will be ready to post to the OYC website. We are hoping to integrate a night race or two and looking forward to some other more casual events to ensure we see lots of our fleet on the water at the same time. The skippers meeting will kick off the season on May 13th 7PM at the club, please also bring your updated insurance forms with you to the meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there.

As I write this report I can't help but to find my mind wandering amid this recent COVID-19 pandemic. This is surely nothing like anything I have experienced in my lifetime and am sure most are wondering what to do next. I hope and pray that you all stay well through this.

As always feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or comments.

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Junior and Adult Sailing applications are available on the website or call/email Mark Cassidy and he will get one to you.

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FROM THE TREASURER

While the news right now is somewhat of a downer with all of us limiting contact with family & friends, self-quarantining and working from home; we still want to try and stay positive. At this time we have moved opening weekend to Memorial Day Weekend. If we are all diligent now, we will soon be able to look forward to getting a cold draft at the bar and enjoying one of Julie's great meals.

To get you ready, the Board approved once again to offer a "**Prepay**" opportunity to put funds on your 2020 House Account. This offers the House cash flow for start-up as well as rewarding members with a little bonus of 3% on your prepay. It's a win-win for all.

The particulars of this offer are as follows:

Prepayment limits: \$1000 Maximum, \$100 Minimum

Bonus **3%** credit of your payment will be applied to your house account

(example: pay \$1000 and receive extra \$30).

Payment **MUST** be received between April 1 - 28, 2020.

This is voluntary

To be used in the 2020 open season (May - Oct).

No refunds or cash exchange** (NOTE: This will be evaluated as needed)

Make payment to "**OYC House Account**". Please **DO NOT** include it in the same check as your dues payments, if they are still owed.

This offer is not available to any current outstanding House accounts.

Think of it as a few free drinks or meals on us. I know my check will be in the mail tomorrow.

P/C Sue Cassidy

Treasurer

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DIRECTORY UPDATES

The 2020 Club directory will be available in May. If you have any changes to your information, please let me know. Since last May have you moved, dropped your land line, changed your cell numbers or email addresses? Have you sold your boat, bought a new one, renamed her? We want to know to be sure your information is correct. Please mail in your changes with your dues check or you can email them to me directly at

SUSAN.CASSIDY@IMALIFE.COM.

P/C Sue Cassidy

OYC Historian

MEMBER SERVICE PROGRAM...

Olcott Yacht Club is a self-help club. Senior and Associate memberships are required to provide a total of ten (10) member service hours per season. Hours not completed will be charged at a rate of \$20 per hour. We feel that your time is worth more than the minimum wage. That being said, we really would prefer to have your service. The primary purpose of Service Hours is to get more Members involved in OYC. Some of the house-keeping and maintenance gets done and at the same time Members have opportunities to meet others working on projects. It develops a sense of camaraderie and ownership of OYC.

There are many ways to participate and earn service hours at the club. It can be easy and fun. In addition to cleanup weekends, volunteers are needed for events. Did you know that providing hors d'oeuvres, donating baskets for raffles, and serving on race committee also count for service hours? If you have questions about how to get your hours in, any Board member or event chairman can help you.

Those of you that elect to pay for Service Hours not completed are also appreciated as that money goes directly to the Capital Fund. If you feel we have not recorded Service Hours that you have completed, please let me know and we will correct the billing. As we start up for the 2020 season, please remember to report your Hours either by depositing the service hour form in the box located in the Lobby or by email at: OYCMEMBERSERVICE@GMAIL.COM. Thanks for your participation.

P/C Tom Beilein

SHIPS STORE NEWS – ONLINE ORDERING COMING SOON!

The OYC Ships Store will be going on-line in the next few weeks. I am very excited about changing to this format after 31 years and think the possibilities will be a win-win for the Club and the membership. This change will allow us to:

- offer a larger variety of apparel for men, women and youth (NEW)
- allowing members to select which Club logo they would like
- offer personalization for your order
- limit overhead that the Club has to stock

We will still have our in-house standard items (burgees, crests, ties, koozies, sandles, key fobs, hats) as well as a limited selection of some more popular items to see & feel, especially some with the anniversary logo on it. All orders will be placed to an online store and paid by you with your credit card. Orders will then be available for pick-up at the Club. Details are still being worked out and more information will be coming out soon through Constant Contact, so watch your email!

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2020 Schedule: Sessions are Tuesday evenings (6:30pm) and Saturday mornings (10:00am) from Olcott Yacht Club, beginning Tuesday June 2nd through Sat. June 27.

Fees: Individual - \$175 Pair: \$275 (couples, friends, relatives, etc.)

Registration form available at <http://olcottyacht.club/adult-sailing/>

For more information, contact Joe Higgins at 716-799-3478 or qqhiggs@gmail.com



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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 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.

2020 Sailing Session Dates & Fees:

***** Open House:** Saturday's June 27; 10am – 1pm at Olcott Yacht Club
Come meet the staff and get an intro to the program!

Program Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

Session 1: July 6 to July 17	\$495
Session 2: July 20 to July 31	\$495
Session 3: August 3 to August 14	\$495
Weekly Rate:	\$295
**Register for <u>ANY</u> 2 sessions	\$900
**Register for full season (3 sessions)	\$1300

Parent/Guardian a member of Olcott Yacht Club? Receive 10% discount

For further information and questions, email or call:

Ethan Sharp – Head Instructor: ethansharp892@gmail.com or 585-205-3005

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

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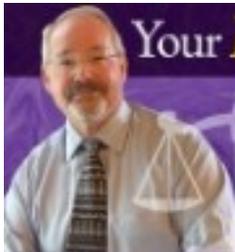
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May 2/3/9 Club Clean Up

Friday May 22nd
Club Opens

Saturday May 23
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