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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

For those that don't like the heat but want to enjoy the warmer Lake Ontario water temperatures, September is a great month to come to the club and hang out, have a beverage, a light meal, or enjoy dinner in the OYC restaurant.

In addition to the start of the Bills watch parties at the club, check the calendar for the many fun events in September. This year there will only be one September beer event, the Beer Pairing will be held on September 20th.

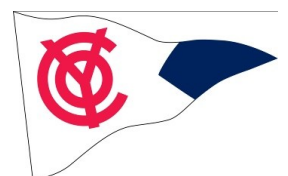
Racing is not over yet, this year's September sail racing traditional Labor Day Yankee race and the Celtic Race are scheduled along with Women and Sunday makeup sail races which have carried over into September.

Please welcome Chris Eglin as our new harbor master. He plans to put together information for OYC boating guests to assist them with OYC visits. In addition, if you have a need to dock at the club overnight or need multiple nights docking due to special circumstances (e.g. repair work), please contact Chris.

I am compiling a list of small boats with descriptions and owners. I will post a preliminary list on the front door bulletin board. We are looking to improve small boat storage for members through building racks and providing a small boat storage guiding policy starting in 2026. Also to help clean things up, unclaimed boats will be sold, given away, or thrown out. Please contact me if you would like to continue or start storing small boats in 2026 (e.g. Dingys, Opti's, 420's, Kayaks, Canoes, etc. . . }

As mentioned earlier in this article, with the cooler temperatures, it's a great time to get your services hours in. Contact Sheila to help with building and grounds, or Pattie and/or Julie with helping fill restaurant, kitchen, bar staffing gaps (due to students returning to college).

Alan Rosenbaum



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

What a hot, humid summer! I hope you have had time to be out on the water...we haven't always had ideal sailing conditions, but I hope you have had fun! It seems cooler weather is upon us.

Our OYC season is two thirds over...I hope you have had time to enjoy all the various club activities, eat from our updated menu, and have a drink or two at the bar or on the patio!

I have been busy with the help of many members getting the grounds cleaned up, the club house in order, and addressing issues as they arise. If you are still looking to complete Member Service Hours, you can always contact me, as I have some bigger jobs, mainly painting, that I would do with you or at least get the materials ready for you. We can always use weed whippers, weeders, general yard clean up, etc. These jobs would be great to complete in September and October as the weather cools.

I would like to have an outdoor club clean up day as the weather cools down a bit. We need to weed whip our fence perimeter, and address the Junior Sailing boat storage lot across the street. Watch Constant Contact for the day(s) I pick, and hopefully you can join me for a morning of weed whipping and then some lunch! We'll order pizza or grill some hotdogs...

If you happen to have any smaller boats in the yard or across the street, please plan on moving them home or letting us know what is yours. The goal is to clean up the lot across the street. We would also like to build some racks so members could leave small kayaks/canoes/sailboats at the club for the summer for a nominal fee. This idea is in the early planning stages, but we need to address the old boats that are laying around. They have presented a hazard to our Junior Sailors due to bees and potential rodents. So, if you have an old boat that is languishing on the property, please plan to take it home or dispose of it!

Some of this may sound repetitious, but I would definitely like to get some painting done and our perimeter cleaned up. **Right now I am looking at the Saturday mornings of September 20 and/or 27 for a morning of OYC outdoor work.** Thanks in advance for considering some time devoted to our grounds. Watch Constant Contact for final plans, dates, and times!

As always, thanks for all you have done to help with the club house and grounds this year!

Sheila Flanagan
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Nominating Committee

Anyone interested in being considered for the Board of Directors contact Mark Cassidy. Must be a 12 month member.

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FROM THE PAST COMMODORE ...

Keep those work hours coming in. I am posting totals on the bulletin board in the foyer at the end/beginning of each month. Be sure sure to check the list so if there are any discepancies we can straighten them out quickly. Be sure you personally submit your hours. DO NOT rely on someone else to do it for you. This will avoid any misunderstandings or forgotten assurances. It is each member's responsibility to turn in their own service hours.

Work hours are only recorded via my email (gqhiggs@gmail.com) or the box in the foyer. If you submitted any work hours by any other method I have not gotten them and you need to resubmit them.

P/C Joe Higgins



FROM THE TREASURER

As we enter September, we come to the final two months that the Club is open. So far this season the House operation has been busy so thank you to everyone who supports the Club, brings guests, host parties, and to those who help volunteering to organize and run all the events we have. The Club also relies on timely payments of your House accounts to keep ahead of our liquor and food bills. The majority of members are very good with timely payment, but some are not. So please remember to pay your invoice when you receive it.

The Club is a Not-For-Profit private operation. The House operation (restaurant/bar) operate solely on the net revenue after expenses of food and beverage, sales tax and labor fees. There is no financial support from the General fund (dues) other than it pays all the utility, insurances, and repair bills a typical restaurant would have to cover. Our menus are priced to offer good food/beverage value to our membership and in the same, leave us a little profit at the end of the day. It also offers you a place to come and enjoy dinner/drinks safely and be with friends. Our end of year House profit in 2024 was \$246 and in 2023 was \$2621.

Some members have asked to be able to pay their House accounts via credit card at the end of each month. Beginning this month we have set this up to do but it carries an added fee to their invoices. There are several reasons members find credit card payment a benefit, but the member benefit/convenience will come at a cost to the House operation. The credit card processing fee is 2.99%. Over the course of a typical season, if all member house accounts were paid by credit card, this could come to roughly a \$3800-\$4800 House expense if not collected from the members. Now, that is a worst case but obviously that would negate any small profit made.

Some members don't have the option of payment from their financial institution (credit unions) but many of you do. Online payment by check from your bank is still the easiest way to pay and they mail the check to the Club. Yes, you do not get reward points but then we do not get billed for that convenience either. We are not a big operation, and we do not employ back-office staff.

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

P/C Susan M. Cassidy

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

It's September – and that means Fish Fry's and Football! There is still racing and more great events are planned, too. We aren't slowing down!

Check the calendar for the makeup races in addition to the regularly scheduled Captain Yankee Trophy Race on **Labor Day**. The club will be open from Noon – 6 that Monday. The Celtic Cup is **Sunday the 14th** and we are pairing that with Bill & Gary's infamous Steak Sandwich and Hand Cut fries. Our fellow Wilson racers will join us after the race to announce the winners. Oh, and I hear there is a football game that day. The kitchen will be closed so if you plan on coming to eat – please let us know so we can prepare enough sandwiches.

I want to put on my, my, my, my boogie shoes! Studio OYC brings you **Disco Night** on Sept 6th. Disco Lessons, 70's Trivia and costume prizes. That's right – dig out the platforms and polyester and prepare for the grooviest night OYC has seen in decades.

Junior Sailing Banquet on September 7th. Following a fantastic summer and great results racing outside the club, our youngest racers celebrate their season.

AHOY! **Cruise Around the World** is September 13th. You'll want to book your ticket soon. The itinerary includes stops in Denmark, Germany, France, Italy, Iran and the good ole US of A (the part well below the Mason Dixon line). Stamp your passport and sample the cuisine of these countries prepared for you by OYC members. We will need your help in voting for the best flavors and the best representation of their chosen country. It's not too late if you want to host a country.

Our Mediterranean inspired **Beer Pairing Dinner** has been rescheduled for September 20th. View the menu and make your reservations at <https://form.jotform.com/olcottyachtclub/mediterranean-beer-pairing-dinner>

Cathi Higgins will host her **Operation Christmas Child** shoe box packing party on the 28th. Come down, watch the game and make a difference in the life of a child. To understand the impact your donation made to one child, please take a moment to watch this video. [Operation Christmas Child](#) October 4th you can **Paint Your Partner**. Not literally! Put a spin on your typical date night and paint a portrait of your partner. Here's your chance to capture the essence of your relationship on canvas. No talent required - be sincere, be creative, be mischievous! \$50 per couple includes all supplies for 2.

Some of our summer staff have gone back to college and I want to thank Jenna, Julia, Connor and Chloe for their hard work. We hope to see them back next year. Peter, Olivia, Mia, Derek and Baxter will keep the food and drinks coming; but we could use an extra server (or two) for September and October. If you know of someone who would like to join our team, please have them contact Julie.

We will be moving to our **Thursday through Sunday fall hours** in September and Julie will be preparing a new seasonal menu. We might even surprise you with pop up events so check our website and social media pages often for last minute announcements.

Pattie.

FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT

As we wind down the racing season, I'm happy to see the continued participation amongst our sailors. We were able to reschedule a handful of races with our open dates to complete some of the series. We are sailing into September with Captain Yankee on Labor Day and make ups on the 6th and 7th.

Celtic Cup is taking place on Sunday, Sept 14th and wrapping up our season. Signup sheets and info are now at the club. Deadline is 9/12 at 7PM. Reminder, all proceeds will be donated. The afterparty with our fellow WYC Racers will take place at OYC. Bill & Gary are offering their Steak & Fries Special that day – plan to join us for the festivities!

As I look forward to Trophy Night on Saturday, October 18, I'm requesting that skippers and crew please return all trophies for engraving to the club by Saturday, September 6th. This will allow me to account for all of them and have time for engraving. When you do leave them, please notify me as to which trophies you are returning by either text or email. I appreciate your assistance with this and observing the timeline.

Thank you to the volunteers and feedback from racers throughout this summer. I appreciate everyone who has made our racing program successful another year.

Safe Sailing,

Jocelyn Sikorski

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following have been approved for membership:

Christine Condon - Non Resident

Matthew Dates - Associate

The following have been posted for membership:

Joel Murawski
1108 Pelican Drive 5
St. Petersburg, FL.
Non - resident
Sponsors: Mark Cassidy; Marie Sharp

John Murawski
680 61st.S
Saint Petersburg, FL
Non-resident
Sponsors: Mark Cassidy; Marie Sharp

David Quenzler
490 Sail Ln. #501
Merritt Island, FL 32953
Sponsors: Dave Hedley; Steve Zillig

Doug Wintersteen

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FROM FLEET CAPTAIN JUNIOR SAILING

Junior Sailing had another banner season which we will celebrate with our awards luncheon so, **mark your calendars** for our **Junior Sailing Awards Luncheon on Sunday, September 7!** This special event will be a time to celebrate the amazing progress, teamwork, and memories made throughout the summer. Thank you to all of our sailors, families, volunteers, and supporters for making this summer one to remember. We're so proud of how far the program has come and can't wait to finish the season with even more fun and growth.

Elisa Schwarzkopf

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OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BEER PAIRING DINNER Sat. Sept. 20th, 6:00pm 4-course dinner w/ beer		Steak & Fry Sunday Served 12:30 -5:30pm \$20 - Make your reservation			"Cruise Around the World" Saturday September 13, 6 - 8pm International Fun	
	1 LABOR DAY Open Noon - 6pm Capt. Yankee Race	2 Club Closed	3 Club Closed	4	5	6 Disco Night
7 Jr Sailing Banquet 2pm	8 Club Closed	9 Club Closed	10 Club Closed	11 Mantel Club	12	13 Cruise Around the World
14 Steak & Fry Special Bills vs Jets 1pm	15 Club Closed	16 Club Closed	17 Club Closed	18 Bills @ Miami 8:15 PM	19	20 Beer Pairing Dinner Scuttlebutt Deadline
21	22 Club Closed	23 Club Closed	24 Scuttlebutt Deadline Club Closed	25	26	27
28 Christmas Child Shoebox Bills vs NO 1:00 PM	29 Club Closed	Christmas Child Shoebox Sunday September 28, 1 -4 pm Hosted by Cathi Higgins			September Hours: Thurs: 5 - 11pm, Fri: 5 - 11pm Sat.: 2 - 11pm, Sun. Noon - 5pm	
OCTOBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	"Trophy Night" Sat. October 18th, 5:30pm Music with "Rock Angel"			CHILI COOK-OFF Sunday Oct. 26 Judging @ 3pm Bills vs. Panthers		Paint your Partner Saturday Oct. 4
October Hours: Open: Thursday - Sunday Closed: Mon - Wed.			1 Club Closed	2	3	4 Paint Your Partner
5	6 Columbus Day Club Closed	7 Club Closed	8 Club Closed	9 Mantel Club	10	11
12	13 Bills @ Atlanta 7:15pm	14 Club Closed	15 Club Closed	16	17	18 Trophy Night 5:30PM "Rock Angel"
19 Tailgate Party 12 - 4 Kitchen Closed Scuttlebutt Deadline	20 Club Closed	21 Club Closed	22 Club Closed	23	24	25 Halloween Party
26 Chili Cook-off Bills @ Panthers 1:00 pm	27  Club Closed	28 Club Closed	29 Club Closed	30 Club Closed	31 Club Closed	1-NOV Club Clean-up
2-NOV Chiefs @ Bills 4:25 pm Club Clean-up	1st Halloween Party Saturday October 25th DJ Mark McKernan 7 - 11pm 			Bills Games to Watch Sun. Oct 26, at Panthers 1pm Sun. Nov. 2, vs. Chiefs 1 pm 		



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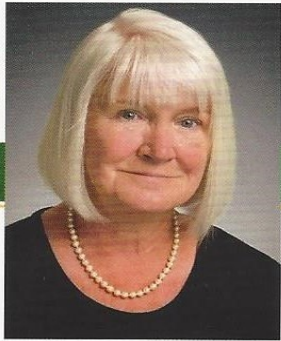
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WHAT: Support Operation Christmas Child by filling empty shoeboxes with gift items to be sent overseas to children affected by war, disease, famine, disaster, and/or displacement. Each shoebox gift is an opportunity to share God's love with a child. Come shop for items from the "Shoebox Store" set up in the Mantle Room. Items for purchase include school supplies, hygiene items, toys and clothing. You may bring in items to pack or to donate for shoeboxes. Purchase prices will be at cost.

Shoeboxes will be available at no charge.

COST: The cost of items purchased from the "Shoebox Store", **PLUS** each shoebox requires a \$10.00 donation for shipping and processing. Cash or check only.

No credit card purchases. All monies benefit the Operation Christmas Child Program.

Other: You may also pack shoeboxes at home and bring them to OYC completed, along with the \$10.00 shipping and processing donation for each shoebox.

Pick up a "How to Pack a Shoebox" brochure at OYC and follow the instructions.

Any questions? Contact Cathi Higgins at 716-799-3477

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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Up Coming Events

9/1 – Labor Day Club Open

Noon – 6pm

9/6 – Disco Party

9/7 – Jr Sailing Awards 2pm

9/13 – Cruise around the World

9/14 – Steak & Fry Sunday Bills

vs. Jets at 1pm

9/20 – Beer Pairing Dinner

9/28 – Cathi's Shoebox packing
event, Bills vs New Orleans 1pm