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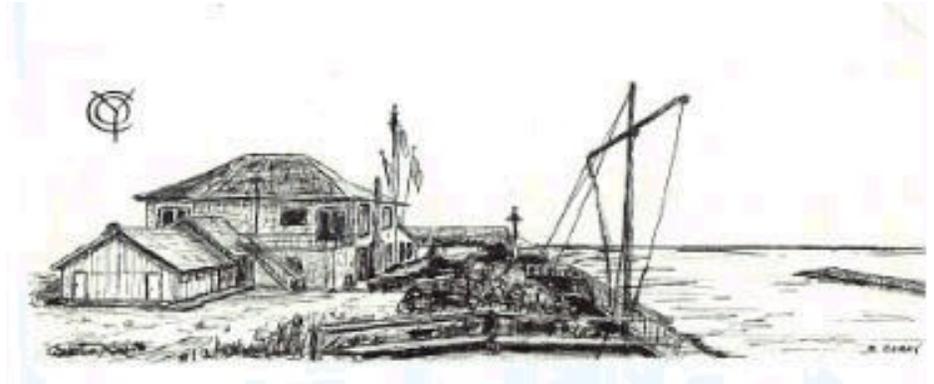
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Scuttlebutt

November/December, 2019



"November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.

With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.

The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring."
- Elizabeth Coatsworth

As our season is ending it seems like the Club has been as busy and active as it has anytime during the year. October saw boats being hauled one after another and owners busy with their winterization chores with stops at the Grog Room in between chores. I am always amazed how willingly the boat owners help one another with haul out tasks. There are always enough hands available to lift masts, move cradles and help with guiding the lift operator. The camaraderie is inspiring.

Well folks November is staring us in the eye and cleanup crews will be needed. Keep checking your emails as we will notify you of what needs to be done and when. See you at the Club.

Tom Beilein



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

That's a wrap for another season of fun at Olcott Yacht Club! We had a chilly Spring, a little more water than we needed in the early Summer, and then glorious weather in the late Summer followed by a nice Fall. Throughout it all, the House was open providing the membership with drinks, food, and good times.

As we all know we had early season challenges with the water levels but I am proud of how we all kept our spirits up and kept the Club operational. There were adjustments made but we were able to maintain a schedule close to normal. Given the slow start we also did reasonably well financially.

Thanks to Julie and her staff we again enjoyed interesting and delicious food offerings in both the Grog Room and upstairs dining room, and we look forward to her return for another season in 2020.

We had a lot of successful events this season, both the old traditional ones and some new ones like the Seafood Raffle. All the members who participated not only had fun but also provided valuable support to the health of the Club, and therefore are to be thanked.

Speaking of thanks, I am grateful to the members of the House Committee who supported me in organizing and executing the many events on the calendar this year. Namely:

	Chrystal Sharp
Marie Sharp	
	Bob Stolzenberg
Wendy Herman	
	Sara Thibault
Janice O'Keefe	
	Julie Cornelius

Remember to thank these people for all their hours spent making this Club work. Also give consideration to joining the committee next year – enthusiasm and fresh ideas are always welcome! It's your Club – make it the best!

P/C John Roehmholdt

“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](#)

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

I would like to thank all of you who helped with any project, event, or the day to day operation of OYC. It is not an easy task to keep a 100 plus year old "ship" running. We have succeeded in keeping it afloat for another year. And with that, we will celebrate our Centennial come he** or high water. Or should I say AND.

Let's hope the powers to be do what is necessary to keep this club high and dry next season. Thank you all.
Mike Layman

P/C Mike Layman

MANTEL CLUB REPORT

I would like to thank the membership for supporting our Junior Program. This year was our most successful in fund raising. We have added six kayaks to our fleet of boats and these kayaks will be available for the membership when not in use by the Juniors.

I want to thank the members of the Junior Sailing Committee: Hank Hinckley, Vic Thibault, Andy and Ethan Sharp. Of course all the members who pitched in helped with fund raising especially Sara Thibault and the Sea Food Raffle team.

Also thanks to our instructors, Ethan Sharp, Elisa Schneider, Ryan McGuire and Olivia Beilein Hunt.

Thanks to all who made our Junior Sailing Season successful.

P/C Mark Cassidy
Chairman Junior Sailing Committee

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT ...

The ongoing project to install new batter boards along the club's tie-up wall is almost complete. We have a final set of 10 batter boards to install. Weather permitting, we'd like to have these in this year, otherwise we will need to complete in early spring next year. Our targeted installation dates coincide with Club Cleanup weekends (10/26-10/27 and 11/2-11/3). The installation should only take a few hours, we just need to work around the weather (calm water and no rain).

If you are interested in assisting with this project, please let Chris Eglin (ceglin@buffalo.edu) know and he will add you to the batter board email list!

Chris Eglin

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

I would like to thank the members of the nominating committee: Paul Elter, Joe Higgins, Hank Hinckley, and Bob Stolzenberg.

There is always a discussion as to how many nominees we should seek. Enough to fill the vacancies or more to assure a "real" election. I am always concerned when we have more than the number of vacancies that those who fail to get elected will not choose to run in the future. It can be a dilemma.

Serving on the Board is time consuming of course, but I would bet that anyone who has served has no regrets. Being in close touch with the club is very rewarding. Personally I feel I have gotten more from the club than I have contributed.

Nominees are:

Mike Capen: Associate.

Mike teaches Physical Education for Newfane Central Schools. His wife Sara is Executive Director of the Niagara Falls Heritage Area and crews for Commodore Beilein. Their kids enjoy our Junior Program and they are familiar faces around the club.

Sue Cassidy: Senior Boat Owner.

Sue is a past commodore of the club and long time treasurer, and certainly a familiar face around the club. She is the quintessential multi-tasker when it comes to working around the club.

Jason Cramer: Senior Boat Owner.

Jason and his wife Kathy are fairly new members of the club. Jake's history goes back to his youth as a junior sailor. He is a welcome member on the club haul out team and his kids have pitched in around the club in a variety of tasks.

Wendy Herman: Senior Boat Owner

Wendy and her husband Luke have been a welcome addition to the club since 2015. Wendy has been active in the House Committee while Luke has pitched in servicing the travel lift and entertaining us with his music. Their daughter Grace was a Junior Sailor at the club.

Roger Voss: Senior Boat Owner

Roger has a 20 year association with the club. The past couple of years with a reduced "work for a living" load. He has replaced it a "work for the club" load. Roger can be observed helping with haul out, grounds keeping. He's become a "go to" guy when a job needs doing.

P/C Mark Cassidy

Chairman Nominating Committee

FROM THE TREASURER

As the Club closes out the 2019 open season, we can reflect back on how we enjoyed a full season of fun events, good food, racing and friendships. We endured a second year out of three of high water and stayed dry with the water at record levels. Thank you to everyone who didn't let the inconvenience discourage you from coming for dinner, bringing friends, socializing, racing, attended events and simply just using *YOUR* Club.

Your November House statements will be in the mail soon so be sure to get them paid as soon as possible so we can finalize our accounts. Member Service Hours are due to P/C Melynda Stolzenberg by November 15 so don't forget to get them to her. All Senior and Associate members are required to help with 10 hours per season volunteering and any unworked/recorded hours will be invoiced at \$20/hr. and will be billed after the 15th. As always, please do not combine these two payments. Each should be paid separately. AS always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

P/C Sue Cassidy

FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

Hello there OYC Shipmates! What a great season! Thank you all for the assistance this year. It was nice to see so many at Trophy Night. What a great representation of dedicated captains and crew. The party really took off downstairs after the awards ceremony. Keep that moment fresh in your mind as we enter the doldrums of winter.

A big shout out to Laura Weyler and the crew of *Hijinks* who took 2nd Place at the 2019 J 88 North American Championship. Way to go Laura!

Over the winter I encourage all of you cruisers and racers to share stories and pictures of time on your boat on the OYC Facebook Page. This would be a great opportunity to keep the spirit of sailing going over the winter break.

As always, please provide feedback to the Fleet Captain about the season. This would help prepare for next year. You can email kind comments to jnaylor2@gmail.com.

Bon Voyage for the year!

Justine Naylor

2019 Annual General Membership Meeting Agenda
Sunday December 15, 2019 @ 11:00 AM @ Wilson House Restaurant, Wilson N.Y.

Call to Order – 11:00 AM
Determine quorum
Approval of 2019 Mid-season Membership Meeting Minutes

Board of Director Reports:

Commodore
Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore
Fleet Captain
Treasurer
Secretary
Director - Communications
Director – Membership
Director - Special Projects
Past Commodore – Member Service Program
Other Club Committee Reports

Old Business:

New Business:

- Election of 2020 Board of Directors

Adjournment

ABSENTEE VOTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES
FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (OYC By-Laws 14 JUL 13)

If unable to attend and are voting by absentee ballot, please read the following:

- The Club Secretary shall make available on the Club website a ballot containing the complete slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors, including space for write-in candidates, no later than **November 1** preceding the Annual meeting.
- In order to be counted, completed absentee ballots shall have been mailed and postmarked no later than **November 21** preceding the Annual meeting.
- Per Article VIII, Section 6 of the Constitution: Ballots, on which more or less names are voted than there are offices to be filled, shall be voided.
- The absentee balloting procedure is designed to be blind, that is not to divulge the identity of the member casting the vote.
- The member voting by absentee ballot shall complete the printed ballot and place it in an unmarked sealed envelope then placed inside of another envelope addressed to:

OYC Commodore
Olcott Yacht Club
P.O. Box 715
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re: Election

The outermost envelope should clearly identify the member casting the absentee ballot. The unopened absentee ballot shall be kept with the original envelope until the Annual meeting. At that time, if it is determined that the member is in good standing, the absentee ballot envelope shall be marked with the membership class of the voting member. When the election vote is tallied, these absentee ballot envelopes shall be opened and the vote cast and weighted in accordance with the membership class of the voting member.



CHILI COOK-OFF

Our annual Chili Cook-off was held on Sunday October 20th. We had a great turnout of 12 chili's (6 each traditional and non-traditional) and 8 homemade desserts to sample which made it hard to pick the winners. The bar room was packed to watch the Bills defeat Miami on a gorgeous fall day. This year's winners were:

Winners for Peoples Choice went to:

- Best Overall - Mike Capen
- Best Traditional - Gary Coppola
- Best Non-traditional- Mike Capen
- Best Name- Chrystal Sharp "I'm a little chili"
- Best Dessert - Judy Coppola's "Pumpkin Crumb Cake"



This year's awards for Judges Choice went to:

- Best Overall - Julie Cornelius
- Best Traditional- Gary Coppola
- Best Non-traditional- Julie Cornelius
- Best Name - Julie Cornelius "Nacho Average Chili"

Thank you again to everyone who brought their great chili's and scrumptious desserts and to all who came to sample everything to determine our winners!

Sue Cassidy



Operation Christmas Child

A huge "Thank You" to all who participated in the Operation Christmas Child craft night and all who donated shoe boxes or items to put in them. It was a very enjoyable evening. At this time, 19 shoe boxes have been collected.

There is still time to donate a shoe box. Go online to Operation Christmas Child, click on "Pack a Shoebox" and follow the directions. Instead of donating the shipping cost online, you may put it in the shoebox. Call **Cathi Higgins @ 716-799-3477** for more information and/or to make arrangements for her to pick up your shoe box. Thanks so much!

THANKS FROM THE MANTEL CLUB FOR THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION FROM ELLEN EGLIN

"...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](#)

"You can't believe how bleeding scary the sea is! There's, like, whales and storms and shit! They don't bloody tell you that!"

— Libba Bray, [Beauty Queens](#)

“CUPS AND FLAGS”

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

SPINNAKER DIVISION - JASON CRAMER
LIGHTFOOT

WHITE SAIL - NICK SOUTHARD *SEA YA*

WOMEN'S RACING -
CHERYL ELTER *LIVE ACTION*

CLUB AWARDS

NEWTON CUP
(BEST RESULT IN LYRA FREEMAN)
LAURA WEYLER - *HJINKS*

CHRISTY TROPHY
(SPORTSMANSHIP) NICK SOUTHARD

NERIED'S PITCHER
(YACHTMAN OF THE YEAR) JASON
CRAMER

KATHY HECK MEMORIAL TROPHY
(WOMEN'S CREW)
DIANE SEAMAN - *CREWS CONTROL*

SENECA TROPHY
(GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO THE
CLUB)
ROGER VOSS AND SUE CASSIDY

JASON AND KATHY CRAMER



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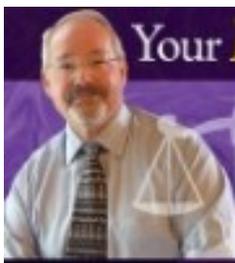
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Get ready to Celebrate in 2020!

Next season will mark our 100th anniversary of Olcott Yacht Club.

We have set the date of Saturday July 25th, 2020 for our gala celebration and party so mark your calendars now! Also, in celebration of 100 years, we have designed a special burgee to commemorate the season. The anniversary burgee will be available by presale and will come in several sizes to suit your boat or home. This milestone only comes around once.

More information will be available at the Annual meeting in December.

The Centennial Committee

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Up Coming Events . . .

November 15 - Deadline for Member Service Hour submissions

November 21 - Deadline for Absentee ballot submission.

December 15 - Annual Meeting
Wilson House 11:00 AM