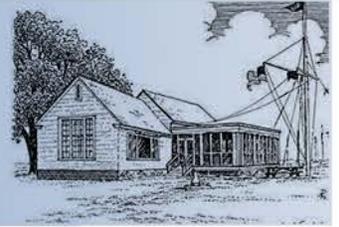


THE ONONDAGA YACHT CLUB SPLICE



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From the Helm – The Commodore’s Corner

by Tom Ogden



We officially kicked off the season on with the Commissioning ceremony. Cannon firing, flag raising, a great dinner and renewed friendships and welcome to some new members. The Memorial Day weekend kicked off the racing season. The new dock sections arrived and were installed. (Thank yous to Gary, Scott and Herb, and to Ray for waxing the club floors.) We will be repairing the boat ramp sometime in June along with repairs needed to the porch foundation. We will be posting a work items list on the bulletin board outside the ladies’ room. Volunteers are needed to complete the many tasks to keep the club looking great; sign up and get a task done if you can help. A thank you goes out to Ray for getting a second grill donated by his employer. The gardens look great and a thank you to the garden volunteers.

Please reach out and ask if you need some help in locating where the sails and other rigging for the club boats are as well as instruction on how to rig and sail them. We have posted links to rigging instructions on the website and google drive for most of the club boats. Club members are often looking for crew for Sunday afternoon racing which starts at 1:00. Show up and jump on a boat....it is a great way to learn and improve your skills.

Good Sailing to all and enjoy the start of what I am sure will be another great year at OYC.

At the Commissioning Dinner on May 22, the Stars and Stripes are raised (left), Gail Riina blesses the new sailing season (below left) and Commodore Tom Ogden poses with Past Commodores Jan Beall, Phil Klink, Garry Klink, Bill Pease, Lou Levine, Ron Higgins, and Lee Hidy (below right).



*Summer Sailstice
 Adult*

Take part in a worldwide celebration of sailing on June 17, the weekend closest to the summer solstice! We'll start with desserts at 6:30 p.m. and then go for an evening sail.

Sign up at the club to be a passenger or take passengers sailing.



DINING OUT

by Rear Commodore Deb Flaherty

Thank you to everyone who got the kitchen up and running for the year!

Your efforts to organize the multitude of pots, pans, and kitchen utensils are appreciated!



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Thanks also to our May hosts: Melissa Sieling hosted the May 13th Wine Tasting event (the wines were great, the food terrific!), and Tom and Linda Ogden, along with Gail Riina and John Ferrie, hosted the Commissioning Dinner. Over 40 people attended this year's Commissioning Ceremony, followed by a delicious catered dinner.

We had beautiful weather for the annual Memorial Day Hot Dog & Hamburger Picnic, hosted by Ray O'Connell. Covered dish dinners are scheduled for June 5th, June 19th (Father's Day), and June 26th. The annual Commodore's Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, June 12th. The reservation deadline is Thursday, June 9th. You can make your reservation by signing up at the club, calling Deb Flaherty at 607-215-3284, or e-mailing her at DMaloney3401@gmail.com. It is important to make a reservation so that food can be purchased and prepared in a timely fashion!

We still need hosts for many of our meals.

We ask all members who enjoy our meals to volunteer to host or co-host once during the season. Please sign up at the club!

Here's to Good Sailing!

OYC Gardens

by Rear Commodore Deb Flaherty

Once again, the OYC gardens looks great! It literally takes many hands to get our landscaping looking as nice as it does, and this year is no exception. Thanks to Jan Beall, Pat Urban, Phyllis Schwartz, Linda Ogden, Karen Fay, and the Sea Scouts (who cheerfully hauled and spread many bags of mulch!) Members of OYC hear many nice comments about our flowers from other users of the Park, and I know from experience that the lovely plantings and well-tended gardens make a great first impression!

Members of the committee work all summer to maintain the gardens. Jan Beall and Karen Fay planted annuals in time for the Commissioning Ceremony, and we plan to have the large bushes in front of the porch (on the park side) removed this summer; they are overgrown and need to be replaced with other shrubs or plantings.

We are still awaiting information about our plans to put in Native Species plantings; Jan Beall and I will attend a lecture at the Liverpool Library about this type of gardening. We will pass on more information as we get it.

If you would like to help with the gardens (and no, you don't need to be an expert gardener!), please call Pat Urban at 635-7736 or email her at sabharp@att.net.

Meet the Board

by Ron Higgins

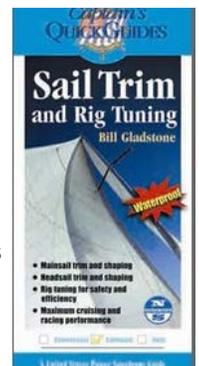
I'm on the board of OYC. I joined the club in 1985 to have a place to learn to sail. At the time I was a novice, but with the help of other club members, I soon became fairly proficient in Laser sailing (my boat of choice back then). I have had a few different boats, but same the basics apply to all. My son and daughter both enjoyed sailing here when they were growing up, and my wife joined me when my boats got larger. She has become very good at sailing and pointing out my screw ups. She is quite good at commanding the boat and I have settled in as a good crew for her. Through the years OYC has been a place that we both have spent together sailing and sharing good times with others.

Sail Trim Seminar

Everything you need to know about:

- Mainsail trim and shaping
- Headsail trim and shaping
- Rig tuning for safety and efficiency
- Maximum cruising and racing performance

Joint OYC and SSPS meeting Thursday, June 9, 7-9 p.m. at OYC. The seminar, presented by Jeff Freedman, comes with a waterproof USPS Captain's Quick Guide written by North Sails, which can be ordered at the seminar (cost \$10). Contact Jeff Freedman (freedmaj@upstate.edu) to register.



Commissioning Dinner Close-ups



Sea Scout Ship 876: Two Meals and a Ball

by Robert Stone

On April 4th, eight Sea Scouts and two leaders from Ship 876 traveled to Swedesboro, New Jersey, for the Annual North East Regional Bridge of Honor and Sea Scout Ball along with several hundred Sea scouts for all over the North East USA. The evening started with a wonderful meal and the scouts all dressed in full uniform. Many awards were presented after the dinner including the new North East Region Boatswain. Clare Collins was recognized as Ship 876 Sea Scout of the Year and Robert Gustke our Boatswain for achieving his Eagle Rank. After Dinner the scouts all dressed in their finery, looking extremely smart. They danced well into the wee hours along with friends from Ship 25 and Ship 37

On May 4th, Sea Scout Ship 876 once again had the honor of providing a display at the Boy Power Dinner. We



set up the Widgeon and it looked great, attracting a plenty of attention. Isaac, Clare and Emily manned the display along with Mr. Larson and myself. Johnathan and Cooper were also there, both in uniform. Clare was given the honor of presenting the Invocation in front of an audience of over 1,000. She did a wonderful job. And once again we had a marvelous meal.

On May 3rd Ship 876 was also given the honor of being selected as part of the National Flagship fleet along with the follow Ships: Ship 9 California, Ship 11 Hawaii, Ship 361 Maryland, Ship 450 Arizona, Ship 911 Texas and Ship 1942 Virginia.



2016 Northeast Region Bridge of Honor & Sea Scout Ball

Onondaga Yacht Club

P.O. Box 186

Liverpool, NY, 13088

Opening Work Party at OYC



by Tess Freedman
The warm weather brought a record turnout for Opening Work Party on April 30. Our Sea Scouts moved the small boats from

the lakeside porch, uncovered the small sloops and helped spread mulch. Our gardeners divided the perennials, pruned and cleaned up the beds. Other members got the kitchen ready for the season, including sorting out the drawers, and performed the yearly tasks of raising the hoist and yardarm, installing the porch blinds, moving our seasonal dock into the lake, waxing the Hunter, cleaning the windows and removing the spider webs from the siding. How great to see so many new members join in!



Wine Tasting Party



EVENT CALENDAR

June 9, Thursday

Joint Meeting with Syracuse Sail and Power Squadron: Sail Trim Seminar, 7-9 pm

June 12, Sunday

Commodore's Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 pm

June 17, Friday

Adult Social Event: Summer Sailstice (Almost)
Full Moon Sail, 6:30 pm

June 19, Sunday

Father's Day Covered Dish, 5:00 pm

June 26, Sunday

Covered Dish, 5:00 pm

June 27, 28, 29 July 6, 7, 8

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

July 4, Monday

Fun Sail Races, 1:00 pm
Chicken Picnic, 5:00 pm
Fireworks on the lake

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:	Non-members:
\$90 for the first family member	\$125/per person
\$60 for additional family members	

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

~ 2016 OYC Officers ~

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