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# Scuttlebutt

August 2025



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

If August continues like July we will have beautiful warm weather on Lake Ontario. Stay cool by sitting on the breezy patio with a beverage or a light meal, have dinner in the OYC restaurant, or stop in after a nice sail.

I wanted to extend thanks to the club members that joined Linda, Alex, and I for Sail Past. Jolly Roger docked on the wall while about 15 boats (including a few motorboats) participated in the event. It was a beautiful day but a bit breezy on the lake. Boats were able to congregate on the flat leeward side of the piers and then enter the harbor. This arrangement also accommodates bag pipers that may not wish to play on a boat. In addition, members that cannot easily board a boat were able to enjoy the event from the patio. We may want to consider this arrangement for future Sail Pasts.

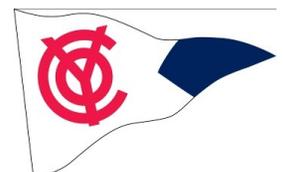
The board updated the docking policy to make harbor master job easier. If you are interested in acting as the harbor master for the end of the 2025 season, please contact me or an OYC board member.

The board is looking into improving small boat storage for members through building racks and providing a small boat storage guiding policy. If you have any suggestions, please contact me or a Board member.

The best part of the season is a head of us with beautiful summer weather and the club in full swing. Thanks to all members, staff, and volunteers for your ongoing support for the 2025 season.

Please check out the other Board members articles and latest calendar to see the full set of activities on going during the 2025 OYC Season.

*Alan Rosenbaum*



## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

What a hot, humid summer! I hope you have had time to be out on the water...on your boat, on a friend's boat, or maybe in a pool!

Our OYC season is half over...I hope you have had time to enjoy all the various club activities, eat from our updated menu, and have a drink or two at the bar or on the patio!

I have been busy with the help of many members getting the grounds cleaned up, the house in order, and addressing issues as they arise. If you are still looking to complete Member Service Hours, you can always contact me, as I have some bigger jobs, mainly painting, that I would do with you or at least get the materials ready for you. We can always use weed whippers, weeders, general yard clean up, etc.

I would like to have a club clean up day when the weather cools down a bit. We need to weed whip our fence perimeter, and address the Junior Sailing boat storage lot across the street. Watch Constant Contact for the day(s) I pick, and hopefully you can join me for a morning of weed whipping and then some lunch! We'll order pizza or grill some hotdogs...

If you happen to have any smaller boats in the yard or across the street, please plan on moving them home or letting us know what is yours. The goal is to clean up the lot across the street. We would also like to (potentially!) build some racks so members could leave small kayaks/canoes/sailboats at the club for the summer for a nominal fee. This idea is in the early planning stages, but we need to address the old boats that are lying around. They have presented a hazard to our Junior sailors due to bees and potential rodents. So, if you have an old boat that is languishing on the property, please plan to clean it up or dispose of it!

If you missed the AGM, I mentioned how our club works because we all chip in where we can. Thank you for all you have been doing, it does not go unnoticed!

*Sheila Flanagan*  
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## TERMS WE USE EVERY DAY

### Above Board

This term refers to anything that is on or above the open deck. If you hear someone say that something is above board, it means something is in plain view.

### Know the Ropes

If you're a sailor who knows the ropes, then you're familiar with the ropes and cords required to run a ship or a boat.

## FROM THE PAST COMMODORE ...

Keep those work hours coming in. I am posting totals on the bulletin board in the foyer at the end/beginning of each month. Be sure sure to check the list so if there are any discrepancies we can straighten them out quickly. Be sure you personally submit your hours. DO NOT rely on someone else to do it for you. This will avoid any misunderstandings or forgotten assurances. It is each member's responsibility to turn in their own service hours.

Work hours are only recorded via my email ([qqhiggs@gmail.com](mailto:qqhiggs@gmail.com)) or the box in the foyer. If you submitted any work hours by any other method I have not gotten them and you need to resubmit them.

*P/C Joe Higgins*

ROSE MARY AND DEANNA REPRESENTING OYC  
AT THE PIRATE FESTIVAL



MARIE GATHERING FLOWERS FOR THE CLUB FROM TAHARI'S GARDEN



## FROM THE TREASURER

We have ended the month of July and the halfway point of the season. July was the last month in our first quarter for the \$75 House Quarterly Minimum. If you didn't satisfy spending \$75 in Q1 (May – July) in the restaurant/bar, you are being invoiced for that amount or what the difference is from what you did spend. Please be sure to look for your email invoice around August 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have a credit still, you will also receive a statement showing the balance owed. I will note that in the email sent, so please do not overpay your account.

If you have paid by credit card and not by house member charge, please send a copy to show the charges to cover your quarterly minimum. Q2 will be August through October. We want you to come to the Club and enjoy it, so please stop in. There are many things happening still. All it takes is attending one event or having lunch/dinner a couple times, and you have satisfied your minimum.

### House Billing Payments -

Beginning with the August invoicing that you will receive in September, we will begin allowing month end House account payment by credit card (MC/VISA Only). If you want to have this option, you must contact me by August 29<sup>th</sup> to have this added to your account. For this option, there will be a convenience fee added to your invoice to cover the additional credit card fee which is 2.99%. It will be done through Quickbooks with a link attached in your email. For all others, payment will remain the same as payment by check mailed personally or through your bank.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*P/C Susan M. Cassidy*

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## No Room to Swing a Cat

When you hear sailors say that there's no room to swing a cat or a whip, it means that an area is too crowded. For instance, if an assembly on deck and the area becomes too crowded, the bosun might not have room to swing a cat. (Cat being a cat of nine tails or a whip for flogging)

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

For those of you who weren't at the annual meeting; I want to share with you just how busy you have been keeping the house committee and the staff. As of July 19<sup>th</sup>, we hosted 23 events (not including races) and served 1,777 food items and 4,175 beverages to our members and guests. And there's a lot of the season yet to enjoy.

The changes and efficiencies to the reservation system have been well received and the ability to see reservations and special requests in real time (via having to check an email box) have improved our ability to plan for and serve you. The menu selections for special events has saved us guessing what you meant or having to circle back to confirm your choices. I've also heard how you appreciate being able to alert us of food allergies so we can prepare in advance of your arrival.

Jourdan and Roy have freshened up the website creating an easier flow for you and visitors to find the information you are looking for. Our social media presence has increased 2000% with local businesses and other yacht clubs following us and sharing our events. All of this helps to attract new members, junior and adult sailing students and keep existing members up to date.

We stepped away from the service charge being included in your chits to a true gratuity basis for our servers. As a result over 95% of our chits are closed at the end of the night. I want to thank you for your patience as our new staff learned our operations, I'm extremely pleased with the team we have at OYC and it appears you are too.

As we head into the next few months, you won't see any lulls in our calendar. We have great events planned; but we need you to make it happen. **We need volunteers** for Lobsterfest to wash down tables and chairs, get the yard and patio cleaned up, sort and bag clams, grill steaks, boil lobsters, take tickets, sell 50/50, or just be willing to help when called on.

Did you adopt your country for Cruise Around the World? Grab a couple of friends and prepare some tasty nibbles that represent your country of choice. Members and guests will stamp their passport as they travel from country to country they will also vote on best representation of the country, best décor, best costume, favorite flavors, etc.

In addition to these and other events on the calendar there will be time for more racing and watching Thursday and Sunday football games. Don't make any other plans, this is where you will want to be.

*Pattie.*

## FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT

The races that have been cancelled due to weather have been rescheduled. Please look at the updated OYC Race schedule in this edition of the Scuttlebutt and on the OYC website. I have added two dates to fit everything in and allow us to complete series for both full crew and women's racing.

As mentioned in July's edition, LYRA is taking place in Sodus this week. We also have STOMP upon us on August 8- 10 in Youngstown. This will be two days of racing between OYC and YYC sailors. From the sounds of it, we have a few boats competing which is excellent to hear. If you haven't signed up yet, what are you waiting for? Information is posted at our club and on our website.

We have a consistent race committee for Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. I am willing to train others to help, should you like to get some service hours in. If you are interested, please reach out to me at [jas884@cornell.edu](mailto:jas884@cornell.edu) or 585-409-6365.

Looking forward to weather that cooperates as we round out the season.

*Jocelyn Sikorski*

SAM KINGSBURY



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 9 new members for 2025! New Senior members are Claire Lewis, Aaron Baker, Haley Esser and Gary Bradley; new Associate members are Charles Diemer, Peter Polster, Nino DeProphetis, Cynthia West, and Barbara Kent Gauger. We have a couple more applications in the works as well.

I'll be posting pics of our new members on the display board as I collect them. Please show your usual hospitality and get to know these folks and their significant others. The comments I've heard from some of the new members is how friendly and helpful the OYC members have been.

Friday evening, July 25<sup>th</sup> we held our New Members Night. The weather was great, as were the tasty Hors D'oeuvres. Thanks to Meg Thompson and her team for that! We also had an excellent young singer/guitarist perform that evening. If you see an ad for Carson Bader playing at a local establishment, go listen to him. He has a beautiful voice and a good song list.

Our social media presence has been incredible this year, and so has the good food and service from our house staff. Our friendliness and personal relationships we've developed have been a big reason for attracting new members. Thank you all for that!

Let's see how many more new members we can attract by the end of the season!

*Doug Wintersteen*

CARSON BADER



## Junior Sailing – Fundraiser Report

OYC's Past Commodores organization, The Olcott Mantel Club, would like to thank everyone who supported our annual junior sailing fundraiser *"Raise and Sail"* on Sunday July 20th. It was a great afternoon with sunshine and music from Joe Higgins, Scottie Player, and Dave Conlin. This year's BIG reverse raffle winner for \$500 was Tracy Carmer. Other winners were John Rosenberg \$100, Darcy Buchanan \$100, and 6 winners of \$50 to Chris & Emily Eglin, Bill Russell, John Rosenberg, Jud Heck, Jeff & Ellen Eglin and Jamie Lewis. Our 50/50 winner for \$227 was Gretchen Sukdolak. Congratulations to all!

Thank you to our volunteers, led by Marie Sharp, who helped with the basket raffle and P/C Bill Russell with the 50/50 tickets. To everyone who bought tickets and to those who donated baskets; your support is greatly appreciated. We raised just over \$3500 to help support the upkeep and maintenance required to keep our junior sailors having fun on the water. Earlier this season, we purchased two (2) new suits of 420 sails for the race team along with a blend of other hardware and equipment needed.

The junior program is competing Aug. 2 & 3 at the Junior Olympics at Rochester Yacht Club and next week will start session 3. Once again our program has been well attended with many happy campers. Again, thank you everyone for your support.

P/C Sue Cassidy  
Event Organizer

## FROM FLEET CAPTAIN JUNIOR SAILING

We've had a jam-packed summer so far, and the fun isn't slowing down anytime soon! From exciting regattas and special events to fun activities and unforgettable experiences, our Jr. Sailors have been making the most of every day on and off the water.

**Session 1 kicked off** with 33 enthusiastic sailors who brought incredible energy and passion. Four of our boats competed in the Can-Am Regatta and absolutely crushed it—placing 1st through 4th in the White Sail Fleet! One of the highlights of the session was our **First Jr. Sailing Carnival**. The sailors poured their creativity into designing signs, setting up games, and building an obstacle course. The event was a huge hit! Thank you to everyone who joined us—this is definitely a new tradition in the making.

In **Session 2**, we welcomed 26 sailors, and the excitement kept building. On Wednesday, July 23, we hosted our **Second Annual OOYC vs. OYC Regatta**. OOYC brought four boats down to sail against our fleet of eight 420s and six Optis. It was a fun and competitive day! A big thank you goes out to Sara Thibault's family and the OOYC team for making a potluck lunch possible for all the kids to enjoy together.

Another exciting moment this session was a visit from the **Olcott Fire Company Marine Rescue Team**. The crew shared important water safety tips and gave our sailors the chance to explore their rescue boat and equipment. We are so grateful to these volunteer firemen for taking the time to support our program.

On **Tuesday, July 29**, nine of our Race Team sailors traveled to Buffalo Yacht Club for an interclub regatta—perfect preparation for Jr. Olympics later that week. We're proud to announce that 10 of our 420 sailors and 2 Opti sailors will be heading to the **Junior Olympics in Rochester on August 2 & 3**.

We also want to give a **special shoutout to Billy McKenna**, who has been an incredible asset to our program. Billy volunteered his time to help teach our 420 Race Team spinnaker skills, transport boats to regattas, and provide on-the-water support. Thank you, Billy, for your dedication and generosity!

**Session 3 starts August 4** with 8 sailors currently registered, and plenty more fun is planned. Whether on the water or on shore, we're making every day count as we close out the season strong.

Finally, **mark your calendars** for our **Junior Sailing Banquet on Sunday, September 7!** This special event will be a time to celebrate the amazing progress, teamwork, and memories made throughout the summer. Thank you to all of our sailors, families, volunteers, and supporters for making this summer one to remember. We're so proud of how far the program has come and can't wait to finish the season with even more fun and growth.

*Elisa Schwarzkopf*

# OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>AUGUST 2025</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>"Creek Cruise" Poker Run</b> Saturday Aug. 1, 1:00 pm	<b>"Beer Pairing Dinner"</b> Saturday Aug. 2, 6 pm			Jr Sailing Session 2 Ends	<b>"Beer Pairing Dinner"</b>
3 <b>"Creek Cruise" Poker Run</b>	4 Jr. Sailing Session 3 Starts Club Closed	5 Club Closed	6 Wed B #3	7 Women's #5	8	9 Olcott Stomp
10 Olcott Stomp	11 Club Closed	12 Club Closed	13 Wed B #4	14 Women's Shafer Course Mantel Club	15 Womens Cocktail Party	16 43rd Annual Sacca Sail 11:55am First Horn
17 Williams Trophy	18 Club Closed	19 Club Closed	20 Wed B #5 Scuttlebutt Deadline	21 Women's #2 Make-up	22	23 LOBSTERFEST 4 PM
24 Sun A 2 & 3 Make-up	25 Club Closed	26 Club Closed	27 Wed. Make-up	28 Women's White Make-up	29	30
31	<b>"LOBSTERFEST"</b> Saturday Aug. 23rd, 4 pm				43rd SACCA SAIL Saturday Aug. 16 First Horn 11:55am	
<b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>LABOR DAY MONDAY</b> Club Open 12 - 6pm		<b>September Hours:</b> Open: Thursday - Sunday Closed: Mon - Wed.			<b>"DISCO NIGHT"</b> Dance lessons included! Saturday Sept. 6	
	1 LABOR DAY Club Open Capt. Yankee Race	2 Club Closed	3 Club Closed	4	5	6 Disco Night
7 Jr Sailing Banquet 1pm Ravens @ Bills 8:20 PM	8 Club Closed	9 Club Closed	10 Club Closed	11 Mantel Club	12	13 Cruise Around The World
14 Bills @ Jets 1:00 PM	15 Club Closed	16 Club Closed	17 Club Closed	18 Bills @ Miami 8:15 PM	19	20 Music Bingo 7PM Scuttlebutt Deadline
21	22 Club Closed	23	24 Club Closed	25	26	27 Monte Carlo
28 Saints @ Bills 1:00 PM	29 Club Closed	30 Club Closed	<b>"MUSIC BINGO"</b> A new twist on the game Saturday Sept. 20 @ 7pm		<b>MONTE CARLO NIGHT</b> Saturday Sept. 27 @ 7pm	
						



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*Roger Vost*

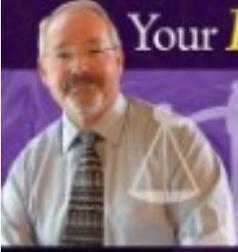
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		6 Wed	Wednesday B-3	6:25pm	Jolly Roger	
		7 Thurs	Women's #5	6:25pm	Java	
		9 Sat	STOMP YYC-OYC			
		10 Sun	STOMP OYC-KEG-WILSON			
		13 Wed	Wednesday B-4	6:25pm	Switch	
		14 Thurs	Women's Shafer Course	6:25pm	Crews Control	
		16 Sat	43rd Sacca Sail	11:55am	Race Committee	
		17 Sun	Williams Trophy (Keg Creek)	10:25am	Lightfoot	
		20 Wed	Wednesday B-5	6:25pm	This Side Up	
		21 Thurs	Women's White Trophy Make Up	6:25pm	Still Awesome	
		24 Sun	Sunday A 2 & 3 Make Up	10:25am	Jolly Roger	
		27 Wed	Wednesday Open Make Up	6:25pm	TBD	
		28 Thurs	Women's Shafer Distance Make Up	6:25pm	Switch	
		September	1 Mon	Captain Yankee Trophy (Wilson)	10:25am	Live Action
			6 Sat	Women's #2 & #4 Make Up	10:25am	Rapparee
			7 Sun	Sunday B-1 Make Up	10:25am	Jackpot
			14 Sun	Celtic Cup (OYC & Wilson)	10:25am	TBD
		October	18 Sat	Trophy Night	5:30pm	

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#### Up Coming Events

Saturday August 2nd - Beer Pairing  
Dinner

Sunday August 3rd - Creek Cruise/  
Poker Run

Sat/Sun August 10/11 - Olcott Stomp

Thursday August 14th - Mantel Club

Friday August 15 - Ladies' Champagne  
Party

Saturday August 16 - Sacca Sail

Saturday August 23 - Lobsterfest