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Scuttlebutt

July 2025



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

The shift from a cool June to a warm July has made a step change. Come down to OYC get a beverage, an excellent meal, and enjoy the cooling breezes on the patio.

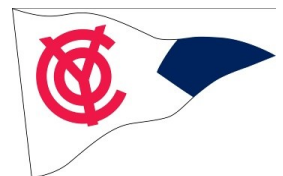
Racing is in full swing. In June Jocelyn and the race committee managed the race season so far through generous winds and sometimes foggy conditions. I invite members to come down to the club on Wednesday nights, Thursday nights, and Sundays to watch the action and maybe even jump on board a racing boat when extra crew is needed.

Chris Masters has made a big jump in improving the club so far this season. From a safety improvement perspective, he removed the dangerous old back stairs and installed a wall safety ladder. He has also worked with Andy Sharp and Paul Elter to get the South Wall sidewalk repaired and concrete poured including addition of conduits for future wiring and water along the wall.

I wanted to extend thanks to the club members that joined Linda and I for Commodore's Ball. The fireplace room floor got a full test with all us dancers enjoying the music from Maureen's "Rock Angel".

Please check out the other Board members articles to see the full set of activities on going during the 2025 OYC Season.

Alan Rosenbaum



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Wow, we are one third through our season, and it sure has been a busy one! Thanks to Pattie and her House Committee for all the new and traditional activities that have been on the calendar!

Thanks, also, to all the members who have been getting those Member Service Hours taken care of...the lawn cutting, weed whipping and patio hosing has been great!

Speaking of Member Service Hours, I have been asked what can be done to fulfill those 10 hours...

Active jobs such as lawn cutting, weed whipping, and patio cleaning are the most obvious. But, there is still plenty of small garbage around the grounds left over from people getting boats ready. (I just picked up a paint brush in the parking lot Saturday.) There is plenty of weed whipping that could be done along our fence lines, around the boat cradles, and between our wall and fence along the pier. Our storage lot across the street could also use some weed whipping/grass cutting. (The Junior sailing boats should be moved this week June 23-27.)

Do you like to paint? I have a list of places that could use paint, text me and I can get you set up with supplies. Less active? Have enough yard work to do at your own house? We can always use baskets for our next fundraiser on Sunday, July 20. Each basket fulfills 2 hours. Appetizers are welcome for certain events, check with Meg Thompson; each app is also worth 2 service hours.

If you see something at the club that could use a little TLC, do it!!! Check with me if you're not sure, and don't forget to turn in your hours to P/C Joe Higgins.

Sheila Flanagan
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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP POSTINGS

The Board of directors has approved the following applications for membership:

Haley (Rich) Esser – Senior

Aaron Baker - Senior

The Board of directors has approved the following applications for posting:

(applications are posted at the Club)

Gary Bradley (posted 6/23/25)

6885 Powers Rd.

Orchard Park, NY 14127

Applying for Senior

Sponsors: Roger Voss, Sheila Flanagan

Nino DeProphetis (Rosanne Seamas) (posted 6/23/25)

4867 E. lake Rd.

Burt, NY 14028

Applying for Associate

Sponsors: Joe Higgins, Mike Kearns

Barbara Kent Gauger (Barry) (posted 7/1/25)

921 Lakeside Dr.

Corfu, NY 14036

Applying for Associate

Sponsors: Elizabeth McAllister, Marie Sharp

Cynthia West

5565 W. Lake Rd.

Burt, NY 14028

Applying for Associate

Sponsors: Chrystal Sharp, Sue Cassidy

OLD FLAGS?

Once again I will retire our old flags at the bonfire on Friday, July 11. Please leave your flags in the office, and I will take care of them!

Thanks,

R/C Sheila

OYC JAMMERS



FROM THE PAST COMMODORE ...

It is my plan to post work hour progress on a monthly basis on the bulletin board in the foyer. I will start this at the end of May. At this time I am not able to access the on line reporting portal so if you submitted via that method I have not received your hours. For now, please use either the drop box in the foyer or email me directly at qqhiggs@gmail.com. If you email me I will send you confirmation. If you don't get that confirmation you need to contact me.

P/C Joe Higgins

FROM THE TREASURER

July is here, the weather seems to have turned nicer, and the Club is in full swing now. This month will be the last in the first quarter (May – Jul) for the \$75 house charging minimum. If you have yet to get to the Club, what are you waiting for. At the end of July, if you have not spent \$75 over the course of three months in the restaurant/bar, you will be billed the full amount or the balance owed. Wouldn't it be better to come for lunch/dinner and enjoy being by the water. There is something going on almost every weekend to enjoy.

June house statements will soon be arriving to your inbox. Be sure to watch for them and make payment as they are due upon receipt. The restaurant relies on members being on time with payments of your house accounts. At this time, we still only accept payment by check (personal, from your bank, money order) or cash but the latter is only if I am available. Please do not try to pay your account at the bar, it will not be accepted. We are looking at possibly offering payment online by credit card through our Quickbooks account. The details are still being discussed as we want to be sure that it will be at no extra cost to the Club or paperwork to be done. We will have more details at the Mid-year membership meeting on Sunday July 20th.

Sincerely,

P/C Susan M. Cassidy

716-807-7913

susan.cassidy@imalife.com

WOMEN'S YACHTING ASSOCIATION

The Women's Yachting Association would like to thank everyone who supported our annual "Women's Invitational Social and Basket Raffle" held on Friday, June 20th by either donating a basket, bringing an hors d'oeuvre, or by attending this year's event and purchasing tickets! We had 63 great baskets: gift certificates, jewelry, lottery tickets, plants, etc. We made \$1,165.00 for our Junior Sailing Scholarship Fund. It was wonderful to see everyone having a great time socializing!

Thank you, Marie Sharp, Mamie Winter, Sue Cassidy, Ann Raskopf, Betsy McAllister, Cathi Higgins, and Margo Covell for your assistance.

We greatly appreciate all the support given to this event and look forward to next year. For 26 years we have been able to support many children, who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to learn the sport of sailing through our scholarships.

Once again thank you to everyone. Please be sure to take credit for helping out and submitting your volunteer hours (two hours for each basket or hors d'oeuvre) for member service.

Linda Rosenbaum

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

Summer is here!! There are only 9 weekends between 4th of July and Labor Day and we have something fun planned for each one so you can make the most of the short but spectacular Lake Ontario summers. Too many events for me to list them all here.

Mark your calendar and bring your guests. One of the perks of being a member is being able to share OYC with your friends and family. Know an event they would enjoy attending; invite them to join you.

Speaking of calendar. Be sure to check our website and social media pages for event updates and more details often. We already have one update. **The Creek Cruise Poker Run has been moved up to Aug 3rd** to accommodate the rescheduled Sunday A2 & A3 races on Aug 24th.

Julie has a new seasonal menu for July! We will also be offering a variety of drink specials - both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Grab a sneak peek on our website where you can also make reservations. ****Planning on joining us for dinner but not sure of the time or how many in your party – please select a tentative time and in the Occasion/Request section leave us a note letting us know you are flexible depending on who will be joining you.**** We will accommodate you when you are ready and a table is available. Your letting us know you are coming helps us staff efficiently, space tables accordingly and improve service to you.

Please check the bulletin board in the front hall where **volunteer sign-up sheets** for Friday night Volunteer Hostesses, Saturday afternoon Celebrity Bartenders, Lobsterfest, and other volunteer opportunities are posted.

Cruise Around the World is back this year on Sept 13th. We are asking members to adopt a country and prepare tasting samples of food that represents that country. Our historic overachievers go all-in decorating their table and dressing in the wardrobe of that culture. If you know which country you want to represent, sign up early!!

Independence Day Weekend Hours:
July 3rd – Parking Lot and bar opens at 5pm. A limited number of parking passes are available. Carpooling is necessary as we can only put so many cars in the lot and having a pass doesn't guarantee access to the lot. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. The upstairs dining room will be open for 2 seatings at 6pm and 8pm with a limited menu. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips and Snacks will be available for purchase. Full Bar. Music and Dancing. Please be respectful of our club rules regarding food and beverages during open club hours

Pattie.

FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT

We are into the racing season. I hope all our skippers and crew are enjoying their time on the lake. A couple of reminders for this month's Scuttlebutt. Please review the racing rules that are posted on our website. Each race has a boat assigned to set the start line. Should you be unable to race and it's your week, make arrangements with another boat to set the line for you. Always have your radio on and set to channel 72.

Our Wednesday Race Committee is Doug & Jud. They will hand you the start mark on your way out of the harbor to make things easier. Mark & Joe will be RC with Thursday nights Ladies Racing, and we'll need some assistance at time due to conflicts. Shelia and Pattie are also around assisting with RC as needed on Sundays and Wednesdays.

We are looking to host a fun race on Friday, July 11th prior to the Bonfire, the House Committee is planning should we have enough interest. So far, a couple of skippers have expressed this. If you are, please text me. We will decide based on participation rates by Monday, July 7th.

There are several opportunities upon us to participate outside of OYC for racing throughout the summer. Youngstown Chase, July 25-27, is a great Southshore experience for all sailors. Fun sailing, great party and reasonable registration fee to participate! Information can be found here <https://yyc.org/the-youngstown-chase> and registration link is <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50086> LYRA is taking place in Sodus. Boats can participate in a variety of ways with this week's long regatta from distance racing, overnight racing and course racing. Information can be found at the following link: <https://www.sodusbayyc.org/racing/lyra-2025>

More opportunities to come in August – keep a lookout on our board in and in the Scuttlebutt.
Safe sailing,

Jocelyn Sikorski, FC

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As Secretary I have been scheduling the OYC Board meetings on Zoom during the off season. Now that we're open for the season, we have been meeting at the club. I'm still scheduling a Zoom meeting concurrently. A few of us are retired and live close to the club. Most of the BOD, however, is still employed. I bring my laptop to the meetings and open the Zoom meeting at the same time as the in-person one. That allows members to participate even when they can't be there at the club. If you hear me mention "Hybrid Meeting", that's what I'm talking about.

As Membership Chairman I am pleased to announce that we have 5 new members to date! Peter and Kristi Polster (Associate), Claire Lewis (Senior), Aaron Baker (Senior), Charles Diemer (Associate) and Haley and Rich Esser (Senior) have all joined the OYC family. Let's show them that OYC hospitality and get to know them better. I know I plan to.

We had our second Open house Saturday, June 21st. Attendance to this event was very light. We had a big event the night before, with the Women's Yachting Association Annual Basket Raffle and the Friday night restaurant activity, so I guess there's a lesson learned there about planning two events in two nights. I did have a great time, however, jamming with Joe Higgins and Luke Herman to create some impromptu live music.

Open House events are nice, but finding new members is happening organically. Junior Sailors grow up, buy boats and become Senior members. Adult Sailing participants come back to the club. Other boat owners join because of our facilities and friendships they have made with club members. Still others get interested through relationships with current members; friends, family, neighbors, etc. Building relationships with people is the best way to build our membership base. Let's continue to build those relationships.

Doug Wintersteen

FROM FLEET CAPTAIN JUNIOR SAILING

Summer is Sailing Fast – Don't Miss the Boat!

Our Junior Sailing program is gearing up for an incredible summer! Sessions 1 & 2 are filling quickly, but there's still time to join the fun - **especially in Session 3**, where spots are still available. Don't wait to sign up and secure your place on the water!

We're also thrilled about the launch of our **NEW Race Team**—with **three teams already registered**, the competition is heating up! This summer, racers will take on two exciting regattas: the **Junior Can Am at Youngstown Yacht Club** and the **Junior Olympics at Rochester Yacht Club**. It's shaping up to be a season to remember!

And that's not all—we've added some brand-new events to make this summer extra special:

Junior Sailing Carnival – A full day of games, activities, and fun for all junior members and their families.

Sponsor Regatta – Our first-ever event where you can **cheer, sip, and win!** Junior sailors compete while our VIP sponsors race to the top alongside them. Victory never looked so good.

Set sail with us this summer - it's going to be a blast! ☐

Elisa Schwarzkopf

COMMODORE ALAN ROSENBAUM AND FAMILY



MARIE, CHERYL AND PAUL

MELYNDA, MARGO AND JOE









OYC FLAGSHIP "JOLLYY ROGER"



CATHI HIGGINS READING A BLESSING
FOR THE OYC FLEET



OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 "FIREWORKS OVER OLCOTT" Thurs. July 3rd, Club opens @ 4pm Members must show Card, Guests require Gate Pass				Mid-Season Membership Mtg. Sunday July 20th @ 11:00 AM 		
Junior Sailing "Reverse Raffle" & Basket Auction Sunday July 20th , Music & Fun start at 1PM Get your Tickets!! Only 150 Available 				Dancing & Dining in the Moonlight Saturday July 12 Music with Kevin Clark 		
		1 Club Closed	2 Club Closed	3 Fireworks "DJ Miles Paterson" 8 - 11	4 Club Open Noon - 4pm	5 Rafting Party & Clam Bake
6	7 JR Sailing Session #1 Starts Club Closed	8 Club Closed	9 Wed A #5	10 Women's #3	11 Bonfire on the beach	12 Dinner & Dancing in the Moon Light
13 Sun B #2 & 3	14 Club Closed	15 Club Closed	16 Wed B #1	17 Women's Shafer Dist.	18 Jr. Sailing Session #1 Ends	19 Junior Sailing Carnival
20 Mid-Year Meeting 11:00AM Reverse Raffle @ 1 PM	21 JR Sailing Session #2 Starts Club Closed	22 Club Closed	23 Wed B #2	24 Women's #4	25 New Members Night	26 WELCOME
27	28 Club Closed	29 Club Closed	30 Jr Sailing Fun Regatta	31	New Members Reception Fri July 25th, 5:30 pm Music with "Cameron & Michelle Sieb"	
AUGUST 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BEER PAIRING DINNER Saturday Aug. 2					1 Jr. Sailing Session #2 Ends	2 Beer Pairing Dinner
3 "Creek Cruise" Poker Run	4 JR Sailing Session #3 Starts Club Closed	5 Club Closed	6 Wed B #3	7 Women's #5 Mantel Club	8	9 Olcott Stomp
10 Olcott Stomp Race 10:20 AM	11 Club Closed	12 Club Closed	13 Wed B #4	14 Women's Shafer Course	15 Ladies Champagne Party	16 43rd Annual Sacca Sail 11:55 AM First Horn
17 Williams Trophy	18 Club Closed	19 Club Closed	20 Wed B #5	21 Women's #2 Make-up	22	23 Lobsterfest
24 Sun A2 & 3 Make-up	25 Club Closed	26 Club Closed	27	28	29	30
31	"LOBSTERFEST" Saturday Aug. 23rd, 4 pm 				43rd Annual Sacca Sail Saturday Aug. 16th Race First Horn 11:55 	



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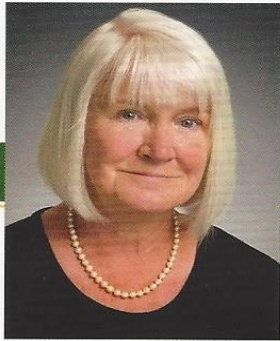
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Mid-year Membership Meeting

Sunday July 20th, 11am

Coffee, doughnuts, bagels provided

All members are encouraged to attend

***“RAISEandSAIL”* REVERSE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**

Sunday July 20th, event starts at 1pm, drawings begin at 1:30pm

Come down and enjoy this Sunday afternoon event. Open to all.

Music all afternoon, basket raffle and 50/50 split drawing!

Reverse Raffle Tickets are almost gone!

Only a hand full remain. **\$20/ticket**, only 150 tickets sold.

Last ticket drawn wins \$500!

See Sue Cassidy or Marie Sharp for a ticket.

Donate a basket for the raffle and get 2 service hours per basket. Let Marie know if you can in advance. All baskets needed at the Club by Thursday July 17th so we can start pre-selling tickets.

This is a great way to support the junior sailing program.

All proceeds go to support the upkeep and rigging of the fleet.

This event is sponsored by the Mantel Club, a 501 c-3 non-profit.

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Up Coming Events

July - 3rd Fireworks

July - 4th Club opens at noon

July - 5th Rafting Party and Clam Bake

July - 11th Bonfire on the Beach

July - 12th Dinner & Dancing in the
Moonlight

July - 19th Junior Sailing Carnival

July - 20th Mid Year Meeting & Reverse
And Raffle

July - 25th New Member's Night

July - 30th Junior Sailing Fun Regatta