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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Spring is here! Though it felt like Spring "Warmth" today working at the Club.

We'll soon be opening up, with a Great program again by Joe, Mike, and the House Committee. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our first Events, this Year Cinco de Mayo falls on our opening day followed by Derby Day on Saturday - HATS!

The place has been hopping lately, between cleanup weekend(s) and repair work, with others spending time on their boats or combining tasks to do both!

Thanks to all the volunteers I've seen already, including the Crew who brought new Jr. Boats from YYC. I'm sure to see more helping out before we actually open up.

Betsey's got the Race Program well underway, with some fresh ideas to fill out ALL of our possible dates - no "open" dates to plan around this year.

Vic & Mark have been busy getting ready for the Juniors, Dan's got plans for more improvements, Sheila's working hard on New Members (besides her Secretarial duties), and Sue's been busy with the books - BE-SIDES helping everyone out.

AND, our H & S gang has been busy already.
Boats launched, equipment repaired, maint. & other projects in progress.

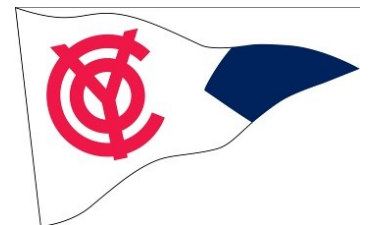
All in all, it's shaping up to be a Wonderful Year, thanks to the folks who've been VERY busy all Winter & Spring

Don't hesitate to make comments & suggestions to myself, or any of us on the Board/Committees. It all helps, including your answers to last year's Survey.

Roger Voss

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

As I write this, I am in a small, cozy room at The North Star Inn in Corinth, KY. It is a community of 221 people with two gas stations, a truck stop, and this motel. I am pretty sure they do not have a yacht club here, but since we are visiting a realistic size of Noah's Ark nearby tomorrow, perhaps we should establish a branch here.

Club opening will be here faster than we realize. Friday May 5 will be our traditional soft opening. A limited menu, as we usually offer on opening night, will allow our staff to get into the swing of things to kick off the season. This will be a great opportunity to hook back up with friends you may not have seen for a while. We will be ready to go at 5pm.

Following Club tradition, Saturday (the 6th) is Kentucky Derby Day at the Club. Senior member Joe Connelly has organized the event and Mike Layman will once again be manning the betting window. Club opens at noon and post time is 6:50pm. Remember the lady's hat contest, which is always a lot of fun.

For Mother's Day on the 14th we are discounting drinks for women \$1. Club opens at noon.

May 20, Saturday, we have a lot planned. The skipper's meeting will be at 4:00pm. The bar will open at 12 pm. Please remember that when the Club is open, any alcohol on the patio must be purchased at the bar per our liquor license. Your cooperation with this will help the House stay out of the red.

After the meeting we will be serving food and opening the betting window for the second race of the Triple Crown, the Preakness. Post time for the race is 6:50pm. This will be followed by another Music Bingo night with beer/wine prizes awarded. Come out and listen to some music and enjoy conversations with your friends.

Finally, Saturday, May 27 is Flag Raising and Past Commodore's night which begins at 5:30pm (bar opens at noon). Our old friend, Dave Stockton, and his trio will provide entertainment from 6:30 - 9:30pm. For our newer members: I want to encourage you to attend this ceremony as it really is a nice tradition that will kick off the season. It is a short ceremony - no lengthy speeches - but something that has been going on for over 100 years. Club history and tradition is an important part of what OYC is about. Board members and past Commodores will be wearing blazers as will some members, but many people will be dressed business-nautical casual. If the weather is warm, shorts and flip flops are appropriate (even with a blazer).

See you there!

Joe Higgins

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

There has been a flurry of activity in the club the last few days. Dan, Roger, and myself are wrapping up the fire-place room plywood covering and initiating the planning for the floor finishing. There is no problem with walking, jumping, and dancing on the new floor.

The first weekend 22nd/23rd club cleaning work was initiated. Thanks for all those that participated in making the good progress towards having a clean club for opening.

The 2nd weekend for club opening preparation is scheduled for April 29th and 30th from 11 AM to 3 PM each day. Stop in for an hour or two to get some service hours for inside or outside work. There has been plenty of food for lunch and beverages are provided.

It's exciting to see all the activity in the yard and to think of the club opening soon. I am looking forward to seeing everyone after the long winter season.

Alan Rosenbaum

FROM THE HARBORMASTER

If you should visit Frenchman's Bay/Pickering by boat this summer you will need both a smoke detector and a CO2 detector installed aboard to stay at any of the docking facilities there. This would include the public marina and both yacht clubs. The town of Pickering is interpreting Ontario law to include boats with living accommodations.

If you do any cruising on Lake Ontario, you will find most reciprocal clubs will offer dockage for the first night free of charge while subsequent nights are subject to a range of policies. Some clubs charge for the first night. For example, Island YC is the most expensive on the lake with a first night at \$3.25 per foot. RCYC charges \$2.25 for their first night. All this information is available at The Lake Ontario Cruising Club Association (LOCCA) website, which is a good source for information on reciprocal clubs around the lake. One can find out at LOCCA what services are at each club including their docking policy,

OYC is a member of LOCCA so take advantage of their website: <https://locca.org>

Joe Higgins

"...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](#)

Three Career and Tech Ed Programs Help Out Local Business

In a cool joint venture, students in the Orleans Career and Technical Education Center's Welding, Electricity/Electronics and Auto Body worked together to help out with a project for a local small business. The Olcott Yacht Club needed assistance with repairing a steamer table.

Teachers Adam Zerby and Ron Jackson (Welding), teacher Bill Leggett (Electricity/Electronics) and Amanda Baker (Substitute Auto Body teacher) asked students to volunteer to work on the table. The students stepped up and did a great job repairing it to help them in time for the upcoming summer season.

Photo Caption: (LtoR) Amanda Baker, Bill Leggett, Sheila Flanagan (Olcott Yacht Club), Terry Green (Auto Body - Albion), Christian Garver (Welding - Lyndonville), Zach Luick (Electricity/Electronics - Lockport), Roger Voss (Olcott Yacht Club) and Adam Zerby.



2023 MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATES

Our annual member directory printing will take place at the end of May. Did you move? Change to mobile only or change phone numbers? Did you buy a boat? (size, make, name) Did you sell a boat? Did you get married (name change)?

Please let me know if you have any changes to your information. Changes can be emailed or mailed in with dues or house minimum payments.

Sue Cassidy
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT...

The 2023 season at OYC is here! Mark your calendars, we will have an Open House for you to show off our club on Saturday, June 3rd. Plan to come down, have a drink, enjoy some music, and enjoy dinner at the club. Watch the Scuttlebutt and Constant Contact for details. Meanwhile be thinking about who might love our club as much as we do and would like to join us!

The board has approved half price dues for first-time, new Senior and Associate memberships. 2023 Dues & Initiation fees (plus 8% NYS tax):

Senior: \$700 Initiation Fee: \$250
Associate (23 and over): \$420 Initiation Fee: \$150
Associate (under 23): \$210 Initiation Fee: \$150
Non-Resident: \$175

The Board of directors approved the following for posting at the April 20, 2023 meeting:

Joseph (Jillian) Mangiafesto of Lockport, NY
Sponsored by Chris Eglin and Roger Voss

Member status change:

Kyle and Val Feree: Leave of absence
Tony and Jean McKenna: Resigned

Hope to see you at the club in May when we open for another sailing, boating, and entertaining season!

Shelia Flanagan
Secretary, Membership

PAST COMMODORE'S REPORT

Member Service Hours completed can be submitted to our new Member Service Hours email address: olcottyachtclubservicehours@gmail.com
Please be sure to include the following information: Your Name, Date of Service, Service(s) Provided, Hours Worked

Alternatively, submission slips will be available in the front hallway of OYC to be dropped off in the Member Service Hours submission box for Members to submit completed service hours.

Chris Eglin

JUNIOR SAILING ...

Applications are starting to arrive and we gearing up to have a staff meeting in the near future. As soon as the weather breaks will get the Junior boats, rigged, the barn organized and ready for classes and the chase boats in the water.

Vic Thibault
Fleet Captain Junior Sailing
P/C Mark Cassidy
Chairman Junior Sailing Committee

MANTEL CLUB

We made a smooth, load, ship and unload of the six 420s we acquired from Youngstown Yacht Club over the last weekend. Together with a YYC crew put together by Justin Hays, YYC's head of their Junior Program and our crew from OYC we managed to load, transport and unload the 420s.

Many thanks to Mike Capen, Bill McKenna, P/C Paul Elter, P/C Tom Beilein, Todd Sukdoluk, Commodore Voss, P/C John Roemholdt and Jason Cramer and family. We are looking forward to rigging the new boats... especially as they are all spinnaker rigged.. Looking forward to a new era of competition.

We will inventory our 420 fleet, as now we have more boats than we need and advise the membership and Junior families of boats that may be for sale and also move some boats to Oak Orchard as they expressed an interest in acquiring more boats.

If any member thinks they may be interested in purchasing a 420 from our retiring fleet let me know, the boat are serviceable and no doubt could use some TLC.

As you may or may not know Mantel Club contracted to have the stump removed and ground down over in the spare lot on Van Buren to make the lot more storage friendly. The company we hired cut and did some grinding but failed to "haul off" the remnants as per contract. We are currently negotiating with another outfit to finish the job and taking the first vendor to court unless I hear from him ASAP.

P/C Mark Cassidy
President, Mantel Club
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SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT ...

The repairs being made to the fireplace room floor have been underway since January. Balancing the need to create a somewhat level floor while also maintaining an even transition where the new and old floors come together has indeed been a challenge.

Once a week since January, Alan, Roger and I have chipped away to meet that challenge head on. Every main beam and all the floor joists have been replaced. Likely before this Scuttlebutt article is published the entire fireplace room floor will be structurally sound.

While the final finished surface has yet to be decided, it gives me great pleasure to announce that those discussions are finally underway.

Dan Maxwell

FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

Spring is finally (hopefully) here! The sights and sounds of sandpaper, paint, ladders are up and boats are getting ready to be launched. A shout out to our Hauling and Launching Team of volunteers; without their efforts we would be sailing in the parking lot all season long.

A quick reminder, make sure to lend a hand to your fellow skippers on their launch day. An extra pair of hand can make all of the difference.

The racing schedule is available on the website. The skippers meeting is scheduled for May 20th at 4:00pm. Registration forms will be available; please remember to bring your boat insurance information. The house committee has great plans for that evening, so stick around after and have fun.

Start times remain the same Wednesday & Thursday 6:20 pm and Sunday mornings at 10:20 am. We have added fun races to the schedule, that will ensure sailing when a make-up race isn't required. Fabulous prizes. We have an evening race and bonfire scheduled as well as a good old fashioned raft party.

The Olcott Stomp is back on the schedule. Friday OYC boats sail to YYC. On Saturday - Everyone races back to OYC for a great party! Sunday morning the course ends in Wilson. Let's not forget that OYC won the event last year.

Most importantly, the racing program requires volunteers and I want to thank all of you in advanced.

I'm ready for splashdown and the first sail.

Elizabeth McAllister

TREASURER'S REPORT

The season is finally here as the Club officially opens Friday May 5th. Hopefully our weather will start to warm up and activity will increase in the yard as more boats get launched. I would like to start by thanking those members who have paid their 2023 dues timely. If you have yet to pay, please get your checks in the mail so you too can enjoy your member benefits. We had a good response to the House minimum "pre-pay" offer that was available in April. Of those who participated, we will draw two names for an additional \$25 credit on opening night.

As the Club opens, we have some staff returning from 2022 as well as some new faces. We all have had a hiatus from the Club for 6 months so remember to be patient and give your full name and OYC member number to the bartenders and wait staff prior to placing any order throughout the season. Remember that our entire House operation revolves on your participation and support. Come down and enjoy your club!

If you have any questions regarding your account at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me.
Sincerely,

P/C Susan M. Cassidy

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2023 Schedule:

There are 8 sessions in the course. Sessions are Tuesday evenings (6:30pm) and Saturday mornings (10:00am) from Olcott Yacht Club.

Dates are: Tuesday's: May 30th, June 6, 13, and 20

Saturday's: June 3, 10, 17 and 24

Fees: Individual - \$175 Pair: \$275 (couples, friends, relatives, etc.)

Registration form available at <http://olcottyacht.club/adult-sailing/>

.For more information, contact

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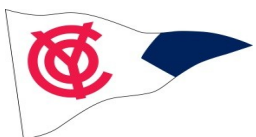
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OYC CALENDAR

MAY 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>~ Club Hours for May ~ Friday: Restaurant 5 - 9pm , Bar 5 - 10pm Saturday: Restaurant Noon- 9pm, Bar 2 - 11pm Sunday: Restaurant & Bar Noon - 5 pm</p>			<p>OYC Flag Raising & Past Commodores Reception Honoring P/C Chris Eglin Saturday May 27th, 5:30 pm Music with "Dave Stockton Trio" 6:30 - 9:30 PM</p> 			
	1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5 CLUB OPENS	6 Kentucky Derby Post Time 6:55pm
7	8 CLOSED	9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED	11 Mantel Club CLOSED	12	13
14  Happy Mother's Day	15 CLOSED	16 CLOSED	17 Board Meeting CLOSED	18 CLOSED	19	20 Skippers Meeting 4PM Music Bingo 7 PM
21	22 CLOSED	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26	27 "Flag Raising & Past Commodore's Reception"
28	29 Memorial Day White Trohpy 10:20am	30 Adult Sailing CLOSED	31 CLOSED	<p>Sat May 20th Events: Skippers Mtg 4 PM . . . Belmont Stakes 5:30 PM Music Bingo 7 PM</p>		
JUNE 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Commodore's Ball 2023 Saturday June 10th Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner & music with "Fabulous USA"</p>				<p>Club Open House Sat. June 3, 5:30 pm Music with Cameron Seib 5:30 - 8:30 pm</p>		
				1	2	3 Club Open House Adult Sailing
4 Sunday A1	5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED Adult Sailing	7 Wed A1	8 Women's #1 Mantel Club	9	10 Commodore's Ball Adult Sailing
11 Sunday A2 & A3	12 CLOSED	13 CLOSED Adult Sailing	14 Wed A2	15 Women's #2	16	17 Adult Sailing
18 Cook Trophy Happy Fathers Day!	19 CLOSED Scuttlebutt Deadline	20 CLOSED Adult Sailing	21 Wed A3	22 Women's White Trophy	23	24 Sail Past & Fleet Blessing Adult Sailing
25 Sunday B1	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28 Wed A4	29 Women's #3	30	
<p>OYC Sail Past & Fleet Blessing Saluting Commodore Roger Voss Saturday June 24th</p>  				<p>~ Club Hours for June ~ Wed - Friday: Restaurant 5 - 9pm , Bar 5 - 11pm Saturday: Restaurant Noon - 9pm, Bar 2 - 11pm Sunday: Restaurant & Bar Noon - 5 pm</p>		



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Events

May 5 - Opening Weekend

Saturday - May 6 Kentucky Derby Day

Sunday - May 14 Mother's Day Special

Saturday - May 20 Skippers Meeting
Belmont Stakes
Music Trivia

Saturday - May 27 Flag Raising
Past Commodore's Night

Monday - May 29 Memorial Day
Club Open