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# Scuttlebutt

October 2023



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

At this time of year, as the Yachting Season starts to wind down & Fall activities start, I'd like to give thanks to ALL the Members of OYC (My extended family) who have made this year such a GOOD one!

Sailing, Racing, Camaraderie on the Lake & beside it, the Club's reason for existence.

I'd like to give special thanks to this year's officers & board members, along with all of our committee volunteers, as a yeoman's job was done by all!

You've made my year as Commodore a memorable one, constantly helping out with the myriad tasks necessary for our Fun times on & by the Lake.

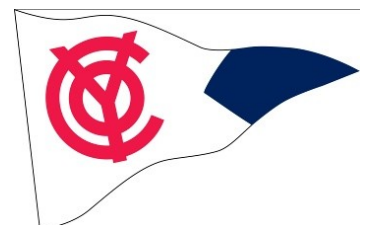
While Boats are already being hauled out, we still have SOME sailing time left, and even more for our remaining Fall activities, from Bills games to Turkey day!

Here's to enjoying the rest of this year, and looking forward to an even better one to come.

Thanks again Crew, couldn't have done it without all of you.

*Roger Voss*

716 908-6848



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

October is of course the last month the club will be open for the year. It all ends with our traditional Halloween party on Friday, Oct 27, 7pm with DJ Mike McKernan. Start planning your costume now!

We will also have another Karaoke night hosted by Luke Herman. That event is Saturday, Oct 7 at 7pm. On Saturday, Oct 21 Chrystal Sharp is planning another one of her amazing Farm to Table dinners. More on that as the date approaches.

The Thoroughbred Thursdays seems to be doing well so we are going to continue on with that through October. If you haven't tried it yet, come on down and give it a shot. Betting window opens at 6 with first race at 6:30.

And of course we always have Trophy night to look forward to on Oct 14 at 6pm. Jen DiLorenzo will cater the meal and member Doug Wintersteen's band, Night Cruise, will provide the entertainment.

*Joe Higgins*

## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

The OYC summer season has been busy with many events and racing days. The warm weather and occasional rain has allowed for healthy growth of plants on the grounds during the summer season. If you enjoy being outdoors and need service hours, the club can use assistance with trimming bushes, trees, and cutting the grass.

Our commodore has obtained a riding lawnmower to make it easy for anyone to cut the grass. There is a split area lawn mowing signup sheet on the bulletin board when you enter the club. Feel free to sign up or contact Roger or myself if you have questions or need assistance.

Roy Knapp has been monitoring our new wall construction along our pier boundary. He has done a great job making and forwarding suggestions for the work (e.g. like extra gate by the patio).

Based upon a member's suggestion to accommodate the wide range of ages at the club, we are planning on adding handicap grab bars in a stall in the men's and women's bathrooms. Let me know if there are issues at the club grounds that need to be addressed.

*Alan Rosenbaum*

## WOMEN'S YACHTING ASSOCIATION

The Women's Yachting Association would like to thank everyone who supported our annual "Women's Invitational Social and Basket Raffle" held on Friday, August 18th by either donating a basket, bringing an hors d'oeuvre or by attending this year's event and purchasing tickets! We had 56 great baskets and silent auction items with proceeds of \$2,110.00 for our Junior Sailing Scholarship Fund. It was wonderful to see everyone having a great time socializing!

Thank you Marie Sharp, Mamie Winter, Sue Cassidy, Ann Raskopf, Betsy McAllister, Elaine Ryan, Shelia Flanagan, Cathi Higgins, Ella Thibault, Amelia Thibault, and Sara Thibault for your assistance and behind the scene organization.

The Olcott Yacht Club Women's Yachting Association only holds one fundraiser a year. We greatly appreciate all the support given to this event and look forward to next year. For 25 years we have been able to support many children, who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to learn the sport of sailing through our scholarships.

Once again thank you to everyone. Please be sure to take credit for helping out and submitting your volunteer hours (two hours for each basket or hors d'oeuvre) for member service hours.

*Linda Rosenbaum*

Chairperson - Women's Yachting Association

## HELLO MEMBERS!

Please be advised that the Member Service Hours Email Address for 2023 is: [olcottyachtclubservicehours@gmail.com](mailto:olcottyachtclubservicehours@gmail.com)

To submit Member Service Hours, please send an email to [olcottyachtclubservicehours@gmail.com](mailto:olcottyachtclubservicehours@gmail.com) with your name, number of hours completed, and the nature of the service completed for those hours.

Alternatively, Members may fill out Service Hours, with the same information as listed above, on the paper slips located in the Club entryway.

A spreadsheet tracking submitted Service Hours has been posted on the bulletin board in the Club entryway. This tracker will be updated at least every two weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns about Service Hours, please just let me know ([cegin@buffalo.edu](mailto:cegin@buffalo.edu)).

If you are looking for ways to complete Service Hours, please reach out to any Board Member, and we'll be able to point you in the direction of initiatives requiring volunteers

Thank you!

*P/C Chris Eglin*

## MEMBERSHIP / SECRETARIES' REPORT...

### Secretary/Membership Report

Well, I sure don't know where September went! Just one more month to enjoy the Club! We still have lots of activities, so keep an eye on the Constant Contact for all the Club events. Don't forget to get down for a fish fry, a Bills game, karaoke, horse racing, the Chili Cook-Off or the Halloween Party. Trophy Night is October 14th.

It's not too late to encourage new members! Bring down a friend, show them the Club, enjoy one of Julie's specials, or just drinks on the patio. We can accept applications now and get the process started. Approved new members will be billed dues in February for membership in 2024.

An application has been approved for posting:

Jim and Maggie Haggenbach

Associate:

Sponsors: Joe Higgins; Sue Cassidy

We needed to find a new location for our December Annual Member meeting, as the Wilson House has closed. I have reserved the Newfane Town Hall Community Room for Sunday, December 10, at 11am. Coffee and Tim Horton goodies will be served. Mark your calendars and plan on attending this important meeting.

Hope to see you at the Club in October!

*Sheila Flanagan*

COMMODORE VOSS PRESENTS JOHN CARPENTER  
WITH HIS FIFTY YEAR  
COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE



## MANTEL CLUB

Our Junior Program was a financial break even this year so Mantel Club has paid some modest bonus money to our staff and CITs.

We have decided to wait till Spring to sort through the fleets to see which boats to retain and which to retire. I have been approached by Youngstown Yacht Club regarding any Lasers we may want to let go and Oak Orchard is interested in 420s as well as several OYC families.

Last Saturday we had some finishing touches on the building and boats... cleaning the fridge, and some more in the building and flipping some of the remaining junior boats. Thanks to Marie, Sharp, P/C John Rosenberg, P/C Mike Layman, and P/C Sue Cassidy.

*P/C Mark Cassidy*

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Commodore has tasked the nominating committee with securing nominations for the upcoming 2024 Board of Directors who will be elected at the December general membership meeting. If anyone is interested in running for the Board please contact myself, John Raskopf, Mike Layman or Paul Elter. We have three 3 year terms opening. Deadline to contact us is September 17.

*P/C Mark Cassidy*  
Chairman

716-807-7915



Joe & Cathi, Jud & Nancy, Mark & Sue  
Fly the OYC burgee in the North Channel



# *TROPHY NIGHT*

A night of Cups & Flag presentations along with our  
annual special Club awards

***Saturday October 14, 2023***

*Hors D'oeuvres . . . 5:30 PM*

*Dinner . . . 6:30 PM*

Awards following dinner

## **Menu Choices:**

*Carved Striploin*

*with twice baked potato*

**OR**

*Chicken Parmesan*

*with spaghetti*

**OR**

*Vegetable and Cheese Lasagna with Marinara sauce*

All dinners served with garden salad, vegetable, rolls & butter,  
and Chocolate Ricotta Cake

**\$45 per person**

**Music following with "Nite Cruise"**

**~ Reservations Required ~**

For reservations, please email Jen at

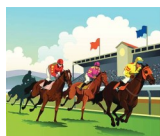
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**~ Please indicate your menu selection ~**

**RSVP DEADLINE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 7**

# COME TO THE LAKE IN OCTOBER

HORSE RACING AT OYC DOWNS EVERY THURSDAY IN OCTOBER



SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

KARAOKE WITH LUKE HERMAN AT 7 PM



9 AM BILLS V JACKSONVILLE  
BREAKFAST: BAR OPEN - SAND-  
WICHES, BURRITOS, FRENCH TOAST



SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 6PM  
TROPHY NIGHT

2 PM PAINT AND SIP



SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 6 PM

FARM TO TABLE — HOSTED BY CRYSTAL SHARP



SUNDAY OCTOBER 22 - BILLS V PATRIOTS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27 HALLOWEEN PARTY  
WITH MIKE MCKERNAN DJ 7 PM

HALF TIME

CHILI COOK OFF



# OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	in October	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>CHILI COOK-OFF</b> Sunday Oct. 22 @ 3pm 		<b>Thoroughbred Thursdays in October</b> Betting opens at 6pm Races start at 6:30 pm		<b>Bills in London @ 9:30 am!!</b> Sun. Oct. 8th, Club opens at 9 AM Breakfast Specials		
<b>October Events . . . .</b> <b>Sat. Oct. 7 - Karaoke 7 pm</b> <b>Sun. Oct 8 - Paint &amp; Sip 2 PM</b>			<b>Trophy Night - Sat. Oct. 14</b> 5:30pm Dinner & Awards Music with "Nite Cruise" <b>RSVP by Oct. 7 to jens.catering@yahoo</b> 			
1 Miami @ Bills 1pm	2 Club Closed	3 Club Closed	4 Club Closed	5 Horse Races	6	7 Karaoke
8 Bills vs Jacksonville in London 9:30am Paint & Sip 2 pm	9 Club Closed	10 Club Closed	11 Board Meeting Club Closed	12 Horse Races	14	14 Trophy Night
15 Giants @ Bills 8:20 pm	16 Club Closed	17 Club Closed	18 Club Closed	19 Horse Races	20 Scuttlebutt Deadline	21 Farm to Table Dinner
22 Chili Cook-off Bills vs. Patriots 1pm	23 Club Closed	24 Club Closed	25 Club Closed	26 Tampa Bay @ Bills 8:15 pm	27 Halloween Party	28 Club Clean-up
29 Club Clean-up 	30 Club Closed	31 Club Closed		<b>HALLOWEEN PARTY</b> Friday Oct. 27 Fun starts at 7 PM DJ Mark McKernan 7 - 11 		
NOVEMBER 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>"Annual General Membership Meeting &amp; Elections"</b> <b>Sun. Dec. 10, 11:30am @ Newfane Town Hall Community Room</b> Going to be Out-of-Town?? Absentee Ballot will be available Nov. 1 on the Website & from Secretary						
			1 Absentee Ballot Available	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 2023 Member Service Hours Due	16	17	18
19	20	21 Absentee Ballot Deadline	22	23  THANKSGIVING	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		





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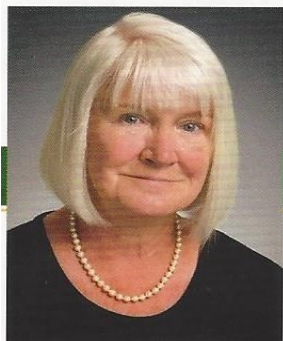
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#### Events

October 1 - Sunday - Bills v Miami

October 7 - Saturday 7: Karaoke

October 8 - Sunday Bills & Breakfast  
2 PM Paint and Sip

October 14 - Saturday - Trophy Night

October 21 - Farm to Table

October 22 - Chili Cook Off

October 27 - Halloween