

SPLICE

THE ONONDAGA YACHT CLUB



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From the Helm – The Commodore's Corner

by Tess Freedman



Onondaga Lake is a beautiful venue for enjoying the outdoors in July. We hope you will join us on and off the lake. **We have**

several outstanding dinners this month, starting with our annual Independence Day Chicken Barbecue on Saturday July 4th. Bring lawn games and spend the afternoon, after sailing in or watching our "Fun Sail Races" starting at 1 pm. Unfortunately, the city fireworks are now at NBT Bank Stadium, and not the Fairgrounds, so we can no longer watch from the clubhouse. Perhaps when the amphitheater is finished? Depending on the weather, some members may take boats out on the lake to view the fireworks from the water. On Sunday, July 12, our Trustees are hosting the Trustees' Catered Dinner—our caterer Linda Sauter will prepare the meal. Then finish the month on Sunday, July 26 as we honor and introduce our new members at the New Member Steak Dinner. New members receive a free steak, but we ask that all attendees bring a salad, side or dessert to share so that we have enough food for all. See *Dining Out* on page 3 for details and menus for this month's "Dining Out at the Club".

July is also our OYC Sailing School month.

As of my writing this, we have around 20 adult, youth or Sea Scout students. Heather McQuade, our US Sailing certified instructor, will be assisted by five of our best Sea Scout sailors, who will serve as junior counselors, and Craig Thayer, who will provide on-shore instruction in the basics of sailing to the adults and scouts. Several of our members will be teaching the adult students on member- or club-owned larger sloops, and the junior counselors will teach on our dinghy and small sloop fleet. Other members will provide assistance in launching and retrieving boats, and will be helping with the sandwiches, subs or pizza we provide the hungry sailors as they return from sailing. Our goal is to have confident skippers who can sail a triangular course by the end of the six lessons and three practice sessions. Thanks in advance to all OYC members who assist in this important club activity.

We welcome many new members this month:

Syracuse resident William (Bill) Camperlino keeps his 36' Silverton on A-wall. He would like to learn to sail, and looks forward to interacting with the power and sailboaters

at OYC. Brian Cocca, from Liverpool, has brought his Hobie 16 to OYC, has been out sailing with his Dad, and will be joining in our social events. We now have three Hobie 16s in the club. Baldwinsville residents Tom and Nancy Porter are powerboaters who have joined OYC to enjoy our dinners and social programs. Dan and Marjorie Purnine and their daughter Lucy live in Syracuse and are interested in sailing our small boats. Dan and Lucy recently participated in their first race and first sail on a sloop, crewing for Rob Stone. Liverpool residents Craig and Suzanne Thayer have rejoined OYC after a two year absence. Craig will be sailing his Lightning and helping with Sailing School. Eddie and Stacey Meyer, and sons Lucas, Aiden, and Evan have joined as a family this year. Lucas and Aiden were student members last season. The Meyers will help with design and construction of one or more new pram racks for storing canoes, kayaks and small dinghies.

My personal thanks go to our Vice Commodore Tom Ogden and his crew of members who are constructing our new handicap ramp.

Sea Scout Daevon Bechaz is taking on the design and construction of the walkway joining the new ramp to our front walk as his Eagle Scout project, in consultation with OYC member and landscape architect Mike Gridley. Please check the Club Project list on the bulletin board in the main room at the club for additional member work items, which include new screens for the porch, some interior painting, and other items. Many thanks also to Dave Urban, who has been working hard on getting repairs done to the Sea Ray and who has improved the fenders and dock lines for the boat.

As always, we depend on members pitching in with the upkeep of the clubhouse and club boats, with hosting meals, and with support for our sailing school and Sea Scout Regatta. The second annual Erie Canal Flotilla Sea Scout Regatta, to be held at OYC August 14 to 16, will bring Sea Scouts from throughout central New York for a weekend of sailing and shore-side activities. We'll be seeking assistance from OYC members in preparing and serving breakfast and lunch Saturday August 15, for shore support of the on-the-water activities, and with driving our Sea Ray.

Enjoy summertime at OYC!



New handicap-accessible ramp



Summer Sailstice



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Ellen – A Labor of Love!

by Tim Witz

Boats are generally a labor of love and especially true when it comes to restoration of an older wooden boat. Tim and Jane Witz, 10+ yr members of OYC, recently launched their 1948 Chris Craft Sportsman, “Ellen” in Canandaigua Lake after nearly a year of restoration. Ellen has been in the family since Jane’s grandfather purchased it new in 1948. It spends all of its time at Canandaigua Lake and over the years it has been well cared for – but after 63 years, it was time for a major overhaul. Over the winter

Ellen had a new 3M 5200 bottom installed with the remaining of the boat stripped, painted and varnished. The days of having to soak the wood before use are over. All the chrome refurbished, new wiring and complete engine tune up made the job complete. Ellen is now back home in Canandaigua sitting in its boathouse and all set for the summer season. If you ever get the opportunity to be near Canandaigua, give Tim a call and I’m sure he’ll be happy to give you a spin on the lake!



Native Species Garden Proposal Accepted by CDR

by Jeff Freedman

OYC’s proposal seeking assistance in the design of “a beautiful colorful demonstration garden consisting of native plant species endogenous to the Onondaga Lake environs” has been accepted by the Center for Community Design Research (CCDR) in the Department of Landscape Architecture at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF). Dan Reeder, Landscape Architect & Supervisor at Green Scapes, Inc. in Jamesville, NY, and Visiting Instructor in the Department of Landscape Architecture at SUNY-ESF, will be the faculty liaison for our project. Dan teaches sophomore and junior plant design studios at SUNY-ESF. “Along with many residential commissions over the years, Dan’s main focus and passion has been working with communities, libraries, day care centers and nature centers to envision & create meaningful outdoor spaces to experience & appreciate nature. ... (ESF website)” Volunteer gardeners from OYC will be meeting with Dan Reeder and landscape architect students from ESF to develop a garden design intended to accomplish the following aims: (1) complement our OYC clubhouse upgrade; (2) replace our dated and tired shrubs and perennials with an attractive and continual successive bloom of low-maintenance native species; (3) help to inform the public about native plant species; and (4) enhance opportunities for OYC members to inform Onondaga Lake Park visitors about recreational boating on Onondaga Lake.



The 2016 Hospice Regatta

by Melissa Seiling

The 2016 Hospice Regatta could use an entry from Onondaga Yacht club! I just crewed on Targa with skipper Bill Strobel for the 2015 regatta and had a great day of sailing out on Lake Ontario. We had 3 races and some pretty good wind and even took 2nd place in our division. I was thinking that we should consider entering a boat and if we have interest I'd offer my Newport 33 since its already there. Let me know if there is any interest. The race is usually done around Father's Day.





Repairs to Sea Ray and Trailer

by Tess Freedman

OYC Board Member Dave Urban, who is in charge of the club launch, has completed several repairs to the Sea Ray and trailer. Cooper's Marine in Baldwinsville replaced a defective electric choke and broken shifting cable, and installed new spark plugs, oil and filter. Dave then repaired the collapsed floor over the gas tank, reusing the carpeting. He mounted the fire extinguisher, stripped and oiled all the teak, added snap extenders to the cover, and added cleats to the right side. He mounted a three fender system to the dock so that the fenders don't need to be moved in and out of the boat when docking, and he replaced the dock lines, adding a spring line. Extra fenders are in the floor locker. The boat hook and racing start flags store in the rear compartment (where the bimini could be stored). Dave also replaced the rotten boards on the trailer and repaired the wiring for the lights. The lights now work and the trailer passed NY State inspection.

Dave asks those using the boat to keep our Sea Ray neat by storing fenders, flags and boat hook, and to use the wooden posts to support the cover to prevent water from collecting. The bimini folds back after releasing the straps, allowing the cover to be snapped in place over the bimini without removing it.

Kudos to Dave Urban for all his great work on the Sea Ray. We can now expect many more years of service from the boat!



DINING OUT

by Rear Commodore Diane Knowlton

Enjoy the assortment of meals for July!

We start off with our annual 4th of July chicken picnic with the chicken supplied by the club – please bring a salad or dessert to share. July 12 is the Trustee's Catered Dinner which consists of stuffed chicken with spinach, rice, poppy seed/strawberry salad, green beans and strawberries and angel food cake with whipped cream for dessert. On July 19, there is a covered dish with

a Hawaiian theme – so wear those Hawaiian outfits! We end up with New Member Steak Dinner, where steaks are FREE for new members! Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Please sign up to host/hostess a dinner. Thanks to those who have continuously helped in the kitchen and have cooked at the various dinners.

The July 4 picnic costs \$5.00 and the deadline to sign up is Wednesday, July 1 at noon. The Trustee's Catered Dinner on July 12 costs \$15.00 and the deadline is Thursday, July 9. All sign-ups are by contacting Diane at 426-2880 at home, knowltod@sunyocc.edu or at the club. Confirmation is by the same means as signing up. Remember, please label any food you bring that has black pepper, as we have a person that is allergic to black pepper. New member steak dinner is free to new members and \$10.00 to all others.



Early Memorial Day Start



8 Minute Late Start



Father's Day Committee

OYC Racing

by Greg Chapin

OYC Racing depends on its members helping with the work of committeeing the races.

Racing Committee Duties:

- Set the marks before the 1 pm committee meeting on the porch.
- Start the 5 minute race sequence at 1:30 .
- Do not wait for late boats. Being on time for a race is part of racing.
- The flag and the horn should be simultaneous.

- The flag sequence for the second race should start as soon as the last boat finishes.

Our July 4th Fun Sail Race is on a course that represents the number 1776. Even if you are not a racer, come out and sail with us Saturday, July 4. We will have a meeting on the porch at 1:00 pm to explain the course.



New Handicap Ramp

by Tom Ogden

The new Handicap Ramp at the club is finished minus a few small touch ups. The new ramp is 40 feet long and meets code. The construction was all done by club volunteer members headed up by Tom Ogden. Materials were chosen for their resistance to weather and a nautical touch was added. The old ramp was placed under the porch for storage of the masts for member boats in addition to the three new blue jays.

Other project news:

- Additional shelving for mast and boom storage was added to the sail storage shed.
- Redesign of the storage shed to primarily store sailing items.
- The shed adjacent to the building will store the grill, pressure washer and non-sailing items.

Future projects. We hope to replace the wooden porch doors and build an additional structure for summer small boat dry docking.

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Sea Scouts

by Lucas Meyer

The sea scouts help out in preparation for sailing school. The scouts cleaned, checked the rigging, and moved the boats so that they can be easily accessed during lessons. Looking forward to teaching all of the new sailors.



Friday Music Night

by Melissa Seiling

Thanks to all who attended and performed at my little summer solstice guitar gathering. We sang songs and ushered in a beautiful sunset. We will do it again and give you more notice so you can plan on coming. I've included some pictures.

Stay tuned – Melissa



EVENT CALENDAR

June 29, 30, July 1 and July 6, 7, 8
(Mon., Tue., Wed. each week)

Junior & Adult Sailing School, 6 sessions; 5 pm to dusk

July 4 Saturday

Fun Sail Races 1:00 pm

Annual Independence Day Chicken Picnic at OYC 6:00 pm

July 12 Sunday

Trustees' Special CATERED Dinner 6:00 pm

July 15, 22, 29 Wednesday

Sailing School Free Sail 5:30 pm

July 17 Friday

Youth Social Event

July 19 Sunday

Covered Dish, 6:00 pm

July 26 Sunday

New Member Steak Dinner 6:00 pm

August 2 Sunday

Covered Dish 6:00 pm

~ 2015 OYC Officers ~

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