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Scuttlebutt

April, 2019



COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

"I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and sky.
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;

And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail shaking,

And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking"
John Masefield

Each day passing is bringing us closer to that moment when we set our course for a visit to the "Club".

Meanwhile your Board of Directors has been hard at work laying the ground-work, scheduling, menus and pricing and all those other details necessary that go into a successful season. A quick walk through of the club house last week revealed that the Grand Lady of the Olcott Harbor has held up well over the winter months. She will be looking forward freshening up next month during clean up weekends.

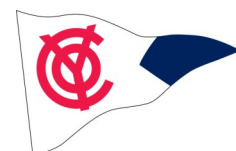
It looks like we could possibly have more high lake levels this coming spring and summer. One of the issues is the lack of Commissioners on the International Joint Commission who are ultimately responsible for regulating the outflow at the eastern end. The Commissioner who have been nominated to fill these vacancies, including Western New Yorker Jane Corwin are awaiting confirmation in the United States Senate. I would like to urge our members to contact Senator Mitch McConnell and urge him to move these nominations along for confirmation. You can do this by using the following link; <https://www.mcconnell.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contactform>

While you are at your computer it would not hurt to contact our own Senators, Chuck Schumer at <https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/email-chuck> Kirsten Gillibrand at <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me> and Governor Cuomo at <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>

Send a polite messages asking them to do whatever needs to be done to lower the level of our Lake.

See you all soon...

Tom Beilein



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE ...

This winter has been a real weather roller coaster with snow and cold changing into warmer wind and rain and back again, but I have a feeling this summer is going to be a smooth ride of sun and gentle breezes. But even if I'm wrong it's still going to be a season of fun and warmth at the Olcott Yacht Club with all the events your House Committee is planning this year.

Spring clean up is the last two weekends of April. Many hands make light work, and it's a great time to reconnect with your friends at the Club and ease back into the boating mindset and get some member service hours to boot!

Opening day is Friday May 3rd, and this season the bar will be opening earlier, at 3PM on Fridays, for those who just can't wait to get the weekend started!

Saturday May 4th is our fun filled Derby Day featuring horse racing, fancy hats, mint juleps, and some friendly wagering. We also will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo that evening with some Mexican specials and the annual Salsa Contest. So bring your best salsa and your tastebuds that night to see who can do it right. Ole!

This season we will be featuring some Saturday evenings with our 2019 dinner specials. This means you get soup or salad, entre, and dessert off a select menu for only \$20.19! May 11th will be our first one, which is the same night of Janice's birthday party for everyone with a winter birthday. It should be worth the drive down!

Mother's Day will feature some attractive drink specials and special snacks to honor all mothers.

Flag Raising and Past Commodore's Night kicks off the yachting season on May 18 with hors d'oeuvres, beer/wine and a full menu. May 25th initiates another special this season, the Prime Rib Buffet, which will make a monthly appearance. There is also a rumor that Karaoke will show up that night!

Then to make sure May is really fun, every Wednesday that month we will be having a Euchre tournament with two person teams competing for prizes, so find a partner you can trust. More details will follow.

So you can see we're going to have a busy fun filled first month, and the season will build from there. See you all soon!

P/C John Roehmholdt

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

Thirty days and counting until we open the 2019 season. We are all looking forward to another fun filled year but before our formal opening on May 3rd, there is some work ahead. Clean up weekends are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21, and the following weekend, April 27 and 28. We will start at 10 am to those who are early risers and the rest can join in as the day progresses, preferably by 10:15. On Easter Sunday April 21, there may be limited work so everyone can enjoy a special day with family

I am still hoping that we can get a couple of volunteers to head up the cleaning force as I will be out of town until May 7. This will be a great way to start chipping away at the service hours for 2019. We need member support to make our house operation successful.

P/C Mike Layman

FROM THE SECRETARY ...

If you have any changes, corrections or additions to your information listed in the Club directory, please mail them in with your dues payments to the treasurer or email them to Sue Cassidy. The directory will be printed so that it is available by Memorial Day week-end. So, did you buy a boat? What did you name her? Change to mobile phone only or change numbers? Did you move? Please get any changes to Sue.

P/C John Raskopf

"NEWFANE 365"

Once again OYC had a presence at the "Newfane 365" expo. Thanks to Roy and Dianna Knapp, Mark and Sue Cassidy, Vic and Sara Thibault, Meg Thompson, Jason Naylor, Hank Hinckley and Junior Sailors Ella Thibault and Maddie Meincke



"The cure for anything is saltwater - sweat, tears, or the sea."

— Isak Dinesen

FROM FLEET CAPTAIN RACING ...

As we enter April, our racing season nears. I am hopeful to see a good group of racers this season and need you to let me know you'll be out there. Our 2019 skippers registration is available online and I encourage you to print it out, fill it out and mail it in. The sooner I know who is racing the sooner the race schedule can be finalized. A skippers meeting will be scheduled for May, so watch for news on that.

I am also asking for you to get me copy of your boat insurance. You simply need to contact your carrier and ask them to provide a copy to
Olcott Yacht Club, P.O. Box 715, Olcott, NY.
Please get this in by our first race Memorial Day week-end.

RACE COMMITTEE:

I am looking for volunteers to help with race committee. While we ask our racers to assist on a scheduled race for their boat, we still need a regular race committee to run the show. It's not a scary thing and it can be enjoyable. The satisfaction of helping out and being able to watch the action front and center. Experience is not necessary and there will be some instruction/training so no one is green going to the end of the pier. So please contact me if you are interested in helping with R/C. It is good for member service hours as well.

Email me at jnaylor2@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Justin Naylor

MEMBERSHIP

Do you know someone interested in OYC? Bring them down opening week-end and show them what a fun place we have. Membership information is available on the web-site and can be printed from there or you can contact me as well.

Meg Thompson
mthompson22@roadrunner.com
716-778-7335



TREASURER'S REPORT ...

As we see March pass, I certainly hope that April brings dry and warmer weather. The current lake is jagged with strong westerlies, the harbor is dotted with Buffle-head's as well as other cold climate foul and it is still cold.

It's hard to believe that we are only five weeks away from opening our 2019 season. Things will begin to ramp up quickly with spring building freshening and before we know it, we will be bellying up to the bar for a cold draft or dining on one of Julie's great meals.

To get your ready, the Board has approved once again to offer a "**Prepay**" opportunity to put funds on your House Account. This offers the House cash flow for start-up as well as rewarding members with a little bonus. Last year's program had both positive and negative results, so some adjustments were made to make it a positive for both parties. The change made is that this year's credit will be 3%. 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, 2019. No exceptions
- This is voluntary
- Must be used in 2019 open season (May - Oct).
No refunds or cash exchange
- 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.

As a reminder, your 2019 dues payments are due April 1st. To ensure that your charging privileges will be available come opening day, please get them in as soon as possible. As noted in the Secretaries article please get any changes in the directory to me as soon as possible.

P/C Sue Cassidy

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susan.cassidy@imalife.com

MANY THANKS TO ANDY AND ETHAN SHARP, JASON CRAMER AND SON NOAH, AND PAUL ELTER FOR REFURBISHING ONE OF OUR WHALERS.... IT LOOKS GREAT WITH A NEW 20 HP ENGINE COURTESY OF THE MANTEL CLUB.

OYC 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. You may notice that the hourly rate has increased from previous years. 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 housekeeping and maintenance gets done and at the same time Members have opportunities to meet others working on projects. It develops a sense of comradery 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 us for the 2019 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 Melynda Stolzenberg

BOAT FOR SALE

MANTEL CLUB HAS AN
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\$2000,00

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BOAT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CLUB.
FOR AN INVENTORY SHEET AND INFORMATION
CONTACT MARK CASSIDY:
RAPPAEEMS@AOL.COM; 716-807-7915.

THIS WOULD MAKE A GREAT WEEKEND GETAWAY
AT THE LAKE FOR SOMEONE AND YOU CAN TAKE
IT SAILING!

COMES WITH LAUNCH AND COMMISSIONING

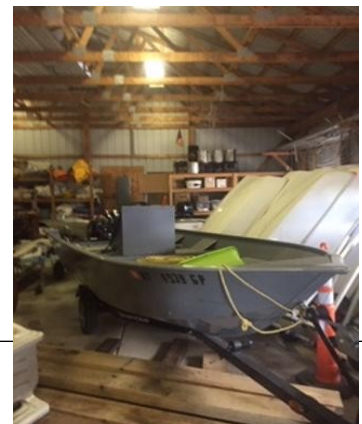
NO TAXES ON THIS COTTAGE!!



Tracker Guide V 14

Aluminum Boat, Center cockpit, wheel steering, electric start, four stroke 20 HP motor, trailer and cover. App \$6500 new, \$4,000 for all.

This boat is in very good condition, used two seasons. Can be seen at the club. Let me know if you are interested and I will make available for seeing after April 16. Contact Mark Cassidy. 716-807-7915/ rap-



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Youth Boating & Sailing Program @ Olcott's Lake Ontario

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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 training is done in both Optimist dinghy's and Club 420's providing an ample fleet of boats for both beginner sailors and returning veterans. 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 are adding kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding this season.

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.

2019 Sailing Session Dates & Fees:

***** Open House:** Saturday's June 22; 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 8 to July 19	\$495
Session 2: July 22 to August 2	\$495
Session 3: August 5 to August 16	\$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: yicsigns@yahoo.com or 716-778-7749

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

Visit the Olcott Yacht Club website www.olcottyachtclub.com

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Schedule: Sessions are Tuesday evenings (6:30pm) and Saturday mornings (10:00am) from Olcott Yacht Club, beginning May 28 through June 22.

Fees:

Individual - \$175

Pair: \$275 (couples, friends, relatives, etc.)

Registration form available at <http://olcottyacht.club/adult-sailing/>
Q & A? Contact Joe Higgins at 716-799-3478/qqhiggs@gmail.com



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In memory of those members we have lost to Cancer and in honor of those members who have won their battle or continue the fight, OYC has formed a Ride team. The Ride for Roswell is one of the nation's largest cycling events - a life changing experience for riders and also for the cancer patients who benefit from the funds raised. It's a charity bike ride that brings people together to celebrate survivors, pay tribute to those we've lost and generate awareness and funding in finding a cure for cancer.

Join **TEAM OYC** on Saturday June 22nd in the ride or in sponsoring the team. There is a ride for every cyclist - from 3 mile family rides to recreational rides or long distance endurance rides. For more information contact Pattie Schneider at pls56789@gmail.com

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Up Coming Events . . .

April 17: Board Meeting

April 20/21: Club Spring Prep

April 27/28: Club Spring Prep

May 3: Grand Opening