



From the Helm—the Commodore's Corner by Tom Ogden

Welcome back to the 2017 sailing, dining and social season. By the time you read this issue of the Splice, we will have just finished opening the club for the year. The following list of "Great expectations" to steal the title of a famous novel, mirrors my thoughts for the coming season.

1. I am hopeful and expectant of an expanded membership this year based on the number of new members already signed up for the season.
2. Expanded and greater participation in weekly racing. I think we can hit 10 boats regularly here.
3. A large and new look to the sailing school. Co-teachers this year will be Sea Scouts Robert Gustke and Cooper Pyle, along with your Commodore, who will all be getting their US Sailing Instructor Certification.
4. A sprucing up of the facility. Completed already are refinishing of stove grates, a new section of sidewalk connecting to the handicap ramp, and 5 yards of stone for our boat launch ramp.
5. The gardens project should begin soon. We would like to paint the locker room, back hall and front porch grate. We will also be posting a Members' Work Item project list on the bulletin board next to the ladies room. Please sign up to help if you can.
6. A thorough cleaning of the book cases in fireplace room, along with some kitchen "junk drawers".
7. Greater participation in our fantastic social calendar both in attendees and those volunteering to host.
8. Possible wireless internet at the club.
9. Completion of the Blue Jay restoration projects. Sea Scouts and parents assisted by Craig Thayer have made some good progress here.
10. I would be remiss if I did not lay out the challenge to the racers. I have purchased new main sails for my Flying Scot, which I expect will make me even more competitive.
11. Everyone make some new friends this year and have a wonderful experience at OYC!

New Board of Trustees Member Needed

OYC Trustee Scott Kallstrom is taking a leave of absence from the club, and we are looking for a member to fill a 2017—2019 or 2017—2018 term. Board meetings are the second Monday of each month. Please contact Commodore Tom Ogden (thomascogden@gmail.com) if you are willing to serve as an OYC Trustee.

Writers and Photographers Wanted!

Are you interested in journalism? Do you enjoy taking pictures? The OYC Splice is looking for members, new or old, to assist with writing articles, page layout, editing and photography. We publish ~7 four-page issues per year. Contact Tess Freedman (tbfreedm@gmail.com).

Opening Work Party — Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9 a.m.

Opening work party starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. April 22th! Weather permitting, we'll take down shutters, move the small boats and dollies from the porch and clubhouse, arrange the fireplace room, get the kitchen ready for the season, install the hoist and dock (bring your waders), uncover, clean and wax the club boats, raise the yardarm, hang the porch blinds, and prepare the flower beds. Come lend a hand on this important day in the life of the club. Coffee, juice, bagels and donuts will be served. Start planning our summer together—and enjoy the beautiful spring blooms at the club. Join us Saturday, April 22!





Dining Out at the Club

*By Deb Flaherty,
 Rear Commodore*

A new season of sailing is almost upon us! We have many events planned here at the Onondaga Yacht Club, and hope to see you at them!

The OYC will be holding its first **Cinco de Mayo Dinner** on Friday, May 5th. See the menu in this issue. It should be a very enjoyable meal!

On Saturday, May 13th, we've scheduled our annual **Hot Stove Party** at 7:30 P.M. BYOB and a scrumptious dessert to share!

OYC's **Commissioning Ceremony and Dinner** is scheduled for Sunday, May 21st, with hors d'oeuvres and drinks at 5:00 followed by dinner at 5:30 P.M. This year's dinner is catered by Tabitha's of Baldwinsville and promises to be delicious. Reservations are due to me by noon on **Tuesday, May 16th**. Our annual **Memorial Day Hot Dog & Hamburger Picnic** will be held at 5 P.M. on Monday, May 29th. OYC provides the hot dogs and hamburgers, and we ask attendees to bring a side dish or dessert to pass.

For all of the catered events and picnics, it is important to sign up so we can insure there is plenty of food. There are three ways to sign up: contact Deb Flaherty at DMaloney3401@gmail.com or call Deb at 607-215-3284. You can also sign up at the club. Please make sure you indicate your choice of entrée (see the menu).

We need hosts and hostesses for the dinners and picnics at the club, and we ask that you and your family sign up to host at least once each season. Hosting is not difficult; it involves putting out silverware and plates, setting the tables with centerpieces and salt and pepper, and cleaning up – but everyone at the club pitches in to help! A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board – please help!



**Cinco de Mayo
 Catered Dinner Friday, May 5th
 6:30 PM Cost: \$15 each**

Please join us for this new event.

Menu

- Chili Poblano**....Cheese filled Poblano peppers topped with Ranchero Sauce
- Burritos Mexicano**Chicken burritos sautéed with onions tomatoes and bell peppers, beans and cheese dip
- Enchilladas** with tacos, rice and beans
- Make your own Mexican sundae for dessert.
- Lemonade and coffee, or bring your own alcohol

**Commissioning Dinner
 Sunday May 21**



The 2017 Commissioning Dinner begins at 5:00 with hors d'oeuvres, followed by the ceremony, and then dinner at 5:30 P.M. The cost for adults is \$15 each, and children's meals (ages 7-12) are \$7 each. **The reservation deadline is Tuesday, May 16th at noon.** Sign up at the club or e-mail Deb Flaherty at DMaloney3401@gmail.com. You can also call Deb at 607-215-3284. Make sure you indicate your entrée choice! Deb will contact you to confirm. Here's the menu:

Hors d'oeuvres before dinner

- Choice of: Chicken Francaise, Baked Scrod,
 or Pasta Primavera in a White Sauce
 Tossed Salad with Italian Dressing*
- Rice Pilaf*
- Rolls and butter*
- Dessert*
- Coffee, tea, lemonade*

HOW TO BOOK YOUR MEMBER EVENT by Ed Bambrick

It's easy to book your club event! Recently I circulated the "Club Use Reservation Form" via email to all members, or you can pick up a form at the club. The form is pretty much self-explanatory—just fill out the fields: member name, email address, phone number, type of event, date requested, estimated number of attendees, time requested, start and end times, and your fee schedule (just \$1.00 per person attending the event, plus an additional \$25.00 if kitchen use is requested).

Forward the form to: edb.wsre@gmail.com or snail mail to: Ed Bambrick 113 Hiawatha Trail, Liverpool, NY 13088. Please remit your payment for facilities use within five days after event and mail check to: OYC, PO Box 186, Liverpool, NY 13088 or drop in the Treasure's box at the club house. Approved usage will be confirmed by me and posted on the calendar at the clubhouse. (Privilege to use clubhouse may be lost if not paid promptly).

Note: OYC Club Events take precedence over member events, so please review OYC Club Calendar of Events list prior to booking your event (calendar of events at oyccny.org). Some exceptions may be considered depending on club and member event scheduled times.

I will keep member events current throughout the season so no single events overlap each other. Please feel free to call me with any questions and or concerns. I can be reached at [315.317.1731](tel:315.317.1731). Thank you for your cooperation, and I'm looking forward to a fun-filled season.

Winter/Spring 2017

Annual Dinner 40 OYC members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal at Pascale's at Drumlins. Garry Klink administered the oath of office to OYC Trustees and Bridge officers, and Commodore Tom Ogden shared his goals and thoughts for the coming season. Thanks to Rear Commodore Deb Flaherty for arranging this event!



Trustees Ray O'Connell, Gail Riina, Scott Kallstrom, Pete Kitt and Lou Levine (above) and Vice Commodore Ed Bambrick, Rear Commodore Deb Flaherty and Secretary Brian Colvin (below) take oath of office administered by Garry Klink. Commodore Tom Ogden and Vice Commodore Ed Bambrick display their flags (left)



Welcome to new OYC Members!

Our newest members joined us for our Winter Get-together: Roger and Victoria Bowers, who live on the west side of Syracuse, are new to boating and want to learn to sail. Stephen Bollenbacher, from Fulton, keeps his Catalina in Fair Haven and is interested in sailing our club boats. Holly loset, a North Syracuse resident, has a sunfish and wants additional sailing instruction. Carol Sullivan (not shown), from Liverpool, joined OYC late last fall and attended our Annual Dinner. All these new members will be joining us for dinners and social events.



Stephen Bollenbacher



Holly loset

Roger and Victoria Bowers

Winter Wine-Tasting Event

To help with winter blues, OYC held a new winter event Friday, February 17. OYC, in conjunction with Syracuse Wine-works, hosted a fun evening of wining, (but no whining!) at their location in Elm Hill Plaza in Camillus. An open house, evening of wine tasting, and even some information on wine making for those so inclined was enjoyed by members and guests. Thanks to Pete Kitt for coordinating this event.



Sailing! Sailing! —by Greg Chapin

RACE WITH HISTORY

In the early days of our club, one of the first races was in August 1887 from Salina Pier to the lake outlet and back. The winner received a Silk Scarf from a “female admirer of the Yachtsmen” and his name on a perpetual trophy. We now recreate that race each year on Memorial Day, racing from the clubhouse to the outlet and back.

This year we will do the race a little differently. Instead of turning in the outlet, there will be a racing mark to turn around. I would hope that every sailor, man or woman, will receive a silk scarf from an admirer, and fly it proudly from his or her boat for the rest of the summer. I hope Kathy buys me a scarf and you can be sure I will get her one.

Skipper’s meetings are at 1 pm all season, and the handicap racing series starts the Sunday after Memorial Day.

THE NATIVE GARDENS ARE COMING SOON!

—by Pat Urban

We are very excited to announce that the planting of the native garden will commence this spring; all plants will be native to Onondaga County and its contiguous counties. Jeff Freedman and I have been researching plants native to Onondaga County these last couple of months. Jeff was fortunate enough to obtain a link to a website about New

York native plants from Don Leopold at SUNY-ESF to help us determine which plants on our original list are native to Onondaga County. Ellen Folts of Amanda’s Garden, a nursery that specializes in native plants, has prepared an alternative design, in addition to



recommending substitutions for the non-native plants on the design that we were considering last fall. Onondaga County Parks Department has issued a special use permit for our garden, and Delos Schueler of Phoenix Flower Farms will install the garden this spring. We are in the final stage of choosing the garden flowers.

Last fall I planted Threadleaf Coreopsis around the red and green buoys in front of the clubhouse. We should see them start to grow this spring. We hope to plant wild flowers on the lake side near the porch in May.

Plant life should soon surround Onondaga Yacht Club.



“Mistletoe” owned by Capt. V. J Smith (above), a 10-ton cutter, won OYC’s first regatta May 31, 1886, with 5 boats and 700 spectators

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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May 29 Monday

Liverpool Parade 9 am at the Park
 Summer Sailboat Racing Program Commences, Memorial Day Silk Pennant Race 1:00 pm
 Memorial Day Hot Dog & Hamburger Picnic 5:00 pm; Sea Scouts and families invited

~2017 OYC Officers~

Commodore: Tom Ogden

Vice Commodore: Ed Bambrick

Rear Commodore: Debra Flaherty

Secretary: Brian Colvin

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