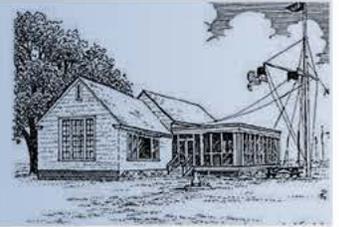


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THE ONONDAGA YACHT CLUB



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From the Helm – The Commodore’s Corner

by Tom Ogden



Well, this is my first article as new Commodore. I thought it might be appropriate to introduce myself for those who do not know me well. My wife Linda and I have been members for three years. We moved into the village four years ago and own a house overlooking the lake just 6/10 of a mile from the club. We currently own two Flying Scots..(one for sale) and have actively sailed as members. We have become active sailors mostly through the club membership and started out just sailing club owned boats. This is a great benefit for all members with the many small boat options the club has to learn on, and have fun sailing.

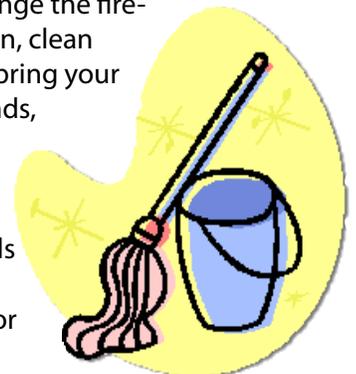
In addition to sailing, Linda works hard in the Club gardens along with many other members and I can be seen doing all kinds of projects around the club. We love to participate in the many social activities the club has to offer. Most Saturdays are spent early morning on the golf course and then to the club for an afternoon sail. I regularly sail in the races on Sunday but I am still working at being more competitive.

I currently also manage the website OYCCNY.ORG and could always use some new ideas, so do not be afraid to offer them. I believe the Onondaga Yacht club still remains unknown to much of the Syracuse Community and we have a lot of room for growth. I look forward to another great season of sailing and fun with friends at the many events. I encourage all members to become more active and look forward to your input on how we can make things even better.

Tom

Opening Work Party Saturday April 30, 9 a.m.!

Our OYC 2016 Opening Work Party will start promptly at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 30! Weather permitting, we'll move the small boats and dollies from the porch and clubhouse, sweep and arrange the fireplace room, get the kitchen ready for the season, clean the porch furniture, install the hoist and dock (bring your waders), raise the yardarm, hang the porch blinds, uncover and start to clean and wax the club boats, and prepare the flower beds. Come lend a hand—we depend on member volunteers to help prepare for the season. Coffee, juice, bagels and donuts will be served. Enjoy the beautiful spring blooms at the club, and start planning for the summer. Join us Saturday, April 30!



(1)Downy Woodpecker and (2) Florida Scrub Jay © Cam Millward and used with permission



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DINING OUT

by Rear Commodore Deb Flaherty

Welcome to the 2016 boating season! I am serving as the new Rear Commodore and am looking forward to good weather and good times at the Onondaga Yacht Club. You can contact me by phone at **607-215-3284**, or by e-mail at **DMaloney3401@gmail.com**. Three important items for consideration:

First, we've made an important change to the dining schedule at OYC. All picnics and potlucks (holidays and Sundays) will begin at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. This change should be more convenient for members who have to go to work the next day, as well as encourage our sailors who participate in racing events to stick around afterward for dinner!

Second, there will be a sign-up list posted for hosts for each dinner (potluck or catered). Each member/family is asked to host at least once. If you are new to the Club, don't worry. Hosting is simply setting up tables and chairs and cleaning up after the event. Plus there are always plenty of people around to help!

Finally, reservations for catered dinners are due by the *Thursday at noon* before the event. You may sign up at the club or contact me as indicated above. Here's what's going on at the OYC in the next few weeks:

Saturday, April 30: Opening Work Party begins at 9 A.M.
 Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Saturday, May 7: Hot Stove Party – 7:30 P.M.
 BYOB and dessert to pass.

Friday, May 13: Wine Tasting – 6 :30 P.M.
 Bring a hearty appetizer pairing. Watch your email for details!

Sunday, May 22: Commissioning Ceremony and Catered Dinner
 Gather at 5 P.M., Dinner at 6 P.M. (details below)

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day Hot Dog and Hamburger Picnic
 Eat at 5 P.M. Bring a salad or dessert to share.

The Commissioning Ceremony menu:

Hors d'oeuvres before dinner
 Caesar Salad
 Choice of prime rib, baked tilapia, or vegetarian
 Twice-baked potato
 Green beans
 Dessert

Adults \$15 per person; Children \$7. Sign up by calling Deb Flaherty at **607-215-3284** or **DMaloney3401@gmail.com**, or on the sign-up sheet at the club. Make sure you specify your entrée choice, and that you have received a confirmation of your reservation. Hope to see you there!

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TREASURY NOTES

by Jerry Illowsky

First, I would like to thank Paul Johnson, my predecessor, for his contribution to the club as treasurer. I attended the last audit and I anticipate a smooth transition due to the excellent record keeping. Being new, I am not going to change anything initially. Please drop off requests for reimbursement along with receipts at the club, depositing them into the locked treasurer's mailbox attached to the white chest in the fireplace room. I will supply forms in the near future but in the meantime, I need to know what the expenditures were for and the dates incurred. I am exploring the possibility of doing this electronically with scanned receipts and an on-line form in addition to our present method. My contact information: Email: **jillows1@twcny.rr.com** Cell: **315-263-5938**. Looking forward to a great sailing and social season!

Use of Facilities

by Ed Bambrick

Hi! I am the new Vice Commodore of the OYC Club and proud to be part of such a wonderful venue. My wife Donna and I bought and moved into a house on the park in 2006. The home was built in 1959, influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright and designed by Syracuse architect Anthony Cappuccilli. I was so impressed with the original interior space as well as the curb appeal and the potential it had. I jumped at the chance to purchase, then remodeled bottom up, to today's more contemporary design—I guess I watched too many DIY shows prior to committing to all the work! After one year of remodeling we moved in. I still can't believe we are five minutes from the city, with beautiful sunsets, wetlands, wildlife, city views, and yep, the Yacht Club! It's been a slice of heaven as we back up to Onondaga Lake, the Park, and right next door to the Ogden's!

Hats off to Onondaga County and Honeywell for the lake clean-up. I'm sure Jeff Freedman would be happy to share his knowledge one of these days regarding his involvement and the improvements he has seen over the years.

As a fourth year member, I feel I can contribute in so many ways to OYC, to bring in new members and support all the wonderful activities it has to offer throughout the season. I'm not an avid sailor but willing to learn and test the waters a bit more, as I plan to take part in club sailing and racing events this year.

My new role will also include managing the club calendar for facility usage. Since we have this wonderful facility at our fingertips, I welcome you to book your events, May thru October, along with the other club activities it has for its members. I will post "Non-Club Functions" rules, applications, and a 2016 calendar to review open dates. Please reserve your time as early as possible. The key rule is "Leave the Club as you found it". We hope all take advantage of this great benefit! As the new elected Vice Commodore, I look forward to working with newly elected Commodore, Tom Ogden, and the Board this coming season. I highly encourage everyone to get involved with the Club, as OYC is truly a place where those who contribute enjoy the biggest benefits!

Happy Sailing! Email: **edb.wsre@gmail.com** Phone: **315-451-1032**

Winter Get-Together

The warm weather on March 12 brought a large crowd to OYC for our Winter Get-together, enjoying copious snacks, Tom's chili and friendly conversation. Several prospective members attended, and three have joined!



NEW MEMBERS

OYC welcomes several new members for the 2016 season. Jason and Paula Myers and their daughters Chelsey and Piper live in Baldwinsville and own a power cruiser. They are looking forward to sailing and racing club boats and to our sailing school and dinners. Sea Scout Ship 876 Boatswain Robert Gustke, from Bridgeport, has joined as a student member and is bringing his 420 to sail on Onondaga Lake. Arpad Kolozsvary, from Syracuse, is interested in our club boats, sailing school, racing and social events. Herbert Schrayshuen and Debra Warner, from Manlius, own a Sunfish, and are interested in sailing our small sloops and the Hunter 22. Jim and Mary Pat Hartnett and family, also from Manlius, are looking forward to sailing club boats and to our dinners and social events. We are so happy to have all of you as part of our OYC "family" and hope to see you often this summer!

Annual Dinner

Fifty members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal at Drumlins, catered by Pascale's, at our Annual Dinner on January 23. Thank you to incoming Rear Commodore Debra Flaherty for finding our new venue and making the arrangements for the dinner!



Past Commodore and Racing Statistician Jeff Freedman presented the trophy to Greg Chapin, the season's handicapped sailing champion.



Flags were presented to 2016 Commodore Tom Ogden and Vice Commodore Ed Bambrick, and a club burgee and Past Commodore's patch were presented to Tess Freedman.



Later in the evening, Tom Ogden outlined his plans for the 2016 season.



Garry Klink administered the oath of office to newly elected OYC Trustees and Bridge officers.

Diane Knowlton was awarded an "OYC Foundation Award," constructed by Garry Klink, in appreciation of her contributions to OYC over the past 11 years as Trustee, Secretary, Rear Commodore, and Commodore.



Outgoing Commodore Tess Freedman reviewed the accomplishments of the past year and presented a "Proclamations of Appreciation" to Dave Urban for in recognition of all his efforts refurbishing our flagpole, club launch and Blue Jays.



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Boating Safety Course Offered at OYC

ABC3, America's Boating Course, the United States Power Squadron introduction to boating safety course, will again be offered at OYC, Saturdays May 7 and 14, 9:30 am – 2:15 pm (includes lunch break) plus proctored exam 9:30 am on Saturday, May 21. A boating safety certificate is required by New York State for anyone over the age of 14 to operate a personal watercraft and for anyone at least 10 years old and born after May 1, 1996, to operate any mechanically propelled boat. Cost is \$37 for materials and exam (\$12 for additional family members a sharing text). Contact Tess Freedman to find out more (tbfreedm@gmail.com 315-446-6329). We will email you a link for on-line preregistration.

Onondaga Yacht Club Sailing School

The OYC Youth and Adult Sailing School, taught by our US Sailing certified instructor and OYC volunteers, includes six lessons, 5:00 pm to dusk, June 27 -29 and July 6 - 8, followed by sailing practice Wednesday evenings 5:30 pm to dusk July 13 - 27. Lessons include text and a light snack.

SAILING LESSON RATES

OYC Members:

\$90 for the first family member

\$60 for additional family members

Non-members:

\$125/per person

Private Adult Sailing Lessons are also available.

To register youths 7 years or older and adults, please contact Tess Freedman, 315-446-6329, tbfreedm@gmail.com

Boat Show

Thanks to the more than 25 OYC members who helped staff the OYC booth at the Central New York Boat Show February 18 to 21 or helped to prepare handouts, set up or take down the booth. We attracted at least three new memberships and sparked interest in our sailing school and activities.



EVENT CALENDAR

April 30, Saturday

Opening Work Party, 9 am. Coffee and Donuts

May 7, Saturday

Hot Stove Party, 7:30 pm. BYO beverage and dessert to pass

May 13, Friday

Wine Tasting 6:30 pm. Bring your favorite wine and a hardy appetizer pairing

May 7, 14, Saturdays

Boating Safety Course, 9:30 am-2:15 pm;
Exam May 21, 9:30 am

May 22, Sunday

Commissioning Ceremony and Catered Dinner;
Gather at 5:00 pm; Dinner at 6:00 pm

May 30 Monday/Memorial Day

Liverpool Parade 9:00 am at the Park
Summer Sailboat Racing Program Commences –
Memorial Day Silk Pennant Race 1:00 pm
Hot Dog & Hamburger Picnic at 5:00 pm

~ 2016 OYC Officers ~

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