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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE ...

Welcome to another great season at Olcott Yacht Club – it's going to be historic! This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Club on the shore of Lake Ontario and remember the sailing and the friendship it has promoted for all those decades, welcoming both locals and visitors with warm smiles. Some special events are being planned this year to help mark this milestone and promote the Club and we all should look forward to participating in these festivities.

It is with a sense of honor and excitement that I have accepted my second term as Commodore of our esteemed Olcott Yacht Club. I look forward to helping the Club have a fun filled and successful 2020 season.

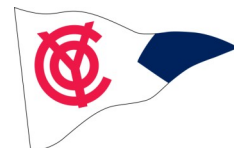
Fortunately this year I will have the assistance of an enthusiastic collection of Board members. Mike Layman will serve as Vice Commodore and Chris Eglin has moved up to Rear Commodore. Vic Thiebault returns as Fleet Captain for Junior Sailing and newcomer Jason Cramer will be the Fleet Captain for racing. Justin Naylor has moved to position of Secretary and Sue Cassidy returns again as Treasurer. Mike Capen will be the Membership Director and Roger Voss has agreed to oversee Special Projects. Past Commodore Tom Beilein will provide wisdom to us all.

Several developments are being discussed and planned for Olcott Harbor, but it is still in a state of flux at this time. Whatever ends up happening your leadership will ensure that the best interests of OYC are promoted to preserve the long term success of your Club.

Let's all look forward to the season ahead. If you have any suggestions or comments, or wish to get more involved, please contact me or any Board member. Spring is on its way!

John Roehmholdt

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

We have assembled a 2020 house committee consisting of Chris Eglin, Barb Layman, Joan Watkins, Sara Capen, Janice O'Keefe, Marie Sharp, Julie Saxton and myself. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb 26th. Unfortunately this issue will have gone to press but our agenda will include a new Point Of Sale system, staffing, events and hours of operation. If anyone is interested in helping with events, please email me at MikeLayman@hotmail.com.

We are also ordering 6 dozen 100th anniversary caps that will feature the club name and anniversary burgee. RESERVE your \$10 cap now by emailing me. MikeLayman@hotmail.com. Caps will be red with an embroidered logo.

You can pay me after we open.

P/C Mike Layman



MANTEL CLUB REPORT

This coming season we will continue our support of the Junior Sailing Program by adding racks for our kayaks near the new cement pad we put in last year. We want to better organize the Junior Building. We had a very successful year last season in fund raising and augmenting the Junior Program with its new fleet of kayaks... focus is to keep the kids on the water. Thanks to all who contributed.

P/C Mark Cassidy

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

As we look forward to the 2020 Centennial Season, I have checked in on the Club a couple times over the Winter, and she appears to be in good shape!

To keep the upstairs dining room an inviting environment for members and guests, we are going to be installing three new ceiling fans.

We are also looking to extend the WiFi beyond just the clubhouse to cover the entire grounds, including the Haul-Out / Visitors Slip.

Special Projects has been working to develop a sustainable plan to keep water out of the clubhouse in the event of another high water year, and I look forward to working closely with the Director of Special Projects, Rioger Voss, and his team on this effort!

It's never too early to think about this upcoming Summer Season, so if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, concerns, etc., please do not hesitate to contact me!

Chris Eglin
ceglin@buffalo.edu

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT ...

If last year's challenges taught us anything, IMHO, it was the breadth and depth of innovative ideas from the membership that allowed us to continue most normal operations, while also managing maintenance and improvement chores to increase members enjoyment of our facilities. The positive attitude of, "try if, if it doesn't work, we'll try something else," along with a HUGE investment of effort by volunteers, paid off with another great season at OYC

In our 100th year, I'd like to continue our focus on making the grounds and facilities more attractive and functional for the enjoyment of our members and guests. Ideas presented to date range from continued efforts to make the docking/haulout/launch areas more hospitable (batter boards, soft edging, cleats, docking space) to visually hiding our trash area (dumpster) and cleaning up landscaping around the parking areas. Grading to fill and level the results of last year's high water ditches and hole, will make better access to the club. Kayak/Canoe racking by our new Junior Sailing launch pad will help with better storage and access for use.

Ideas to make the club more amenable to use by members using boats of all sizes from dinks to yachts, continues as a long term focus. The perpetual long term idea of creating a better dry sailing option tops the list, now that kayak, canoe and dingy facilities are progressing. Some of the veteran members still refer to the south area of the club as the "Snipe Lot," from back in the day when OYC had a fleet of Snipe sail-ors, Doralyn Marshall's father and brother being two of them!

Any ideas/assistance for temporary and long term solutions are always welcomed.

Roger Voss



FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

Please allow me to introduce myself, I am Jason Cramer, A new member, a new sailor, and your new fleet captain. My family and I purchased our boat at the end of the 2018 season and haven't looked back!! We are quite passionate about this new sport. My hope is to help YOU all in any way possible to have the ability to do the same.

We are currently preparing this years race/cruise schedule for our 100th year. With that being said I am happy to announce that we have obtained board approval to host an OYC overnight distance race. Mark your calendars!!! This will take place this June 19th-20th during the summer solstice. We are still floating the name around a bit but really looking forward to this event to honor our Centennial. This will also provide many volunteer opportunities for this event, More to come!

I look forward to hearing from any and or all boat owners with your plans for this upcoming season. My goal is to have as many of our fleet enjoying the water this year. I can be reached at jcramer9@roadrunner.com and again I look forward to your thoughts participation.

Jason Cramer

JUNIOR SAILING ...

Just starting to think Junior Sailing and it's time to!! Even with the harbor full of ice! We will have a program this season even with high water. Dave Hedley has offered the use of his new pole barn on the east side of the harbor if needed.

We have Ethan coming back to head up the program and Olivia Beilein Hart returning as well... Just beginning flesh out our needs for 2020. Stay tuned...

P/C Mark Cassidy,
Chairman Junior Sailing Committee



FROM THE TREASURER

As we roll into March, our 2020 open season of the Club gets closer. The clocks will be going ahead with daylight savings on the 8th and with it will come longer days and milder temperatures. We have already seen a milder dry winter so let's hope it continues.

Dues invoices were mailed on February 1st. The Board of Directors approved a slight increase in January raising senior members by \$25 (\$2.10/month) and associates by \$15 (\$1.25/month). If you break it down as a monthly increase, you realize how small it is for what our Club offers the membership in a "true waterfront setting". Yes, that waterfront setting has come with some challenges the last several years, but we will continue to do our best to overcome and not let it dampen our 100th anniversary season this year. As a reminder, dues are due by April 1st and can be made in multiple payments to meet member needs. For those who have already paid, thank you for your promptness.

As mentioned in December at the AGM, we are pursuing a new point of sale system (POS) to better serve our needs and help improve clarity in your monthly statements. If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

P/C Sue Cassidy

Treasurer

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DIRECTORY UPDATES

The 2020 Club directory will be available in May. If you have any changes to your information, please let me know. Since last May have you moved, dropped your land line, changed your cell numbers or email addresses? Have you sold your boat, bought a new one, renamed her? We want to know to be sure your information is correct. Please mail in your changes with your dues check or you can email them to me directly at

SUSAN.CASSIDY@IMALIFE.COM.

P/C Sue Cassidy

OYC Historian

FROM THE EDITOR...

Most of the sailboat racing around the country is regulated by the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet organization. Lake Ontario PHRF presents the annual Chapman New Racer Award to the winning skipper it names in the six areas it regulates around the Lake.

PHRF named the South Shore Division winner in 2019 your new Fleet Captain, Jason Cramer. Jake was a junior sailor of mine along with his cousin Andy Sharp.

Congratulation to Jake, his family and crew!

OYC - ... *"We may be tiny but we by fierce!!"*



Brian Chapman was a long time Technical Adviser to the Central Council of PHRF Lake Ontario. His advice was integral in our efforts to create and maintain fairness and encourage racing across PHRF-LO waters.



CHAPMAN NEW RACER AWARD

One of Brian's missions in life was to get people off the dock to discover the fun and comradery of sail boat racing.



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2019 AWARDS



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OYC 2020 Anniversary Burgee Pre-Order

Get your pre-order in for the 2020 anniversary burgee.

Order deadline is **Monday March 9th** to ensure burgees are on hand for the Club opening. A limited quantity of additional anniversary burgees will be for sale. Don't miss your chance to have a bit of Club history! Anyone can order a burgee, a boat is not required.

NAME: _____

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<u>Burgee Size:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>	<u>Owed:</u>
10" X 15" (vessel 23ft and under)	\$37 ea.	_____	\$ _____
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