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July 2020



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE ...

Welcome back to summer! Welcome to Phase 4! Welcome back to the Olcott Yacht Club in its centennial year!

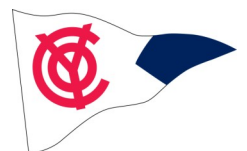
It seems that we are all awakening from a long slumber and starting to stumble back towards our normal lives, at least to some degree. The Club likewise has finally opened up its House operation with food and drink service. The selection is modest for now as we learn to adapt to the new circumstances of 2020. But the point is that we can now start to enjoy the social aspect of our club.

This past weekend someone in Wilson told me that OYC is closed for the year – that was news to me! The boatyard has been functioning for over a month, the racing program is very active, the bar and restaurant are serving, and the junior sailing program is ready to have another busy season – so OYC is definitely not closed! Yet this is an example of the idle gossip and misinformation that gets passed around. Every member must do his part to let the community know that OYC is alive and well – and open!

Several events are coming up soon this next month so check the calendar and plan on participating as you can. The landscape is sure to change over the next couple months but the Club will adapt as needed and we'll try to keep the fun going.

I strongly urge all members to start visiting the club again, but I also remind everyone that we must be responsible and safe. Respect your fellow members and follow the social distancing rules that are posted and wear your masks. It is an inconvenience but it allows us to be open in this peculiar year of 2020

John Roehmholdt



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

We have Brett Powley doing his Beaming Sound Show on July 3rd, following Flag Raising. Sail Past is July 11th along with a catered dinner but we need more reservations. Sign up by July 3rd. We will be closed July 4th and 5th as no races are scheduled and the 4th is usually a family day.

Saturday, July 18th is our Past Commodores Night honoring Tom Beilein. We are up and running on a limited menu. Our first weekend saw outside dining and socializing. Sales were lower than last year on our first Friday. We had 6 reservations and 21 ordering food. Our first four days had 75 food orders come out of the kitchen but half of those were burgers. That does not make it easy to run this operation.

We are training new staff as we operate. My hope is to start adding an item or two each week. If anyone wants to volunteer to help with staffing the bar or taking orders, please call Mike at 716 622 1304. This is the only way we can lower our expenses and keep our house operation in the black. Please bring your mask, be seated when eating and drinking, and keep a safe distance between you and other members.

The state has notified all licensed premises that they are getting complaints about violations. we cannot afford to close down or pay a hefty fine. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.



We have Tan and red Centennial hats available.

P/C Mike Layman
716 622 1304

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE ...

On behalf of the Board and Membership, we'd like to thank everyone who has been able to volunteer their expertise and time to help keep the building and grounds clean and in order. As always, this is an ongoing effort throughout the year, so please continue to feel empowered to continue pitching in with upkeep as you may see fit around the club. If you are interested in learning about specific projects that may require volunteers, please do not hesitate to reach out!

As New York State progresses through various stages of reopening, some projects that were put on hold are becoming active again. New fans have been reordered for the upstairs dining area. New bulbs are going into the outdoor lights, and lights inside the Junior Sailing Building. We will also be eliminating much of the weeds that have sprouted up along the edges of the parking lot and grounds.

Additionally, I'd like to take a moment to extend a particular thanks to Mark and Sue Cassidy who, among other contributions, have donated a seasonal weed and feed lawn treatment, new flags to the Club for Flag Raising this year and 1000 Club Centennial bar coasters.



Finally, thank you to the Membership for your patience and understanding in this very strange and trying year. In a recent conversation, Past Commodore Beilien spoke to one of the strengths of this club being Member camaraderie. This camaraderie is indeed one of the great things about our Club, and it is what will help see us through! So while we can't be as together as we'd all like to be, your support of the Club (albeit perhaps a bit "distanced") will see us through this year, the next, and many more.

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

Chris Eglin
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MEMBER SERVICE PROGRAM

As we enter the active part of our season I would like to remind everyone to keep track of their service hours and pass them along to me. I know it has been difficult to become motivated with all the social distancing rules that are in effect but your contributions, in time and labor are appreciated. Two hours for providing hors d'oeuvres is a bargain, but let me know. Thank you

On a side note, I would like to give a "well done" to Fleet Captain Jake Cramer and his committee on providing the opportunity to participate in our inaugural Solstice 100 celebrating our Centennial anniversary. It will provide many of us with great memories.

P/C Tom Beilein

FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT ...

June has been an incredible month here at OYC. We have officially started our racing programs and the turnout has been great. We are hovering around 9-10 boats between 2 fleets. That being said I still see a lot of masts in the harbor!!! I hope any of you on the fence or even nervous about racing in our weekly events, please JOIN US!!!! We would love to see all of you out there. We will find a place for you and certainly be glad you came.

I would like to publicly thank Pete and Dotty Patterson for volunteering to be our Wednesday night series race committee. Pete and Dotty helped us last year and did a great job so we are really excited to have their help again this year. This is a huge help for the racers as its always hard to but even more now to give up a crew for the night. If you are looking to help out for any of our Sunday series races please feel free to reach out to me.

The OYC 100 Solstice cruise was held on June 19th through June 20th. With 16 boats signed up we were on. The race started Friday at 8 pm right in front of the West pier with a big crowd gathered at the end of the pier to set them off. What a sight!!! A special thank you to Mike and Rhonda Kearns aboard Harbor Lights as our committee boat for the event. Joining Mike and Rhonda were Marie and Sarah Sharp and Mark and Sue Cassidy handling the horns flags and countdown, Thank you Race Committee!!!!

Please see the Sponsor board at the club thanking our event sponsors and please consider supporting them in return. The overall winners were as follows, Multi-Hull-Bryan Mackey and crew aboard Triumph, FS-Rick Lohr a J-111 Night Owl, and NFS our very own Nick Southard and crew on Sea-Ya. Congratulations to all. This was a great event and we are looking forward to next year. Please check out the details here <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=12890>

A photo album of the event is in the works right now so if you have any pictures of the event please contact me so we can add them. Almost none of this would have been possible without **Andy Sharp** who pretty much orchestrated this entire race and then even sailed in it!! There have been so many people supporting and helping this race all the way through. Roy Knapp, Chrystal Sharp, Mark and Sue Cassidy, Marie Sharp, and I'm sure I'm missing a ton of others but Thank you this was an amazing time down here at OYC and really felt like we were at a big Regatta.

Really looking forward to July as this summer even despite restrictions has been very successful with lots of boats and great racing and lots of laughs, I hope as things continue to improve during this pandemic that I will see more of you here safe and sound.

Jason Cramer

cramer9@roadrunner.com

SHIPS STORE NEWS

Online Ordering Coming Soon!

I mentioned back in April that the OYC Ships Store will be going on-line beginning this year. With the Covid 19 pandemic, things got pushed back a bit with businesses being closed. We are still working on going LIVE online in the next few weeks. Watch your email for the announcement! This change will allow us to:

- offer a larger variety of apparel for men, women and youth (NEW)
- allowing members to select which Club logo they would like
- offer personalization for your order
- limit overhead that the Club has to stock

Orders will be placed online and paid by you with your credit card. Pick up will then be at the Club a few weeks later. We still have our in-house standard items like burgees, crests, ties, koozies, sandals, key fobs & hats that you can buy at the Club. If you didn't get your 100th anniversary burgee, we have a limited supply on hand so you can get yours before there all gone. Remember Sail Past is July 11th!

P/C Sue Cassidy
OYC Ships Store
716-807-7913

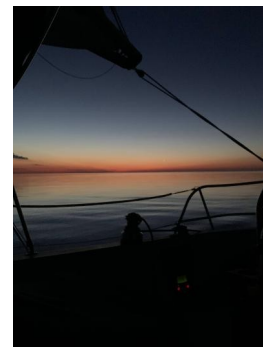
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SUMMER

SOLSTICE

SUNSET



SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT ...

With June fading away July is shaping up to be a great time at the club. Our front yard now has two courts cut in the grass, one croquet and one volleyball courtesy of Vic Thiabault. The Snipe lot and parking lot is cleared out better than all of last year... even the crane got moved! Thanks to haul out/storage crew. A couple more boats to launch.

Help is still needed with haul out slip improvements/repairs and with planned kayak racks. Get in touch with me at popsskygod@gmail.com, or 716-908-6848 if you have time to assist. Some chores need 2 or 3 sets of hands to accomplish... special skills welcome but not required.

Roger Voss

JUNIOR SAILING

Our Junior Sailing Program has reached maximum registration of 20 sailors for the first session and over 15 so far for sessions two and three. We are fully staffed with three instructors and an additional life guard plus two Counselors in Training. We have also brought on Lauren Cramer as our Covid 19 guardian. Lauren is majoring in Health Sciences at the University at Buffalo and will log our sailors in each morning with a temperature check. She will be in charge of keeping the facilities, boats and equipment sanitized throughout the day.

We have added two Laser sailing dinghies to our fleet of boats. These are single handed boats which will aid in social distancing. Any classroom activity this season will be conducted outside in the pavilion. Strict Covid-19 protocols will be practiced.

Further questions contact: Program Director Ethan Sharp: 585-205-3005; ethansharp892@gmail.com.

Junior Program committee member Mark Cassidy at 807-7915; rapparems@aol.com;

Fleet Captain Vic Thibault at 778-7749; (cell) 778-4482; vicsigns@yahoo.com and .

Ethan Sharp

MANTEL CLUB REPORT

The Mantel Club is contributing two Lasers so far this season. Brings our Laser Fleet to 4 boats. This is a worldwide very popular single handed sailing dinghy. This is the boat used in the New York Empire State Games. If you recall the games were hosted by OYC when they were held in WNY some years back.

We are also sponsoring CPR training for Junior Sailing Staff at the end of June.

Thanks to the contributions from the Solstice Sailors and other members toward the Mantel Club.

Thanks to all who make tax deductible contributions to the program. Contributions can be sent to the Club made out to OYC Mantel Club.

P/C Mark Cassidy
.President Mantel Club

COME ON DOWN TO THE CLUB
AND ENJOY A MEAL....
WE ARE OPEN!!

2020 Commodores Breakfast General Membership Meeting Agenda

Sunday July 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM - OYC

Call to Order - 11:00 AM

Determine quorum

Approval of December 2019 AGM Minutes

Board of Director Reports:

Commodore

Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore

Fleet Captain - Racing

Fleet Captain - Junior Sailing

Secretary

Treasurer

Director - Membership

Director - Special Projects

Past Commodore - Member Service Program

Other Reports:




Old Business:

New Business:

Adjournment



OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 "FLAG RAISING 2020" Friday 3rd, 5:30 pm Music with "Beaming Sounds" from 6 - 9 pm			July Events: Sat. July 11 Sail Past 4PM Sat. July 18 Past Commodores Night honoring PC Tom Beilein			
			1	2	3	4
			Flag Raising 5:30 PM Music with "Beamin Sounds"			
5	JR Sailing Session #1 Starts Club Closed	6	7	Wed A #5	Women's #3 Mantel Club	10
		Club Closed				11
				15	Women's Shafer Dist.	17
Williams Trophy		Club Closed		Club Closed		18
				22	Women's #4	24
Mid-Year Meeting 11AM H/D/S Meeting		Club Closed		Club Closed		25
				29	30	31
		Club Closed				Jr. Sailing Session #2 Ends
Mid-year Member Meeting Sunday July 19th: Meeting 11AM All members are encouraged to attend				Haul Dock Storage Committee Meeting Sunday July 19th Immediately Following the general member meeting		
AUGUST 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
38th Annual Sacca Sail Saturday Aug. 15th - Race First Gun 11:20						
			5	6	7	8
		JR Sailing Session #3 Starts Club Closed		Club Closed		15
				12	Women's Shafer Course Mantel Club	14
Sunday B #1		Club Closed		Club Closed		38th Annual Sacca Sail 11:20 Start
				19	20	21
Sunday B #2 & 3		Club Closed		Club Closed		22
						29
		Club Closed				 LOBSTERFEST Jr Sailing Reverse Raffle (TBD)
30						

COME TO THE LAKE IN JULY

FLAG RAISING - FRIDAY JULY 3, 5:30 PM HORS D'OEUVRES
MUSIC "BEAMIN SOUNDS" FROM 6 - 9



SAIL PAST – SAT. JULY 11
4PM – BLESSING OF THE FLEET
SAIL PAST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ON THE WATER

PAST COMMODORES
NIGHT – SAT. JULY 18
5:30 – 6:30

HONORING IMMEDIATE
PAST COMMODORE
TOM BEILEIN

HORS D'OEUVRE
RECEPTION



MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
SUN. JULY 19 11:00 AM

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July 3 - Flag Raising

July 11 - Sail Past

July 18 - Past
Commodore's
Night

July 19 - Mid-Year
Membership
Meeting
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Meeting