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# Scuttlebutt

November/December, 2020



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE ...

We all made it through the 2020 boating season, and what a strange and unique one it was for Olcott Yacht Club! This is the centennial year for OYC, celebrating one hundred years of sailing and socializing along the shore of Lake Ontario. It is a milestone we should all be proud of, and we had planned to celebrate it in grand style, but the outside world intervened.

The year started with concerns about a return of high water levels but that never happened. Instead the COVID 19 pandemic gripped the world and changed everything about 2020 and Olcott could not escape its effects. Grand celebrations became only a fantasy as social distancing became society's modus operandi. The Club's social calendar was totally redone and the House operations changed.

The most important thing to remember about this year is that OYC had a season – the Club opened, the boats were launched, food and drink were served, meetings were held, sailing races were conducted. Back in April we didn't know if any of that could take place. It was a challenge but the membership did what was needed to make it all happen. We should all be proud of our efforts.

In the midst of all this the Club was given an opportunity to build a new clubhouse with the assistance of a large grant from New York State. Committees have been working diligently on plans and arrangements to make this a reality. A vote to approve the funding plan and move forward will occur at the Annual Meeting in December.

OYC finished the season open and functioning and with a modest operating surplus. We got through this hard year. Now we look forward to next year and OYC's next century with optimism and hope. We should all be proud of the roles we are about to play.

I wish to thank all of the Board members who worked so hard to make this season happen and I hope you know how much you are appreciated.

For my part, I have been proud to serve as your Commodore in this unique year.

*John Roehmholdt*



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

We completed our shortened season with Trophy Night on Oct. 17th. We had 65 members and guests attending and Jenn Dilorenzo catering.

Thank you all for supporting the House operation this past season. It was far from normal but we were able to cover all expenses and show a positive balance to the best of my knowledge. I am writing this in advance of closing finance numbers. Hopefully we will be able to get those numbers before Scuttlebutt goes to press. We have the final numbers and the house operation ended up with a \$3000+ surplus.

To all who volunteered tending bar, running food to tables, helping with the finances and any other contribution, you are the reason we are not draining the treasury. A special thank you to all.

*P/C Mike Layman*  
716 622 1304

## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

A huge thank you to Membership this year, in what was certainly a unique season, for making the best of things!

Club cleanup occurred on 10/24, and was a great success. Thank you to those that were able to assist! Looking forward to next year!

*Chris Eglin*  
[ceglin@buffalo.edu](mailto:ceglin@buffalo.edu)

## FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

Well...That's all folks!! The season has ended, the boats are put away and the trophies have been handed out. It's kind of a sad segment of time until we start thinking about getting our boats ready for next year. It usually hits me the first warm day in March and I think to myself, "it wouldn't be too bad out there right now, maybe a little cold..." Anyway there are so many to thank for such a successful season especially with the state of things even today. Trophy night was a great success with special thanks to Mike Layman for coordinating the event, Sue Cassidy for all the behind the scenes math to calculate the season totals and Sue and Marie Sharp for pretty much setting up all of the awards and presentations for the night. Also want to recognize Jennifer DiLorenzo who catered this year's trophy night who did an outstanding job, the food was great, thank you Jen! Here are the 4 special awards and you're 2020 Club Champions:

Kathy Heck Memorial - Sara Capen

Sportsman of the year - Pete Patterson

Yachtsman of the year - Tom Beilein

Seneca Trophy - Mike Layman

PHRF 1 Club Champion - Paul Elter *Live Action*

PHRF 2 Champion - Roger Voss *Puffin*

Women's Club Chrystal Sharp *Switch*

Thank you again to all who have given me so much advice, support and help this whole season and most importantly to all the racers and boat owners for coming out and enjoying the summer with us, I hope next year can be as great as this past one.

*Jason Cramer*  
[cramer9@roadrunner.com](mailto:cramer9@roadrunner.com)

VICE COMMODORE MIKE LAYMAN RECOGNIZED  
WITH THE SENECA TROPHY FOR THE GREATEST  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE CLUB



# TROPHY NIGHT

ANDY SHARP AND *SWITCH* SPINNAKER  
DIVISION FOR LYRA AND FIRST OVERALL  
AND NEWTON CUP



ROGER VOSS DIVISION TWO CHAMPION,  
PAST COMMODORE'S CUP

TEAM *RAPPAREE*—MARK AND SUE CASSIDY , BILL RUSSELL  
AND LISA HOUSE  
LYRA NFS FIRST AND FIRST OVERALL, AND NEWTON CUP



SARA CAPIN  
KATHY HECK MEMORIAL TROPHY

PETE PATTERSON  
SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



WE GOT MARIE SOME PEPSI BUT SHE DECIDED TO HAVE CHAMPAGNE

**Official Absentee Ballot – Election of 2021 Board of Directors**

(See instructions for filing Absentee Ballot)

**~ Olcott Yacht Club Annual Membership Meeting ~**

**Sunday December 13, 2020 @ 12:00 PM**

Calhoon's Pub, 2598 Main St, Newfane, Burt NY

Vote for **THREE** (3) candidates only

Place an 'X' before the name of the candidate(s) or write-ins for whom you are voting for.  
Ballots, on which more or less names are voted than there are offices to be filled,  
shall be voided.

Candidates: Vote for (3) Candidates Only

Write-Ins:

\_\_\_ Mike Capen (Associate)

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\_\_\_ Chris Eglin (Senior – Boat Owner)

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\_\_\_ Wendy Herman (Senior – Boat Owner)

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**Ballot must be mailed and post marked by November 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Ballot must be placed in an unmarked sealed envelope then  
placed inside another envelope and addressed to:**

OYC Commodore  
Olcott Yacht Club  
P.O. Box 715  
Olcott, NY 14126

**Outside envelope must have member's name casting the absentee ballot.**

**\*\*All absentee ballots count toward meeting quorum\*\***

**This is in accordance with the Constitution and By-Lays for  
"Absentee Voting Requirements and Procedures for Election of Directors"**

**2020 Annual General Membership Meeting Agenda**  
**Sunday December 13, 2020 @ 12:00 PM**  
**Calhoon's Pub, 2598 Main St. Newfane, NY**

Call to Order  
Determine quorum  
Approval of 2020 Mid-season Membership Meeting Minutes

Board of Director Reports:

Commodore  
Vice Commodore  
Rear Commodore  
Fleet Captain – Racing  
Fleet Captain – Jr. Sailing  
Secretary/Communications  
Treasurer  
Director – Membership  
Director - Special Projects  
Past Commodore – Member Service Program  
Other Club Committee Reports

Old Business:

New Business:

- New Building Funding Approval
- Election of 2021 Board of Directors

Adjournment

**ABSENTEE VOTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**  
**FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (OYC By-Laws 14 JUL 13)**

If unable to attend and are voting by absentee ballot, please read the following:

- The Club Secretary shall make available on the Club website a ballot containing the complete slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors, including space for write-in candidates, no later than **November 1** preceding the Annual meeting.
- In order to be counted, completed absentee ballots shall have been mailed and postmarked no later than **November 21** preceding the Annual meeting.
- Per Article VIII, Section 6 of the Constitution: Ballots, on which more or less names are voted than there are offices to be filled, shall be voided.
- The absentee balloting procedure is designed to be blind, that is not to divulge the identity of the member casting the vote.
- The member voting by absentee ballot shall complete the printed ballot and place it in an unmarked sealed envelope then placed inside of another envelope addressed to:

**Olcott Yacht Club, Attn: OYC Commodore**  
**P.O. Box 715**  
**Olcott, NY 14126**  
re: Election

**NOTE:** The outermost envelope should clearly identify the member casting the absentee ballot. The unopened absentee ballot shall be kept with the original envelope until the Annual meeting. At that time, if it is determined that the member is in good standing, the absentee ballot envelope shall be marked with the membership class of the voting member. When the election vote is tallied, these absentee ballot envelopes shall be opened and the vote cast and weighted in accordance with the membership class of the voting member.

Dear Members of Olcott Yacht Club,

I would like to thank you for your generous help and blessings given to Bud and I at the time we needed it the most. As many of you know, Bud had a stroke in March of 2010 that left him blind. We continued to do the things we had always done, which included being at the club. On one of our first visits that summer, Bud had to go to the bathroom. I brought him to the hallway outside the men's room, I stopped short, now what do I do? I didn't feel comfortable to go inside the men's room, but I also didn't know how any ladies would feel if I brought him in there. I was frozen, when Paul appeared out of nowhere and offered to take Bud into the men's room. Thank you, Paul.

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, I was diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer. Thanks to Lela Lathrop and Denise McKnight, they reached out to all of you to give us a helping hand. What a blessing and generous gift that turned out to be. I want to tell you what a pleasant surprise it was for me to see the many meals delivered by you and the offers to stay with Bud while I had my chemo treatments or to accompany me up to Roswell Park for the 6 hours of treatments. I even had one member who was willing to drive down to Lockport, 40 minutes from his home, take me to Roswell for the day, bring me back home and then return to his home. I decline his help. I just recently apologized to him.

Sometimes it is hard to except help, you feel like you are putting someone else on the spot. Not only did I get help with all of the above, but also several members cleaned our yard and took out and cleaned all the pool toys. It was a crazy time, and I might have missed someone or some other help, but we made it through, thanks to all of you. I have been so grateful for all of your help, support, and prayers through all of that. I feel now I am a miracle to be alive and believe with all my heart that you had a helping hand in that. Sorry it has taken me 10 years to say thank you, but I have thought of all of you all these years.

God Bless,

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## WEBSITE "MEMBERS AREA" UPDATE

A "New Clubhouse" page has been added to the "Members Area" of the OYC website ([www.olcottyachtclub.com/](http://www.olcottyachtclub.com/)). In addition to the original design drawings from 2018, there are recent sketches of a down-sized version, and minutes plus Q&A from the October 4th special meeting available for viewing/downloading. There also is an online form for submitting additional questions and comments. As new information is developed, the page will be updated. Website pages in the "Members Area" are accessible only to registered OYC members. If you are one of the 30+ folks who have already registered for "Members Area" access on the new website (in April or later this year), you should be able to access the page by selecting "New Clubhouse" from the menu and signing in with your email address and password on the "Log In" screen. NOTE: if you registered for member access on the old website (pre April 2020), you will have to register again on the new website, as we were not able to carry over that information. Sorry about that!

If you have not yet registered for "Members Area" access on the new website, you may do so via the "Log In" screen by selecting "Sign Up" after the "New to this site?" prompt. This will bring up a "Sign Up" screen which requires entry of your first name, last name, email address, and a password of your choosing. Clicking "Submit" will send the request to the Webmaster for approval; a response is typically sent within 24 hours.

As a reminder, the "Member Information" page in the "Members Area" is one of the places you can find the Absentee Ballot (with instruction) for the December Annual Membership Meeting, as well as current electronic copies of the Club's Constitution, By-laws, and Member Directory. Coming soon: an additional "Members Area" page with information on the Town's breakwater project and other harbor area resiliency efforts.

Webmaster Roy Knapp ([rdknapp1@verizon.net](mailto:rdknapp1@verizon.net))

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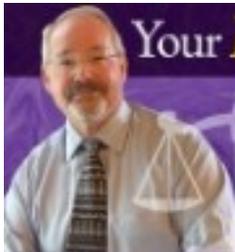
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## **OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

November 1 - Absentee Ballot Available

November 10 - Board Meeting

November 15 - Member Service Hours of Submission Deadline

November 21- Absentee Ballot (post marked) Deadline

December 13 Annual Member Meeting and Election

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