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# Scuttlebutt

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### COMMODORE'S MESSAGE ...

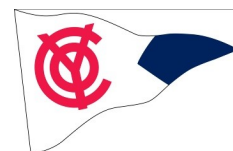
It is hard to believe that we are already a month into the Yacht Club season! That of course means that most of our boats are in the water (or close to it), and sailing season is about to begin. Whether you're a novice cruiser, or a seasoned veteran racer, we do hope to see you on the racecourse! Fleet Captain (Racing) Jason Cramer has a great race schedule lined up that will include some "fun" races throughout the year (not that all races aren't fun)!

Additionally, as we move into June, the Club will be open more days, and more hours! So we hope you come out to the club and join us in the Grog Room, Dining Room, or on The Patio for some of the best waterfront views this side of the mighty Eighteen Mile!

As always, as this Club is your Club, please don't hesitate to reach out and let me know if you have any suggestions or thoughts on how to make the Club an even more inviting place for all of us.

I hope you have an excellent June!

*Chris Eglin*



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

Well we have made it through the cold east winds of May and are looking for much warmer weather in June. The club will be opening now from Wednesday through Sunday as the racing season kicks into full gear. Come join us on June 11th for our signature event of the year, The Commodores Ball, where we will be honoring Chris Eglin with a gala night featuring the wonderful sounds of Rock Angel once again. Be prepared to enjoy a wonderful dinner prepared by Jen Dilorenzo and her crew for this year's ball.

The Olcott Solstice race on the south shore of lake Ontario will be taking place on the 17th and 18th and continues to attract more sailors each year. Get your Flags ready to decorate your boat for our traditional Sail Past by Commodore Eglin and our blessing of the fleet. Julie has started out the season with some great dishes, so come down and enjoy the sunsets from the dining room while you enjoy a great meal with friends. Meghan has created some late night happy hours Friday and Saturday, so if you are hungry for a late night snack stop down.

We look forward to seeing you at the club!

*Michael Capen*  
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## From the Board of Directors . . .

Dear Members,

As we begin our outdoor season, please let's work together to present the best image of Olcott Yacht Club to our guests, and to each other.

We play host to a wide range of ages from preschool children to octogenarians. We also have visitors that are fellow yachters from other clubs, and guests of members. We define OYC by how we present ourselves.

The Board recognizes that smoking, and drinking, are perfectly legal, but we also recognize the need to ensure that our behavior is reasonable. We ask you to help us, this season, and every season, put our best foot forward by avoiding language that is inappropriate, smoking downwind from others, and consuming in moderation.

OYC is a family, think about how you'd like your family treated, and let's treat each other that way.

Sincerely,

The Olcott Yacht Club Board of Directors

## FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

The boats are launching and the racing season is here. I am really looking forward to this years season as we have had a few new boats show up this off season that is helping increase our fleet.. I am still hoping to also see some of our nontraditional racers come out and join the fleet for some events this year including a first timers regatta, with the intention to have traditional racers take a back seat and join others for tips and pointers on the course.

The racing program feels like we are growing all while having a great time on the water. I hope anyone interested will look to join us on the course. If you haven't all viewed the schedule posted on the OYC website already I would like to highlight a few of the races.

The third running of the OYC Solstice race will be held this June 17th – 18th. We are always looking for volunteers for donations, race committee and also general event operation. The signup is live on [Yachtscoring.com](http://Yachtscoring.com) and we are hoping for a few new faces this year. This years race also counts towards the overall PHRF championship as a qualifier possibly making it appealing to some additional out of town racers.

We are also co-hosting the return of an old South Shore classic...The Olcott Stomp. This will feature a weekend of distance and course racing between Olcott and Youngstown. The Stomp will be August 5th-7th with OYC hosting a post race party on Saturday the 6th.

Even with a full schedule I plan to throw in some impromptu special races with a few twists to keep the fleet on their toes!! Stay tuned..... Hope to see you all out on the water.

*Jason Cramer*

## MEMBERSHIP ...

Please welcome the following new members:

Tom (Tonia) Pearse – Senior

Tyler Quirk (Tom Lowe) – Associate

The Board of Directors has approved the following application for posting:

Jim (Lynn) Bewley

Associate

Sponsors: Vic Thibault, Chrystal Sharp

## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

It's Great to be back at the OPEN Club, tx again to all who helped with the many chores needed to accomplish that again!

With all that's happened the last few years, there's a new Reality Show going on at OYC.

Title of the Show is "This Old House", as we now have a few more projects on the list to keep it functional this year.

Volunteers (Paul Elter, Sheila Flanagan, Nick Southard) are already at work on kitchen/visitors bath/kayak rack repairs, but we have some structural issues with floors/walls that can use Carpentry help, along with cleaning/painting etc. as the work is done.

With the Club open, our working time is limited to closed days & mornings, as we coordinate with the Staff to keep the Club fully functional.

Volunteers are essential as ever to minimize our expenses, and leaders who take on particular tasks even more so! Feel free to contact me or any of the Building & Grounds Committee members for details; between us it'll all get done.

*Roger Voss*  
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## JUNIOR SAILING ...

Head Instructor this season is Clair Lewis. Clair has spent many seasons sailing and racing in the OYC Junior program and was an instructor last season. Assisting Clair will be Instructors Gabe Ferreira and Ella Thibault. Both veterans of our program. We will have two Counselor's-In-Training helping the instructors this year Natalee Criswell and Sienna Bowers.

Applications are coming in.

*Vic Thibault*  
Fleet Captain Junior Sailing  
*Mark Cassidy*  
Chairman Junior Sailing Committee

## SPECIAL PROJECTS ...

Earlier this spring repairing the existing gaps in the first row of batter boards fronting the Olcott Yacht Club was identified as a priority.

From the haul-out slip to OYC's north end these gaps represent a total of eighty-six (86') feet of exposed steel. Save for temporary fenders nothing stands between the hull of any of our vessels and the solid steel in each of these currently existing gaps. The white oak boards required, custom milled from logs by J.B. Lumber, were delivered to the club last week. Each of these boards are a true 3"x9" in 10' lengths. The process of measuring, re-measuring, cutting, drilling holes and finally actually securing these new batter boards in place should begin reasonably soon.

I was presented with an opportunity to accompany some lifelong friends on a 5-day golf excursion in Myrtle Beach, S.C. It was an offer I just couldn't refuse. So as I sit here gazing out over the Atlantic Ocean, reasonably soon will remain the target date for continuing this project.

*Dan Maxwell*  
*Special Projects*

## PAST COMMODORE'S REPORT...

Service hours are coming in slowly but surely. Email is the best way to submit them but i did check the mailbox in the lobby and found 8 hours from April of 2019. Send your time to [Oychours@gmail.com](mailto:Oychours@gmail.com)

*P/C Mike Layman*  
716 622 1304

## SAIL PAST & FLEET BLESSING

Saturday June 25th , 4 PM


Dress you ship to salute Commodore Chris Eglin with the Fleet review  
Hors D'oeuvre Reception following

## The Olcott Mantel Club is now partnered with AmazonSmile!

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support the OYC Junior Sailing Program every time you shop on Amazon, at no cost to you.

When you shop via [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and select The Olcott Mantel Club as your charity of choice, you'll find the exact same low prices and selection as [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible pOYCHours@gmail.com

# OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Commodore's Ball 2022 Saturday June 11th Hors d'oeuvres 5:30 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM Music with "Rock Angel" Reservations Required by June 4th - Black Tie Optional			Southshore Solstice Race Friday June 17th			
 OYC Sail Past & Blessing of the Fleet ~ Saturday June 25th, 4pm ~ All Welcome! Enjoy from the patio			1 Wed A1 6:30 PM	2	3	4
5 Sunday A1 10:20 AM	6 CLOSED	7 Adult Sailing	8 Wed A2 6:30 PM	9 Women's #1 6:30 PM Mantel Club	10	11 Commodore's Ball Adult Sailing
12 Sunday A2 & 3 10:20 AM	13 CLOSED	14 Adult Sailing	15 Wed A3 6:30 PM	16 Women's #2 6:30 PM	17 Southshore Solstice Race	18 Adult Sailing
19 Cook Trophy 10:20 AM Happy Father's Day	20 CLOSED	21 Adult Sailing	22 Wed A4 6:30 PM	23 Women's White 6:30 PM	24	25 Sail Past & Fleet Blessing
26 Sunday B1 10:20 AM	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 Wed A5 6:30 PM	30 Women's #4 6:30 PM		
JULY 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mid-Season Membership Mtg. Sunday July 17th, 11 am			"FIREWORKS OVER OLCOTT" Sunday July 3rd Members must show Card, Guests require Gate Pass			
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3 Fireworks "DJ Miles" 8 - 11 pm	4 Club Closed	5 Jr. Sailing Session #1 Starts Club Closed	6 Wed B1 6:30 PM	7 Women's #4 6:30 PM	8	9 Karaoke Night
10 Sunday B2 & 3 10:20 AM	11 Club Closed	12 Club Closed	13 Wed B2 6:30 PM	14 Women's Shafer Distance 6:30 PM Mantel Club	15 Open Race Jr. Sailing Session #1 Ends	16 New Members Night "MJ & The Way"
17 Mid-year Mtg 11 AM JR Sail Fundraiser 1PM	18 Jr. Sailing Session #2 Starts Club Closed	19 Club Closed	20 Wed B3 6:30 PM	21 Women's #5 6:30 PM	22	23 CanAm (YYC)
24 CanAm (YYC)	25 Club Closed	26 Club Closed	27	28	29 Jr. Sailing Session #2 Ends	30 LYRA (Sodus Bay)
31 LYRA (Sodus Bay)	New Members Night Saturday July 16th, 5:30 pm Come say hi! Music with "MJ & The Way"		Junior Sailing "Reverse Raffle" & Basket Auction Sunday July 17th, Music & Fun start at 1PM Get your Tickets Soon!!			

## TO ALL MEMBERS

Olcott Yacht Club continues to strive to be as COVID-safe as possible. As such, we remind Members to continue to observe current CDC guidelines regarding isolation and quarantine, including refraining from entering the Club if positive for COVID. CDC Guidelines, as applied to OYC specifically, are as follows:

- It is the expectation that Members and Guests visiting OYC are fully vaccinated, including boosters.
- If you have tested positive for COVID, and/or develop COVID symptoms, please refrain from visiting OYC for ten (10) days from the initial positive test and/or symptom onset, whichever is later.
- If you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID, please wear a mask when visiting OYC for ten (10) days following the close contact.

The full set of CDC recommendations that are directing our guidelines can be found on the CDC's website.

Thank you for helping to keep OYC as safe as possible for all Members.

*Commodore Chris Eglin*

### NEW BUILDING UPDATE MEETING

There will be a meeting of anyone interested in discussing the new clubhouse at 4 pm on Saturday, June 4th.

We need to decide what direction we will pursue as our Niagara County IDA agreement for sales tax relief expires in August.

Other topics to be discussed will be:

1. Investors
2. Cost of Materials
3. State extension
4. Civil Case

*P/C Mike Layman*

### SUMMER HOURS

Wednesday/Thursday  
Bar 5 to 11 / Restaurant 5 to 9:30

Friday  
Bar: 5 to 11 / Restaurant 5 to 9

Saturday  
Bar: 2 to 12 / Restaurant 2 to 9

Sunday  
Bar: Noon to 6 / Restaurant Noon to 5

Closed Monday and Tuesday

### COMMODORE'S BALL

Saturday the Eleventh of June to honor  
Commodore Chris Eglin

5:30 Cocktail & Hors d'Oeuvre Reception  
7 PM Dinner  
Music & Dancing with "Rock Angel"

\$60 per person

Please RSVP with Dinner Selection on or before  
Saturday June 4th

Call/Text Jen [716] 531-6954

Email: [Jens.catering@yahoo.com](mailto:Jens.catering@yahoo.com)

Or

See the bartender

Black Tie or Blazer

### FROM THE EDITOR ...

A giant thank you to the Haul & Launch Committee and all of the members who support our Haul/Launch and Store operation. It's the volunteer nature of OYC that bolsters and exemplifies camaraderie and nature of our club.

Friends visiting from some of the neighboring bigger clubs have often commented to me on the number and scope of our equipment and the size of our operation.



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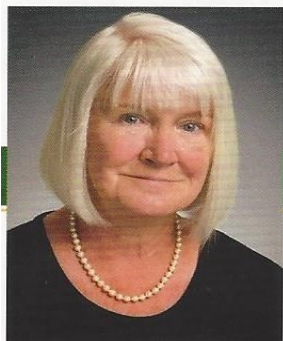
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#### Events

New Building Update Meeting -  
Saturday June 4th: 4 PM

Commodore's Ball -  
Saturday June 11th

South Shore Solstice Race  
Friday June 17th

Sail Past and Fleet Blessing -  
Saturday June 25th 4 PM