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Scuttlebutt

March 2025



Dear OYC Members and OYC Boaters

As we hoist the sails and prepare for another exhilarating boating season, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I welcome you all to the start of the 2025 season. The anticipation of setting out on the open waters, feeling the gentle breeze and the thrill of navigating the waves, fills us all with a sense of adventure and camaraderie that only boating can bring.

Although the winter has been long and hard (see the pictures), we will begin working on boats soon in the yard. Hopefully, the weather will break soon so we can start the wall repair work before the lake levels get too high.

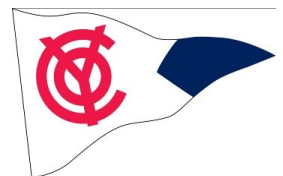
This year promises to be exceptional, with a host of events and activities planned to make the most of our time on the water. Jocelyn and Pattie are putting together a great schedule for sailing races and social gatherings (many new ideas), there is something for everyone to enjoy. We have an excellent BOD for the 2025 season, please welcome our new BOD members: Doug Wintersteen (Secretary), Elisa Schwarzkopf (Fleet Captain Jr, Sailing), and Taylor Sukdolak (Assistant to Vice Commodore).

In 2025, I would like to encourage members to support our outreach programs to share the wonderful OYC experience with future members and families including events such as: Open House, Adult Sailing, JR sailing, Women's Yachting Association event, and other TBD outreach events.

As always, the spirit of our community is what makes our club so special. The shared experiences, the friendships forged, and the collective passion for boating unite us and create a welcoming environment for all. I encourage each of you to participate actively, whether by joining a committee, volunteering for events, or simply sharing your love of boating with new members. I would like to thank Joe Higgins for his multiple years as the Harbor Master. For 2025, we are looking for a local person who can act as the new Harbor Master. It's a great opportunity to meet people from multiple clubs around Lake Ontario. Please contact me if you are interested.

As we embark on this new season, let us remember the values that define us – respect for the sea, camaraderie among fellow boaters, and a commitment to excellence in all we do. I look forward to seeing you out on the water and celebrating the joys of boating together.

Alan Rosenbaum
Commodore



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Thank you to everyone who participated in our surveys. Your feedback and suggestions really help us plan events that (we hope) you'll be excited about. Based on your feedback – you don't necessarily need big events all the time but would love to have something happening every weekend. You let us know your favorites and they'll be on the calendar along with a few new surprises.

Music! You prefer live music over a DJ. And as a group we have eclectic tastes. So, we'll be bringing in a variety of different styles of music. You shared some great suggestions and the house committee will be reaching out to them but please, if you know someone in that band, introduce us directly.

Food! You definitely like to eat and drink. Julie's fish fry will be back along with returning favorites and new items. We will be hosting dining events in addition to the mouth-watering Grog and Weekend Dining Menu's that Julie will be creating. Want to stay up to date on all of the events happening at OYC? Be sure to check your weekly Constant Contact emails. Do you follow the OYC Members Only Facebook page? Be sure to favorite us so that those events come to the top of your page and you don't miss a thing. Like and comment often, too. Hang in there Millennials and Gen Z, Instagram is coming soon. Join the Facebook page at <https://fb.me/g/4vhR78RwH/wsArwGSo> or reach out to Jourdan Morgan (joschneider12@gmail.com) or myself (pls56789@gmail.com) to request an invite. This is a members only page so you will be asked to answer a few questions to validate your membership and an admin member will accept you. Once there you can get up to the minute news about the club, share photos and learn more about upcoming events.

SAVE THE DATE! Here are a few key highlights that you will want to put on your calendar now. The full calendar will be published soon.

May 11 - Mother's Day. A special menu for a special lady on a special day. Did someone say Mimosas Flights? Count me in!

May 24 – Flag Raising and Past Commodore's Reception. Join us as we officially welcome in the sailing season and induct PC Joe Higgins into the Mantel Club.

Jun 14 – Commodore's Ball. Celebrate our club season and our Commodore, Alan Rosenbaum with dinner and dancing. Dress to impress. Ladies, your husband called and said you should get the shoes too – they will look great with your new outfit.

Jun 28 – Sail Past and the Blessing of the Fleet. Make your pleas for sunshine and calm seas. It is never too early for Boat owners to reach out to our associate members and invite them onboard to take part in the tribute to our Commodore.

Jul 26 – New Member Reception – I can't wait to make new friends. Come introduce yourself to our newest members. Dining on your own along with music and dancing.

Aug 23 – Lobsterfest. Steak and Lobster and Clams, oh my!

Oct 18 – Trophy Night. Did you know you don't have to be a racer to enjoy the party? A fun night of stories, laughter, music and dancing.

We have so many more events planned thanks to my amazing, energetic and ambitious house committee that includes Marie Sharp, Sara Thibault, Alex Rosenbaum, Jen Dilorenzo, Anna Masters, Jourdan Morgan, Janice O'Keefe, RC Sheila Flanagan and Director Taylor Sukdolak. But we need you too and we will have lots of opportunities for you to get in your service hours this year.

Cheers!

Pattie

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Well, we have certainly had quite the winter, which means we will be looking forward to warmer days and the opening of our beloved OYC! I am honored to serve as your Rear Commodore this year and hope we have a successful 2025 season!

For starters, please put April 19-20 and April 26-27 on your calendar. These will be our club clean-up days. More to follow about what we need and when, but most of you know the drill and know what you like to do to help get the house and grounds ready for the season. Your help to get things going is a great way to get those Member Service Hours done!

Pattie and the House Committee have been busy planning our events, and I promise you, you will find something (lots of things!) that you will want to participate in. Our calendar will be full and fun! I am passing the Secretary/Membership torch to Doug Wintersteen. Open Houses and New Member Nights are in the works, so be sure to be thinking about people you'd like to see join our club.

First on my to-do list is to address some vandalism we experienced back in December. Luckily nothing was stolen, but we have two windows and some screens to repair. I will be investigating more lighting, motion detector or dusk to dawn are two possibilities. If you have any experience with this, I would welcome your input.

I hope to get in at least one more month of skiing, with a long awaited return trip to Big Sky in Montana. Once April comes, it will be all OYC for me!

See you at the club!

Sheila Flanagan

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact Sue Cassidy at susan.cassidy@ima.it if you have any address, phone number or email changes. Emails are more important with the new software we will be using starting this season for house account billing. Double check that yours is correct in the directory.

If we have any new boats in the club, let Sue know as well.

To remove stains from fiberglass ...

Rub with a pad dipped in baking soda and water.

FROM THE TREASURER

As we head into March, our 2025 open season of the Club gets closer. This has been a cold and windy winter and as I write, we enjoy a sunny morning with ice on the lake as far as the eye can see. We all will be looking forward to warmer days ahead.

Dues invoices were mailed at the beginning of February with a note from the Commodore explaining the slight dues increase this year. You may make partial payments but please have them paid in full by April. Payments have been quite steady so thank you to those members who have paid. Member cards are starting to get mailed and will continue when payment is received. There are other Clubs on the lake (Sodus, Rochester, Youngstown) that also offer waterfront settings with bar & restaurant facilities, but none are as reasonable as OYC. We also have the best actual "lake front" view!

In April, we will once again offer a prepay for your 2025 "House Minimum". The details will get outlined in next month's Scuttlebutt and in Constant Contact, so watch for that information. The prepay is a great way to satisfy your minimum upfront and to give the House operation a boost of cash for start-up as the restaurant ramps up for a new season.

As a final side note, we still have a handful of members who as of this writing have yet to finally pay their 2024 house bills & some for 2024 LTCC charges. We made it easier last year to send the invoices/statements/reminders by email and can see that they have been opened and looked at. Make a point of paying your bills and especially those owing LTCC so that we don't lose our creditability with them to enjoy their club. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

P/C Sue Cassidy

716-807-7913 or susan.cassidy@ima.it



FROM SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP

As your Secretary /Membership Chairman I've spent the first 2 months of 2025 getting immersed in the OYC Board of Directors business, taking notes and writing the minutes of the board meetings. However, as spring arrives, I've been giving more thought to what we can do to attract new members to OYC this year. Our 2025 board has been giving me some suggestions and thought starters and I appreciate that.

My theme for this year's membership campaign is "Friendship, Hospitality, and Fun". I know many of you are thinking "What the ****, that's obvious!", but it may not be to folks who show up at the club for the first time.

Your friendship and hospitality has been experienced by Bonnie and I since we rejoined the club in 2023 after a long absence. We made new friends and got reacquainted with some old ones. I want to pay that forward along with all of you to new people this year. Some yacht clubs have a reputation of being exclusive and somewhat unapproachable, whether perceived or real. Since we've returned, we think this club is more friendly than ever. I don't think we have Thurston Howell III and Bunny Howell types as members, but if we do, we haven't experienced them!

The "Fun" part should be obvious! We have a fantastic natural resource in our own back yard and we enjoy being on the water as much as we can during the season. Our Junior Sailing, Adult Sailing, and our racing programs are significant assets. We have a great restaurant thanks to Chef Julie and her staff; and Pattie, Taylor, and the House Committee have put together a fun filled slate of events for 2025. That includes being a live music venue for our members to enjoy.

What a great story to tell! We are going to expand our publicity in our community to promote OYC, and we need all of you to help out by inviting folks in and showing that hospitality. We are scheduling an Open House in May, so there's a time and place to start. Inviting guests to our new speaker series this year should be fun, and getting new folks to our summer parties can help as well. Maybe taking folks out for some boat rides, watching the races, etc. – I'm looking for lots of ideas so please share them with me!

Stay tuned – 2025 is going to be a lot of fun!

Doug Wintersteen

IT IS AS HARD TO EXPLAIN THE FASCINATION OF THE SEA AS TO EXPLAIN THE BEAUTY OF A WOMAN, FOR, TO EACH MAN, EITHER IT IS SELF EVIDENT, OR NO ARGUMENT CAN HELP HIM SEE IT.

Yacht Cruising, by Claud Worth, 3rd Ed., 1926

I START FROM THE PREMISE THAT NO OBJECT CREATED BY MAN IS A SATISFYING TO HIS BODY AND SOUL AS THE PROPER SAILING YACHT.

The Proper Yacht, by Arthur Beiser 1978

OLCOTT YACHT CLUB

2025 Dues & Initiation Fees Schedule

New York State Sales Tax of 8% will be added to dues and 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 2025 season ******

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

** If members in this category chooses to change membership to Senior or Associate, they will be charged the initiation fee the same as new membership applicants for the respective category.

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JUNIOR SAILING

The Junior Sailing 2025 application and fee schedule is up on the Olcottyachtclub.com website. Happy to say our 2024 staff is returning with Head Instructor: Ella Thibault, Instructors: Gabe Ferreira, Talia Ferreira, and Sienna Bowers. We are adopting a little more focused program with an emphasis on an "Adventure Sail" component with emphasis on pleasure and leisure sailing and a "Racing" component with emphasis on competition. Bill McKenna is taking on coaching the racers who will be traveling to various regattas around Western and Central New York. We will be working with staff to see how the racing "Travel Teams" are put together. We hope to have both 420 and Opti travel teams. Mantel Club is looking at purchasing new regatta sails for the travel racing teams and exploring the purchase of one or two "charter" 420s, boats that come from programs that have used them for one season and are pretty much like new these boats would come with new sails. These boats would be kept aside for use only by the travel race team to various regattas.

We have four good coach boats now and three slips at the Town Marina. So we will be good to go once the sailing season arrives. Looking forward to it.

JUNIOR SAILING FUND RAISERS

SAVE THE DATES:

FRIDAY JUNE 20TH - WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BASKET RAFFLE

SUNDAY JULY 20TH - MANTEL CLUB BASKET RAFFLE AND REVERSE RAFFLE

P/C Mark Cassidy

Olcott Yacht Club

Application for Membership

www.olcottyachtclub.com

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 | ZIP CODE |
| Home Telephone | (____) _____ | | 3. Full Name _____ |
| Cell Phone | (____) _____ | (____) _____ | Date of Birth _____ |
| Other Phone | (____) _____ | (____) _____ | 4. Full Name _____ |
| Email Address | _____ | _____ | Date of Birth _____ |
| Are you a present or past member of another Yacht Club (s): | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | 5. Full Name _____ |
| Where: | _____ | | Date of Birth _____ |

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: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

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

- 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.
- Application must be endorsed by two (2) Senior or Life members.
- Deliver or mail the application to OYC.
- All applications will be posted for a minimum of two weeks.
- At completion of posting period, the application will be returned to the Board of Directors for final approval.

OLCOTT YACHT CLUB
2025 YOUTH BOATING & SAILING REGISTRATION

STUDENT NAME: _____ DOB _____ M ___ F ___
ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **Zip:** _____
STUDENT EMAIL: _____ **CELL#:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____
ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **ZIP:** _____
PARENT EMAIL: _____ **PARENT CELL#:** _____

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ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **ZIP:** _____
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ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME: _____ **RELATIONSHIP:** _____
PHONE (home): _____ **PHONE (cell):** _____

ARE PARENT/GUARDIAN CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF A YACHT CLUB? Y ___ N ___
IF YES, CLUB NAME: _____ (10% DISCOUNT FOR OYC MEMBERS)

PREVIOUS YOUTH SAILING EXPERIENCE:

OF YEARS: _____ OPTI: _____ 420: _____ LASER: _____

OTHER BOATING EXPERIENCE: _____

PLEASE INDICATE YOU'RE SWIMMING ABILITIES:

___ NON ___ RECREATIONAL ___ TREAD WATER ___ COMPETITIVE

T-SHIRT SIZE (circle one): YOUTH: S M L ADULT: XS S M L XL XXL

REGISTRATION: Classes run Monday through Friday 9AM – 4PM

| Session: | Dates: | Session Fee (includes tax): | Deposit: |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| ___ #1 | July 7 to July 18 | \$702 | \$200 |
| ___ #2 | July 21 to August 1 | \$702 | \$200 |
| ___ #3 | August 4 to August 15 | \$702 | \$200 |
| ___ Single Week (Adventure/Learn to Sail Only) | Dates: _____ | \$378 | \$100 |

****PROGRAM PREFERENCE:** ___ Adventure Sailing/Learn to Sail ___ Racing (Coach Approved)
(Select one)

Return this Registration form along with Medical Questionnaire from the website (one each per child) and deposit by mailing to:

Olcott Yacht Club
c/o Youth sailing
P.O. Box 715
Olcott, NY 14126

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Registration can also be done online at www.olcottyachtclub.com



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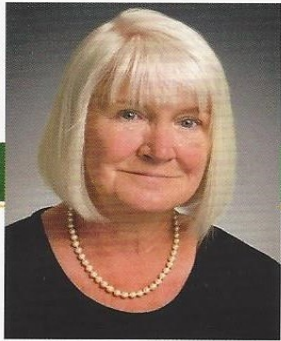


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Up Coming Events

Clean up weekends.:

April 19th/20th & 26th/27th

Friday May 2—Club Opening