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Scuttlebutt

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE ...

October is a month of transitions. Summer-like warmth turns to chill. Leaves turn from green to red and gold. Farmer's fields so full of crops are harvested down to bare stalks. Daylight shrinks as the dark grows longer. And boats which sail the lake so proudly at the start are put to rest on the land at the end of the month.

So it is for the Olcott Yacht Club. As the social activities slow we move into a mode of preparation for hauling of boats and preparation for winter. And in this 100th anniversary year we look ahead to a transition as we contemplate the erection of a new clubhouse building suitable for the decades ahead. As I discussed in last month's article the Club has a unique opportunity to acquire such a structure with a large grant from New York State. Now is the time to act, to make the transition to the next hundred years. The details of the building will be worked out, but what is needed is the support of the membership to take the leap now while it is still possible to make our hopes a reality.

On October 4th a special membership meeting has been called to get approval to proceed with this project. My wish is for a large and enthusiastic response to this call for transition.

On a personal note I wish to express my gratitude for the pleasant Commodore's Ball held recently, and I extend my thanks to the attendees and to those who made all the arrangements possible in this year of social restrictions.

Please make use of this last month of boating weather and visit the Club. And remember, for those who can, helping hands will always be needed for hauling boats and cleaning the club over the next few weeks as we transition to the off season.

John Roehmholdt



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

As we head into October and a closing date of October 18, I want to say thank you to all of you, whether you came for dinner, volunteered at the bar or kitchen or stayed away out of respect for the virus. We were able to serve those who wanted to eat or drink and we turned a small profit in the wake of a crazy season.

We had some bright spots in the house operation as Julie returned on Friday nights and Alexis was a 16 year old phenom in the kitchen (at least he kept me away from the cooking apparatus). Patti Jo, sister of Wendy Herman, gave us some exceptional waitressing at the tail end of the season. Olivia Beilein was a great help before leaving for Fredonia State. Julie Roehmholdt kept us hydrated on Friday nights.

As far as events go, the Commodores Ball was well attended as 39 showed up to honor John Roehmholdt. And in a couple of weeks we will celebrate Trophy Night at the OLCOTT FIRE HALL. We have 62 signed up in a location that will allow us to social distance with ease. There are a few restrictions, like a cash bar and no outside alcohol. And some fees like hall rental, per person charges, and a bartender of their choosing. So let's do what they ask and hopefully we will be welcome next year.

The menu: Appetizers - Stuffed Mushrooms, Steamed Calms, Chicken Puffs; Chef Salad; Buffett Dinner: Chicken Cutlet, Carved Prime Rib, Baked Tortellini w/Spinach, Parsley Potatoes, Vegetable. Breads and Desserts homemade by Jen.

Cost: \$35 (tax, gratuity, bartender fee). Club is paying for the hall rental. You can charge to your club account or by check that evening. Make out to Olcott Yacht Club.

My thanks to all for all of the cooperation throughout the season.

Mike Layman

P/C Mike Layman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will present three nominees to the membership for the Board of Directors at the December General Membership Meeting. Provisions for absentee voting are in the Constitution and an absentee ballot will be available starting November 1st in Scuttlebutt in constant contact or from the Secretary.

Michael Capen - Associate

Chris Eglin - Senior

Wendy Herman - Senior

P/C Mark Cassidy

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

Hard to believe it's already October! Despite all of the challenges this year, it's been great to see so many enjoying sailing, and enjoying the Club! Now as we look to Club closing towards the end of October, there will be some outdoor cleanup tasks to round out any Member Service Hours you might be in need of completing. We'll be looking to move planters, folding tables & chairs, patio furniture, Adirondack chairs, and heaters for storage. Additionally, there is still some outdoor painting left to be completed.

If you are interested in helping out, please let me know!

Chris Eglin

ceglin@buffalo.edu

MANTEL CLUB REPORT

Our Junior Program has received a second donated boat this season. Thanks to Tom Oldham for connecting us with the donor... both boats came by way of Tom! He is a well connected guy. Thanks to Roger Voss for rewiring one of the chase boat trailers that allowed us to go fetch the boat in Hamburg.

Further thanks to Mary Ellen Storrs, Wendy Herman and Mike Layman for their generous cash donation to Mantel Club. Remember donations to Mantel Club are tax deductible.

P/C Mark Cassidy

President, Mantel Club

MEMBER SERVICE PROGRAM

The 2020 season is winding down, the days are growing shorter and the shadows longer. There is still plenty of time remaining to put in your service hours. The haulout crew can always use an extra hand and cleanup and storage week-ends will be scheduled. If you have volunteered services and have not reported those hours please do so. Just email me those hours at tab7119@gmail.com. Thank you.

P/C Tom Beilein

SHIPS STORE NEWS

Ships store order #4 is now open. Order deadline is Sunday October 11th

The link is: <https://olcottyc.itemorder.com/sale>

(On the website under "Club Info—Ships Store Online")

P/C Sue Cassidy

FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

Well October is here and boats are getting hauled out and placed into their winter homes. Sounds kind of depressing, but honestly I couldn't be more pleased with our season. In a year when we were looking at high water playing havoc on our boating season and placing the club in jeopardy, the water receded and left behind a life changing virus.

This pandemic changed our lives but I really think we as a whole have learned and adapted for the good, making us smarter, stronger and more resilient. The boat owners of this club came out in full force. I feel like we enjoyed our boats and spent time with our families. We decided to change the fleets around this year and run our series races as white sail only to promote social distancing by needing fewer crew on board and run spinnaker fleets only for the individual trophy events. We were able to complete all the club and series races in all fleets with close racing throughout the whole season.

In addition to our regular racing program we also hosted the OYC 100 shoreline solstice in June. A great event set up by Andy Sharp that drew 19 boats racing to Oak Orchard, Wilson and return throughout the night. Although we were limited due to COVID-19 restrictions we couldn't have been happier with the turnout and the event as a whole.

In August while also reeling from cancellations and restrictions, LYRA asked if we would be willing to host an event at OYC along with other clubs around the lake to keep the LYRA race alive this year. With a lot of help from Sue Cassidy we pulled it off and had 20 boats in two fleets race to Keg Creek, Wilson and return.

I hope you have all enjoyed this season as much as I have. I have learned a lot from so many of you and many past Fleet Captains who came before me. I am honored to have held this position this year and look forward to seeing you all at Trophy Night!!

Jason Cramer

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Day

Saturday Oct. 3

1 – 4pm

OYC Fireplace Room

Come fill empty shoeboxes with gift items to be sent overseas to children affected by war, disease, famine, disaster, and/or displacement.

You may bring items to pack or donate, plus shop for items in the "Shoebox Store" to add to your boxes. Items for purchase will include school supplies, hygiene items, toys, and possible clothing. Purchase prices will be at cost (cash or check only). Shoeboxes will be available at no charge.

You may bring a shoebox already packed as well. Fill an empty shoe box with things like school supplies, toothbrushes, washcloth, soap (bar), comb, stuffed animal, etc.

(Please no liquids, used items, war-related items, food or breakables)

COST: Each shoebox (purchase or brought) will require a \$9.00 shipping & handling fee. (Cash or Check only). All monies will benefit the Operation Christmas Child Program

Tables will be spaced out in the fireplace room with items to purchase and for assembly. Unless seated, please remember to maintain proper protocol by wearing a mask while inside the Club.

For more information contact Cathi Higgins at 799-3477 or CATHIMAIN@GMAIL.COM

FROM THE EDITOR

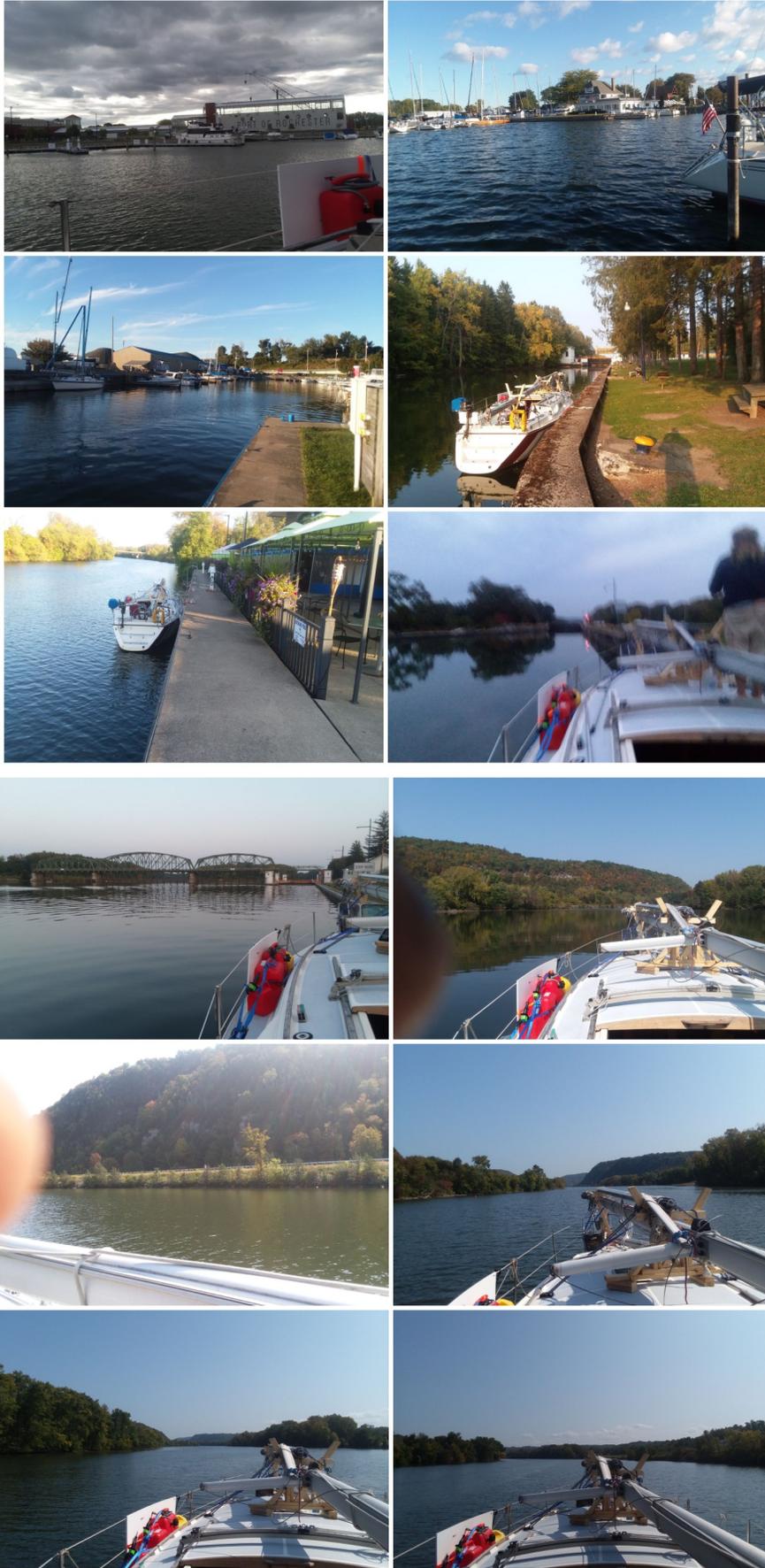
"When the going gets tough, the tough get going." My mentor at OYC and many times P/C Marty Teal, used to tell me two things, "If you want to get a job done give it to the busiest person;" and the other was, when referring to OYC, "you can't hurt this place with a stick."

That brings this years Board of Directors to mind. It's not hard to look good when circumstances are in your favor, it's quite another when mother nature is throwing bricks at you. After two years of flood waters and 24/7 monitoring pumps we had a pandemic thrown at us.

It is very gratifying to see not only the Board "rise to the occasion," but so many members as well. So many positive faces. I really don't think I have ever really enjoyed the club so much as this season. Very gratifying to be a member.

P/C Mark Cassidy

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SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 4
SUNDAY OCTOBER 4 @ 1 PM

(BILLS V. RAIDERS 4:25)



WATCH
THE BILLS AT THE CLUB

BILLS V. TENNESSEE
OCTOBER 11, 1 PM

BILLS V. CHIEFS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15
8:20

FREE PIZZA AND DISCOUNT
DRINKS BEFORE THE GAME

BILLS V. JETS
OCTOBER 25

Trophy Night

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17TH



CLEAN UP WEEKENDS ‘

OCTOBER 17/18: 24/25



OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Trophy Night - Sat. Oct. 17 Olcott Fire Hall 6:00pm Dinner & Awards			SPECIAL MEMBER MEETING - 1 PM Membership meeting to discuss new Club house		
				1 Club Closed	2 Friday Fish	3
4 Special Meeting 1 PM Bills @ Raiders 4:25	5 Board Meeting Club Closed	6 Club Closed	7 Club Closed	8	9 Friday Fish	10
11 Bills @ Tennessee	12 Club Closed	13 Club Closed	14 Club Closed	15 Chiefs @ Bills 8:20pm	16	17 Trophy Night Olcott Fire Hall
18 Club Clean-up	19 Club Closed	20 Club Closed	21 Club Closed	22 Club Closed	23 Club Closed	24  Club Clean-up
25 Club Clean-up Bills vs. Jets	26 Club Closed	27 Club Closed	28 Club Closed	29 Club Closed	30 Club Closed	31 Club Closed
NOVEMBER 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
"Annual General Membership Meeting & Elections" Sun. Dec. 13, 11:00am @ TBD Going to be Out-of-Town or planning on Social Distancing?? Absentee Ballot will be available Nov. 1 on the Website & from Secretary						
1 Absentee Ballot Available Patriots @ Bills	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 2020 Member Service Hours Due	16	17	18	19	20	21 Absentee Ballot Deadline
22	23	24	25	26  THANKSGIVING	27	28
29	30					

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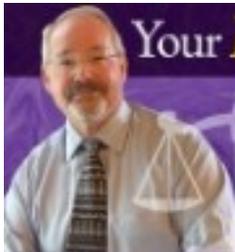
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October 4—Member Meeting 1pm
Bills vs Raiders 4:25pm

October 11—Bills vs Titan 1:00 pm

October 15—Bills vs Chiefs 8:20pm
FREE Pizza, Cheap Beer

October 17—Trophy Night

October 18—Club Clean up

October 24/25—Club Clean up