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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

As we look toward May and the long-awaited return to the clubhouse, I want to begin by saying what an honor it is to serve as your Commodore for the upcoming season.

Our yacht club is something special. We are both a competitive racing club and a vibrant social community — a place where race day rigging and starting lines are just as important as sunset cocktails and shared stories on the patio. That balance is what makes our club unique, and it's what keeps members returning year after year.

A Club for Every Generation

One of our greatest strengths is our membership itself. We span generations — from members in their 20s either building off their sailing experience as Junior sailors or brand new to boating and young families discovering the water, to seasoned sailors in their 70s and 80s whose knowledge and traditions guide us forward.

That range is not just a statistic — it's our identity.

Our racers push us to sharpen our skills, elevate our competition, and represent the club with pride. Our social members create the welcoming atmosphere that makes the clubhouse feel like home. Together, we create a community where mentorship happens naturally, laughter carries across the yard, and every member belongs.

Preparing for the Season Ahead

Although the club won't officially open until May, the season is already underway behind the scenes. Committees are meeting. The racing schedule is taking shape. Social events are being planned. Facilities are being readied.

This "off-season" preparation is where the foundation for a great summer is built.

A Thriving Social Calendar

Equally important is the life of the club ashore. From opening day festivities to themed dinners, casual gatherings on the patio, and end-of-season celebrations, our social events bring us together beyond the racecourse.

We have planned events that appeal to everyone including opportunities for longtime members to reconnect and for newer members to build lasting friendships.

Respecting Our Traditions, Embracing the Future

Yacht clubs are built on tradition — respect for the water, seamanship, sportsmanship, and fellowship. We honor the members who came before us by continuing to care for this club and by leaving it stronger for those who will follow.

At the same time, we look forward. We welcome new ideas, new energy, and new sailors. Growth and tradition can — and should — sail on the same tack.

Looking Toward Opening Day

When May arrives and the club burgee rises once again, I hope each of us feels proud — not just of our boats or our wins, but of the community we continue to build together.

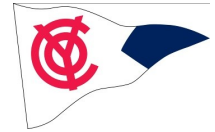
Thank you for your trust and support. I look forward to seeing you on the patio and on the starting line.

Fair winds and following seas,

Racing Excellence

This year, we will continue strengthening our racing program — making it competitive and welcoming to both seasoned racers and those new to the starting line. Whether you're chasing series trophies or learning how to get the best out of your boat on the course, there is a place for you on the water.

Let's support one another, race hard, and celebrate the camaraderie that makes every race memorable — regardless of who crosses the line first.



Pattie Schneider

FROM THE PAST COMMODORE ...

This 2026 winter, It's hard to believe that eventually the ski season will end. After the town recently fixed the club water main leak, all the snow was cleared from the entrance, so it is easier to get to the club and boats. Looking at the new boating season, I would like to learn the many members' talents, interests, and skills to match to volunteering opportunities at the club. Volunteering is a great way to meet other members. The snowbirds will soon be returning to Buffalo and Olcott Yacht Club will be opening for the season. Think Spring..

Alan Rosenbaum

Aloof

From the Dutch word "loef" meaning to sail into the wind. In order to safely clear the shore when a wind was blowing the ship towards this danger, the vessel pointed into the wind and away from this hazard. This nautical technique for maintain distance inspired its figurative meaning of being emotionally distance or indifferent.

"With all our force we kept aloof to sea, and gain'd the island where our vessel lay."

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

It's hard to believe we are just two months away from the 2026 OYC season! It has been an epic winter for skiers (me!), but even I am looking forward to less snow and warmer weather.

We have been busy in the off season. Julie has some great ideas for our menu. Look for old favorites and some new additions. Sue and I have met twice and have outlined the calendar of events for the season. We have scheduled our traditional events and have some fun new ideas for the club. I am working on securing music and I will be gathering the House Committee soon to ask for their help with our busy summer schedule. I know the rest of the board has been busy preparing for the club opening in May.

I'm always open to your suggestions, be it food, drink, or entertainment. I hope to organize a fun summer for all of us and welcome your input and help!

Thank you for entrusting me to another three year term on the OYC Board. I am excited to work with you and our staff. May will be here before we know it. I hope to see you at OYC when we open for the 2026 season!

Shelia Flanagan

FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT

I'm honored and excited to serve as your Fleet Captain this season. I'm looking forward to getting us back out on the water for another fun, safe, and competitive year.

The preliminary race schedule is in the works, and the registration form and rules are posted on the OYC website. Final details will be confirmed before the Skipper's Meeting, and once deadlines are announced, please be sure to submit your registration and insurance certificate so your boat can be scored from the start of the season.

If there's interest, we'll host a racing rules discussion before the season begins to help everyone feel confident on the course, along with a race committee training for anyone who'd like to get involved. I'd love to hear which boats plan to race or who may be available to help—early responses make planning much easier.

Mark setting is planned for late May, and I may call on a few volunteers. And remember, if Lukah can serve as our Sunday PRO at two years old, you're more than qualified to help on race committee. I'm looking forward to a fantastic season on the water with all of you!

Elisa Schwarzkopf

FROM THE TREASURER

As we head into March, our 2026 open season of the Club gets a little closer with the planned opening on Friday May 1. Your 2026 dues invoices were mailed at the beginning of February with no increase this year. As mentioned on the invoice, partial payments can be made if needed and dues are to be paid in full by April 1. This is the main annual operating income for the General Fund, which handles all the expenses of the Club. For those who have paid already, thank you for getting your payment in. Once received, your member card (s) are being mailed out.

In April, we will once again offer a prepay for your 2026 "House Minimum." The details will get outlined in next month's Scuttlebutt and in Constant Contact, so watch for that information. This is a great way to satisfy your \$150 annual restaurant minimum upfront and to help the House operation ramp up to open with an infusion of cash to start the season.

As always, if you any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

P/C Susan M. Cassidy

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SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our 2026 season is not far away, despite the snowbanks that line our streets and roads everywhere. Last year we welcomed 14 new members to OYC.

Commodore Pattie has already challenged me (us) to beat that total for 2026, so "The Heat is On!" (RIP Glenn Frey).

That shouldn't be that difficult, after all, we are the coolest club on the lake. We just need to convince more people of that.

Our Open House this year will be on Saturday, June 6th. I'm reasonably confident the snow will be gone by then! I'll pass on more details on that party when we get them figured out.

Jourdan and Roy have done a great job of getting our story out on social media and our website. And all of us can share the friendliness and hospitality that OYC is known for.

Are you a member of other clubs and/or organizations? Invite your friends, co-workers, and family down to enjoy our great food and great sunsets.

Let's have a lot fun this year and let's share it with others!

"Fair Winds"

Doug Wintersteen

Olcott Yacht Club

Application for Membership

Personal Information (please print)

| APPLICANT | | Spouse/Partner | CHILDREN (at home under 21, 23 if in school) |
|--|--------------|----------------|--|
| Full Name | _____ | _____ | 1. Full Name _____ |
| Date of Birth | _____ | | Date of Birth _____ |
| Home Address | _____ | | 2. Full Name _____ |
| | STREET | P.O. BOX | Date of Birth _____ |
| | CITY | STATE | 3. Full Name _____ |
| | | ZIP CODE | Date of Birth _____ |
| Home Telephone | (____) _____ | | 4. Full Name _____ |
| Cell Phone | (____) _____ | (____) _____ | Date of Birth _____ |
| Other Phone | (____) _____ | (____) _____ | 5. Full Name _____ |
| Email Address | _____ | | Date of Birth _____ |
| Are you a present or past member of another Yacht Club (s): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| Where: _____ | | | |

Membership Category -

Senior Associate (23 yrs and older)

Associate (18-22yrs) Non-Resident

Membership Status -

Family Single

Boat Information (Please Print)

Do you own a boat? Yes No (If yes, please Continue) Name of Registered Owner _____

Boat Type _____ Boat Name _____ LOA ____ Beam ____ Draft ____

Operating Port: _____ Interested in: Cruising Racing Adult/Junior Learn to Sail

Haul Out/Storage Interest: Yes No Type of Storage: Cradle Jack Stands Other

Signatures:

I, the applicant, if accepted to membership, agrees to be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Olcott Yacht Club. I understand that this is a working club and to maintain low expense levels, membership classifications of Senior and Associate are required to contribute a minimum of 10 hours of time to help at the Club. Unworked hours are billed in accordance with Article 4, sect. 26 and fee schedule per the By-Laws. I also understand that Senior and Associate memberships are required to satisfy a quarterly minimum spending for food and beverage service per the By-Laws. Accordingly, I agree to make myself available and to spend the minimum in this regard.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

1st Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

2nd Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Date Rec'd: _____ Application Fee: _____

Posting Date: _____ Approved: _____

Initiation Fee: _____

Annual Dues: _____ Member pkg. Sent: _____

Total Due: _____ Data Base Updated: _____

Received: _____

Application Instructions and Process

1. Complete application in full & attach a check of \$20.00 for application fee payable to "Olcott Yacht Club - General Fund".
NOTE: The deposit is non-refundable but is applicable to Dues.
2. Application must be endorsed by two (2) Senior or Life members.
3. Deliver or mail the application to OYC.
4. All applications will be posted for a minimum of two weeks.
5. At completion of posting period, the application will be returned to the Board of Directors for final approval.



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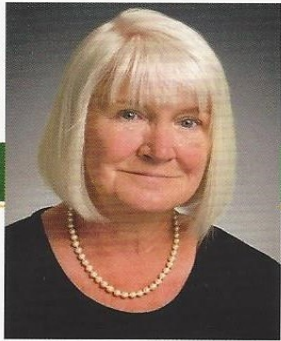


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2026 Olcott Yacht Club Dues & Initiation Fees

****** New Member Incentive – The Olcott Yacht Club’s Board of Directors has approved a membership incentive of ½ price dues to “First Time” new Senior and Associate members joining during our 2026 season ******

| <u>Membership - Annual Dues</u> | | <u>2026 New Member Dues</u> | <u>Initiation Fee</u> <i>(one-time fee)</i> |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|--|
| Senior | \$775.00 | \$387.50 | \$250.00 |
| Associate (23 and older) | \$465.00 | \$232.50 | \$150.00 |
| Associate (18 - 22) | \$233.00 | \$116.50 | \$150.00 |
| **Non-Resident | \$194.00 | N/A | N/A |

New York State Sales Tax of 8% will be added to all dues and initiation fees

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Up Coming Events

April 18/19 Spring Clean-up

April 25/26 Spring Clean-up

May 1 - Club Opening