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April 2026



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

As we look ahead to the 2026 season, I want to take a moment to reflect on what makes Olcott Yacht Club truly special—our people. The strength, spirit, and success of our club have always been rooted in the dedication of our members, and this year presents an exciting opportunity to build on that foundation.

Our members are crucial, and growing our membership is one of our goals each year. I encourage each of you to think about the networks you are part of—friends, family, colleagues, and fellow boating enthusiasts. Imagine the impact if all 100+ of our members each invited one new person to visit the club as a potential member. That simple act could significantly expand our community, bring in fresh perspectives, and ensure the long-term vitality of our club. Growth is not just about numbers—it's about creating a more vibrant, and dynamic environment for all.

Equally important to our success is the spirit of volunteerism that keeps our club running smoothly. Our operations, events, and facilities rely on members stepping forward and contributing their time and talents. Fulfilling your service hours requirement is not just an obligation or how we keep our costs in check, it's an opportunity to connect, contribute, and take pride in what we accomplish together. It's important to remember that volunteering doesn't have to mean committing to a single large task or event. Small efforts, consistently given, add up to a significant impact. Whether it's helping with a short project, lending a hand during an event, or addressing something that simply needs attention, every contribution matters. If you see something that needs to be done, don't hesitate—roll up your sleeves and make a difference.

Don't be shy about suggesting where you believe you can best contribute. Each of you brings unique skills, experiences, and strengths to the table, and aligning those talents with the club's needs is one of the most effective ways we can continue to thrive.

As Commodore, I am continually inspired by the commitment and camaraderie of our members. Thank you for your continued support, your willingness to step up, and your dedication to making Olcott Yacht Club the exceptional community it is.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Pattie

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

I hope this finds you well and ready for an exciting 2026 OYC season! Events have been planned; music has been booked! We'll have many favorites and some exciting new events, too!

Please think about hosting your private party, happy hour, business meeting, etc., at OYC! The food is great, and the bar is ready to serve you. Such a fun location, and it helps the club, too.

Clark Godshall reminded me that we can do a life jacket donation/exchange. Have life jackets your family has outgrown, or just ones you don't need or use? Hang them in the foyer. Any size, any style, they could be just what someone else is looking for. Borrow for the season or add to your boat's supply! Please be sure they are in good condition and are jackets you no longer need.

May will be here soon. The Club will open officially on Friday May 1st. Julie will be ready with those fish fry's everyone loves. Thursday we will again host our Speakers Series. May 7, CPR/AED, May 14, Rules of Racing, May 21, annual Skippers Meeting and Race Committee training, and May 28 Suddenly in Command. Join us for an educational evening and stay for dinner! Friends are welcome as well. I have ordered a beautiful sunset for each Thursday in May!!!

Plan ahead for Mothers Day on Sunday May 10th. Julie will offer brunch that day with a special menu. Watch for more details as we get closer to opening.

Another May event will be the "Pot o'Gold". Sue Cassidy is bringing a fun, new idea for Saturday nights. Have an open tab at the bar/restaurant and you are eligible to win a house credit. You must be present so come down! If we have no winner, it will roll to the next Saturday and increase! Details to follow, so be sure to plan your Saturday nights at OYC!

I am still skiing as I write this, but I assure you we have all been hard at work getting the 2026 season ready for you! Welcome Spring, Happy Easter, and see you soon!!!

Shelia Flanagan

A sure cure for seasickness is to sit under a tree.

- Spike Milligan

FLEET CAPTAIN REPORTS

Junior Sailing -

Registration is open and information is posted to the website with session 1 starting on Monday July 6th. It's not too early to get the kids or grandkids registered.

Ella Thibault will again be heading up our program for the summer. Our staff from 2025 is returning with added assistance with the racing teams from member and former head instructor Claire Lewis.

Racing -

The schedule is just about complete and will be posted soon to the website. The skippers meeting is planned for Thursday May 21st, so put that on your calendar's. Registration forms and copy of insurance can be turned in that evening.

As in the past, we will be looking for race committee on all days of racing; Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. If you can help out for a few of the races, that would be a great help.

FROM THE PAST COMMODORE ...

I can't believe the club opening is only a few weeks away. For those that want to get a head start on service hours while seeing your fellow club members, come out and help with club clean-up on April 18, 19, 25, 26.

Service hours can be recorded via paper slips in the box on the wall inside the clubhouse entrance, or you can send an E-mail to: olcottyachtclubservicehours@gmail.com

I am looking forward to enjoying the spring warm temperatures, flowers, and boat launches with fellow club members.

P/C Alan Rosenbaum

It was the law of the sea, they said. Civilization ends at the waterline Beyond that, we all enter the food chain, and not always at the top.

-Hunter S. Thompson.

ENTRY AWNING REPLACED



When arriving at the Club, the first thing you see upon entering the parking lot is the main entry awning. After many years of weather we needed to replace it.

The awning is taken down every season and stored for the winter but last year in the spring when reinstalling, we found it was faded, torn and beyond sensible repair to last another year. The Club did a fund drive and asked the membership for donations to put toward this replacement.

Our new awning has been installed and is ready to invite everyone in for the 2026 season! Many thanks to the following members for making this possible: Jon & Candy Wilson, Mike & Barb Layman, Bill Russell, Peter & Kristi Polster, Darcy Buchanan, Roy & Deanna Knapp, Carolyn Bova and Sheila Flanagan.

P/C Sue Cassidy

I was set free! I dissolved in the sea, became white sails and flying spray, became beauty and rhythm, became moonlight and the ship and high dim-starred ky! I belonged, without past or future, within peace and unity and a wild joy, within something greater than my own life, or the of Man, to Life itself!

- Eugene O'Neill
Long Day's Journey into Night

FROM THE TREASURER

Spring is here and our official opening is fast approaching. As a reminder your dues payments are due in full by April 1, so please send them in if you have not yet done so. This is per the Constitution and is the entire year (Jan – Dec) operating cash needed to keep the Club going.

Again, this year, we will offer the opportunity in April to “Prepay” your annual “House Minimum” in advance. This allows the House some important start-up cash flow, gives you a House credit to start the season and most importantly it satisfies your annual minimum so it is completed. All Senior and Associate memberships are required to spend \$150.00 total annually on food and beverage service at OYC. The requirement is broken down into two quarters:

QTR 1 (May – July): \$75.00 QTR 2 (Aug – Oct): \$75.00

Any minimum unspent (or balance of) each quarter will be billed at the end of each period if not met. Spend it all by June, and your set for the season. There are plenty of open days each quarter to satisfy this.

The **“Prepay”** details are as follows:

- Payment **MUST** be received between April 1 – 29, 2026 and can be for any amount between \$150 – \$1000.
- Must be used in the 2026 open season (May – Oct).
- **No refunds or carry over.**
- This is voluntary and is open to ALL memberships, not just Seniors & Associates
- Make payment to “Olcott Yacht Club”, re: House minimum. Please **DO NOT** combine with your dues payment, if still owed.

On Friday May 1st, we will draw two (2) names from those members who are prepaid, for an additional \$25 house credit each. It's a small thank you for helping out. If you have any questions about your account or the annual minimum, please don't hesitate to contact me.

P/C Susan M. Cassidy

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Men go back to the mountains, as they go back to sailing ships at sea, because in the mountains and on the sea they must face up.

- HENRY DAVID THOREAU

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLUB SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK-ENDS: APRIL 18, 19, 25, 26 Starting at 11AM Come help with Spring cleaning to ready to Club! Food & beverage provided			1	2	3	4
5 Happy Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Club Clean-up 11 AM
19 Club Clean-up 11 AM	20	21	22 Scuttlebutt Deadline	23	24	25 Club Clean-up 11 AM
26 Club Clean-up 11 AM	27	28	29	30 Soft Opening		

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
		152nd Kentucky Derby Saturday May 2nd, Betting starts at 5:30pm Get your best hats & bets ready!					1	2 Kentucky Derby Bets & Bonnets! Pot of Gold
3	4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED	7 Speaker Series AED/First Aid Mantel Club	8	9 Pot of Gold		
10 Mother's Day Brunch	11 CLOSED	12 CLOSED	13 CLOSED	14 Speaker Series Race Rules	15	16 Book Exchange Pot of Gold		
17	18 CLOSED	19 CLOSED	20 CLOSED	21 Skippers Meeting	22 Scuttlebutt Deadline	23 Flag Raising & Past Commodore's Reception Pot of Gold		
24	25 Memorial Day Club Open White Trophy 10:25am	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28 Speaker Series "Suddenly In Command"	29	30 Pot of Gold		
31 SUN A1			~ May Hours ~ Thurs 5 - 11pm, Friday 5 - 11pm Sat. 2 - 11pm Sun. Noon - 6 pm OPEN Memorial Day Noon - 5pm Closed Mon. - Wed.		Flag Raising & Past Commodore's Reception Saturday May 23rd, 5:30 pm Come recognize all our PC's & Immediate Past Commodore Alan Rosenbaum!			

Olcott Yacht Club

Application for Membership

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 _____
Home Telephone	(____) _____		Date of Birth _____
Cell Phone	(____) _____	(____) _____	4. Full Name _____
Other Phone	(____) _____	(____) _____	Date of Birth _____
Email Address	_____		5. Full Name _____
Are you a present or past member of another Yacht Club (s): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Date of Birth _____
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: _____

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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.



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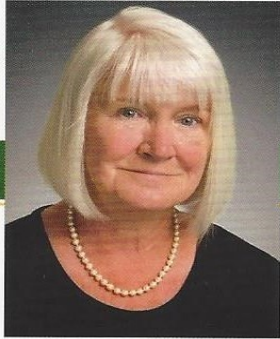
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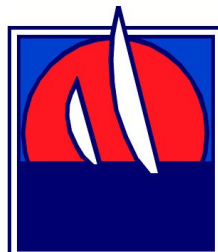
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2026 Olcott Yacht Club Dues & Initiation Fees

****** New Member Incentive – The Olcott Yacht Club’s Board of Directors has approved a membership incentive of ½ price dues to “First Time” new Senior and Associate members joining during our 2026 season ******

<u>Membership - Annual Dues</u>		<u>2026 New Member Dues</u>	<u>Initiation Fee</u> (one-time fee)
Senior	\$775.00	\$387.50	\$250.00
Associate (23 and older)	\$465.00	\$232.50	\$150.00
Associate (18 - 22)	\$233.00	\$116.50	\$150.00
**Non-Resident	\$194.00	N/A	N/A

New York State Sales Tax of 8% will be added to all dues and initiation fees

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Up Coming Events

Sat/Sun April 18/19 -
Spring Clean-up

Sat/Sun April 25/26 -
Sprin Clean-up

Thurs. April 30 - Soft Opening

Fri. May 1 - Club Opens!

Sat. May 2 - Kentucky Derby

Sun. May 10 - Mother’s Day Brunch