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# Scuttlebutt

April 2024



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

It may seem like winter is a quiet time at the Club but, in truth, there has been a lot going on. Hopefully this newsletter will catch everyone up.

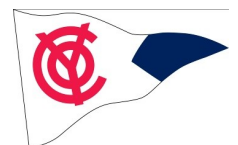
Foremost is the dismissal of the lawsuit against us. The dismissal was filed by the judge on March 22, so the 30 day time period for an appeal began then. I did read the judge's decision to dismiss, and my untrained impression is that he saw nothing presented in the case that would indicate negligence of any kind on the Club's part. Hopefully this nightmare is over.

Also going on right now is the possibility of the Club receiving funds under the Niagara County Facade Program which is a matching grant program. Should our application be accepted, we would be required to fully fund any approved projects and then receive a 50% reimbursement. We received information about the grant in early March, and with an application deadline of March 26, we had to work fast. I called a special BOD meeting and asked Long Range Planning to come up with a list of possible improvements. These projects can only be those that would improve the outside appearance of the club. A committee of Jocelyn Sikorski, Patti Schneider, and Roy Knapp was assembled by the Board to consider ideas from LRP, research costs, and get the required estimates – all within a very limited time frame. They came through beautifully and met on Friday, March 22, along with Mike Layman, Dan Maxwell, and me. It was decided at this meeting that re-siding the exterior of the bathroom building, including new doors, soffits, and fascia, would be a good candidate for the grant money. That proposal will have been submitted to Niagara County by the time you read this.

I want to emphasize that we have not made any commitments and that the plan still has to go through the Finance Committee and the Board. Should either one of those bodies decide it is not in our best interest, we can back out of the application at this point. Award letters from the county are scheduled to go out on April 24.

Moving on, I am pleased to announce that Justin Naylor has agreed to take over adult sailing. The program is important and is a source of new membership for the club. I assured Justin that Mark and I will help whenever he needs it. Hopefully, those of you with boats will volunteer to take a group out at least once. At any rate, we all owe Justin a big thank you as the future of the program was in doubt.

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(Commodore's Message Con't)

I do want to thank all of you who did volunteer over the past 15 years. I would like to recognize the skippers who, over that time period, repeatedly gave their time and expertise to help Mark and me run the program. These would be: Tom Beilein, Marie Sharp, Justin Naylor, Tom Vossler, Ryan Restivo, Dan Seaman, Larry Sears, and, post-humously, Fred White.

One last development to report is that Haul Out has purchased a new mast crane which they expect it to be in service for spring launch.

A lot is happening to get our club ready for the upcoming season. There are other projects going on with the Rear and Vice Commodores which I presume they will cover in their articles. Spring is here and soon we will be working on our boats, and hopefully, without the prospect of a law suit hanging over us.

*Joe Higgins*

**REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT**

On Monday April 8th the Club is going to have a "BYOB Eclipse Party". WNY has not been in the direct path of a total solar eclipse in 99 years! Our Club patio will provide an excellent spot to witness this extremely special event.

On Saturday April 6th we will need volunteers to get the patio furniture in place as well as doing some initial cleaning and grounds pick-up. The primary focus will be getting ready for the Eclipse Party. Plan to get started at 11AM. However, anyone interested in getting a jump start on any number of various spring clean-up tasks is also welcome. There will be a checklist of tasks to accomplish.

The usual cleanup weekends are still scheduled for the last two weekends in April, 20/21 & 27/28. I'll be golfing in Myrtle Beach that final week so I would hope to have as much completed as possible prior to that last weekend.

My immediate focus this spring is addressing the bubbling carpet in the upstairs dining room. Efforts are underway to remove the current carpeting in preparation for installation of a new more durable carpet tile product. Doing the tear out and preparation work for the new carpet tiles serves to minimize our costs.

*Dan Maxwell*

**P/C HANK HINCKLEY MEMORIAL**

The Mantel Club is accepting memorials in memory of P/C Hank Hinckley. Many thanks to those who have already contributed. Contributions can go to:

OYC Mantel Club  
PO Box 832  
Olcott, NY 14126

**VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT**

This year, club activities are starting in April with the "BYOB Eclipse Party" on the patio on Monday, April 8th from 1:30 to 4:30 PM, while Eclipse will be going from Partial to Total and back to Partial. Cross your fingers that the weather is good. Sunny or not, we will still experience something special. We will pull out a grill and have the guest bathrooms available.

We will prepare for the event the weekend before with some early cleaning and getting the patio furniture into place (See message from Rear Commodore).

On the day of the event, bring your favorite beverage, food for grilling, and other snacks to enjoy the show. Let me know if you would like to help with grilling or if you would like to bring something special for the event. Note: we will have Eclipse glasses for those that need them (up to 50 available).

For May we are planning our traditional events such as Kentucky Derby/Cinco De Mayo; Mother's Day specials, and Flag Raising. In addition, we are planning on starting a MIC night on Thursday nights for members/members guests. The club will be open for dinners Thursday though Saturday in May. We are looking for dining room hostess volunteers for the early season Friday and Saturday nights. Please contact me or one of the House committee members if you are interested in getting some service hours as a hostess.

Alan Rosenbaum  
Vice Commodore  
alan\_rosenbaum@msn.com

**House Committee**

**Member Status**

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Assoc  
Senior  
Senior  
Assoc  
Club Manager  
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Director

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Sara Thibault  
Kelly Harpst  
Janice O'Keefe – Adhoc  
Joe Connelly – Adhoc  
Alex Rosenbaum – Adhoc  
Julie Cornelius  
  
Alan Rosenbaum  
Dan Maxwell  
Chris Masters

*Alan Rosenbaum*

**JUNIOR SAILING**

So far we have twenty-two (22) Juniors registered for the program. We are going with five (5) instructors this season and will have a third coach boat on the water as well.

Vic Thibault

## FROM SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP

It seems that I just wrote for the March Scuttlebutt, but that means we are that much closer to opening and better weather is on its way!!!

As always, keep your eye on Constant Contact and the Scuttlebutt for all that is happening at the club. **First up for 2024, BYOB Eclipse Party, Monday April 8, 1:30-4:30!**

Be sure these dates are on your calendar, too:

**Friday, June 1, 5:00, Open House with Mike and Mandy!** Bring your friends and family and show them how great our club is!

**Saturday, July 27, New Member Night with Cameron Seib!** Come and meet our new members who have joined since last summer.

And, don't forget, we offer new members 1/2 price dues their first year. A nice incentive to join us and share in the fun.

Membership and dues information available, [www.olcottyachtclub.com](http://www.olcottyachtclub.com)

*Sheila Flanagan*  
flanster40@yahoo.com

## 2024 Member Information Updates & Email Addresses

We are currently transferring to an online version of our accounting software Quickbooks for House Account billing. This upgrade will allow us to send statements to your email, saving us on printing and time. As we transition, there may be other features that we will roll-out, but we need to first get all our member email information correct.

The email addresses that have been entered are the current ones listed in the Club directory from information you provided. Some of you have listed work emails and those will need to be updated to a personal email. Some didn't provide an email, which we will need to have. Please reference the directory OR simply send me an email with the address you choose to use no later than May 1st.

Our annual member directory printing will take place at the end of May. Did you move? Did you change to mobile only or change phone numbers? Did you buy a boat? (size, make, name) Did you sell a boat? Did you get married (name change)? Please let me know if you have any changes to your information. Changes can be emailed or mailed in with dues or house minimum payments.

*P/C Sue Cassidy*  
Treasurer/Historian  
716-807-7913  
susan.cassidy@ima.it

## FROM THE TREASURER

April is here and that only means the official opening for 2024 is fast approaching. Your dues payments are due April 1, so please send them in to ensure that your charging privileges will be available come opening night May 3rd. Statements are being mailed as a reminder.

Last year a "House Minimum" was established for Senior and Associate members. This is a quarterly financial commitment to be spent on food and beverage service. The breakdown is:  
Quarter 1 (May – July): \$75.00 Quarter 2 (Aug – Oct): \$75.00

Essentially, you need to spend \$75.00 in each three month period which based on traditional hours of operation equates to 55 open days each quarter. Any unspent minimum (or balance of) will be billed at the end of each quarter if not met.

For the month of April, the Board has approved to offer a "Prepay" opportunity to pay your annual minimum of \$150 in advance. This offers the House some start-up cash flow as well as gives you a credit to start the season and most important satisfies your annual minimum for the season.

The particulars of the offer are as follows:

Payment MUST be received between April 1 – 30, 2024. Must be used in the 2024 open season (May – Oct).

### No refunds or carry over.

This is voluntary.

Offer is not available for any current outstanding House or General accounts.

Make payment to "Olcott Yacht Club", re: House minimum. Please DO NOT include this in the same payment as your dues, if still owed.

On opening night Friday May 3rd, we will draw two (2) names from those members who prepaid, for an additional \$25 house credit each. What a way to start the season off! If you have any questions about your accounts or the minimum, please let me know.

*P/C Sue Cassidy*  
716-807-7913 or Susan.Cassidy@ima.it

## REAR COMMODORE DAN MAXWELL PREPS THE DINING ROOM FOR NEW CARPET





## ABS Boating Safety Class Schedule - 2024

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 092-03-01 is offering several Boating Safety Classes for 2024. Check below for a convenient class date. Regardless of age and/or experience, ALL New York State boat operators will be required to pass a state-approved boater safety course by January 1, 2025. All jet-ski operators at least 14 years old may operate a PWC and must successfully complete an ABS Course. Don't wait as classes are filling up. There is no guarantee that more classes will be added.

Classes are held on Saturdays.

Date	Place	Time	Contact
March 2, 2024	Wilson Central School District 374 Lake Street Wilson, NY 14172	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, <a href="mailto:bgodshall9211@gmail.com">bgodshall9211@gmail.com</a> 716-795-9496
April 13, 2024	Fort Niagara State Park Fort Niagara Officer's Club Youngstown, NY	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, <a href="mailto:bgodshall9211@gmail.com">bgodshall9211@gmail.com</a> 716-795-9496
May 11, 2024	Inner Harbor Yacht Club 50 Fillmore Avenue Tonawanda, NY 14150	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, <a href="mailto:bgodshall9211@gmail.com">bgodshall9211@gmail.com</a> 716-795-9496
June 15, 2024	Fort Niagara State Park Fort Niagara Officer's Club Youngstown, NY	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, <a href="mailto:bgodshall9211@gmail.com">bgodshall9211@gmail.com</a> 716-795-9496



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### Dates:

Session 1: July 8 to July 19

Session 2: July 22 to August 2

Session 3: August 5 to August 16

### Fee:

\$ 625.00

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\$ 625.00

Any 2 sessions - \$ 1200.00 Full Season - \$1800.00

Single week available at \$350.00

**\*\*Parent/Guardian a member of Olcott Yacht Club?**

Receive a 10% discount.

Olcott Yacht Club has been offering the summer sailing camp since the 1940's. We have served the community by helping families and children learn sailing along with lifetime skills and friendships. Our program is open to boys and girls ages 7 to 17, non-members and members alike. We teach in Optimist dinghies, 420's, Lasers as well as a fleet of kayaks for when the lake is rough. We also toss in some fishing for the kids to learn. Instructors are US Sailing and lifesaving certified. The Olcott Mantel Club of the yacht club, a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization, provides generous financial support and fundraising to provide and maintain the fleet of boats. Through their annual fundraiser and tax-deductible donations, we continue to keep our program a success.

For further questions or information  
contact:

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Fleet Captain Junior Sailing  
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Mark Cassidy  
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Chairman  
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For online registration and program  
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at:




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**Sign-up for 1, 2, or all 3 sessions!**



# OYC CALENDAR

APRIL 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <b>ECLIPSE PARTY</b> 1:30 - 4:30 BYOB	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Club Clean-up 11 AM 
21 Club Clean-up 11 AM 	22 Scuttlebutt Deadline	23	24	25	26	27 Club Clean-up 11 AM 
28 Club Clean-up 11 AM 	29	30	 <b>CLUB SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK-ENDS:</b> <b>APRIL 20, 21, 27, 28</b> Come help with Spring cleaning to ready to Club! 			

MAY 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>Kentucky Derby</b> Saturday May 4th, Betting starts at 5:30pm Get your best hats & bets ready!			1 CLOSED	2	3 <i>Club Opening!</i>	4 Kentucky Derby Bets & Bonnets!
5	6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED	9 Mantel Club	10	11
12  <b>Happy Mother's Day</b>	13 CLOSED	14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED	16	17	18 Skippers Meeting 4:00pm
19 Scuttlebutt Deadline	20 CLOSED	21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED	23	24	25 <b>Flag Raising &amp; Past Commodore's Reception</b>
26	27 <b>Memorial Day Club Open</b> White Trophy 10:20am	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30	31	
				<b>Flag Raising &amp; Past Commodore's Reception</b> <b>Saturday May 25th, 5:30 pm</b> Come recognize all our PC's! Music with Dave Stockton 		



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Up Coming Events

April 8 - Solar Eclipse at the Club

April 20/21;27/28 -Clean up Wknd

May 3 Club Opens