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# Scuttlebutt

September, 2019



It is the softness of the days  
The blueness of the lake  
The freighters plying east and west  
Touched by the suns' vivid rays.

The white horses dance atop the waves  
As the lake transforms from blue to gray  
Our sails shiver and shake, catching the breeze  
Sending us on our way

We treasure and hold to memories of summer  
As September reminds us what is coming.

Well folks, August is in the books. We have had an eventful month, the water has finally receded, the pumps have been shut down or removed, and we have been able to reclaim our patio from the sandbags. The racing fleet has been strong as the August winds have given us some great sailing weather. A shout out to Vic and Sara Thibault for putting together a fantastic "Sea Food Raffle" for Junior Sailing which filled our pavilion with eager bidders.

Even though Labor Day unofficially marks the end of the summer season we know there is great weather in September, so come on down and use the Club. Everyone enjoys gathering on Sunday afternoons to watch our Buffalo Bills and joining the pool adds to the excitement, which you do not want to miss out on.

See you soon.

*Tom Beilein*



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

We've had a busy summer at OYC and we are looking forward to a great Fall! The weather has been super the last two months and the events at the Club have been well attended. So we have some more fun planned for September.

September 7 is Guest Chef Night, when a few lucky members get to show off their culinary skills to the rest of us! The invited chefs will make a favorite special dish for all of us to savor and judge. It's sure to be delicious fun. Look for further details as we get close to that date.

Karaoke returns September 21 with lots of music, lots of laughs, and lots of poor singing! If you've been to this before you know how much fun it is, and if not, give it a try, it's really a blast!

Starting in September the hours for the bar and restaurant are being adjusted. The Grog room will be open Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 9 PM, and on Sundays from noon to 6 PM. On Thursdays the kitchen will feature a special dish from Julie rather than the usual Grog room menu. This will hopefully make for greater efficiency on that night.

Julie continues to please our palates with new dishes each month so be sure to come upstairs and try out her new creations this month. Remember, dining by yourself isn't so much fun, so bring friends with you down to the Club for a great meal and great fellowship.

Summer may be ending but the season isn't, so enjoy the next two months at OYC.

*P/C John Roehmholdt*

## WORK HOURS PARTICIPATION

Many hands make light work.... There are many ways to participate and earn your 10 required service hours at the club. It can be easy and fun. Volunteers are needed for events. Providing hors d'oeuvres, donating baskets for raffles, and serving on race committee also count. If you have questions about how to get your hours in, any Board member or event chairman can help you.

Please remember to report your Hours either by depositing the service hour form in the box located in the Lobby or by email at:

**OYCMEMBERSERVICE@GMAIL.COM. And please remember to put your name on that reporting slip! I have an unidentified slip from cleanup weekend. It's written in green ink. If this sounds like it might be yours, please contact me.**

Thanks for your participation.

*P/C Melynda Stolzenberg*

## MANTEL CLUB REPORT

It has been a good year for fund raising for the Mantel Club in support of the Junior Program. As reported in the last Scuttlebutt the July fund raiser brought in \$3200. This August the Seafood Raffle raised \$1800. The sailing gear yard sale brought in \$902 and so far \$1650 has been bid toward the Somerset sails donation. We are at \$7552 for the year with a few things left to go. Many thanks to all who supported, contributed, worked to make it happen. A special thanks to Roger Voss who spends a lot of time fixing up broken dollies and flat tires as well as working on launch facilities.

We will add a couple more kayaks for next year... especially for the bigger kids. We need some new dollies for the 420s and storage racks.

*P/C Mark Cassidy*

JOE AND MARK MAN THE YARD SALE TABLE...  
LAURA WEYLER CHECKS OUT THE GOODS.



## SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

As the lake level continues to drop, we're getting closer to completing the installation of the remainder of the batter boards along our wall!

18 Boards have been installed already, and we have only have 10 more to go. As soon as the water is down far enough, and weather permits, we'll complete the project.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who have already helped with this project! If anyone else is interested in assisting, please let me know at [ceglin@buffalo.edu](mailto:ceglin@buffalo.edu).

*Chris Eglin*



## FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT ...

Happy September Everyone! The racing season has come to an end in August with the Wednesday Night and Sunday Series races. We will be having some make up races and of course the Captain Yankee Race to Wilson and back on Labor Day and the Celtic Cup on September 15. Thank you to all participants and Race Committees. It's been great to see all the boats out racing. Please check the club for make up race info. This will also be communicated via Constant Contact.

A big shout out to Laura Weyland and Andy Sharp and their crew for representing OYC at LYRA. *Hijinks* finished 2nd in the Freeman Cup (30 hours!!!) and *Switch* finished 2nd in the 3 day course racing series. Congrats to both captains and crews.

Thank you to Joe Higgins for the great idea of having a raft up party. I heard it was a great time.

Please be prepared to return last year's trophies in preparation for this year's trophy night. You will be contacted soon to set a time to return the trophy.

See you on the water!

*Justin Naylor*

## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

It is mid August as I write this and we have just started replacing the bathroom windows today. I will assume that all of the window carpentry work will be completed before you read the Scuttlebutt newsletter. There will be some touch up painting needed in September.

We are looking into vinyl siding for the entrance and bathroom part of our structure. Funding is needed for this and a new kitchen hood exhaust. Pricing is being worked on for a spring 2020 project.

Although it's not been a club function in recent years, the Olcott Beach Carousel fund raising event was another huge success. Many of our members were there pitching in with ticket sales, set up, tear down and bartending. This is our community and my hope is that there will be increased support in the coming years. Over the past three years the number of club members attending has declined. We should be putting an image out to the community that we are a major player. Please consider coming out to the Jazz Sea event next year.

*P/C Mike Layman*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING SOON. PLEASE CONSIDER RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IT IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE. IF INTERESTED CONTACT - MARK CASSIDY, HANK HINCKLEY, JOE HIGGINS, BOB STOLZENBERG OR PAUL ELTER.**

## JUNIOR SAILING REPORT

The OYC Junior Program hosted a regatta with Clubs from Buffalo and Youngstown on August 6. Competition was intense in fresh winds. Sailing a course set up off Olcott Beach. With a line squall approaching the boats made for the harbor with one boat getting caught out in the blow while another ended up on the east pier.

All hands were accounted for and damage was minor in spite of gusts over 50 mph.... The excitement generated smiles rather than panic... a testimony to WNY sailors.... Many thanks to our chase boat crew staff, Vic Thibault and his boat along with Bob Timkey and his boat all involved in ushering the Juniors into the Harbor.

Awards were followed by a rather soggy cook out presented with help from Sara Thibault!

1st Place: Buffalo Yacht Club  
2nd Place: Olcott Yacht Club  
3rd Place: Youngstown Yacht Club

HEAD INSTRUCTOR ETHAN SHARP PRESENTS  
AWARD TO YC SAILORS



CLAIR LEWIS AND MADDIE MEINCKE TAKE 2ND



We had 25 Junior participants register for the program this year. The edition of Kayaking has made possible much more time spent "on the water." Thanks to our staff of Ethan Sharp, Elisa Schneider, Ryan McGuire and Olivia Beilein-Hunt, with a lot of support from our Fleet Captain - Junior Sailing Vic Thibault and the Junior Sailing Committee.

*P/C Mark Cassidy*  
Chairman, Junior Sailing Committee

## *SEAFOOD RAFFLE*

Neither wind nor waves dampened the excitement of the first ever Seafood and Surprises Raffle held on the second Saturday of August. Olcott Mantel Club sponsored the evening's event that raised funds to support OYC's Youth Sailing and Boating Program. Event goers eagerly waved \$1 bills in the air, in hopes to purchase raffle tickets to have a chance in winning one of the 33 seafood or surprise packages. Packages included a variety of seafood and meats such as, king crab legs, sea scallops, mussels, clams, lobster tails, shrimp, rib eye steaks, and specialty sausages.

Many of the seafood packages included craft beer or wine, seasonings, and grilling planks. Surprises consisted of donations made by local business owners. Guests were treated to the sounds of local Jazz pianist, Matt Bouchard.

Many thanks go out to the dedicated volunteers who helped to make the event a success and those in attendance who mingled, ate, drank and bought tickets! When the one dollar bills settled, \$1800 was raised to help in the maintenance and up-keep of the Junior Sailing Fleet!

When you are out and about please consider supporting the businesses that supported us:

Carol's Aprons and More-Newfane Farmer's Market  
Ellen Eglin, Gong Xi Pearls  
Flint Brothers Hardware  
Hiller's Farm Market  
Imagine That Olcott  
Schulze Winery and Vineyard  
Somerset Sails  
Sunset Grille  
Tom Geiger, Curtze Foods  
Wilson House  
Zehrs on the Lake Greenhouse  
Zumba with Amanda at Lockport YMCA or Fitness in the Park

*Sara Thibault*

DOOR PRIZE



CLUB MEMBER EMILIA THIBAUT AND GUEST,  
ANDREA ENJOY THE RAFFLE



# COME TO THE LAKE IN SEPTEMBER!!

September 8th v.



September 15 v.



September 22 v.



September 29 v.



ALL GAMES AT 1 PM

FOOD AND DRINK  
SPECIALS

POOL

GUEST CHEF DINNER

SEPTEMBER 7

COME AND SEE WHAT SOME OF OUR  
GIFTED CULINARY MEMBERS HAVE  
TO OFFER...

WITH THE RETREAT OF THE FLOOD  
WATERS FULL CONTACT CROQUET  
RETURNS TO THE FRONT LAWN



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SEPTEMBER 21

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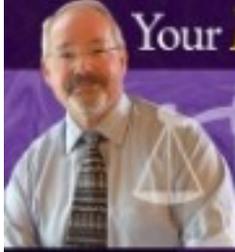
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Up Coming Events . . .

August 24: Lobsterfest

August 25: Junior Awards and  
Banquet

August 29: Bills v. Vikings (P/S)

Labor Day: Captain Yankee Race

September 7: Guest Chef Dinner

September 8: Bills v. Jets

September 15: Bills v. Giants

September 21: Karaoke Night

September 22: Bills v. Bengals

September 29 Bills v. Patriots