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May 2026



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

As the days grow longer and the boatyard begins to stir with activity once again, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Flag Officers and Board of Directors, to welcome all of our members back for another exciting season at Olcott Yacht Club.

There is something special about this time of year—the promise of fresh winds, bright sunsets on the water, and the return of familiar faces after a long winter. Whether you are preparing to hoist sail for the first cruise of the season, joining friends on the patio, or simply enjoying the camaraderie that makes our club so unique, we are thrilled to have you back.

Our club has always been about more than boats. It is about friendship, tradition, laughter, and the shared love of life on and around the water. This season's calendar is filled with opportunities to enjoy it all: races, music, parties, dinners, and those spontaneous moments that often become the best memories of summer.

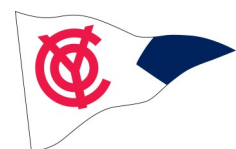
I would also encourage each of you to bring a friend or guest to the club this season. There is no better way to showcase everything we value than by sharing it with others. Invite someone to join you for a sunset drink, dinner, or a day on the water. Introduce them to the warm welcome, vibrant spirit, and sense of community that define our membership. Many of our members first arrived as someone's guest.

As Commodore, I am grateful for the enthusiasm and volunteer spirit of our members who keep this club thriving year after year. Your support, participation, and pride in our traditions are what make this such a special place.

Here's to fair winds, full sails, new friendships, and a season filled with memorable moments. I look forward to seeing you at the club and on the water.

Warm regards,

Pattie



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

As I type this, we are a mere eight days from opening for the 2026 season! The weather is warming up, we will have had two club clean-up weekends, and your board has been very busy getting the schedule ready for the our OYC opening!

First up, our restaurant and bar. Julie has been hard at work and is bringing you new choices along with old favorites. New this season, too, a half portion menu for those with a smaller appetite. Be sure to join us opening weekend for three evenings of fun and camaraderie. Thursday, April 30 is a soft opening featuring a Cinco de Mayo menu. Friday, May 1 will be our popular Fish Fry menu, and Saturday May 2 will feature another special menu for the Kentucky Derby. All three nights we will have our Grog menu as well.

Thursdays in May will be our second annual Speakers Series, starting at 6:00 at the club. May 7 CPR/AED, May 14 Racing Rules, May 21 Skippers Meeting and Race Committee training, and May 28 Suddenly in Command (bring any old, expired flares, we will be outside for part of the time).

We have a new event for all the Saturdays in May, "Pot o' Gold." Sue Cassidy will give us the rundown of rules, but basically, be at the club, open your tab, and maybe you will win the Pot o' Gold! Must be present to win.

Be sure to put our Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 10, on your family calendar. Julie has a great menu of specials for the day, along with some drinks and desserts to tickle your tastebuds. Be sure to make a reservation for this very popular day at the club.

Welcome warmer weather and get ready for boat shoes and flip flops with a new event on Saturday, May 16, "Burning of the Socks". This is an old mariners' tradition, time to shed those socks and wiggle those toes! Feel free to bring any old socks to burn, but we'd really like to collect new socks, any size, to be donated to those in need.

Saturday, May 23 is the annual Flag Raising. Join us the club for appetizers, Flag Raising, and of course the Pot o' Gold!

Finally, on Saturday, May 30 we will do a casual Book Exchange. Bring a book, take a book for your summer reading!

As always, watch the Constant Contact for weekly updates and details, host your private party at the club, bring unneeded life jackets and hang in the foyer, and be sure to spend a lot of time at our beloved OYC with old friends and new!

Sheila Flanagan

FROM THE PAST COMMODORE ...

Now that the club is open, there are many ways to enjoy the club: dinner, drinks, socializing, sailing, fishing, etc. We also want members to match their skills with opportunities to earn service hours. Try out the survey to find new ways to earn your service hours. Try something different like volunteer bartender, painter artist, plant waterer, race committee, Jr sailing chaperone, social media designer, photographer, and many other opportunities.

Please complete the survey online via link below or fill out a paper copy to see the many opportunities. When the opportunities present themselves that match your interest, we will reach out to see if it is a match including availability.

<https://forms.gle/aj4U74AiMLxJewkPA>

I plan to publish monthly service hour summaries based upon your reported service hours via paper slips in the box in the club hallway, or email to: olcottyachtclubservicehours@gmail.com

I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon... Think Spring.

P/C Alan Rosenbaum

FROM JUNIOR SAILING HEAD INSTRUCTOR

Behind the scenes, Junior Sailing is already preparing for the upcoming summer season. This year, we are excited to welcome new coaches to our team alongside many returning staff members.

Returning this year are:

- Ella Thibault, Head Instructor
- Claire Lewis, Racing Coach
- Sienna Bowers, Coach
- Talia Ferreira, Coach

Joining our coaching staff for the first time are Emelia Thibault and Cameron Kearns.

We have many great events and activities planned for the season, so be sure to follow us on social media (@olcottyachtclubjuniorsailing) to see what we are up to.

If you have any questions or are interested in finding out how you can help the OYC Junior Sailing Program, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best regards,

Ella Thibault

FLEET CAPTAIN SAILING INSTRUCTION

Hey Fam!

Welcome to the 2026 season. We are ready to get rolling and have great things on the horizon this year. Our dates for Adult Sailing have been set, and we are excited to welcome Justin Naylor back as our lead instructor. We appreciate his efforts to continue this program and help us build better for future adult sailors. If you want to help out and be involved, reach out to either one of us. The more hands, the better!

From our Junior Sailing corner, we once again have Ella Thibault aka "ROCKSTAR" back on the wall to lead our instructors and campers. As of now, our enrollment is looking on track for the 2026 season with over 20 enrollees at this time. WOW! If you know someone who wants their children to learn how to sail, there is no better time to get them started. Reach out to either of us for more information.

As we approach opening time, I am reminded of how great it is to have this beautiful oasis by the lake. We hope to continue our program enhancements as well as provide an exceptional experience to those hopefully new prospective members. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Taylor S.

SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP REPORT

During our 2025 we welcomed 14 new members, which was a great accomplishment. Many of our new members got involved in our club activities and became familiar faces at OYC. It seemed like everything was going great on the new membership front.

At end of last season and the start of the 2026 season, however, we experienced a substantial number of resignations, more than the total addition of new members we welcomed in 2025.

We need to do it again in 2026! The hospitality of our members is what works for us the best. Invite your friends, work buddies, family, and fellow sailors down to OYC this year. Invite them to enjoy the tasty food in our restaurant, have a few cold ones at the bar, and enjoy some of our parties. We are a relaxed, fun loving, friendly club, we just need to show it to more people.

Our Open House this year will be on Saturday, June 6th, from 5-7 PM. Tom Wright and Sarah Gelnett will be providing the music that night. They did such a good job at last year's Open House that we invited them back this year. Bring your friends down to listen to this father/daughter duo.

Jourdan and Roy continue to do a fantastic job of promoting OYC on social media and our website. Now it's our turn to do it live and in-person.

Let's have some fun and share it with some more new people! Thank you.

Doug Wintersteen

FROM THE TREASURER

The season opens this Friday May 1st. If you have yet to pay your dues, please get them mailed in so that you can be made active for Club charging. I am usually available at the Club when we are open if you bring a check with you. An email will be coming to any outstanding accounts this coming week to check your intent.



Julie has put together a great staff this season and most are all new to OYC. Be sure to give them your full name and member number when ordering and check to be sure it is correct when closing your chits for the evening. This makes for a pleasant experience for all. As a reminder, tax and gratuity are NOT included in any menu pricing. Tax is added at the end and gratuity to our bartenders and servers is your responsibility to write in. If any account is left open at the end of the evening, an 18% gratuity will be automatically added (same as last year). If you find you have a question regarding a charge, please let Vice Commodore Sheila Flanagan know so it can be looked into.

P/C Sue Cassidy
Treasurer
716-807-7913

Calm waters don't make a skillful sailor...
.... Anonymous

The sea finds out everything you did wrong....
.... Francis Stokes

MAY 2026

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

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	CLOSED	CLOSED	WED A1	Women's #1		Club Open House Tom & Sarah Wright 5 - 7pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
SUN A2	CLOSED	CLOSED	WED A2	Women's #2 Mantel Club		Commodore's Ball DJ Miles Patterson
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
SUN A3	CLOSED	CLOSED	WED A3	Women's White	Women's Association Basket Raffle 5:30pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Happy Father's Day COOK TROPHY	Scuttlebutt Deadline CLOSED	CLOSED	WED A4	Women's #3		Sail Past & Fleet Blessing Dave Stockton Trio
28	29	30	~ Club Open House ~ Invite some friends to see OYC! Music with Tom & Sarah Wright 5 - 7pm		<i>Women's Association Basket Raffle Fundraiser</i> <i>Fri. June 19, 5:30 pm</i>	

Commodore's Ball 2026
Saturday June 13th, 5:30 pm
Dinner & dancing to DJ Miles Patterson



Sail Past & Fleet Blessing
Saturday June 27 4:30 pm
Come salute Commodore Pattie Schneider
Music with "Dave Stockton Trio" at 7:30pm



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SUMMER 2026



2026 SESSION DATES & FEES:

Each session is 2-weeks, Monday through Friday 9:00am to 4:00 pm. Participate in one or all. Our teaching will be separated by "Adventure Sail/Learn to Sail" or "Racing" this season. Racing will require coach approval.

Dates:	Session Fee:
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Session 1: July 6 to July 17	\$ 725.00
Session 2: July 20 to July 31	\$ 725.00
Session 3: August 3 to August 14	\$ 725.00

Single week (Learn to Sail only)	\$ 378.00
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(Fee's include applicable NYS sales tax)

****Parent/Guardian a member of Olcott Yacht Club?
Receive a 10% discount.**

Olcott Yacht Club has been offering a summer sailing camp since the 1940's. We have served the community by helping families and children learn sailing along with lifetime skills and friendships. Our program is open to boys and girls ages 7 to 17, non-members and members alike. Teaching is in Optimist dinghies, 420's, Lasers as well as a fleet of kayaks for when the lake is rough. Our instructors are US Sailing and lifesaving certified. The Olcott Mantel Club of the yacht club, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, provides financial support through their annual fundraising and tax-deductible donations, to provide and maintain the fleet of boats making our program a success.

For further questions or information contact:

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For online registration, program information and health forms, visit the Olcott Yacht Club website at: www.olcottyachtclub.com

Sign-up for 1, 2, or all 3 sessions!

**** Choose between:**

"Adventure Sail/Learn to Sail"

Or

"Racing"

(Coach Approved)



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.
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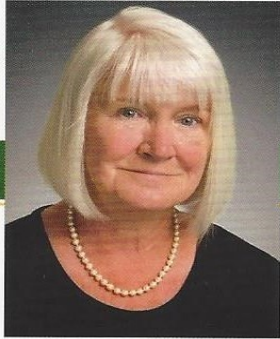
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2026 Olcott Yacht Club Dues & Initiation Fees

****** 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

Fri. May 1 - Club Opens!

Sat. May 2 - Kentucky Derby/Pot of Gold

Sun. May 10 - Mother’s Day Brunch 11-3.

Saturday May 16 “Burning of the Socks.”

Thursday May 21 Skippers Meeting 6PM

Saturday May 23 Flag Raising/PC’s Night

Saturday May 30 Book Exchange