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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

As we put the Club to bed for the winter it is time to look back on what has been a good year at the Club. We have added some new members and new boat owners. Our events were well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time.

We finally got out from under the law suit with a big thank you to Jon Wilson for navigating that difficult chapter in Club history. The bathroom building got sided and looks great with help from Niagara County. The paper work for reimbursement has been submitted and we should see a check in due time. Those individuals who loaned the club funds for the job should soon be repaid.

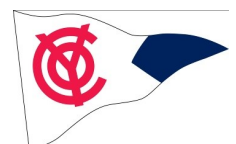
One challenge we still face is the voids under the sidewalk along the creek. We are still waiting for a recommendation on a repair and have contacted the engineering firm who we hired to drill holes but as this writing we have had no response. Fortunately, the drillings revealed no voids under the patio so we are good there.

The annual meeting is scheduled for 1:30 on Sunday, December 15. There are 5 members running for 3 positions on the board. Sara Capan, Doug Wintersteen, Taylor Sukdolak, Elisa Schwarzkopf, and Luke Herman . It will be a difficult decision to cast a vote as all of these individuals are well qualified. I want to thank all of them for stepping up to serve the club.

I am sure that elsewhere in this edition will be reminders to get your service hours in by November 15 and your final house bill payment in by December 1. Please remember that those keeping track of these accounts are volunteers and late submissions only make their job more difficult. I think it is incumbent upon all of us to do whatever we can to make their jobs as simple as possible.

December marks the end of my term as commodore and I would like to thank the many members who showed me support. It has been greatly appreciated. I hope my efforts have been sufficient and that I have left the incoming commodore a ship shape state of affairs. I also want to thank a most supportive board – a board that has been dedicated and conscientious.

Joe Higgins



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The October big event was Trophy Night. Julie and her staff did an excellent job. The racers enjoyed Doug's excellent band Nite Cruise. Game Night and Bills Games at OYC were also the fun events for October Thursday's and Sunday's. Pattie even organized Sunday Yoga at the club. And don't forget the Halloween party. Thanks to Sara and Jenn for the decorating. Mark McKernon will do an excellent job as our DJ.

I would also like to thank all those that helped with the club clean-up after closing while Dan is traveling to the Central America 3rd world.

We should also recognize Julie and her staff for an excellent year in the restaurant. Also very helpful are the volunteers that have helped Julie as guest bartenders and in the kitchen (Taylor). Julie appreciates it when the unplanned occurs and volunteers help. It's a great opportunity to get service hours. Also, most importantly, I want to thank the members that came out and supported the restaurant and bar.

The House Committee should be thanked for organizing the great 2024 social events: Marie Sharp, Sara Thiboldt, Janice O'Keefe, Chris Masters, Alex Rosenbaum, Dan Maxwell, Elaine Ryan, and Julie Cornelius did a great job.

If you have any questions or suggestions for 2025, please don't hesitate to contact me or next year's house committee.

Alan Rosenbaum

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CHILI CHAMPIONS!!



TREASURER'S REPORT

House Accounts:

As the Club closes out the 2024 open season, we can look back at how we enjoyed a full season of fun events, good food & drink, great boating and friendships. One of the benefits of membership is that we can charge to a "house account" and be billed at the end of the month. Your monthly House invoices are **emailed** to you and are due upon receipt. Please make your payment when it is received so that it isn't an issue later. Your cooperation is important, and I want to thank all who have paid on time. If you are not receiving an email, please contact me.

Your October House statements will be e-mailed the first week in November, so watch for it. Check your inbox and spam folders. If you still owe for a past invoice, you will ALSO receive a statement to show all that is owed. If you did not meet the \$75 QTR 2 charging, you will be billed. If you paid by credit card, let me know. We need all accounts paid up no later than December 1.

Member Service Hours:

Member Service Hours need to be submitted to P/C Roger Voss by **November 15** to be credited for this season, so don't forget to get them submitted. No one else will submit your hours. Email olcottyachtclubservicehours@gmail.com. All Senior and Associate memberships are required to help with 10 hours total per season volunteering. Any unworked/unrecorded hours will be invoiced at \$20/hr. Your volunteer help allows us to keep our dues affordable. All hours owed will be billed by snail mail and are due upon receipt. Please be prompt with your payment and get them in before the holidays. As always, please do not combine your House Account and Member Service payments into one check. Each should be paid separately.

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

Sincerely,

P/C Sue Cassidy

716-807-7913

Susan.cassidy@ima.it

FROM SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP

Wow! Did we get **another** bonus month of summer, or what? I hope you have been able to take advantage of this amazing October weather, get out on the water, and down to the club! By the time you read this boats will be hauled, and we will be in clean-up, close-up mode. Last chance to get those service hours in!

It's not too late to encourage people to join OYC! They can join now and pay the initiation fee and will be billed for membership in 2025. See the website for all the details.

We have one new membership that has been posted and approved. Please welcome **Peter and Kristi Polster** from Lockport. They were sponsored by Marie Sharp and Mark Cassidy.

As always, keep an eye on the Scuttlebutt and Constant Contact for details about everything happening with OYC. Hope to see you at the General Membership Meeting in December.

Sheila Flanagan
flanster40@yahoo.com

FROM THE PAST COMMODORE ...

I'm making a list, and checking it Twice, gotta find out, who's turned in their hours....

Xmas and our Annual Meeting are suddenly not far away (but first let's enjoy Halloween & the end of our Season).

Haulout, Closing Weekends, and all the chores to fix up/clean up the Club we didn't get to yet - PLENTY of opportunities to hang with your OYC friends and count the time IF you still need hours!

The usual Suspects have long since done their time, and MANY even turned in their minimum times, so now it's time for the stragglers to get out their pens (or get busy) B4 the Season is REALLY over for good.

It's been another Great Year at OYC, thanks to ALL who contribute and make our Club the wonderful place it's always been.

My time on the Board is almost over, and I'd like to thank all the Members who've been SO supportive during the last six years. It's been a very nice adventure to participate at that higher level, and I encourage Anyone who spends time at the Club to consider running for the Board in the future. WELL worth the effort, while you learn more about the Club's operation and assist in our constant improvements.

Cheers to all,

P/C Roger Voss

MEET THE CANDIDATES...

Sara Beilein Capen - Sara has been sailing out of Olcott Harbor for close to forty years. She went from teenage crew to skippering Cracklin Rose on Thursday's Ladies Racing bringing on crew of women with "none to some" sailing experience. Professionally Sara has served in leadership roles on local and national levels together, which together with her dedication to the club would serve the board, membership and the organization. Her focus is on the sustainability of the club by focusing on the next generation of sailors and boaters. She and her husband Mike have been members since 2018.

Luke Herman- Luke has been a member of OYC since 2015. He currently sails his S2 9.2 sailboat. Luke is a retired Lockport fire fighter and has his own automotive garage. He was instrumental in keeping the original Haul Out and Storage crane operational over the years. Luke is always a welcome voice at OYC talent nights!

Elisa Schwarzkopf - Elisa is a long time family member of OYC. She is a former Junior Sailor and went on to head up the program. She has crewed at the J 24 World Regatta in Newport Rhode Island and currently sails her Newport 27 on Sundays and Thursday out of OYC. Professionally she is involved with Cardiac rehabilitation at Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital. She and her husband Marty joined the Club in 2020.

Taylor Sukdolak - Joined the Club in 2023 as an associate member but as a new boat owner will be joining senior ranks next year. Taylor served this past year on the Constitution Committee working on Constitutional revisions. Taylor is a Youth Camp administrator and has been very active as a volunteer around the club and in the kitchen!

Doug Wintersteen and his family have had a long association with OYC. He raced his Ericson 27 back in the 80s and his three children went through the Junior Program. Doug served on the OYC board for a time, one year as Fleet Captain. He is currently the treasurer of his church and was for a time President of the Newfane School Board. Doug and Bonnie recently rejoined OYC and Doug did his stint at Race Committee.



As chairman of the nominating committee I am always conflicted with running the number of nominees to match the number of seats to fill on the Board or running more than the seats available. This year the committee was quite insistent on making it a "real" election. As the commodore noted all five candidates are highly qualified and a choice will be difficult.

P/C Mark Cassidy

THE EGLIN'S TAKE HOME SOME "CUPS AND FLAGS"



OVC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Absentee Ballot Available Nov. 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Member Service Hours Submission Deadline	16
17	18	19	20	21 ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE	22	23
24	25	26	27	28  THANKSGIVING	29	30
<p>"Annual General Meeting & Elections" Sunday Dec. 15, 1:30 PM @ Newfane Town Hall Community Room, 2737 Main St., Newfane Out-of-Town?? Absentee Ballot for election will be avail. Nov. 1 on Website or from Secretary</p>						
DECEMBER 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Annual Member Meeting & Election 1:30 PM	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
29	30	31				

2024 Annual General Membership Meeting Agenda
Sunday December 15, 2024 @ 1:30 PM
Newfane Town Hall Community Room, 2737 Main St., Newfane

Call to Order
Determine quorum
Approval of 2024 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:

Election of 2025 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

Official Absentee Ballot – Election of 2025 Board of Directors
(See instructions for filing Absentee Ballot)

~ Olcott Yacht Club Annual Membership Meeting ~

Sunday December 15, 2024 @ 1:30 PM
Newfane Town Hall Community Room, 2737 Main St., Newfane, NY

Vote for THREE (3) candidates only

**Place an 'X' before the name of the candidate(s) or write-ins for whom you are voting for.
Ballots, on which more or less names are voted than there are offices to be filled,
shall be voided.**

Candidates: Vote for THREE (3) Candidates Only

Write-Ins:

___ Sara Capen (Associate)

___ _____

___ Luke Herman (Senior-Boat Owner)

___ _____

___ Elisa Schwarzkopf (Senior-Boat Owner)

___ _____

___ Taylor Sukdolak (Senior-Boat Owner)

___ _____

___ Doug Wintersteen (Senior-Boat Owner)

___ _____

**Ballot must be mailed and post marked by November 21st.
Ballot must be placed in an unmarked sealed envelope then
placed inside another envelope and addressed to:**

**OYC Commodore
Olcott Yacht Club
P.O. Box 715
Olcott, NY 14126**

Outside envelope must have member's name casting the absentee ballot.

****All absentee ballots count toward meeting quorum****

Ballots are not opened until day of meeting election

**This is in accordance with the Constitution and By-Lays for
"Absentee Voting Requirements and Procedures for Election of Directors"**



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Roger Vost

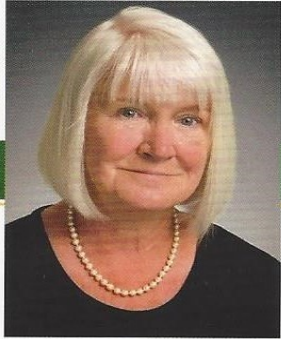
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Up Coming Events:

Friday November 1 - Absentee ballot available

Friday November 15 - Member service hours
submission deadline

Thursday November 21 - Absentee ballot
Deadline

Sunday December 15 Annual Member Meeting
And Election. NOTE:
Meeting is at 1:30 PM