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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

What a summer it has been at the Yacht Club! From the very beginning, we've been reminded that a little rain—or a lot of it—can't dampen our spirit. From Flag Raising to the Seafood Raffle, and a few other events along the way may have been wet, but each was filled with the enthusiasm that makes this club so special.

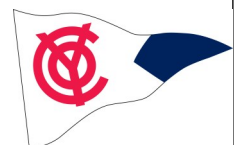
We've had some perfect days, too - a majestic evening for the Commodore's Ball, sunny skies and calm seas for Sail Past, and great times spent on the water racing, cruising and enjoying the beauty of our lake. One of my personal highlights has been the time I do get out racing and serving as Race Committee alongside my grandchildren—a wonderful reminder that the traditions we enjoy today are also the memories and experiences we pass along to the next generation.

And, of course, Olcott Yacht Club is about much more than boats. It's been a summer filled with great dining, music, dancing, laughter, and events that bring us together. Every gathering, every race, every meal and every helping hand adds to the character of our Club.

Because at the Yacht Club, **you truly get out of it what you put into it.** The more you participate, volunteer, invite friends, get on the water and join in the fun, the more rewarding the season becomes.

And the best part? **We're not done yet!** There's still plenty of season left—with more racing, social events, music, dining, sunsets and time on the water ahead. So don't let the remaining weeks slip by. Come down to the Club, get involved, and make the most of everything OYC has to offer.

Pattie



FROM THE TREASURER

As we enter September, the Club open season is into its final two months. This is the time of year where racing has ended, back to school routines kick in and the open hours go to Thursdays through Sundays. Vice Commodore Sheila Flanagan is keeping the calendar full right to the end so you can't say there isn't anything happening. Chef Julie has revised the menus and offers specials in the Grog room every day we are open. Our House operation success relies on every member's support so come down for some food & beverage, invite a few friends, and enjoy being at the lake for September and October. The Club also relies on your timely payment of House accounts. Please remember to pay your invoice when you receive it. August is being billed now so check your email. Any open accounts will also receive an emailed statement to show total owed.

The \$100 assessment that was presented and approved at the July membership meeting was just invoiced and mailed. This is a General Fund invoice so please do not combine with any House account payments. The assessment will give us \$10,000 to go toward two projects. The office roof repair/rebuild to eliminate the constant leak into the storage room around the chimney is one. This leak has been an issue for many years and now needs to be addressed. The deck was removed in May to examine what was needed. The Long Range Planning committee meet and on their technical evaluation is recommending rebuilding a new sloped roof from north to south. The south side sliding door on the Commodores porch would be replaced with an opening window. Several bids have been received as well as some thought on an "In House" volunteer project possibility.

The other project is the shower room/bathroom floor epoxy project scheduled to be done around mid-September. A deposit was sent in July to get on the schedule. This will eliminate the need for laminate flooring to cover the uneven concrete with a long-term solution. Both men's and ladies' rooms have been repainted now thanks to a great volunteer crew, so please excuse the slight mess.

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

P/C Susan M. Cassidy

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A thank you to Bill Budde, Dan Mandaville, Dian and Don Tucker, Betsy McAllister and Mike Layman for painting the 4 restrooms. With the new flooring coming in September, this will give us a fresh look for the first time in 13 years.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

Here we are, another month has flown by, and autumn is knocking on our door! I hope you have been able to take advantage of our recent activities! To name a few, Racing, BBQ and music by the Beach Whistles, Olcott Stomp and music by Nite Cruise, Sacca Champagne Party (and Sail rescheduled for August 30), the Junior Sailing Seafood Fundraiser, and coming up our end-of-summer, Howl at the Moon dance party with Rock Angel.

You may know I am a retired teacher, so I hope you enjoy what I have in store for you in September and October! Hands on, learning activities for you to enjoy! I am still working on dates, but look for paint parties to make seasonal decorations with Chrystal Sharp. Cooking more your interest? Check out some learn-to events with Ella Thibault! Think mixology, pastry decorating and charcuterie boards! Thursdays at the club are going to be a fun night to join us!

Not to leave out any already scheduled fun, check out your favorite source for OYC information. Creek Cruise, Bills watch parties, Sabres on Thursdays and Saturdays in October, Club House Downs, Steak and Fries, Monte Carlo Night.

Where else would you rather be, than at OYC?

Sheila Flanagan
716-870-2686

Sharing one of my favorite memories of the season so far - aboard Tough Duty watching the Fleet assemble before Sail Past 2026.



FROM THE PAST COMMODORE

We're now approaching the OYC fall season with plenty of opportunities to earn your service hours. Check out the Scuttlebutt articles, Facebook, and constant contact for service hour opportunities.

Also, 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 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.

See you at the club soon. Go Bills and Sabres. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

P/C Alan Rosenbaum

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AT

THE MOON !!



SUMMER BARBECUE



SEA FOOD RAFFLE



OYC IS YOUR HOME, NOT A RESORT!

Commodore Pattie asked the board to brainstorm things the membership could do to fulfill Member Service Hours in regard to our offices.

Here are some thoughts from your past Rear, and present Vice Commodore...

Look around our club. What do you see that you would spiff up if it were your home? There are plenty of things you can do, and not all require strong backs!

See a smudgy window or door? Windex and paper towels are always available.

See a garden that is overgrown? Pull a few weeds and toss them in the dumpster.

See some debris in the parking lot? Pick it up and toss it out.

See a garbage can that is full? Take the bag to the dumpster; clean bags are in the kitchen.

A little more energetic? We can always use help weed whipping!

Check out the patio...tables and benches askew, ADK chairs in disarray, white stack chairs not stacked? A quick straightening up is easy.

And finally, if you use it, please return it, turn it off, lock it up, wind it up, you get the idea!

We have had a lot of visitors lately eating in our dining room. Let's put a on a good look for our club. Your board cannot do everything, and we sure would appreciate "your eyes on our Lake Ontario prize"!

Thanks in advance, Sheila



MANTEL CLUB REPORT

What fun everyone had at the *“Seafood & Suprises”* fundraiser on Saturday August 22nd! The event didn’t actually start until 6:30 but by 6:00 we had already exchanged \$550 in \$1 bills to the eager group. The pavilion was packed for two plus hours from start to finish despite some rain at the end that could not dampen the evening. It was constant fast paced \$1, \$2, or \$3/ticket sales for 22 different rounds ranging for simple shrimp package to surf & turf. A HUGE thank you to Sara & Ella Thibault for much of the planning, organizing, donation soliciting and the overall idea of this fun fundraiser for junior sailing. Thanks to our speedy ticket sellers of junior sailors Grace Faery, Andrea Faery, Sienna Bowers (who were also set-up, packaging & clean-up), Commodore Pattie Schneider (ticket sales), MC’s both Vic and Ella Thibault, runners Cameron Kearns & Emelia Thibault, Marie Sharp and Sara Capen (large raffle sales), David Sheffield (set-up) and our money handlers P/C’s Mike Layman and Sue Cassidy. The event raised just around \$4500!

OYC’s Past Commodores organization, The Olcott Mantel Club, would like to thank EVERYONE who supported this great event! The very next day we received delivery of the new 420’s that this event supported. Thanks to Vic, Ella, Sienna, Emelia, Chris Masters and Sue Cassidy for unloading the delivery trailer and getting them in our barn ready for next season!

P/C Sue Cassidy
Olcott Mantel Club



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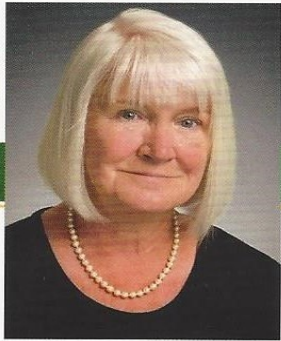
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OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Thurs. Sept. 17 8:15 PM Lions @ Bills		1 Club Closed	2 Club Closed	3 Women's Shafer Course	4	5
6 Creek Cruise & Poker Run 1 PM	7 LABOR DAY Open Noon - 6pm Capt. Yankee Race	8 Club Closed	9 Club Closed	10 Mantel Club	11	12
13 Bills vs Texans 1pm	14 Club Closed	15 Club Closed	16 Club Closed	17 Lions @ Bills 8:15 PM	18	19
20 Jr Sailing Awards	21 Club Closed	22 Club Closed	23 Scuttlebutt Deadline Club Closed	24	25	26
27 Christmas Child Shoebox Chargers @ Bills 1:00 PM	28 Club Closed	29 Club Closed	30 Club Closed	Christmas Child Shoebox Sunday September 27, 1 - 4 pm Hosted by Cathi Higgins		

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 "Trophy Night" Sat. October 17th, 5:30pm Music with "Nite Cruise"		 GONG XI PEARLS Thurs. Oct. 8 Start your Xmas shopping!			Steak & Fry Sunday Sun. Oct 18, 3 - 6pm (Pre-sale) Bills @ Raiders 4:25pm	
October Hours: Open: Thursday - Sunday Closed: Mon - Wed.				1 Sabres vs. Columbus 7:00pm	2  Monte Carlo Night	3
4 Patriots @ Bills 1:00 pm	5 Club Closed	6 Club Closed	7 Club Closed	8 Gong Xi Pearls Mantel Club	9	10 Sabres vs. Utah 7:00pm
11	12 Bills @ LA Rams 8:15pm Club Closed	13 Club Closed	14 Club Closed	15 Sabres vs. Toronto 7:00pm	16	17 Trophy Night 5:30PM "Nite Cruise"
18 Steak & Fry 3 - 6pm Bills @ Raiders 4:25 pm	19 Club Closed	20 Club Closed	21 Club Closed	22	23 	24 86'd Specials' NIGHT
25 Bills Bye	26 Club Closed	27 Club Closed	28 Club Closed	29	30 Halloween Party FINAL EVENT!	31 CLOSED Club Clean-up
1-NOV Ravens @ Bills 1:00 pm Club Clean-up	Halloween Party! Friday October 30th DJ Mark McKernan 7 - 11pm 			 Bills & Sabres Games On at Club in October!		

Interested in serving on the Board of Directors?

The nominating committee is seeking interested members to run for election to the Board of Directors. There are 3 (3-yr) terms open for election.

Qualification are: need to have been a member for 12 months at time of election (Dec. 2026), senior or associate member over 23 of age and are not an employee of the Club (per Constitution). Interested members should know that the board meets monthly and sometimes additionally depending on business (in person and/or online) and should be willing to dedicate his/her time to the interest of the Club. Please reach out to any member of the nominating committee by Thursday Sept 10th of your interest.

Mark Cassidy, Chairman

Chris Eglin

Paul Elter

John Rosenberg

Mike Layman

John Raskopf

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Sunday Sept 6 - Creek Cruise and
Poker Run
Monday Labor Day - Club Open
Sunday Sept 13 - Bills v. Texans
Thursday Sept 17 - Lions v. Bills
Sunday Sept 20 - Junior Sailing Awards
Sunday Sept 27 - Christmas Child Shoe Box
Chargers V. Bills