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## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE...

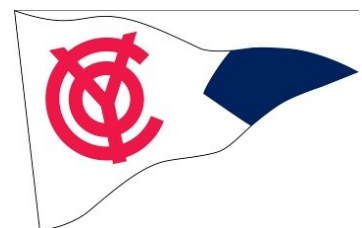
With the month of November, comes the end of our 2022 season. This is truly a bittersweet time for Olcott Yacht Club and its Members. A sailing season coming to an end is a sad occasion in and of itself, however it serves as the bookend to another venerable chapter in OYC history. As we look back on the 2022 season that was, I am proud to have been able to share that season with all of you.

Our Club is still standing, and above water! The Olcott Harbor renaissance continues with ongoing development all around the northern reaches of Newfane. Yet again we had a full calendar of sailing and social events. I look forward to 2023 picking up where this year left off, and continuing to grow a passion for sailing and comradery through our Club for new and long-tenured Members alike!

Once again, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Members, Staff, Volunteers, and Board of Directors for all of the time and effort that goes into making our Club all that it is. In the offseason, I wish everyone the best, wherever you may find yourself. I look forward to seeing you all, and even more new faces, back at Olcott Yacht Club next year!

As a final note, as we look towards 2023 and beyond, please take time to complete the survey that was sent to all Members via Constant Contact. One will be mailed to members who don't have email using USPS. Filling out this survey will be critical in helping the Board of Directors set the course for our Club in the coming years. Our path is set by the will of the Membership, and this survey (and feedback from Members in general), is critical to helping the Board make sure we follow the best course for our Membership. We ask that you complete the survey by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Chris Eglin*



## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE ...

The OYC Bar and Restaurant operation closed out the season with a very strong October, with many members supporting our great social events, Trophy Night, Oktoberfest, Halloween to name a few!

Long time member, friend and employee Meghan Shaw will be giving up her Bar management job... but will continue to support the club as a member and help out with her expertise. Thank you Meghan!

Many thanks to all the members who support the club and its house operation, especially the House Committee and my lieutenant, Joe Higgins. I'm currently laid up and Joe is doing inventory tomorrow! Further thanks to all the volunteers who help plan and run events and bring hors d'ouvres for so many happenings.

We will be doing some physical maintenance in the kitchen over the off season to keep it in good running order.

Finally thanks to Julie and her kitchen staff for keeping us well fed and always looking forward to her specials. Have a good holiday season and we will see everybody soon.

*Mike Capen*

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT...

The nominees for the Board for 2023 are as follows:

Sue Cassidy - Sue is well known to the club and has been treasurer for a number of years now. She is also Treasurer of the Lake Yacht Racing Association serving there the past twenty-two (22) years. Sue also serves as treasurer of the OYC Mantel Club.

Roger Voss - A well known figure around the Club Roger no doubt puts in more hours on the ground than a lot of members. Roger has served in Special Projects and this past year as Rear Commodore.

Sheila Flanagan - Shelia, a retired Newfane school teacher, is a relatively new member but has jumped in enthusiastically busy-ing herself with many projects always answering Roger's call for volunteers.

Elizabeth McCallister - Another familiar face at the club who answered the call when a board position went vacant.

Alan Rosenbaum - Nominating committee has been after Alan for many years. Now that he is retired he feels he can give more time to club duties.

*Mark Cassidy*

Chairman, Nominating Committee

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT...

We had several new members join in October. Welcome to the following:

Robert and Samantha Zillig - Associate

Tim and Cathy Sylvester - Senior

Carol Flores - Associate

James & Beth Keleher - Senior

*Elizabeth McCallister*

## FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

Congratulations to all the race winners this year and to our overall champions: PHRF 1 - Jason Cramer, PHRF 2 - Chris Eglin, Women's Racing - Chrystal Sharp

Also congratulations to our Club special award winners: Sportsman of the Year - Ella Thibault for her willing support of other skippers, Yachtsman of the Year - John and Sheilah Roehmholdt for displaying the OYC flag & spirit cruising the lake, Kathy Walter Heck Memorial - Jourdan Morgan for most likely to continue the sport, and the Seneca Trophy for outstanding contributions to the Club to Brian & Tracy Carmer for all their work on the patio furniture.

*Jason Cramer*

## SPECIAL PROJECTS ...

As of mid-September installation of a top row of batter boards spanning from the haul-out slip to OYC's north end is now complete. Early in the spring increasing the number of safe mooring spaces fronting the club was identified as a top priority. As it currently stands, historically low water levels have rendered the completed top row of boards somewhat insufficient. The current water level has clearly revealed a critical need for installing a second lower row of batter boards. Installing that second row in order to properly buffer the hull of our vessels from the hard steel wall will be a top priority in the spring of 2023.

I would again like to thank the membership for nominating me to serve on the OYC Board this year. It has certainly been an interesting ride and hoping I didn't disappoint. Wishing all the OYC membership a warm and safe winter season, I'll close by reminding everyone that spring will again be upon us in what I hope will seem like the blink of the eye. Yeah right?? I've got my snow-blower ready.

*Happy Holidays!! GO BILLS!!*

*Dan Maxwell*

## MANTEL CLUB

If your doing any Christmas shopping on Amazon besure and avail yourself of Amazon Smile and mention the Olcott Mantel Club as your charity of preference... See below.

Back orders we had for gear and parts for our 420 Junior fleet are in and will be good to go next season, hopefully we will have our Opti racks by then as well. Thanks to all the members who help make our program one of the Big Dogs!!

*Mark Cassidy*

## PAST COMMODORE'S REPORT...

Our civil lawsuit has not seen any action since early September. The plaintiff's attorney has not requested any witness testimony since hearing from Kevin Colpoys.

If anything significant is announced, the membership will be notified by Constant Contact or Scuttlebutt.

Service hours should be reported to [OYCHOURS@gmail.com](mailto:OYCHOURS@gmail.com) by Mid November.

*Mike Layman*

SENECA TROPHY FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLUB GO TO TRACY AND BRIAN CRAMER



## FROM THE EDITOR...

Our club has a lot of wonderful volunteers and that makes OYC a special club. I have to say however that the haul out, launch and storage committee is something else. When Wilson had an emergency due to a collapsed travel lift they turned to our club to bail them out... I'm not sure if you noticed but the yard is "packed" with boats. Our volunteer team didn't blink. The added work was welcomed and not only seen as bailing out a fellow boaters but some additional funds to upgrade our aging equipment. Perhaps even paying down some of our outstanding debt. Nobody works as hard as our yard team... for fear of missing someone I will name Andy, Paul, Jason and family, Roger and I am sure I am leaving someone out... a few of us do chip in a bit, but those guys are week after week.

Not only do they provide a service for the boating members but the income the facility has generated over the years has benefited every member of the club, from seawalls, patio, pavilion and more. My hat is off to that team... we owe them a special thanks.

*The Editor*

## The Olcott Mantel Club is now partnered with AmazonSmile!

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support the OYC Junior Sailing Program every time you shop on Amazon, at no cost to you.

When you shop via [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and select The Olcott Mantel Club as your charity of choice, you'll find the exact same low prices and selection as [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases. purchases to The Olcott Mantel Club.

**The following changes to the OYC Constitution will be voted on at the general meeting on  
December 11.**

2022 Constitutional Changes – AGM 11 DEC 22

ARTICLE II – Definitions

Section d:

WAS:

“Family” shall be defined as one or more adults living in a spousal relationship in the same domicile and their unmarried children under the age of 21, 23 if still in school.

CHANGE TO:

“Family” shall be defined as **a married couple or** one or more adults living in a spousal relationship in the same domicile and their unmarried children under the age of 21, 23 if still in school.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

Section 2a:

WAS:

A spousal-type relationship for the purpose of membership classification shall be defined as two people living as man and wife under the same roof.

CHANGE TO:

A spousal-type relationship for the purpose of membership classification shall be defined **as a marriage, or two people living together as partners under the same roof.**

Section 13c:

WAS:

The application and application fee shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Club, who shall make such application known to the Board. All applications for membership shall be referred to the Membership Committee Chairman. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to investigate the candidate and to report to the Board of Directors with its recommendation.

CHANGE TO:

*The application and application fee shall be delivered to any Board member, who shall make such application known to the Board.*

Section 13d:

WAS:

If the Membership Committee’s recommendation is unfavorable to the application, a unanimous vote of the whole Board shall be necessary to accept the application for posting. If the Membership Committee’s finding is favorable, the Board shall proceed to vote upon the application for posting.

CHANGE TO:

*If there are objections to the application, a unanimous vote of the whole Board shall be necessary to accept the application for posting.*

## ARTICLE VII – Officers

### Section 7:

WAS:

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer (with the exception of the Haulout/Docking/Storage Committee) to keep the accounts of the Club; to receive all monies due the Club and to deposit the same in the name of the Club in such a bank or trust company as the Board may designate; to pay all the bills when duly audited by the Board; to make detailed reports from time to time, as requested by the Board, which shall show the assets and liabilities and also the financial transactions of the Club; to submit to the Board such financial reports as it may request; to have custody of all funds and securities of the Club; to promptly advise suspended or expelled members of such status (however failure to do so shall not alter the fact of suspension or expulsion); and to perform such other duties as appertain to this office and as may be required of the Treasurer by the Club, or by the Board. **He/She shall, within ten days after the election to office, execute and deliver to the Club an adequate surety bond as shall be approved by the Board, and the premium therefore shall be paid by the Club;** the Treasurer shall present at the Annual Meeting of the Club and to the Board of Directors at such times that the Board shall direct, financial reports **prepared by a Certified Public Accountant, whose fees for service shall be paid by the Club.**

CHANGE TO:

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## ARTICLE X – Standing Committees

### Section 7:

WAS:

There shall also be a Regatta Committee. The Regatta Committee shall consist of three or more members, chaired by the Fleet Captain - Racing, at the discretion of the Commodore. They shall appoint a Race Committee. The Race Committee shall consist of three members or more and they shall receive entries for all races, act as judges thereof, provide stake boats, appoint members to assist the committee, and have the direction and control of all Club Races. They shall adopt a set of sailing rules and regulations, appoint a Starting Committee, and appoint a Chief Measurer and assistants. All disputes shall be referred to the Race Committee which will hear and act on disputes. Their decision may be appealed to the Regatta Committee. The Regatta Committee is the final judge of any disputes and there shall be no appeal from their decision. The Race Committee shall have the power to disqualify any yacht, which shall have violated any rule of the Club or custom of the sea. The Chairman of the Race Committee shall have the power to

Race Committee in their absence. The Regatta Committee shall keep a record of their proceedings and of all races with full details in a book provided for that purpose.

CHANGE TO:

***The Fleet Captain-Racing, shall at his/her discretion and with the discretion of the Commodore, appoint a Regatta Committee and Race Committees as needed to oversee the club's racing activity. This would include starting, finishing, scoring, recording, and judging all race activity. In any protest hearing the decision of the Race Committee, overseen by the Fleet Captain-Racing is final. Fleet Captain-Racing is responsible for all paperwork necessary to organize the club's racing fleet and any regattas the club may host. This would include registration forms, proof of insurance, PHRF certificates. Fleet Captain-Racing will also appoint a Chief Handicapper to assist members in measuring their sails for their PHRF certificates.***

**2022 Annual General Membership Meeting Agenda**  
**Sunday December 11, 2022 @ 11:30 AM**  
**Wilson House Restaurant, Wilson, NY**

Call to Order  
Determine quorum  
Approval of 2022 Mid-season Membership Meeting Minutes

Board of Director Reports:  
Commodore  
Vice Commodore  
Rear Commodore  
Fleet Captain – Racing  
Fleet Captain – Jr. Sailing  
Secretary/Communications/Membership  
Treasurer  
Director – House Support  
Director - Special Projects  
Past Commodore – Member Service Program  
Other Club Committee Reports  
Old Business:  
New Business:  
Constitutional Changes vote  
Election of 2023 Board of Directors  
Adjournment

**ABSENTEE VOTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**  
**FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (OYC By-Laws 14 JUL 13)**

If unable to attend and are voting by absentee ballot, please read the following:

The Club Secretary shall make available on the Club website a ballot containing the complete slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors, including space for write-in candidates, no later than **November 1** preceding the Annual meeting.

In order to be counted, completed absentee ballots shall have been mailed and postmarked no later than **November 21** preceding the Annual meeting.

Per Article VIII, Section 6 of the Constitution: Ballots, on which more or less names are voted than there are offices to be filled, shall be voided.

The absentee balloting procedure is designed to be blind, that is not to divulge the identity of the member casting the vote

The member voting by absentee ballot shall complete the printed ballot and place it in an unmarked sealed envelope then placed inside of another envelope addressed to:

**Olcott Yacht Club, Attn: OYC Commodore**  
**P.O. Box 715**  
**Olcott, NY 14126**  
re: Election

**NOTE:** The outermost envelope should clearly identify the member casting the absentee ballot. The unopened absentee ballot shall be kept with the original envelope until the Annual meeting. At that time, if it is determined that the member is in good standing, the absentee ballot envelope shall be marked with the membership class of the voting member. When the election vote is tallied, these absentee ballot envelopes shall be opened and the vote cast and weighted in accordance with the membership class of the voting member.

*(See insert for Ballot)*



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#### Events

- November 1st Absentee Ballot Available
- November 15 Member Service Hours  
Submission Deadline
- November 21 Absentee Ballot Submission  
Deadline
- November 24 Happy Thanksgiving!!
- December 6 OYC Board Meeting
- December 11 Annual General Meeting
- December 25 Merry Christmas