

# THE ONONDAGA YACHT CLUB

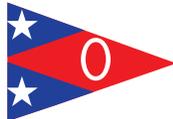
# SPLICE



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## From the Helm – The Commodore's Corner

by Tess Freedman



### Celebrating past and future:

August was a month to honor our past and glimpse the future.

We honored our Past

Commodores at our annual Past Commodores' Dinner on August 9th. Eleven Past Commodores attended, out of nineteen who are currently OYC members. We are saddened at the recent passing of Veronica (Ronni) Gilligan, OYC's first female Commodore, who served in 1985 and 1988 and continued to join us at Past Commodore Dinners and other events at OYC after she moved to Long Beach, NY. At our Jimmy Buffett Party on August 21, we ate cheeseburgers, sipped margaritas, listened to Jimmy Buffett music, and stepped back to our younger days, with karaoke to Elvis and other oldies—several members demonstrated their skills doing the twist. We savored traditional State Fair treats without leaving OYC, at our State Fair Dinner on August 30. We look forward to other OYC traditions in the fall, starting with the Devore-Mahoney Labor Day race series. Jack Devore and Lee Hidy reminded us of the history of this two-day racing series, named in honor of Jack and Donna's parents. At one time, many members with cruising sailboats went to Lake Ontario over Labor Day weekend, sailing from Oswego to Fair Haven after motoring up the canal to Oswego with lowered masts. The Devore-Mahoney Labor Day Series was introduced as an event for the smaller, non-cruising boats. We now welcome all sailors, with all sizes of boats and all levels of skill and experience, to sail in five races over Sunday and Monday, September 6 and 7. Other upcoming OYC traditions include our Pancake Brunch on September 13, celebrating Thanksgiving in September with our Turkey Dinner on September 20, and of course, our Annual Shore Dinner from 1 pm to dusk on Saturday October 3, preceded by our Chowder Preparation Party on Friday October 2, starting at 2 pm, and followed by our Long Distance Race, 14 miles in a figure eight around Onondaga Lake, on Sunday October 4.

**Glimpsing the Future:** The future of recreational boating in general, and sailing in particular, lies with our youth. How thrilling to see all the tents pitched around our flagpole and 14 small boats sailing on our lake, filled

with 27 Sea Scouts from Sea Scout Ships in Clayton, Ithaca, Skaneateles, New Milford, Pa and Liverpool! With Sea Scout leaders and representatives from the Erie Canal Flotilla, the United States Power Squadrons and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, we had over 60 attendees at the 2nd Annual Erie Canal Flotilla Sea Scout Regatta, August 14-16. We are very grateful to all the OYC members who made this event so successful: Jeff Freedman, who obtained the Regatta permit, Greg Chapin, who explained racing rules and strategies on Friday evening, Rob Stone and Greg Chapin on the Committee Boat, Pete Kitt on our Sea Ray, providing on-the-water encouragement and instruction, Garry Klink and Ray O'Connell, who assisted with assembling, launching and retrieving boats (Garry even provided some emergency repairs), Deb Flaherty and Tess Freedman who purchased the food, Deb Flaherty, Ellen Booth, Stacey Meyer, Pete Kitt, Tess Freedman, Jack and Donna Devore, and Lee and Alice Hidy, who prepared breakfast and/or lunch for everyone on Saturday. Our scouts from Ship 876 were fine hosts, led by Sam Stone, boatswain of the flotilla, and Lucas Meyer, boatswain of Ship 876. Half the boats in the regatta were skippered by scouts from our ship, including OYC members Aiden Meyer in 2nd place, sailing a Laser, Sam Stone in 3rd place, sailing our partly refurbished Blue Jay, and Lucas Meyer in 4th place, sailing his Sunfish. Craig Thayer and Lucas worked feverishly to get the Blue Jay race-ready, and Garry Klink and Tom Ogden spent hours sorting out parts and sails to make sure all our small boats were ready for the regatta. After a practice sail in the morning, the scouts sailed three afternoon races on a triangular course in 5-8 mph wind.

Our future also lies with our **new and increased membership**. We welcome our 70th membership, Scott and Annie Schild and their children Penny (age 3) and Walden (age 1). They have already been to dinners at the club (Penny and Walden are our new dinner-bell ringers!), and they have been sailing our club boats. Seventy memberships had been a long term goal at OYC, after a membership decline in the late 80s and 90s.

**Let us all continue to enjoy boating, socializing and friendship at OYC!**

SEPTEMBER 2015

Saturday, October 3  
 1 pm to dusk

# ANNUAL SHORE DINNER

**Don't miss this highlight of our OYC season!**

**O**ur OYC Shore Dinner is an all-day affair, but you can also come just for dinner. Starting at 1:00 pm the chowders (New England, Manhattan and Vegetable soup) are served, along with the first of the shrimp and steamed clams. About 3:30 pm more shrimp and steamed clams are served along with salt potatoes. Then, about 5 pm, salad, salt potatoes, corn-on-the-cob, lobster or steaks are served. Between courses, members visit on the porch, go sailing, paddling, bike riding or walking, or take a tram ride. Dessert and S'mores are served after dinner.



## Dinner Prices

(Subject to change depending on market prices):

Steak (total package)* .....	\$25
Steak only .....	\$15
Lobster (total package)* .....	\$38
Lobster only .....	\$28
Everything but steak or lobster .....	\$20
Vegetarian (no meat or seafood) .....	\$7
Children 6-12: hotdogs & tastes .....	\$3
Children under 6 .....	FREE!

**IMPORTANT: YOU MUST SIGN UP BY MONDAY NOON, SEPTEMBER 28th, so we can order the food. No exceptions!**

\*Total Package = Chowder, steak or lobster, shrimp, clams, salad, corn, salt potatoes, dessert. "Steak or Lobster only" includes vegetable soup, salad, corn, salt potatoes, dessert.

**PLEASE – NO GUESTS EXCEPT FAMILY MEMBERS!**



## DINING OUT

by Rear Commodore Diane Knowlton

There is still time to enjoy a brunch, picnic or Sunday dinner with friends at the club.

Please help before and after the dinners with setting up and cleaning up. Many hands make light work!!

The price for the following events are \$5.00 per person, children 7 to 12 is \$2.50 and under 7 is free. Bring the family!!

**August 30** – State Fair Dinner – Sausage and rolls will be provided – please bring a salad or dessert or something that would be found at the fair.

**Monday, September 7** – Labor Day picnic – please bring a salad or dessert to pass.

**September 13** – Pancake Brunch – 11am. – come and enjoy a Sunday brunch with friends and family.

**September 20** – Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner – turkey will be provided by the club – please sign up to bring your favorite Thanksgiving food item.

**September 27** – Covered Dish

Please sign up to help prepare, serve, clean-up and other duties for the annual Shore Dinner.

**Friday, October 2** – start preparing the chowder for the shore dinner on Saturday. Price depends upon what you want to eat.

If you need to contact me regarding OYC dining, you can call me at 426-2880 or email me at knowltod@sunyocc.edu.

**Thank you!**

Diane Knowlton

## Past Commodores' Dinner



Past Commodores attending our Past Commodores' Dinner on August 9th were (front row, L-R) Garry Klink (1992), Phil Klink (1976), Tess Freedman (2014-2015), Dave Urban (1980), Mike Romano (1997), (back row, L-R), Lou Levine (2010-2011), Jan Beall (1998), Diane Knowlton (2008-2009), Jeff Freedman (2001-2002, 2006-2007), Bill Pease (1986, 2000) and Lee Hidy (1983). Other Past Commodores who are current members of OYC include Bud Booth (1957), Dick Ashley (1981), Ellen Booth (1990), Ron Higgins (1993), Ron Barry (1995, 1999), Ann Ashley (1996), Kay Budmen (2005) and Mark Rupprecht (2012-2013).



# SEA SCOUT REGATTA

by Joe Collins, Sea Scout, Ship 876

On the weekend of August 14 – 16th Sea Scout ships from New York and Pennsylvania camped out together at Onondaga Yacht Club to attend the sailing regatta hosted by ship 876. This event helps to teach sportsmanship, teamwork, and also techniques for sailing. This regatta gives sea scouts an opportunity to learn how to sail, especially if these sea scouts don't have any access to sailboats themselves. The regatta allows sea scouts to engage in friendly and safe competition where they race around marks to see who has the best technique for racing sailboats. Sea scouts from many different places get to come together and form friendships with other scouts who experience the same passion for sailing. This event



builds unity among sea scout ships who live near each other which can make them stronger as a whole. The sailing regatta is also an event full of fun, excitement, and good food.



# OYC Racing by Greg Chapin





## Attention All Laser Sailors! *by Pete Kitt*

OYC is trying to get a group of Laser sailors together for class races. These races will be short and fun with the intent of comparing notes and improving Laser sailing skills.

The races are open to both experienced and inexperienced Laser sailors. Please contact Pete Kitt for more information.



## Pancake Brunch

*Sunday September 13, 11:00 am*

Our Bridge and Board will be adding special treats! \$5.00 per person, children 7-12 \$2.50, and under 7 free. Reservations by September 11th.



## GALLEY FARE THANKSGIVING DINNER

*Sunday, September 20, 6:00 pm*

Come celebrate an early Thanksgiving with OYC friends. The club will provide the turkey, and members bring appropriate sides and desserts. Sign up by September 18th. Adults \$5, Kids 7-12 \$2.50

## EVENT CALENDAR

**September 6 Sunday and September 7 Monday**  
Devore–Mahoney Labor Day Race Series 1:00 pm

**September 7 Monday**  
Annual Labor Day Picnic 6:00 pm

**September 13 Sunday**  
Pancake Brunch 11:00 am

**September 18 Friday**  
Youth Social Event 7:00 pm

**September 20 Sunday**  
Galley Fare Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner 6:00 pm

**September 27 Sunday**  
Covered Dish – 6:00 pm

**October 2 Friday**  
Annual Chowder Preparation Party 3:00 pm

**October 3 Saturday**  
Annual Shore Dinner 1:00 pm until dusk

**October 4 Sunday**  
Annual Long Distance Race 1:00 pm

## ~ 2015 OYC Officers ~

**Commodore:** Tess Freedman

**Vice Commodore:** Tom Ogden

**Rear Commodore:** Diane Knowlton

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**Treasurer:** Paul Johnson

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# Thank You

We would like to say a special GREAT BIG THANK YOU for the card that OYC members sent Bud last week. It meant a lot to him, putting a huge smile on his face.

Hopefully, someday you will see us at supper!

*Ellen & Bud Booth*