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# Scuttlebutt

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## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

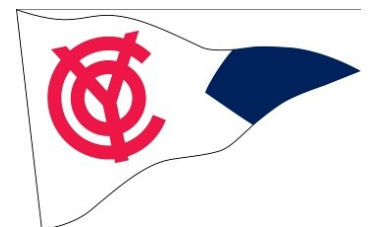
I am honored to become the Commodore of Olcott Yacht Club and will work hard to be up to the task. I want to thank our Past Commodore for all that he did to keep us on course this past year. Our club is a special group of people that give us a close, family-like atmosphere, and I hope to do my part to maintain that atmosphere.

The Board of Directors is working to prepare for the upcoming season. We should, for example, soon see social events and racing schedules coming out. There are some other dates during the off-season that we will need to keep our eye on.

The most impactful of those dates could be the scheduled hearing of the lawsuit on March 6. Our attorney, member Jon Wilson, will be asking the presiding judge to dismiss the case. If this is successful, we can finally be rid of this burden and move forward. We don't know if the judge will make a decision on this request on March 6, or schedule another hearing date. We are all frustrated by how slowly this has progressed, but we will get to the end of it eventually.

Another matter many of us will have to deal with is fulfilling the requirements for licensing of all boaters in the state. This law goes into effect on January 1, 2025. Classes are being offered this spring through the Coast Guard Auxiliary at a cost of \$25 for club members. These sessions will last all day and those completing it will receive their license that day. The schedule is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks to Clark and Barbara Godshall for organizing these classes for all Niagara County boaters.

We are still looking for a member(s) to head up the Adult Sailing program. I have been doing it for 15 years and Mark Cassidy for longer than that. We are both well into our 70s and just don't have the physical abilities (speak for yourself Joe!) anymore. The program has proven to be a good way to recruit new members. It is also a good way to obtain work hours by simply taking people out sailing. We would be happy to help organize and conduct classroom sessions. It is time for younger members to step up and keep this program of over 50 plus years alive. (Con't p. 2)



(Commodore's message con't)

I would like to announce several committee appointments I have made. Sheilah Roehmholdt has again agreed to serve as our Fleet Surgeon and her husband John has agreed to continue to serve as Finance Committee chair. PC Mike Layman has accepted an appointment to the same committee for a three year term, replacing John Raskopf whose term ended this year. A big thanks to John for his service. Additionally, Roy Knapp has agreed to another 7 year term on Long Range Planning and that committee has selected Roy to once again be our chairman.

As we move forward into the new sailing season please know that your suggestions and concerns will be taken seriously by me and the rest of the BOD. I really do feel we have an excellent BOD and I am looking forward to working with them and all of our members.

*Joe Higgins*

### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Currently I am getting up to speed on Rear Commodore responsibilities.

Meeting with Alan Rosenbaum provided guidance in identifying what OYC projects require immediate attention. There are three specific kitchen projects requiring attention prior to OYC opening in May.

Those projects include two separate plumbing issues as well as repainting the kitchen floor. Painting the kitchen floor is all me. In advance, I will thank Paul Elter for his assistance with those plumbing repairs. I must admit that simply painting the kitchen floor will be much easier than replacing the fireplace room floor.

The usual cleanup weekends are scheduled for the last two weekends in April. Feel free to contact me at any time, questions, concerns, offers of help are ALL appreciated!

NOTE: Water at OYC is off during winter months. In the meantime, please avoid using the facilities without confirming they're functional!

*Dan Maxwell*

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact Sue Cassidy if you have any address, phone number or email changes. Do you have a Summer or Winter address? Let us know. Any changes to our Club's fleet of boats?

*The Editor*

### VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Happy New Year. We are already starting to plan and prepare for the 2024 season. I met with our fleet captain to refine our preliminary event calendar for 2024. It may seem early, but we want to get our music entertainment lined up while they have openings in the calendar. In addition, Julie will soon be looking to determine the staffing for 2024.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the house committee members if you would like to support an existing or new event idea. Some of us maybe enjoying the winter as skiers or snowbirds, but before you know it, the sailing season will be here again.

*Alan Rosenbaum*

### FROM THE PAST COMMODORE

As we look forward to Sailing again (I was aboard just a week ago, B4 SNOW!), it's time to think on the coming year & good times at OYC.

Since my chore for the year involves Service Hours, thinking back on that program's History comes to mind. The origin, and intent, was to encourage participation & camaraderie beyond the basics of boating & use of the bar/restaurant. Working at the Club puts members in touch with other active Members they might not otherwise spend time with, as most chores end up being a combination of work and conversation. more often is discussed & planned during "work" than at any official meetings or parties, since there are no other distractions. One gets to know other members on a more personal level, and one also acquires an increased feeling of ownership in the club.

Memories being made, years later we often chat about who did what when, remembering the history of our Club. What gets done hardly matters. Projects tiny & large are of equal importance in the long run, as anything accomplished makes our "Cottage on the Beach" more attractive & useful for all.

Please remember to record at least the minimum hours during the Year, by paper or computer, as the folks with few or no hours recorded are often those contributing most often! Our lovely club would not exist without the huge amount of volunteer labor which keeps it going, and makes it such a congenial place to spend time.

Kudos to our members. As visitors often note, we're one of the most active & welcoming club's on the Lake, thanks to your participation.

P/C Roger Voss

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## FROM SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP

I hope this finds you enjoying a rather unusual, or maybe usual, Buffalo winter. After a very mild November, December, and early January, we certainly have been slammed mid-January. Olcott has escaped thus far, but I hope you are safe and warm in WNY, or in southern climes!

Not much to report this winter, but I would like to remind you we will have an Open House (early June) and hope that you will invite potential members to check out our Club. Keep our summer activities in mind...racing Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Junior Sailing in the summer is a great way to get your kids/grandkids excited about being on the water. Lots of fun activities every week at OYC!

I hope to see you at the Club come late April, early May as we open the Club for the 2024 season!

*Sheila Flanagan*

## MANTEL CLUB

Many thanks to all who supported Mantel Club in its efforts to support our Junior Sailing Program. Our staff is in place for the coming season. We are going with five (5) instructors this year enabling us to more utilize all of our fleets. We are still searching for a third coach boat so we can get all three fleets: 420, Opti and Laser out on the water. I know that's what our staff wants.

Our schedule is in place and as you see we are starting the week after the July 4 holiday to get in a full week.

*P/C Mark Cassidy*

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## LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE 2024

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P/C John Rosenberg  
P/C John Roehmholdt  
Jud Heck  
P/C Mark Cassidy  
P/C Andy Sharp  
EX-OFFICIO  
P/C Roger Voss  
Rear Commodore Dan Maxwell

## FINANCE COMMITTEE 2024

P/C John Roehmholdt, Chairman  
P/C John Rosenberg  
P/C Mike Layman  
Treasurer P/C Sue Cassidy

## FROM THE TREASURER

As we head into February, the days are getting longer, and 2024 open season of the Club gets closer. Your 2024 dues invoices were mailed the beginning of February and the board approved a slight increase to keep up with the fixed expenses of the facility. Dues are the prime source of income for the Club covering all expenses including the largest of insurance, utilities, building & grounds maintenance, equipment repairs, and taxes. While the Club is only open six months, it still must be maintained for twelve.

Currently we STILL have some past dues 2023 House account payments owed. We have had to pay for the food, beverage, and service you received, and it is imperative that these accounts be paid up. House account statements have been mailed repeatedly and emails have been sent so you are aware. We also still have some with member service hours and assessments owed. Please get these payments in.

I would like to clarify some things regarding payments. House account payments (restaurant service) need to be separate from General account payments (dues, member service hours, assessment). An individual check should be sent for each account owed.

- Look at the top of the invoice/statement to see which account it is.
- A payment can be a personal handwritten check **OR** a check you have your bank mail it. Just set up two separate payees in your online banking as OYC - House, OYC - General. It is the same as paying any other bill online that you need to do. Mailing address is still the same: PO Box 715, Olcott, NY 14126.
- Enter a memo on the check for account owed but set up the name printed on check to be "Olcott Yacht Club".

I hope this a bit clearer regarding mailing a check. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me regarding either account.

Sincerely,  
*P/C Sue Cassidy*

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

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST





## ABS Boating Safety Class Schedule - 2024

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 092-03-01 is offering several Boating Safety Classes for 2024. Check below for a convenient class date. Regardless of age and/or experience, ALL New York State boat operators will be required to pass a state-approved boater safety course by January 1, 2025. All jet-ski operators at least 14 years old may operate a PWC and must successfully complete an ABS Course. Don't wait as classes are filling up. There is no guarantee that more classes will be added.

Classes are held on Saturdays.

Date	Place	Time	Contact
March 2, 2024	Wilson Central School District 374 Lake Street Wilson, NY 14172	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, <a href="mailto:bgodshall9211@gmail.com">bgodshall9211@gmail.com</a> 716-795-9496
April 13, 2024	Fort Niagara State Park Fort Niagara Officer's Club Youngstown, NY	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, <a href="mailto:bgodshall9211@gmail.com">bgodshall9211@gmail.com</a> 716-795-9496
May 11, 2024	Inner Harbor Yacht Club 50 Fillmore Avenue Tonawanda, NY 14150	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, <a href="mailto:bgodshall9211@gmail.com">bgodshall9211@gmail.com</a> 716-795-9496
June 15, 2024	Fort Niagara State Park Fort Niagara Officer's Club Youngstown, NY	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, <a href="mailto:bgodshall9211@gmail.com">bgodshall9211@gmail.com</a> 716-795-9496



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Session 2: July 22 to August 2

Session 3: August 5 to August 16

### Fee:

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For further questions or information contact:

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Mark Cassidy  
Program Committee  
Chairman  
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For online registration and program information, visit the Olcott Yacht Club website at:

[www.olcottyachtclub.com](http://www.olcottyachtclub.com)

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



**OLCOTT YACHT CLUB  
2024 YOUTH BOATING & SAILING REGISTRATION**

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**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE (home):** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE (cell):** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**# OF YEARS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OPTI:** \_\_\_ **420:** \_\_\_ **LASER:** \_\_\_

**PREVIOUS BOATING EXPERIENCE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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ADULT XS S M L XL XXL

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

<b>Regular Sessions:</b>	<b>Session Fee:</b>	<b>Deposit:</b>
___ #1 July 8 to July 19	\$625	\$200
___ #2 July 22 to August 2	\$625	\$200
___ #3 August 5 to August 16	\$625	\$200
___ **Register for <b>ANY</b> 2 sessions: Indicate sessions by selecting above	\$1200	\$400
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