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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Charting New Horizons

Good evening.

It is an honor to stand amongst you as your Commodore. I want to take a moment before we get into tonight's celebration to reflect on the significant history of our Club—and look ahead to the horizons that await us. When asked about a theme for this year, I found myself drawn to two ideas: progression and wanderlust. *Charting New Horizons* captures both perfectly.

Unless you looked closely at the design on the Commodore's Ball posters you may not have noticed that it is made up of a ship's wheel, a gear and a compass. When combined, these symbols can tell a powerful story:

- **The compass rose** provides the **destination or guiding principles**.
- **The ship's wheel** provides the **ability to choose and direct the course**.

The gear provides the **work and mechanisms needed to move forward**.

More than a century ago, a group of old salts set out with a vision they could never have imagined would endure for generations. They established the first coordinates on a chart that would guide this Club for over 100 years. Today, we are the stewards of that legacy.

Over the decades, countless members have added their own marks to that chart. They weathered storms, navigated changing tides, and adapted to shifting currents. Through times of prosperity and challenge, they remained steadfast in their commitment to our mission. Because of their leadership and perseverance, our club has not only endured—it has flourished.

Every successful voyage depends on recognizing key waypoints along the route. As we look back, we can see many such milestones: moments of growth, innovation, evolution, and impact that helped define who we are today. Each achievement represented a point on our chart - a marker that confirmed we were moving in the right direction and inspired us to continue forward.

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Yet any experienced navigator knows that no voyage follows a perfectly straight line. Conditions change. Winds shift. Unexpected obstacles appear on the horizon. The most successful captains are not those who rigidly hold course regardless of circumstances, but those who understand when adjustments are necessary. They continually assess their position, take new bearings, and make thoughtful course corrections while remaining true to their destination.

As the world evolved, so did we. We embraced new ideas, welcomed new generations of sailors, adopted new technologies, and found new ways to serve our members and the boating communities. We adjusted our sails when necessary, not because we had lost our direction, but because we were committed to reaching our destination more effectively.

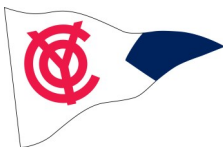
Today, we find ourselves at another important waypoint.

As we chart the course for the years ahead, we must remain willing to explore new waters, seek out new harbors, and trust in the next generations who will one day take the helm.

The future will not be defined solely by where we have been, but by the courage we demonstrate in determining where we will go next. To succeed, we must recognize that our greatest strength lies not in any one individual, but in the diverse talents, experiences, perspectives, and skills of the people who make up our community.

Every member contributes something unique to our voyage. Some are visionaries who help us see beyond the horizon. Others are problem-solvers who help us navigate challenges and changing conditions. Many quietly dedicate their time, expertise, and energy behind the scenes, ensuring that our course remains true and our club remains strong. It is through the combination of these different strengths that we are able to accomplish far more together than any of us could alone. As we look toward the future, let us continue to foster an environment where every voice is valued, every contribution is respected, and every member feels a sense of belonging and purpose. By embracing the diversity of our people and drawing upon the collective wisdom of our membership, we sustain a club that is resilient, innovative, and prepared for whatever lies ahead.

The horizon has always beckoned sailors to discover what lies beyond the next wave, and it calls to us now. With confidence in one another and faith in the course we chart together, I can think of no better way to enter the 2026 season than with these words from Captain Jack Sparrow:



"Now, bring me that horizon."

Pattie

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

Well, the season is finally warming up; welcome summer! I hope you have been down to the club; we are receiving rave reviews about the food, our staff (who are mainly new), and the events we have held so far.

Commodore's Ball was a huge success. We were able to honor our 2026 Commodore, Pattie, have a delicious meal and dance the night away...and the weather was perfect! Special thanks to Marie Sharp, Judy Coppola, and Sienna Bower for the beautiful dining room!) The Women's Yachting Association held their annual basket auction, and at last count there were 55+ baskets! Racing, Open House (a huge success for our guest chef, Ella Thibault), and Jim Sansone and Friends Jazz rounded out the month. As I write this, I am hoping for good weather for Sail Past. I hope you'll join us!

Coming up July 3rd is our big patio party to celebrate America's 250th. Picnic on the patio (CASH ONLY, please), special menu with upstairs only seating at 6:00 and 8:00 (please make reservations), music from 5:00-7:00 and 8:00-11:00, and of course, fireworks on the pier at 10:00! Please note the club will be closed July 4th.

July events also include our bonfire on the beach with flag retirement (10th), AGM and Junior Sailing Fundraiser (19th), New Member Night (25th), and a new event hosted by Jen DiLorenzo, BBQ and Beach Whistles (26th). And, of course, racing Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Keep an eye on your favorite OYC information source for all the events and details as they come about!

Please think about planning your meetings or events at OYC. Make reservations for dinner upstairs on Friday and Saturday, and as always, if you have a concern or suggestion, please let me know! And, a big thanks to the House Committee for all the help in making OYC 2026 a summer to remember!

Sheila Flanagan



FROM THE PAST COMMODORE

It's been a great summer so far at OYC. Comfortable temperatures, steady wind for good sailing, and plenty of sunny days to enjoy the OYC patio.

I will continue to publish monthly year-to-date service hour summaries based upon member reported service hours via paper slips in the box by the club house entrance or via E-mail to olcottyachtclubservicehours@gmail.com.

Also, I wanted to make members aware of some recent By-Law changes approved by the Board related to service hours. See below in bold.

Members Service Program:

Senior and Associate Members are required to contribute 10 service hours per season per Article IV, Section 26. Unworked hours will be billed at a rate of **\$25** per hour.

Members age eighty years (80) and over are encouraged but no longer expected to contribute service hours. Members of any age who are unable to perform annual service hours, may request an exemption by formal request in writing to the Immediate Past Commodore on the Board of Directors. The member will provide a minimal amount of health information needed to validate the request and all information will be held to HIPAA protections. If approved by the board, the member will be exempt from service hour obligations for that calendar year. (15 APR 26).

Lastly, if you need some ideas for service hours, please complete the online survey (see below). This will be used to help me match member interests and skills with opportunities to earn service hours.

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I hope to see you soon at the club soon. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

P/C Alan Rosenbaum

WOMAN'S YACHTING ASSOCIATION

The Women's Yachting Association would like to thank everyone who supported our annual "Women's Invitational Social and Basket Raffle" held on Friday, June 19th by either donating a basket, bringing an hors d'oeuvre, or by attending this year's event and purchasing tickets! We had over 50 great baskets: gift certificates, jewelry, wine and food baskets, items for children, plants, etc. We made \$935.00 for our Junior Sailing Scholarship Fund. It was wonderful to see everyone having a great time socializing!

Thank you, Marie Sharp, Mamie Winter, Sue Cassidy, Cathi Higgins, and Diane Seaman for your assistance.

We greatly appreciate all the support given to this event and look forward to next year. For 27 years we have been able to support many children, who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to learn the sport of sailing through our scholarships.

Once again, thank you everyone. Please be sure to take credit for helping by submitting your service hours (two hours for each basket or hors d'oeuvre).

Linda Rosenbaum
Chairperson

MANTEL CLUB – REVERSE RAFFLE & BASKET RAFFLE

The Olcott Mantel Club is holding its annual junior sailing fundraiser "**Raise and Sail**" on Sunday July 19th beginning at 1pm. This is a reverse raffle where the last ticket drawn is the big winner. Top prize is \$500! Other prizes are a \$200 draw, two for \$100 and six for \$50. We **ONLY** sell 150 tickets at \$20 each and many of the tickets have already been sold! If you would like a ticket, please contact Sue Cassidy at 716-807-7913.

Along with the reverse raffle, there also is a basket raffle, a 50/50 and music all afternoon with Joe Higgins. If you can donate a basket for the event, we will accept them beginning Wednesday July 15th. Tickets will be on sale that day as well with the drawings starting at 4pm on July 19th. Everyone is welcome to come for the fun, so bring your family and friends. All proceeds help to support keeping the junior sailing program on the water. It is a great afternoon to enjoy.

P/C Sue Cassidy
Event Organizer

ALAN AND LINDA SETTING UP HORS D'OEUVRES TABLE



SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership –
Accepted to membership is David Sheffield, Associate

Current posting for membership:
Dan (Monica) Tronolone , Associate

Sponsors are: Marie Sharp and Betsy McAllister

New members night is Saturday July 25th, music with
Mike & Mandy from 7 – 10pm

“Fair Winds”

Doug Wintersteen

FROM THE MANTEL CLUB

Mantel Club is on board to purchase two “Charter” 420s. These are boats that are used for a couple of events and sold for a considerable savings from new. The boats come with new sails, a hull cover, a rudder sleeve for transport and a dolly. These boats will be used strictly for regattas with our racing team

This year Mantel Club is also covering the cost of CPR training for our six Junior instructors.

The support of Mantel Club and our club members enables OYC Juniors to compete with bigger clubs like Youngstown, Buffalo, Rochester, Sodus Bay and others.

Come down and support the Junior Sailing fund raiser on Sunday July 19th at the Raise a Sail fund raiser event.

We would like to thank Mike Taheri and Tim Sylvester for their generous contributions to Mantel Club this season.

P/C Mark Cassidy

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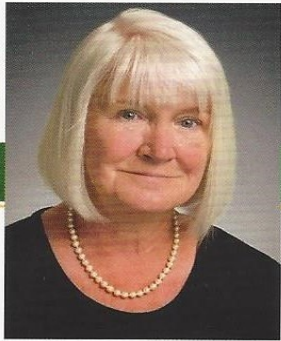
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**2026 Mid-Year Membership Meeting Agenda
Sunday July 19, 2026 11am @ OYC**

Call to Order
Determine quorum (Secretary)
Approval of 2025 AGM Membership Meeting Minutes

Board of Director Reports:

Commodore (P. Schneider)
Vice Commodore (S. Flanagan)
Rear Commodore (C. Masters)
Fleet Captain – Racing (E. Schwarzkopf)
Fleet Captain – Jr. Sailing (Ta. Sukdolak)
Secretary/Membership (D. Wintersteen)
Treasurer (S. Cassidy)
Director – Asst. Treasurer House Accounts (J. Sikorski)
Director - Special Projects (To. Sukdolak)
Past Commodore – Member Service Program (A. Rosenbaum)
Other Club Committee Reports:

Old Business:

New Business:

Proposed Constitution changes (see separate sheet)

Adjournment

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Up Coming Events

Friday July 3 - Fireworks/Music
Sunday July 5 - Rafting Party
Friday July 10 - Bonfire on the Beach
Sunday July 19 - Mid-Year Meeting 11
Reverse Raffle 1 PM
Saturday July 25 - New Members Night
“Mike & Mandy”
Sunday July 26 - “BBQ & Beach
Beachwhistles” 2-5
Saturday Aug 1 - Music “Nite Cruise”
Sunday Aug 2 - Olcott Stomp Race

2026 Proposed Constitutional Changes

Mid-Season Membership Meeting 19 JUL 26

(changes italicized under 'change to')

Article IV – Membership

Section 13b: Changing application sponsors to add Associate

WAS:

- 13.b The application for membership must be made in writing and signed by the applicant; provides biographic data and is in agreement to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club, as amended. The application must be endorsed by two (2) Senior or Life members of the Club, and such application shall be subject to any procedures prescribed by the By-laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution.

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Article VII - Officers

To change flag officer Fleet Captain – Junior Sailing to Fleet Captain – Sailing Instruction where required

Section 1 -

WAS:

The Board shall, at the regular meeting thereof next succeeding the annual meeting of the Club, at a time and place to be designated by the Commodore, meet and elect from its number by ballot, the following seven officers: Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain – Racing, Fleet Captain – Junior Sailing, Secretary, and Treasurer. Of the seven (7) flag officers, three (3) shall be “Boat Owners”. Each officer shall hold office for a term of one year, or until a successor is elected, subject to the power of the Board to remove any officer for cause.

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Section 5 –

WAS:

It shall be the duty of the Fleet Captain – Junior Sailing to oversee the Club’s Junior Sailing Program together with the Junior Sailing Program Committee, and report to the Board on the details of each coming season and progress thereof.

CHANGE TO:

It shall be the duty of the *Fleet Captain – Sailing Instruction* to oversee the Club’s *Adult &* Junior Sailing Program together with the Junior Sailing Program Committee, and report to the Board on the details of each coming season and progress thereof.

Article X – Standing Committees

Section 8 –

WAS:

There shall also be a Junior Sailing Program Committee that shall consist of the Fleet Captain – Junior Sailing and three appointees none of which shall be sitting members of the Board. One of the appointees shall be designated Chairman at the discretion of the Commodore. The purpose of the Junior Sailing Program Committee shall be to ensure that program provides suitable instruction in the skills of sailing and racing to eligible youth in order to promote the sport of sailing and seamanship. They shall assist in staffing, certification and training of staff, program policies and procedures, and equipment management. They shall assist in organizing financing, fund raising, setting fee structures and scheduling on an annual basis subject to Board approval. They will liaise with the Mantel Club on maintaining the fleet needs and whatever further aid the Mantel Club deems to provide.

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