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# Scuttlebutt

May 2025



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

I welcome all our members and guests for the 2025 season. In addition to the excellent OYC food, drink, and rekindled friendships; please take advantage of the club Thursday speaker series: Hands Only CPR/AED, Boating Safety Class - Suddenly in Command, Racing Topics – Racing Rules and Skipper Meeting.

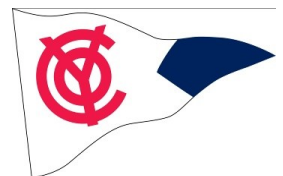
Please note that a few parts of the club are under construction. The South Wall repairs are under way with welding work to be done to support the planned sidewalk repair; this will occur around the H&S (Haul out & Storage) launching schedule. In addition, to follow-up on some off-season vandalism, Sheila has ordered fixes for the entranceway back window, and pool room northeast window.

May is OYC Launch month. H&S provides OYC with an excellent flexible launch schedule with multiple weekend launches available. When visiting the club on these launch days, please consider parking in locations that does not interfere with the boat launches. You may want to leave keys in the car in case your car needs to be moved to facilitate a specific boat launch.

Everyone knows that lately due to recent government policies, our relations with our Canadian friends are strained. Please let your Canadian friends and our reciprocal Canadian guests know they are welcome at the OYC club. I suggest members should provide support to make their stay in the US as pleasurable as possible.

I am looking forward to seeing the OYC members and guests at the club and on the water. Please feel free to invite your friends to join you at the club or attend our planned open-house events.

*Alan Rosenbaum*



## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

The Season has officially begun! Cue sunshine and sweet breezes

**Open Saturdays at noon in May.** I know you'll be busy getting boats ready to launch and stopping to make lunch can be an added chore. The Grog Room will be open for you to quench your thirst and to satisfy your hunger pangs. Making another trip back to the hardware store or flower market, swing by for lunch on your way through. In a rush, call your order in ahead of time and we'll have it ready for you.

**Come meet our staff.** You will see familiar faces and new faces, please take a minute to introduce yourself. Share a last name with another member? Kindly take a moment to let your server know which of those members you are to ensure smoother billing at the end of the month.

Please be patient and flexible. Even for our current staff, it's a new menu and they will be out of practice. Don't presume they remember your name, your beverage choice or your food preferences. Take advantage of any waiting time to visit with members you haven't seen all winter and take in the views.

As a reminder, gratuity or service charge is NOT included in the price. We ask you to close out your check and leave the gratuity at the end of your visit that day. Any open checks will have an 18% gratuity automatically added.

**Make your reservations early.** We have so many amazing events planned and want to provide the best possible service. You can help us by making reservations early to assist us in planning for adequate staff.

**Like, comment and share our events on social media.** Did you know that the "more" likes a page gets the higher it appears on the feeds to followers? So please like or comment on the OYC Members Only and Official Olcott Yacht Club facebook and Instagram pages. Help us get the word out.

**Mark your calendars!** The general calendar of key events is out. Transfer those dates to your personal calendars – you won't want to miss out!!

*Pattie*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our 2025 season is here! Highlight your calendars for Saturday evening May 17; we have our first OYC Open House. Let's welcome our guests that evening with smiles and that OYC friendship we all enjoy.

The fun starts with hors d'oeuvres at 5 PM (I have to check the spelling every time). Thanks to Meg Thompson and her team for putting those delicious treats together. Julie will have special menu items that night, so invite some guests to dinner.

Tom and Sarah Wright will be providing music from 7-9 PM. I know you're going to enjoy this father/daughter duo, and our guests will also.

We'll have displays highlighting our sailing programs, restaurant, social events, and membership information. Invite some friends! I'm sure we can show them how much fun it is to be an OYC member.

We've been publicizing a lot on social media this season. A great big "Thank You!" goes out to Jourdan Morgan for helping me by utilizing her graphic design and social media skills to advertise our open house and other events.

Let's have some fun and make this a successful event, because we're going to do it again with our second open house June 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Doug Wintersteen*

## FROM THE TREASURER

Our club opening is finally here as we roll into May. It will be nice to see friends that we haven't seen during the winter months, to meet new members and to get out and enjoy our great waterside setting. As the Club opens, the House operation (restaurant & bar) will have some familiar staff returning but also several new ones as well. Be sure to give your full name and number to the staff when being seated and ordering to ensure it is correct. We have multiple same last names and same first names in the Club. Let's help the staff get to know you and to avoid any errors.

Starting this year, everyone will be responsible for adding gratuity to your chit for the staff. This change comes as a result of discussion in December at our AGM. Recommended percentages will be listed on your chit and all accounts MUST be closed at the end of the day by signing your chit before your leave (bar especially). I recommend you take the "customer copy" for your records. Any "open chit" at the end of the day, will have an 18% gratuity added to it. Please don't say later "I didn't know". One last reminder, the Club only accepts member account charging or MC/VISA for payment of daily charges. We do not accept cash. For some special events, we may offer other payment options and will post it. If you are bringing guests, please let them know.

As we open our season, the house operation has plenty happening in May to enjoy so be sure to come down. As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*P/C Susan M. Cassidy*

716-807-7913

susan.cassidy@imalife.com

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By the time you read this we will have finished our club clean-up weekends and will be ready (hopefully!) for the 2025 season!

There are some projects I would like your help with this season.

First, the obvious...if you are an outdoors type, please help us get our outside grounds looking (and staying) nice all summer. Grass, weed whipping, weeding, watering...all need to be addressed at least weekly. I am considering a sign-up/check-off sheet to post somewhere so you know what has been done recently and/or needs to be addressed. The patio could be hosed weekly, too, the geese do love to visit!

Some projects for this year include some painting. Inside (kitchen, foyer, bar floor, kitchen stair well) and outside (window trim, particularly on the north side). If you are willing to do some painting, please text or email me and let me know when you might be free to help!

We also need to close up the opening under the house on the parking lot side with critter proof mesh. This has been done in the past but needs replacing. This will require some minor trenching, replacing the mesh, and back filling with stone and dirt. Ultimately we will maintain the ventilation of the underside of the house, but keep out any critters who find that a nice nesting place.

That's my initial to-do/wish list! You'll have your Member Service Hours knocked out in May if you stick with me!

Thanks in advance...

*Sheila Flanagan*

flanster40@yahoo.com

**Please, when you use the club grounds:**

**Be sure to spin the numbers on the gate lock...all four, randomly.**

**Keep the top and side doors on the dumpster closed. Yes, the top can blow open, but keep those side doors closed! Thank you!**

*R/C Sheila Flanagan*

## JUNIOR SAILING

The Junior Sailing 2025 application and fee schedule is up on the Olcottyachtclub.com website.

Roger Voss has all the chase boats ready for the season. We will be purchasing two new batteries for two of the boats. As soon as school is out we will get the Junior boats out and rigged and ready to go for the season. Looking forward to it. Have quite a few campers signed up already.

### JUNIOR SAILING FUND RAISERS

SAVE THE DATES:


FRIDAY JUNE 20TH - WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BASKET RAFFLE

SUNDAY JULY 20TH - MANTEL CLUB BASKET RAFFLE AND REVERSE RAFFLE

*P/C Mark Cassidy*

716-807-7915

## **Olcott Yacht Club May Speaker Series**

 Every Thursday in May | 6:00 PM

 May 8, 15, 22 & 29

Join us every Thursday evening in May for our Speaker Series – a month of informative, hands-on, and fun sessions for boaters, racers, and curious minds. Whether you're prepping for the racing season or just love learning more about life on the water, you won't want to miss it!

### Schedule:

#### ♦ **May 8 – AHA Hands-Only CPR & AED Training**

with Tom Lowe of the American Heart Association

Learn essential lifesaving skills to use in emergencies—on land or at sea.

#### ♦ **May 15 – Rules of Racing**

with Jason Cramer & Andy Sharp

Get a refresher on the racing rules and strategies before the season begins.

#### ♦ **May 22 – Annual Skippers Meeting**


hosted by Fleet Captain Jocelyn Sikorski

All racers are encouraged to attend this key meeting before the club racing season.

#### ♦ **May 29 – Suddenly In Command**

It is a vital session for anyone who might find themselves unexpectedly in charge of a vessel.

 All sessions begin at 6:00 PM

 The bar and grog room are open – come early and enjoy some food and drinks before we begin!

Open to members and guests – bring a friend and make it a night out at OYC!

## **FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT**

We are gearing up for the Race Season, the preliminary schedule has been posted on our website, along with the registration form and rules for 2025. We will continue with boats setting the start line/mark this summer. That portion will be finalized in May. All items of the schedule will be finalized prior to the Skipper's Meeting which takes place on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm.

In preparation for the season a few things our skippers should complete. I would appreciate knowing what boats plan to compete in this year's club racing. Feel free to contact me to confirm your participation. Please complete and submit a registration form for the 2025 season and a certificate of insurance by May 22<sup>nd</sup>. If I do not receive your registration and certificate of insurance by May 22<sup>nd</sup>, your boat will not be scored for racing until receipt of these documents.

Reach out if you need a PHRF certificate validated for the 2025 season. Should you plan to compete outside of OYC, you are encouraged to have this reviewed.

I am recruiting volunteers to assist with race committee throughout the season. Races take place on Wednesday & Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. This is a great way to get your service hours done on behalf of the club. We have a good crew lined up for Wednesdays and possibly Thursdays this summer. I'm looking for volunteers on Sundays and am appreciative of help for any of the days should you be available. Racers and our social members are encouraged to help with this, and we will train you! Give me a call or text – 585-409-6365.

Plan to set the marks at the end of May, beginning of June. I may tap some folks to help with this task as we begin the season.

Looking forward to another fun, safe and successful season on the water with you!

*Jocelyn Sikorski*

## Olcott Yacht Club

## Application for Membership

www.olcottyachtclub.com

## Personal Information (please print)

APPLICANT		Spouse/Partner	CHILDREN (at home under 21, 23 if in school)
Full Name	_____	_____	1. Full Name _____
Date of Birth	_____		Date of Birth _____
Home Address	_____		2. Full Name _____
	STREET	P.O. BOX	Date of Birth _____
	CITY	STATE	3. Full Name _____
		ZIP CODE	Date of Birth _____
Home Telephone	(____) _____		4. Full Name _____
Cell Phone	(____) _____	(____) _____	Date of Birth _____
Other Phone	(____) _____	(____) _____	5. Full Name _____
Email Address	_____		Date of Birth _____
Are you a present or past member of another Yacht Club (s): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Where: _____			

## Membership Category -

- ☐ Senior ☐ Associate (23 yrs and older)
- ☐ Associate (18-22yrs) ☐ Non-Resident

## Membership Status -

- ☐ Family ☐ Single

## Boat Information (Please Print)

Do you own a boat? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, please Continue) Name of Registered Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Type \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ LOA \_\_\_\_\_ Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Draft \_\_\_\_\_

Operating Port: \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in: ☐ Cruising ☐ Racing ☐ Adult/Junior Learn to Sail

Haul Out/Storage Interest: ☐ Yes ☐ No Type of Storage: ☐ Cradle ☐ Jack Stands ☐ Other

## Signatures:

I, the applicant, if accepted to membership, agrees to be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Olcott Yacht Club. I understand that this is a working club and to maintain low expense levels, membership classifications of Senior and Associate are required to contribute a minimum of 10 hours of time to help at the Club. Unworked hours are billed in accordance with Article 4, sect. 26 and fee schedule per the By-Laws. I also understand that Senior and Associate memberships are required to satisfy a quarterly minimum spending for food and beverage service per the By-Laws. Accordingly, I agree to make myself available and to spend the minimum in this regard.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1st Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Posting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Initiation Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ Member pkg. Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Data Base Updated: \_\_\_\_\_


Received: \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Instructions and Process

1. Complete application in full & attach a check of \$20.00 for application fee payable to "Olcott Yacht Club - General Fund".  
*NOTE: The deposit is non-refundable but is applicable to Dues.*
2. Application must be endorsed by two (2) Senior or Life members.
3. Deliver or mail the application to OYC.
4. All applications will be posted for a minimum of two weeks.
5. At completion of posting period, the application will be returned to the Board of Directors for final approval.



# OYC CALENDAR

MAY 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Mother's Day Brunch</b> Sunday May 11, 11:30am - 3:30pm Reservations Required 				<b>OYC Flag Raising &amp; Past Commodores Reception</b> Honoring P/C Joe Higgins Saturday May 24th, 5:30 pm 		
<b>Thursdays Speaker Series</b> 5/8 - AHA Hands Only AED & CPR 5/15 - Racing Rules Review 5/29 - "Suddenly in Command"				1 Soft Opening 5 - 9pm	2 <b>GRAND OPENING</b>	3 <b>Kentucky Derby</b> Post Time 6:57pm
4	5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 <b>Speaker Series</b> "Hands Only AED & CPR"	9	10
11  <b>Mother's Day Brunch</b>	12 CLOSED	13 CLOSED	14 CLOSED	15 <b>Speaker Series</b> "Racing Rules"	16	17 <b>Club Open House</b> @ 5 PM Music 7 - 9pm
18	19 CLOSED	20 CLOSED Scuttlebutt Deadline	21 CLOSED	22 <b>Skippers Meeting</b> 6pm	23	24 "Flag Raising & Past Commodore's Reception"
25	26 <b>Memorial Day</b> White Trohpy 10:20am	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 <b>Speaker Series</b> "Suddenly in Command"	30	31 <b>Family Picnic</b>
JUNE 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Commodore's Ball 2025</b> Saturday June 14th, 5:30 pm <i>Cocktails &amp; Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner &amp; dancing</i> 			<b>Women's Association Basket Raffle Fundraiser</b> Fri. June 20, 5:30 pm		<b>Club Open House</b> Sat. June 21, 5:00 pm <i>Bring a friend down!</i>	
1	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 Wed A1	5	6	7
8 Sunday A1	9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED	11 Wed A2	12 Women's #1 Mantel Club	13	14 <b>Commodore's Ball</b>
15 Cook Trophy Happy Fathers Day!	16 CLOSED	17 CLOSED	18 Wed A3	19 Women's #2 Scuttlebutt Deadline	20 <b>Women's Assoc. Basket Raffle</b> 5:30 pm	21 <b>Club Open House</b> @ 5 PM
22 Sunday A2 & 3	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED	25 Wed A4	26 Women's White Trophy	27	28 <b>Sail Past &amp; Fleet Blessing</b>
29 Sunday B1	30 CLOSED		<b>OYC Sail Past &amp; Fleet Blessing</b> Saluting Commodore Alan Rosenbaum Saturday June 28th, 4:30 pm  			



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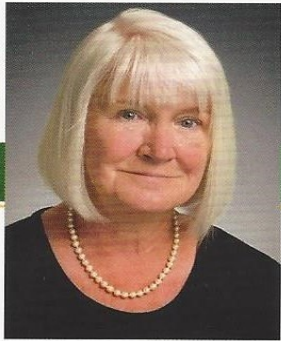
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#### Up Coming Events

Friday May 2- Club Opening  
Saturday May 3- Kentucky Derby 657  
Thursday May 8- Speaker's Series  
Sunday May 11 - Mother's Day Brunch  
Wednesday May 14- Board Meeting  
Thursday May 15- Speaker's Series  
Saturday May 17- Club Open House  
Thursday May 22- Speaker's Series  
Saturday May 24- Flag Raising &  
Past Commodore's Reception  
Monday May 26- Memorial Day Race  
Thursday May 29 - Speaker's Series  
Sunday May 31 - Family Picnic