



From the Helm—the Commodore's Corner by Lou Levine

The opening work day at OYC is usually one of the best days of the year and this year's was no exception. Originally it was scheduled for April 20, but your board of directors, with their uncanny sense of the mysterious processes of nature, decided to delay one week until April 27; and as we know now, that delay was an act of pure genius.

It's always a struggle to get up early on a Saturday morning but with dozens of volunteers about to show up at 9 am I was knocking on the doors of Dunkin' Donuts at 8 am to make sure we had sufficient quantities of donuts and coffee. It was raining and cold in the City when I headed out to Liverpool, but by the time I toiled down Sycamore Street with bushels of sweet sticky pastry and buckets of caffeine, the weather turned into spring. The sun came out, the clouds vanished, leaving a sky of crystal clear azure. The air was so warm that some of the plants around the club showed signs of flowering.

There are many people outside the club who are totally ignorant of the fact that the vectors of wind over Onondaga

Lake produce domes of perfect weather right in the vicinity of the club house. So while denizens of Syracuse trudge around in heavy flannels and rain gear, and have to swallow thousands of units of Vitamin D (to say nothing of the expense of those awful lamps that treat Seasonal Affective Disorder!), we yachtsmen and yachtswomen are bestowed with the kind of weather that otherwise graces only the deep southern states.

Some of the members have been asking me whether, when and how it is permissible to change the name or the color of their boats. I want to take advantage of my space in the Splice to remind all of our sailors that it is never a good idea to change the name or the color of your boat, so if you can at all avoid doing so then please refrain. On the other hand, if you think it really is necessary for you to make a name or color change then please contact one of the officers or board members first. We will counsel you on the problems of a name or color change, and if you still think you want to do it then we will review with you the proper procedures and precautions.

The season has started, let's get out on the water!

DID YOU KNOW ?—from Tom Ogden

- The club has two kayaks and two canoes for member use located on the pram racks . Kayak paddles are in the locker room and canoe paddles are in the sail shed.
- The refrigerator in the locker room is for member use to store beverages. It is there to share, so if you take something be sure to refresh it when you can. Please make sure the door is closed as it closes hard.
- The club has a good supply of Personnel Floatation Devices for both adults and children. Some are in a bin in the locker room next to storage locker and many more are in the loft.
- The members are responsible to mow or weed-wack around the club boats and your own boat if it is stored on the shore. We are also responsible to mow near the club house. The county does the rest. The mower is kept in the sail shed and weedwacker in the hot water closet. Please try to help at least once during the season.
- Member weekly sail racing is held at 1:00 pm on Sundays. If you would like to crew on a boat or help with the racing committee to set bouys and time the race, please show up at 12:30 pm or let a racer know.
- Your car sticker is accepted at many county parks for free entrance fee.
- The club sells OYC shirts, hats, visors, and burgees. Contact Tom Ogden or Gail Riina. We just received 10 new burgees.
- A list of projects that need to be done around the club will be posted on the bulletin board . Please help. It also is expected that members will run or assist in setting up or cleaning up for at least one event during the season.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR MEMBER EVENT by Kevin Leary

Again, this year, I will circulate the "Club Use Reservation Form" to all members, via email OR you can pick up a club use reservation form at the club, to schedule your event. The form is pretty much self-explanatory—just fill out the fields, start and end times, along with your fee schedule (\$1.00 per person attending the event, plus an additional \$25 if requesting kitchen usage). Club usage scheduled on Saturdays must be approved by the board, and members cannot reserve the club on Sundays once our meal program begins. I will approve all other events that fall during week days. Member events will be highlighted in blue marker on the calendar posted at the club to eliminate double booking.

Please forward the form to kjoleary54@gmail.com or snail mail to: Kevin O'Leary 304 Jane Drive Syracuse, N.Y 13219. Please REMIT your payment within five days after your event and mail check to: OYC, PO Box 186, Liverpool, NY 13088 or drop in the Treasurer's Box at the clubhouse. (Privilege to use the 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). I will keep club member events current throughout the season. Please feel free to call me with any questions and or concerns. I can be reached at 315-451-5482. Thank you for your cooperation, and I'm looking forward to a fun-filled sailing season.



Dining Out at the Club

We are grateful to Diane Knowlton for volunteering to be our Rear Commodore, and we are calling on members to pitch in to help coordinate and supervise our meal and social events programs to assist her in making sure we have hosts and menus for catered dinners, and in purchasing or arranging the purchasing of supplies and food for any picnics. A sign-up sheet has been posted at the club for hosts and assistants. Please consider a commitment to make our meal and social events possible. For the month of May, Tom Odgen, Tess Freedman and Lisa Notar are assisting with ordering and purchasing. Members have already volunteered to host the major events in May, but we need help for the rest of the season.

Please make our meal program run smoothly, by signing up for meals by the deadline. **We are moving our dinners to 5:30 pm this season.** Sign up sheets are posted, or you can contact Diane Knowlton at knowltod@sunyocc.edu; (315) 426-2880.

Memorial Day Hot Dog and Hamburger Picnic

Monday, May 27 5:30 pm
Cost: Adults \$5, Children 7 - 12 \$2, under 7 free
Club provides Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
Bring a salad or dessert to share
Sea Scout Families Invited



Commodore's Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, June 9 5:30 pm
Adults \$7.50, Children 7 - 12 \$2, under 7 free
Commodore Lou Levine will host
Please sign-up by Thursday, June 6

OYC Annual Wine Tasting and Awards Party

Saturday, June 22nd 6:30 - ?

We'll have a fire going, live music, wine and friends
\$5.00 per person covers prizes and paper products, etc
PLUS

Please bring an appetizer and a bottle of wine
(LABEL THESE PLEASE so we know who brought them)

Prizes for: Best Pairing Best Red Wine Best White Wine
Best "Homemade" Wine Crowd Favorite

Please come! Becca Mauer and
Melissa Sieling look forward to hosting you!
Please respond to melissa.sieling@gmail.com



Hot Stove Party

Saturday, May 12 7:30 pm

After Dinner Event:

Bring a beverage and a scrumptious dessert to share

An OYC Tradition!



Commissioning Dinner Sunday May 19

The 2019 Commissioning Dinner begins at 4:30 pm with hors d'oeuvres, followed by the ceremony at 5:00, and then dinner at 5:30 pm. The cost for adults is \$15 each, and children's meals (ages 7-12) are \$7 each. **The reservation deadline is Wednesday, May 15th at noon.** Sign up at the club or contact Tess Freedman at tbfreedm@gmail.com or 315-446-6329. Tess will contact you to confirm.



Here's the menu (Catered by Nick and Angelo's):

- Chicken Francaise*
- Pasta with Red Sauce Roasted Potatoes*
- Garden Salad or Caesar Salad*
- Cake with Strawberry filling*
- Coffee, tea, lemonade*

Sailing School 2019

OYC will again run a sailing school for 6 nights the last week of June and the first week of July, June 24, 25, 27 and July 1, 2, and 5th, 5 pm to dusk. The school again will be run by three certified instructors, Tom Ogden as lead instructor, Cooper Pyle for youth, and newly certified Herb Schrayshuen. The school is open to both adults and youth over the age of seven and is usually split fairly evenly with adults and youth, with a maximum of 20 participants. The goal of the course is to become familiar with sailing basics, knot tying, water safety, and sailing on several different small boats, first with experienced sailors and then gradually gaining confidence and competency to skipper yourself. Even if you have taken the course before, we encourage taking it again to increase your knowledge and competency on the water. OYC members are very generous with assisting in the training and taking people out for a sail on their boats.



The cost this year will be \$100 for the first OYC member and \$80 for each additional family member. Non OYC members will be charged \$135. Everyone always has a great time and learning experience. Applications are on the OYC web page or at the club. Please don't hesitate to contact Tom Ogden with any questions at 315-884-1061.

Winter/Spring 2019



OYC Bridge and Board for 2019, l-r: Trustees Ryan Miller, Tim Fay and Tess Freedman, Commodore Lou Levine, Trustees Holly Ioset and Lisa Notar, Secretary Brian Colvin. The oath of office was administered by Garry Klink. Also elected were Herb Schrayshuen as Trustee, Jerry Illowsky as Treasurer and Kevin O'Leary at Vice Commodore. Diane Knowlton will serve as Rear Commodore.

Annual Dinner January 27: 41 OYC members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal at Drumlins Country Club. Garry Klink administered the oath of office to OYC Trustees and Bridge officers, and presented officers flags and badges. Outgoing Commodore Tom Ogden shared his thoughts about the past year and incoming Commodore Lou Levine presented goals for the coming season. Tess Freedman reviewed the 2018 season in pictures, and Kathy Kaffenberger and Ryan Miller summarized the past year for the Sea Scouts.



2018 Awards and Sailing Trophies: Race Committee Chair Greg Chapin awarded the Season Handicap Series Trophies. Winners are shown on page 6. 2018 Rear Commodore Holly Ioset prepared gift baskets awarded in a drawing to two hosts of our Sunday dinners during 2018. Winners were Brian Colvin and Deb Flaherty. Diane Knowlton previously presented Herb Schrayshuen with the Knowlton Trophy for the highest participation in our races as skipper or crew by a new or fairly new member.

Winter Get Together March 17th

Members were warmed by the Past Commodore's chili and by the roaring fire at the Winter Get-Together



Opening Work Parties 2019



Many members and Sea Scouts volunteered their time over several days to get the club Hunter 22, pontoon boat and Sea Ray in the water, uncover, move and rig our small sailboat fleet, set up the kitchen for the season and begin repairs on the club house, including new screen doors for the porch.

Cinco de Mayo brought a full house to enjoy Mexican food, colorful decorations and good company. New members Mary and Tom O'Neill are shown in center photo below.



Spring is Blooming in OYC's Native Species Gardenby Jeff Freedman

May flowers are showing their colors as OYC's native species garden begins its third season. The winter hardy PJM Rhododendron shrub cultivar to the right of the front steps is in full bloom.



Lower to the ground, native species Prairie Smoke, *Geum triflorum*, with pink flower clusters and its close relative Barren Strawberry, *Geum frageroides*, with bright yellow five-petaled flowers are both blooming on schedule. The five-petaled purple flowers with white centers are native Wild Geranium, *Geranium maculatum*. The shrub with showy white flowers and with red berries to follow is Red Chokeberry, *Aronia arbutifolia*. The groundcover with white flowers is Allegheny spurge, *Pachysandra procumbens*. *Pachysandra* is native to the southeastern United States; all of the other plants in our garden are native either to Onondaga County or to its contiguous surrounding counties. Lakeside along the porch we have native Creeping Phlox, *Phlox subulata*. Blooms soon to follow should include native Canada anemone, *Anemone Canadensis*, with white five-petaled flowers with yellow centers and Northern wild-raisin, *Viburnum nudum* shrubs with white aromatic flowers.



Native species benefit our local ecosystem by attracting butterflies, bees and birds that have longstanding adaptations to our native plants. Thanks to Garden Committee chair Pat Urban and all the members of OYC's Garden committee who have dead-headed, mulched, pruned and otherwise prepared our native species garden this Spring.



Other spring wildlife includes a mink who has been spotted along the rocks bordering the marina, and the first batch of goslings, feeding along the shore near our small sailboats.



Welcome New Members

We welcome four new memberships to OYC. Three are Liverpool residents living near the club. Eileen Nealon is friends with Susan Coleman and Mike Gridley, who gave her a gift membership. Tom and Mary O'Neill have some sailing experience and have brought their kayak to the club. Mary has already joined the garden committee. Floris Palmer and Julio Nino are beginning sailors who expressed interest in the club pontoon boat, and kayaking and canoeing.

Andrew Casler, a Syracuse resident, is an experienced sailor or interested in sailing and racing club boats and joining our social events.

Sailing! Sailing! —by Greg Chapin

RACE WITH HISTORY

In the early days of OYC, 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 recreate that race each year on Memorial Day, racing from the clubhouse to the outlet and back.

At our race on May 27, as we have done recently, 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!

Skippers’ meetings are at 1 pm all season, and our handicap racing series starts June 2, the Sunday after Memorial Day.

Pictures: Sailing on Onondaga Lake ca. 1900



Season Handicap trophies were presented at the Annual Dinner by Race Committee Chair Greg Chapin to 1st place skipper Jeff Freedman and Tess Freedman, crew (O’Day Mariner); 2nd place skipper Greg Chapin and Kathy Chapin, crew (O’Day Mariner). Hats were presented to Brian Colvin for “Great Racing Crew” and to Ryan Miller for his participation as a new racer. Not shown are 3rd place skipper Bill Pease (Hunter 22), 4th place skipper Mark Rupprecht (420) and 5th place skipper Tom Ogden (Flying Scot).

Our sailing trophy winners for our special races last year were:
 Memorial Day Race: Greg Chapin (Mariner)
 July 4th Race: Not held because of weather
 Devore Mahoney Memorial Day Race: Jeff Freedman (Mariner)
 Long Distance Race: Jeff Freedman (Mariner)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 11 Saturday** Hot Stove Party 7:30 pm;
Bring beverage and/or dessert to pass
- May 19 Sunday** Commissioning Ceremony and Catered Dinner;
Gather at 4:30 pm; Ceremony 5:00 pm; Dinner 5:30 pm
- May 27 Monday** Memorial Day Events
Liverpool Parade 9 am at the Park
Memorial Day Silk Pennant Race 1:00 pm
Memorial Day Hot Dog & Hamburger Picnic 5:30 pm;
Sea Scouts and families invited
- June 2 Sunday** Handicap Races begin; 1 pm every Sunday
Covered Dish: Spring Salad Spectacular 5:30 pm
- June 9 Sunday** Commodore’s Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 pm
- June 16 Sunday** Father’s Day Covered Dish Dinner 5:30 pm
- June 22 (Sat.)** Adult Social Event: Summer Sailstice Wine Tasting and Awards Party, 6:30 pm
- June 23 Sunday** Covered Dish 5:30 pm
- June 24, 25, 27 and July 1, 2, 5**
Junior and Adult Sailing School 5:00 pm to dusk
- July 4 Thursday** Independence Day Events
Fun Sail Race 1 pm
BBQ Chicken Picnic 5:30 pm
Evening Fireworks on the lake
- July 7 Sunday** Covered Dish 5:30 p.m.
- July 10, 17 Wednesdays** Sailing School Free Sail 5:30 pm
- July 14 Sunday** Trustee’s Special Catered Dinner 5:30 pm
- July 21 Sunday** New Member Steak Dinner 5:30 pm
- July 27 Saturday** Kayak and Canoe Outing 8:30 am
- Jul 28 Sunday** Kayak and Canoe Outing rain date 8:30 am
Covered Dish 5:30 pm

~2019 OYC Officers~

- Commodore:** Lou Levine
- Vice Commodore:** Kevin O’Leary
- Rear Commodore:** Diane Knowlton
- Secretary:** Brian Colvin
- Treasurer:** Jerry Illowsky
- Immediate Past Commodore:** Tom Ogden
- Trustees:** Holly Ioset, Tim Fay, Herb Schrayshuen, Ryan Miller, Lisa Notar, Tess Freedman
- Editor:** Tess Freedman **Associate Editor:** Linda Ogden