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# Scuttlebutt

July 2024



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

We are in full swing with our club house open Wednesday through Sunday. Racing has started as has the Adult Sailing class run by Justin Naylor. As I write this almost all of our stored boats are in the water. Our thanks to the haul out crew for all the work they do to make that happen. Haul out has been our biggest source of revenue and we should all make sure the crew receives the credit they deserve for keeping this efficiently operating.

This year marks the final year of our agreement with Jane Voeple for the four club slips which have served us so well allowing boats over 30 ft a dock in the harbor. The trees along that bank had become a hazard and it was time to either cut them down or give up the docks. Since there are now an abundance of slips in the harbor it seems we no longer need to continue our lease on the property. The decision to end the lease was mutually agreed to.

The board has voted to take down the stairway and deck outside the Commodore's Porch. The stairs are quite unsteady, and the deck needs to be replaced. It was felt that since the deck has rarely been used in the past it was not worth spending several thousand dollars to repair it. A sign and barrier have been placed at the base of the stairway as it has been determined they are not safe to use. Please respect both the sign and barrier. We plan to put an additional barrier up to stop entry to the area from the Commodore's Porch but still allow the doors to be opened for ventilation.

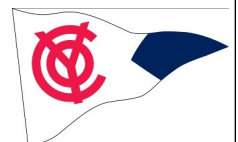
On another topic I would like to draw club cruisers to a web site that may be of interest: <https://locca.org/> From this page choose "LOCCA Reciprocal Repository" which will take you to a page of reciprocal clubs around the lake. There you can find out what various clubs' docking policies are.

The siding on the south end of the building is scheduled to start mid-July. We have procured 4 members to loan us \$2500 each to do the project. They will be paid back when Niagara County cuts us a check from the Facade Grant funds.

I want to extend a big thank you to Doug Wintersteen for inviting club members to hear his son's band which played for Doug and Bonnie's 50 anniversary. The band is out of New York City and were absolutely fabulous. Quite a few members took advantage of the invitation, and everyone agreed the band put on a great show.

Thanks to the Cassidy's for the donation of this seasons set of Flags.

*Joe Higgins*



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

In June, OYC was in full swing. The Club is now open Wednesday night through Sunday afternoon with weekly Sail racing on Weds, Thursday, and Sunday.

To honor our commodore Joe Higgins, OYC had a great Commodore ball with about 70 members and guests participating and music by "Rock Angel" (Maureen Gambino). Our Sail Past on June 29th, was held on the patio with a nice group saluting the commodore.

It was also a big month for member sponsored parties. The Wintersteen's had a special 50-year anniversary which "AM Golden Yacht Rock" band putting on a great show that all enjoyed. On June 8th, the club joined Janice O'Keefe to remember our beloved past commodore, Hank Hinkley.

For July, many events are planned. Mark your calendars for July 3rd, the best fireworks in western NY with DJ Miles Patterson and music early in the evening by Kevin Clark. Friday July 12th is the "Bonfire on the Beach". Sunday July 14th is the Mantel Club Junior Sailing fundraiser. Sat. July 20th "Dancing and Dining in the Moonlight" dinner (during a real full moon), Fri. July 26th Marie Sharp reunion party, and on Sat. July 27th New Members Night with Cameron Seib.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me or members of the house committee.

*Alan Rosenbaum*  
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## Treasurer's Report

Our season is in full swing as we enter July. I want to start by reminding the membership that the Club is **"CASHLESS"**. We do not accept cash from you or your guests at the time of payment for rest/bar service. We accept Mastercard or VISA for payment or your member house account. The only exception are certain special events (Comm. Ball, 3rd of July, Boil Bash, Oktoberfest, Trophy Night).

May monthly invoices were emailed at the beginning of June. Since we are using Quickbooks online now, this is the most efficient way to get invoices/statements to you. I did find that a few emails were incorrect, so that has been corrected and those invoices were re sent. For anyone with an outstanding balance as of June 20th, a reminder email was sent that payment is due.

June invoices will be done the first week of July so watch your email. If you still have a credit or owe for May charges, you will also receive a statement. Overall amount owed will be on the statement. To avoid this confusion, simply pay your house bill when you receive it as it is due upon receipt. It is critical to our operation and we appreciate those who are always on time.

I'm hoping this next billing goes a bit smoother as we are still transitioning to the new software. Payment is still to be sent as a check from your bank (set up OYC as a pay-ee) or by a personal check mailed. I will also accept monthly payments by check/cash if I am at the Club. The bartenders can't accept them. Just text and I will make sure I am around.

One last thing, July is the last month in our first quarter for the \$75 House Quarterly Minimum. If you have yet to visit the Club this season, you have one month left to spend that \$75 for Q1 (May – July) or it will be charged to your account at the end of July. We want you to come to the Club and enjoy it, so please stop in. If for some reason you have paid by credit card and not by house member charge, please send copy to show the charges to cover your quarterly.

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

Sincerely,  
*P/C Susan M. Cassidy*

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susan.cassidy@ima.it

## FROM SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP

Well, it appears we have made a rather abrupt transition to some very summery weather! I hope you have made it down to the club to enjoy some of the activities!

June 1st we held our annual Open House. We had some guests, but no new members yet. I hope you will encourage friends and family to check us out! We are a lot of fun, have a lot to offer, and would love to welcome new members this year!

Speaking of new members, our New Member Night is Saturday, July 27, and we will introduce any members who have joined since last summer. Join us for a fun night with music by Cameron Seib.

The board has approved half-price dues for new members, so we have a nice incentive for anyone who wants to join OYC!

We have had two new members this spring. Jessica Dolly was approved in May, she is a Senior member. Bruce Schmidt was approved in June, he is an Associate member. Welcome Jessica and Bruce!

Membership information is available on our website, [www.olcottyachtclub.com](http://www.olcottyachtclub.com)

As always, keep an eye on the Scuttlebutt and Constant Contact for details about everything happening at OYC. Hope to see you at the club!

On another note.... Do you have old, tired, past-their-prime flags? I will retire flags again this year at our bonfire on July 12. Leave you flags in the office; I will collect them and see that they are respectfully retired.

*Sheila Flanagan*  
[flanster40@yahoo.com](mailto:flanster40@yahoo.com)

## FROM THE MANTEL CLUB

Our two new (to us) coach boats for Junior Sailing are now at the Club, thanks Andy for working on them and the delivery. We are going to change out the over powered 60 HP engine on the Cobia with a 25hp that was donated by P/C Roehmholdt. We are determining where to moor them for the season Hedley Boatyard is looking into the conversion.

Many thanks to all who are selling tickets to our Reverse Raffle and are contributed baskets to our always successful Junior Sailing Basket and Reverse Raffle which will be on Sunday July 14th, 1:00 pm! Come down and enjoy the day and support our Junior Sailing Program.

*P/C Mark Cassidy*

## SHARP FAMILY SWEEP

The Sharp family put on an impressive feat of racing over on the North Shore....

Andy and Ethan finished first overall in a combined divisions of 76 boats in the Susan Hood long distance race. Not the first time 'Switch' has won this race. She was the first American to win in the sixty-nine year history of the race several years back.

Following the Susan Hood, Andy and Crystal sailed in the first race of the Lake Ontario Short-Handed Racing Series. The only American boat in all five divisions. They also finished first overall!!





# OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><div>"FIREWORKS OVER OLCOTT" Wed. July 3rd, Club opens @ 4pm Members must show Card, Guests require Gate Pass</div></div>				<div>Mid-Season Membership Mtg. Sunday July 14th @ 11:00 AM</div> <div></div>		
<div>Junior Sailing "Reverse Raffle" &amp; Basket Auction Sunday July 14th , Music &amp; Fun start at 1PM Get your Tickets!! Only 150 Available</div> <div></div>				<div>Dancing &amp; Dining in the Moonlight Saturday July 20 Music with Kevin Clark</div> <div></div>		
	1 Club Closed	2 Club Closed	3 Fireworks "DJ Miles Paterson" 8 - 11	4 Club Closed	5	6
7	8 JR Sailing Session #1 Starts Club Closed	9 Club Closed	10 Wed A #5	11 Women's #3	12 Bomfire on the beach	13
14 Mid-Year Meeting 11:00AM Reverse Raffle @ 1 PM	15 Club Closed	16 Club Closed	17 Wed B #1	18 Women's Shafer Dist.	19 Jr. Sailing Session #1 Ends	20 Dinner & Dancing in the Moon Light
21 Sun B #2 & 3 Scuttlebutt Deadline	22	23 Club Closed	24 Wed B #2	25 Women's #4	26 Class Reunion Music with Miles Paterson	27 New Members Night "Cameron Sieb"
28	29 JR Sailing Session #3 Starts Club Closed	30 Club Closed	31	<div> <b>New Members Reception</b> Saturday July 27th, 5:30 pm Music with "Cameron Sieb" Come welcome all our new members</div>		
AUGUST 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>"Boil Bash" Surf &amp; Turf Party Saturday Aug. 24th, 4 pm Music with "Nite Cruise"</div>				<div>Women's Invitational Basket Raffle Friday Aug. 23, starting @ 5:30 pm Bring your friends for some fun!!</div>		
<div>OLCOTT STOMP PARTY Saturday Aug. 10</div>		<div>42nd Annual Sacca Sail Saturday Aug. 17th Race First Horn 11:55</div> <div></div>		1	2 Jr. Sailing Session #2 Ends	3 LYRA - RYC
4 LYRA - RYC	5 JR Sailing Session #3 Starts Club Closed	6 Club Closed	7 Wed B #3	8 Women's #5 Mantel Club	9	10 Olcott Stomp
11 Olcott Stomp Race 10:20 AM	12 Club Closed	13 Club Closed	14 Wed B #4	15 Women's Shafer Course	16	17 42nd Annual Sacca Sail 11:55 AM First Horn
18 Williams Trophy	19 Club Closed	20 Club Closed	21 Wed B #5	22 Women's #1 Make-up	23 Women's Assoc. Basket Raffle 5:30 pm	24 Boil Bash "Nite Cruise" 5 - 8pm
25 Sun A1 Make-up "Creek Cruise" Poker Run	26 Club Closed	27 Club Closed	28	29	30	31

# COME TO THE LAKE IN JULY

**"FIREWORKS OVER OLCOTT"**  
**WED. JULY 3RD**



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*Bonfire On The Beach*  
*Fri. July 12th*



**JUNIOR SAILING "REVERSE RAFFLE"**  
**&**  
**BASKET AUCTION**

**SUN. JULY 14TH, MUSIC & FUN AT 1 PM**



**DINNER & DANCING IN THE**  
**MOONLIGHT**

**SAT. JULY 20TH**



**"CLASS REUNION"**

**FRI. JULY 26TH**  
**MUSIC WITH**  
**MILES PATERSON**



**NEW MEMBER'S RECEPTION**

**SAT. JULY 27TH; 5:30**

**MUSIC CAMERON SEIB**



# Olcott Yacht Club

## Application for Membership

www.olcottyachtclub.com

### 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 _____
Home Telephone	(____) _____		Date of Birth _____
Cell Phone	(____) _____	(____) _____	4. Full Name _____
Other Phone	(____) _____	(____) _____	Date of Birth _____
Email Address	_____		5. Full Name _____
Are you a present or past member of another Yacht Club (s): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Date of Birth _____
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: \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

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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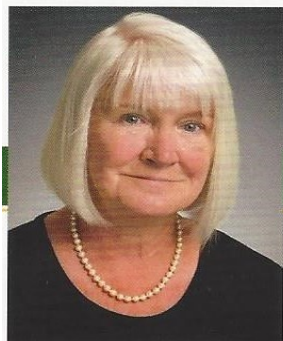
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## Mid-year Membership Meeting

Sunday July 14th, 11am

Coffee, doughnuts, bagels provided

All members are encouraged to attend

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### Up Coming Events:

Wed. July 3 - Fireworks over Olcott  
Club Open s at 5pm

Fri. July 12 - "Bonfire on the Beach" Dusk

Sun July 14 - Mid-Season Membership  
Meeting 11am

Sun. July 14 - Junior Sailing Fundraiser  
Reverse Raffle & Basket Raffle 1 pm

Sat July 20 - "Dinner & Dancing in the  
Moonlight

Fri. July 26 - LSHS Class Reunion  
DJ Miles Paterson

Sat. July 27 - New Members Night 5:30pm  
Music with "Cameron Seib"