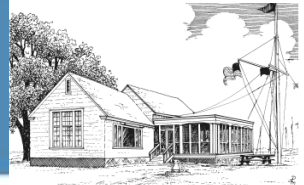


# THE ONONDAGA YACHT CLUB SPLICE



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



We are well into the sailing season, and your Commodore will have sailed over a dozen times by the time you receive this newsletter. Sailing, is of course one of the main activities of our club, but it still surprises me the few number of sailors on the water with the

exception of Sunday racing and Thursday night sea scouts. We are trying to make it easier for our membership to take a sail and increase your desire to be on the water.

The club has a Capri 14.2 docked in the water for easy access. The club sailing fleet numbers over 20 boats which can be reserved for use at any time. Member boats either dry-sailed or docked at the Marina includes another 30. Our members are very receptive to taking you out for a sail on their boats or help you rig and sail one of the club boats. We also offer a sailing school and the Commodore offers private lessons to help increase your sailing skills. If you are interested in being introduced to a member for a sail or would like help to become a better sailor please let me know and we can come up with a plan.

I have noticed my skills and confidence level continue to increase the more I sail. I am sure yours will also. I hope to see you on the water soon and often.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- We purchased a main sail cover for the Capri 14.2 which is now moored at our dock making it even easier for members to take this boat out.
- The county mows the main lawn area around the club but members are responsible for mowing or weed wacking around their own boats and the club boats. A weed wacker is kept in the locker room electrical closet and our mower is in the sail shed. We need regular volunteers for this job. Don't ask..just do.
- The club has purchased a number of cases of soft drinks which are available in the locker room refrigerator along with other honor-system beverages.
- The club has two blue and white kayaks for member use located on the new rack on the shoreline.
- New creeping phlox has been purchased to boarder the front of the lakeside porch.
- A 62" 65lb Sturgeon was recently netted in the lake by ESF researchers.
- There are over 25 concerts planned at the amphitheatre this summer.
- Fireworks can be seen from our porch following Skychiefs games and fair events.
- A new pass gate will be installed at the Sycamore St. entrance by season's end.
- We are requesting every member sign up to host or help with at least one event this summer. We need your help.
- Our membership is again expected to be in the mid eighties with total family participation close to 150.
- There are cushions for the metal chairs on the front porch located in the chest, just inside the door.

### Sea Scout Ship 876 Travel Fund

Thank you to the sixteen club members who donated a total of \$1025 to our Sea Scout Ship 876 Travel Fund to help defray costs for two teams to compete in the International William I Koch Cup in Galveston, July 8-13, 2018. Our Ship 876 teams consist of Skipper Robert Gustke/Crew Andrew York, and Skipper Aiden Meyer/Crew Cooper Pyle.



## Dining Out at the Club

By Holly Ioset,  
Rear Commodore

### Early Summer Galley Gazette:

**Hey— many thanks to all the Hosts, Galley Cleanup folks and Grillers** who have made events great so far this year! Ham-burgers on Memorial Day, Spectacular Spring Salads, sweet desserts! Ah the memories! OYCook!!

- Note that Rear Commodore will be assisted each month this season by a Board member: June is Sandy Kopp and July Dan Sicchio... so if you can't reach Holly, then contact the back-up! Hosts will still be needed for each event—and we know you all will be signing up to win a prize in October— but also to make great social events at OYC. A question came up: do Hosts also cleanup? The way it has been working is the Hosts and Rear Commodore take the lead in cleanup, and then draft helpers as needed. Please, after you eat, take a look in the Galley and if needed, help w cleanup! The Hosts will love you!

- **The OYCook events are working well**—these are the former Sunday potlucks by another name. Many themes will require that we pre-plan food so look for the food sign-up sheets .

**The Galley Garbage report!** Who knew that the Club has trash removal but not recyclable removal provided by the park! So If you bring wine bottles or other recyclable items for an impromptu happy hour or any event really, please just take them home to recycle there! The Scouts return cans as a fundraiser in the yellow can! But other recyclables have to be shuttled out by someone like the Rear Commodore or Garry or ever vigilant Trustees. Again we are an all volunteer club so such little assists by all are very helpful.

**-Kudos to the Kommodore**, Tom Ogden for painting the kitchen cabinets- helped by the painting team! The Kitchen clap-boards are next! Color scheme a nautical gray and off white.

**-Finally repairs to stove and dishwasher** have been pretty well completed - so should be working well!

Cheers —Your RC Ioset

**Hosts and hostesses needed for the dinners and social events** at the club! A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board – please help!

### Welcome New Members!

A hearty welcome to our new members:

Calvin and Sandra Barrett , Syracuse  
Natasha Cunningham & Patrick Donovan, Camillus  
William and Karen Fisher, Camillus  
Joseph Hens and Rene Gabriel, Liverpool  
Jim Kuppinski, Liverpool  
Lisa and Frank Notar, Liverpool  
Rejoining: Margery Casey & Rick Gordon, Syracuse

### Independence Day Chicken Picnic

5 pm Wednesday July 4

\$5/person,

\$2 children 7-12, under 7 free

Please bring salad or dessert to share



### Sunday Pizza Night 5 pm Sunday July 15

Bring a medium pizza (per couple) to share



### New Members Steak Dinner

5 pm Sunday July 22

\$10/person, \$4 children 7-12,  
under 7 free,

**NEW MEMEBERS FREE**

Plus— all please bring a salad or dessert to share

### Past Commodores' Dinner

Sunday, August 5th Gather at 5, Dinner at 5:30

Adults \$15.00; Children 7-12 \$7.00; Under 7 free

Sign up by 3 pm Thursday August 2

Menu to be announced



### Jimmy Buffet Party

Friday, August 10

7:00 pm

\$5 (Adults only)

**PLEASE SEE CALENDAR ON PAGE 4 FOR OTHER EVENTS**

To reserve for club dinners, sign up at the club, email  
Holly Ioset [hollyioset@aol.com](mailto:hollyioset@aol.com), or call 315-559-5419

### New Trustee Profile: Kevin O'Leary



Hello everyone, I've been asked to say a few words about myself so....Robin and I became members in 2014 and were honored by receiving the Knowlton award for new members. What I first noticed about the club is that it's very family oriented. Even though I'm a self taught sailor, I have been a student at the club's sailing school, receiving valuable instructions. I've hosted some events, have cooked burgers, dogs, chicken and have never had a single case of food poisoning. We have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. My daughter Shannon is raising 3 boys in Boston, my son Bryan is raising the newest grandson in Atlanta. My son Pat lives in Germany and is the family's merry wanderer. Pat visited the club in 2017 for dinner. I retired after 36 years with Crucible Steel where I met Robin during a labor strike. Robin and I live in the hills of Fairmount near where we both grew up. So from Robin and me, we wish all a great sailing season and we'll see you around OYC



## Spring 2018



Opening Work Party

We had a great turnout as members and Sea Scouts joined in at the **"Opening Work Party"** on a cold April 21st. In May, we enjoyed a **Cinco de Mayo Dinner**, **Hot Stove Party**, and **Memorial Day Picnic**. In June, we began our new "OYCooks" themed potlucks with a **Salad Spectacular**, **Dagwood Subs** and a **Wedding Anniversary Dinner**, indulged at the **Commodore's Spaghetti Dinner**, and were treated to Melissa and Bill Sieling's original music at the **Wine Tasting**.



Commodore's Spaghetti Dinner



Hot Stove Party



Ellen Booth was honored with a farewell cake at the Memorial Day Picnic.



The Freedmans, Devores and Bealls celebrated their 50+ June anniversaries at OYC.



Bill and Melissa Sieling entertained at the Wine Tasting

At our **2018 Commissioning Ceremony** May 20, we raised our flags and burgee on our new flagpole for the first time. Commodore Tom Ogden declared Onondaga Yacht Club "in commission", as our Past Commodores stood at attention and members of Sea Scouts Ship 876 raised the flags. Garry Klink was our master of ceremonies, the Commodore read a sailors' blessing, and our cannoneer Brian Colvin fired the cannon, before we all enjoyed a delicious catered dinner.





## Sailing! Sailing! —by Greg Chapin



Ten boats competed in our Memorial Day Silk Scarf Race to the lake outlet and back. Skipper Greg Chapin, with Cathy as crew, sailed their O'Day Mariner to victory. Lou Levine served as race Committee. Pete Kitt came in second, sailing the club Javelin! Since Greg and Cathy had gone home, Pete was presented the silk scarf by Brani, his admirer. Thanks to George Hernandez for his great photos below!



### History Bytes (not bites) by Garry Klink, OYC Historian

Before handicap racing, there were **The Fleets**. Each Class of one design boats would have their own races. The trophies are in our trophy case in the lounge.

These fleets included: (1) The Lightning Class Fleet number 7 (or 10?). From my records there were 10 to 12 racers and the fleet started in the late 1930's. (2) The Snipe Class, Fleet 18 founded around 1940 and still active. We are the second oldest Snipe fleet in the country. Two National Snipe Regattas and many regional Snipe Regattas were held here at OYC. (3) The Laser Class, Fleet 192, founded in 1971. The Empire State Games (which were raced in Lasers) were held at the OYC from 1978-1980 and 1984. The Syracuse University Sailing Team also used OYC as Home base from 1952 to about 1957.

We also seem to have had a Thistle Fleet, a Rhodes Bantam fleet and from old photos, an iceboat fleet (DN's?). I will keep searching for details about these fleets. If anyone has information on these or any other fleets that we had please let me know. Is there a Flying Scot Fleet in our future?

A fun fact: On June 2, 1938 the first part of the Clubhouse was opened.—even though it was not totally finished.

Garry Klink, OYC Historian ([garryoyc@gmail.com](mailto:garryoyc@gmail.com))

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 25, 26, 28 and July 2, 3, 5**  
Junior and Adult Sailing School 6 Sessions

(Mon., Tues., Thurs. each week)  
5:00 pm to dusk

**July 4 Wednesday** Independence Day Events:

Fun Sail Races 1:00 pm

BBQ Chicken Picnic 5:00 pm

Evening Fireworks on the lake

**July 6 Friday**

Youth Social Event

**July 8 Sunday**

OYCCooks: Red Wine Compatible Meal 5:00 pm

**July 15 Sunday**

Sunday Pizza Night 5:00 pm

**July 18, 25 Wednesday**

Sailing School Free Sail 5:30 pm to dusk

**July 22 Sunday**

New Member Steak Dinner 5:00 pm

**July 27-29 Friday to Sunday**

Sea Scout Regatta

**July 29 Sunday**

OYCCooks: Vegetarian Adventure/ White Wine 5:00 pm

**August 5 Sunday**

Past Commodore's Catered Dinner 5:00 pm Hors D'oeuvres; 5:30 pm dinner

**August 10 Friday**

Adult Social Event: Jimmy Buffet Night

**August 12 Sunday**

### ~2018 OYC Officer s~

**Commodore:** Tom Ogden

**Vice Commodore:** Ed Bambrick

**Rear Commodore:** Holly Isoset

**Secretary:** Brian Colvin

**Treasurer:** Jerry Illowsky

**Immediate Past Commodore:** Tess Freedman

**Trustees:** Roger Bowers, Pete Kitt, Dan Sicchio, Kevin O'Leary, Sandra Kopp, Herb Schrayshuen