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# Scuttlebutt

May, 2021



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE ...

Summer is here and we are ready. The big question will be "Are we Covid free?" Hopefully many of us have gotten our vaccine and will follow the CDC guidelines to protect our fellow members. Our first weekend features the opening of our restaurant and the Kentucky Derby party.

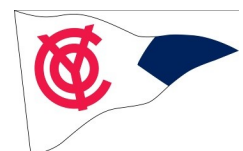
We continue to work with our attorneys on the civil action. Some communication has been started with the plaintiff's attorney but there is nothing to report as of yet.

We have put the new clubhouse on hold until some resolution of the civil action comes about. There is some hope for a fall start to construction. If not fall, then spring may be our best alternative. We did get a waiver on the sprinkler system from NY State. We will meet with our architect in May to make the State's recommended changes.

I hope to see many of you at the club this month. Come down and support our house operation.

If there are questions about anything, please feel free to call me at any time.

*Mike Layman,*  
716-622-1304



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

By the time you are reading this, the Club will be open for the 2021 Sailing Season! We couldn't be more excited to welcome Members and Guests for what promises to be a great season on the water, and at the Club!

The House Committee has been busy this Spring putting together a fun calendar for this year. Julie and Megan are back with a solid team at the Kitchen and behind the Bar with an excellent menu, and of course your favorite drink selections. For reservations, send an email to [OYCRESERVATIONS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OYCRESERVATIONS@GMAIL.COM). In May, the Restaurant and Bar will be open 5pm Fridays, 3pm Saturdays, and Noon on Sundays (except closed on May 2nd).

Be sure to check the Club Calendar for events! Highlights in the first half of the year include:

- Kentucky Derby Saturday May 1st
- Mother's Day Mimosas and Apps Sunday May 9th
- Polar Bear Sunday raft party and fun at the Club following the Polar Bear Plunge Sunday May 23rd
- Past Commodore's Night Saturday May 29th with band "Tower"
- Commodore's Ball Saturday June 5th with band "Rock Angel"
- Sail Past & Fleet Blessing Saturday June 26th Fireworks over Olcott Saturday July 3rd with band Beamin' Sounds

As always, if you have any comments, suggestions, or questions for the House Committee, or would like to get involved with the Committee, please let me know!

*Chris Eglin*  
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## FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

With the weather starting to improve there is a lot more activity at the Club, boats are getting unwrapped and readied for the water and some are already launched. Volunteers are busy getting the grounds and the Club ready for the season and with more and more people getting vaccinated the mood and atmosphere is looking promising for the upcoming season.

We will be kicking off the season on 5/22 with a skippers meeting to discuss the racing season, allocations of the fleets and the upcoming non series events around the lake. The first race will be 5/31 Memorial Day White Trophy from OYC to Wilson and return, with normal club series races starting that same week.

If anyone is interested in service hours we are also looking for race committee volunteers to start, score and finish races, Mark Cassidy has signed up to once again do Race Committee for the Women's Thursday Night series and I am hoping Pete Patterson who scored All of our Wednesday series races last season is still on board for Wednesdays but there are plenty of opportunities for other events.

The second annual OYC 100 South Shore Solstice will be 6/18-6/19 with the YYC participants having an impromptu race down to OYC the night before.

I hope you all are feeling the excitement like I am to kick off our 2021 season, I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon.

*Jason Cramer*

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## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

Hello everyone, I would like to thank everyone that came out for the club clean up. The Club looks great and is ready to go. As always there are things to do around the club to satisfy your service hours requirement. If you see something at the club that needs attention do not hesitate to inform me or any board member and if it is something simple and you are able to handle the task by all means take care of it. We are opening up this weekend so come down and enjoy your Club for the year.

If you have any questions at all, please let me know. Call or text.

*Michael Capen*  
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## FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY AND MEMBERSHIP...

Please welcome the following new members:

Michael Nolan (Karen Dempkowski) Non Resident  
1103 Woodmere Dr.  
Keyport, NJ

Dian Tucker (Donald) Associate Family  
315 Wellingwood Dr.  
East Amherst, NY

Todd Sukdolak (Gretchen) Associate Family  
7812 West Somerset Road  
Appleton, NY

The Membership Committee consists of Bill Russell and Sara Capen along with myself. We welcome any and all suggestions from the membership. We encourage you to "friend" the OYC Facebook page and sign up for the "member" section on the OYC website for specific member information.

See you soon at the club and out on the water.

*Justin Naylor*

## SPECIAL PROJECTS ...

Haulout Slip project is complete thanks to Paul Elter, Jason Cramer, Andy Sharp and Bob Stolzenberg. Two mid slip cleets were added to aid in docking your boat.

Always more projects on the books for the coming season... stay tuned.

See you at the Club!

*Roger Voss*  
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## DIRECTORY UPDATES

Need by May 15.

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## JUNIOR SAILING

Applications for Junior Sailing are up and running with thirteen Juniors already enrolled.

Staffing is complete at this time with Program Director Gabe Lewis, Head Instructor Ethan Sharp and our new instructor Clair Lewis. So far we have one counselor in training Ella Thibault.

Applications and additional information are available on the website or please contact me.

We will be practicing all Covid protocols as necessary as we did last season.

Any suggestions or comments get a hold of any of the committee members; Andy Sharp, Hank Hinckley, Vic Thibault or myself.

*P/C Mark Cassidy*

Chairman Junior Sailing Committee

## ADULT SAILING

After a year hiatus, we are planning to go ahead with adult sailing lessons this spring. The first session is on Tuesday, May 25, and will be a classroom session. On the water sessions will start Saturday, May 29 at 10 am. Tuesday's sessions begin at 6:30 pm. We will continue the Tuesday/Saturday format through, June 19.

If you know anyone who might be interested, direct them to our website, [www.olcottyachtclub.com](http://www.olcottyachtclub.com), choose Sailing Programs, then Adult Instruction where a registration form can be printed out. The program is open to members and non-members alike. The fee is \$175 for a single person, or \$275 for a pair. A pair can be a couple, parent/child etc., even friends.

We are going to require all participants including skippers, to show proof of Covid vaccination for the protection and well being of our membership. Hopefully, this will not exclude anyone. Members who own sailboats are always needed to instruct are participants, so if you are willing let me know.

*Joe Higgins*  
[qqhiggins@gmail.com](mailto:qqhiggins@gmail.com)

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Senior member Clark Godshall who was recently elected to a two year term as the District Commodore (DCO) for the USCG Auxiliary District 9th Eastern Region, which consists of over 650 dedicated volunteer men and women located in regions of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York acting to support the Active-Duty Coast Guard in its Boating Safety missions. They are the uniformed volunteer arm of the United States Coast Guard.

As the US Coast Guard Auxiliary District Commodore, COMO Godshall leads his district and achieves linkage with the Ninth Coast Guard District Commander, Rear Admiral Cottrell and her staff in Cleveland, OH. The Commodore links to the District Commander through coordination with USCG Sector Buffalo and local stations. COMO Godshall is always ready to help our members with Vessel Safety Inspections for the public and Charter Boat operations-just ask. You might also see him on patrol with the active duty so give a wave!

*The Editor*

## MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

A celebration of life for long time member Doralyn Marshall will be held Saturday May 15 from 2 till 4 at the club. Come join Doralyn's family, Sue and Mark Cassidy and Alan and Julie Marshall and family.

*P/C Mark Cassidy*  
Editor

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The season is finally here as the Club officially opens on Friday April 30th. I would like to start by thanking those members who have paid their 2021 dues timely. If you have yet to pay, please get your checks in the mail so you too can enjoy your member benefits.

As the Club opens, we have some familiar staff returning as well as some new and we will have volunteers helping out again this year. We ask that you be patient and give your full name and OYC member number to the bartenders and wait staff prior to placing any order throughout the season. This will help them get to know you, alleviate any errors and help in our accounting. We will once again be using our "old style" chits for billing. It made no sense to have a new POS installed prior to construction of our new Clubhouse. Please remember to sign your daily account and to check that it is correct prior to leaving the Club. A copy of your chit can be given to you if you wish.

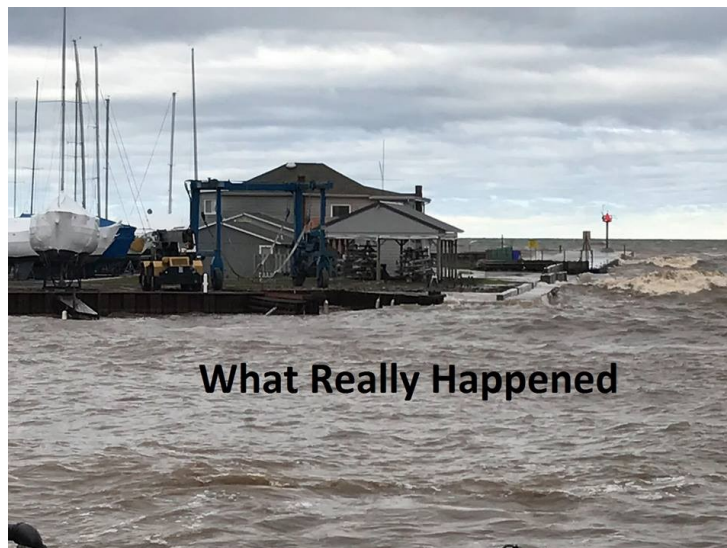
Melynda Stolzenberg and Robert Winter will be handling the House Account billing and daily chits again this season. This is a huge volunteer "job" and we are all grateful for the time that they put in. Remember that our entire House operation revolves on timely payment by you, the member. Invoices are due upon receipt so we ask for your cooperation in staying current. If you have any questions regarding your accounts please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*P/C Susan M. Cassidy*

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LEST  
WE  
FORGET



**What Really Happened**

# POLAR BEAR SUNDAY

May 23, 2021

Watch the Plunge from the Water! Why not anchor? Have binoculars on board!

NO shotgun start! Swimmers will enter water beginning at 12:00pm and will continue to 2:00pm



*Fun @ the Club afterwards*

\* Donate 3 pairs of eyeglasses and get a free drink token.

\* Blindfold Challenge

Pin the Tail on the Ass and win an App!  
Closest tail to X marks the spot wins an appetizer!

\* 50/50 Swim for Sight Split

3 tickets=\$2

8 tickets=\$5

15 tickets=\$10



Tickets available at the bar beginning Friday, May 21.

Drawing at 4pm. Winner will be contacted.

Let's help the Olcott Lions Club in their mission to be Sight Savers!

# may at the Lake

SATURDAY MAY 1ST

KENTUCKY DERBY



*sunday may 9th*



**HAPPY  
MOTHER'S DAY!**

SATURDAY MAY 22ND

SKIPPER'S MEETING



MAY 29

FLAG RAISING  
&  
PAST COMMODORE'S RECEPTION



MONDAY MAY 31ST

SUNDAY MAY 23  
POLAR BEAR DAY!



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May 1 - Kentucky Derby 6:50 PM

May 9 - Mother's Day

May 22 - Skipper's Meeting

May 23 - Polar Bear Day

May 25 - Adult Sailing Begins

May 29 - Flag Raising & Past  
Commodore's Reception

May 31 - Memorial Day