



OWASCO YACHT CLUB

THE WINDWARD ~ ~ ~ June 2019

Note from the Commodore: Louise Wilson

I'm privileged to have such a great board to work with. They go above and beyond the call of duty and volunteer their time without compensation of any kind, for the good of the club.

We're a member owned club and the way we keep our dues the best kept secret in the Finger Lakes is because of the time and effort put forth by our membership. With ownership comes responsibilities and we urge you to take an active part in the OYC. Doing whatever you can to help keep it sailing smoothly gives us all a better experience.

We not only have the board to thank, but many others, who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Unfortunately, we don't have a magic wand to wave and poof the work is done. Please be patient if you don't see things done as quickly as you might like, but feel free to pitch in to make those things happen.

There will be a Suggestion and TODO List with the general information located on the counter opposite the Kitchen Service window. If you see something that needs tending to, and can't do it yourself, please let us know.

Show your love!

~~ Louise

Are you receiving OYC emails?



If you are a member in good standing and have not received an email, please send the address where it should be sent to owascoyachtclub@gmail.com. These emails are produced in-house by member volunteers, so sometimes there might be an "oops". Thanks for reading!





As of this writing, new members for the 2019 season are:

Ed & Ineke Fenzl and family

David Morris

Dawn Wilson, returning member

Linda Russel, returning member

Jason and Cheryl Meany and family

Jennifer Leader, returning member

Jeffrey & Melissa Hofmann and family

Terry Nolan

John & Marian Anderson and family

John & Martha Sharples

David Johnson, Gretchen Messer and family, returning



From the Kitchen: Amy LeFever

We are pleased to welcome Matt Wild, from Wild's Eats & Sweets, as the new Kitchen Manager. Matt and his crew bring a new menu to the Owasco Yacht Club (including fresh salads and gluten free options), and will be extending the hours of operation for 2019! To get started, window service will be available from Wednesday through Sunday, from noon until 8:00 p.m. Whenever the kitchen is not open and his restaurant is, Matt offers free delivery to the club for orders over \$20. Also new this year, we are setting up a paging system so you can go outside to relax, and Matt's staff will "buzz" you when your meal is ready to be picked up.

Some of your favorites will stay the same. The chit cards that were used last year will work again this year. Yours is loaded up and in your Member's Envelope, available at the June 15 Opening Dinner. Matt will still be doing the Wednesday Game Day Luncheon, Thursday Night Build-A-Burger Special, Friday Fish Dinners and Saturday Night Music Specials. There is a Sunday Brunch Scheduled for July 14, and of course, the All American Grill on July 3!

Matt is very excited to get started and see what the members want from the kitchen. Please let him or me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you to everyone who filled out the Club's survey at the end of last season. Your comments were invaluable as we planned for the new season! We may have some growing pains as we get started, but I am certain that it's going to be an amazing summer in the kitchen!

Social Notes: Adele Keegan



My function as Social Director is to plan and coordinate Club events. I book all entertainment and try to make all of our special days “family friendly”. I work closely with our kitchen to help plan food for events in some situations. I am fortunate to have, assisting me, Al and Diana Bielecki, Kerrie Marquart and John Hogan. Of course, I appreciate all the help I can receive from our members: “It takes a village”.

I welcome all help and suggestions. This summer you will see many of our favorite groups, newly formed groups with many musicians we all know, and some brand new talent. Check the website for details. You may contact me at: adelekeegan@gmail.com.

As ever,
~~*Adele*

In the Swim: Theresa Mason

We will have some new faces in the swimming area this year. First of all, I am sad that Jake Whiting has left the lifeguard team, but happy that he is our new Steward! Congratulations, Jake! Moving up to head lifeguard is Sydney Murinka.

Josh Whiting, Bobby Faynor will be returning, as is Emma Keady,, who took last year off. New this year are Sam Carbonaro, Alex Springer and Garrett Cochrane.

Because of the overwhelming response regarding the reduced swimming hours, it will be open during traditional hours. So, come up and get wet 7 days/week 12 - 8/9pm. (8pm Jun & August, 9pm July)

The hours of operation was the biggest concern on the survey. Other comments included that the lifeguard staff is doing a great job, they show up on time, are courteous and attentive.

Throughout the survey, there were some respondents who praised the staff for their attentiveness and friendliness, and others who thought there was room for improvement. This year we will focus on our image.

Examples:

- *Opening procedures: Set up swim area, clean dock/raft and clean water’s edge.
- *When no swimmers, pick up water’s edge from floating dock to boat dock, and perhaps other tasks like de-spiderizing the picnic tables and chairs.
- *When swimmers enter the swim area, greet them and exchange names.

Lastly, I want to share with you why I love this club. My husband and I have been members since before my son Tyler was born. It is such a perfect place to raise a kid. Now my son is 21, still can't believe it, and the club is still a primary part of our life. Love having our kayaks here! It would be impossible for me to take it out with out my husband otherwise. Hanging out with friends around the fire pit is also a favorite activity. I know that you love this club too. Let’s work together to keep it up. You have heard the saying: “If you see something, say something”. Well, how about we alter that a bit? If you see something, DO something. For example, If there is some debris that the steward missed, pick it up. If you are physically unable to tackle the problem yourself, report it to a committee member or the steward.

See you up there! ~~*Theresa*

On the Waterfront: Ken Rescott

The spring has seen high water and wet weather. The club floating dock and hoists went in Saturday May 1, but not too many hoist owners have put in their docks yet. The launch dock was put in the following weekend, but still not too much activity there either. I am sure as we get into June, the weather will be nicer and more will be happening.

The survey taken by OYC members had some good ideas for this upcoming season and we will take your suggestions into consideration. We currently have 3 Sunfish sailboats, 1 Laser, 2 Catamarans, 2 sit on top kayaks, 1 paddleboat and 3 canoes, plus paddles and life jackets to use. Please sign out club boats in book located in club house and let a lifeguard know if they are available. Life jackets and all paddles are located under the deck in front of the club.

Trailer boat owners, please pull your boats back onto your trailers using a winch. In the past, a huge hole was created at the end of the launch from too many owners driving on and blowing this area out while throttling up. As of this writing we still are trailering jet skis, as we have not yet found suitable space along the shore. We are working on it.



To the members that have shorefront boats, kayaks, etc.:

The stickers from last year are still hanging on the corkboard in the clubhouse by the kitchen window. Please pick them up and attach to your property. Thanks.

If there are any questions about the waterfront, email me at kdroyc@gmail.com or call 315-252-8112.

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***Setting Sail: Jim Kusche***

Sailing at OYC has seen a dramatic drop in participation the last few years. We need more sailors. 😊

This year we will have limited racing on Sundays and on Wednesday evenings. I will contact past sailors in June to determine the interest level and when to start.

There will be no formal scheduled sailing lessons this year. This decision is due to low participation the last couple of years, availability of the Wells College Sunfish, and limited instructor availability.

We will try to provide some limited instruction in August if there is interest. We would have to limit this to teenagers or above. Please contact myself or Bob Sloan for additional information.

A Hobie 14 rigging and setup demonstration will be done in mid-June as the water warms up. I'll schedule an evening and a Saturday morning to cover various schedules. It should take less than an hour. We will post dates and times on the web page and include in an OYC email.

***From the Treasurer's Desk: Rich Knaul & Diana Bielecki***

Thank you for the great response to the reminder for dues just after Memorial Day. In the days after and up through June 1, I received over \$17,000, reducing receivables to about \$5000, which mostly belongs to the few members who have not responded to requests for money or a resignation.

While on the subject of money, and at the request of Board member Tom O'Toole, I have begun investigating the use of credit cards and direct deposits into the Club account at Generations Bank for 2020 membership dues and fees. In January of this year the law changed, allowing the fees associated with credit cards and transfer fees to be passed on to the user instead of the Club having to eat those charges. I would expect the system to be in place by the end of the year, so for those who choose monthly (can be quarterly or semiannual) payments, this would begin in January and continue through the year. I would anticipate 2020 invoices to be mailed in December, so payments would start in January.

If you wish to take advantage of this system, you would provide me with a credit card number or routing and checking (or savings) account numbers, along with the authorization to access your accounts. Genesis PPG (Genesis Payment Processing Group), the company associated with Generations Bank, would be responsible for security of all account numbers; none of that information would be kept by the OYC. As I learn more about this system, I will keep the membership informed. The upside is better budgeting for our members, especially new members who also have the initiation fee to consider. The downside is possible cash flow problems in the first year and more work for the Treasurer. Diana Bielecki and I would appreciate your input and comments.

**Water Project Update**

The DEC has decided to not take part in the sonic buoy experiment that was done in 2018 on Owasco Lake. The agency has collected the sonic buoys that were on Owasco Lake last year and moved them downstate for an experiment that they will be conducting. The last I knew, they did not want the bubblers back, so we will be installing them again this summer. If all goes well, we might have another bubbler to add to the swim area compliments of the DEC. I personally felt that we needed at least another summer to experiment with the sonic buoys to see if they made a difference with the blue green algae.

**OYC: A Look Back**

I had a member ask me the other day what the Owasco Yacht Club was like when I joined. I don't think Andrea wants to make this newsletter into a book, so I am going to limit my remarks to two things: The waterfront (swimming area only) and the Ship's Store.

My folks joined the Club in 1948. My mother would drop my older brother, age 13 (our supervisor), my younger brother, 8, and me at 10 years old, off for the afternoon. There was a buddy system among parents those days, and they all shared supervision of each other's kids. There was never a shortage of kids at the Club or on the waterfront.

The swim area consisted of the dock and the raft -- the same raft that is still used today. There were no lines that marked the swim area and there was no swimming from the boat dock by the mole (the launch dock area came later). The swim dock was straight out in front of the current stairs -- the ones that now go down to the swim area -- with the raft beyond that. Keegan's Point (jokingly tagged as such to designate the favorite lounging space of member and social director Adele Keegan) belonged to a neighbor, so the swim area was much more confined than it is today. There was one lifeguard, and we used the buddy system. The swim period began on the hour and would end at three-quarters past the hour, so the lifeguard could have a break.

All the kids would head for the ship's store if they had money. The ship's store was run by two high school girls. You could buy a hot dog or hamburger, which wasn't in most kids' budgets. The big attraction was lemonade or an ice cream novelty item -- fudgesicles, popsicles or Cheerios (chocolate covered ice cream on a stick). Fudgesicles and popsicles were by far the biggest sellers, since they only cost a nickel. By the time you finished eating whatever you had, it was time to go back into the water, and the cycle was repeated. You always saved the stick that came from your treat so you could play "Stick" when you went back into the water. You all went home waterlogged, but also looking forward to tomorrow. There were several other things that we talked about, and the more I thought about it afterwards, a collection of memories might make interesting reading for new members alongside Bill Whiting's OWASCO YACHT CLUB 1892-1982.

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***Any questions or comments, you can contact me through the Club email: [owascoyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:owascoyachtclub@gmail.com) or my personal email: [richk234@verizon.net](mailto:richk234@verizon.net). My cell is 315-406-0591.***

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Bob Piorun Ensemble, Joe Whiting & Terry Quill,  
Jim VanArsdale & Connie Patti, No Filter,  
Anne Adessa & Off the Cuff, Diana Jacobs Duo,  
Perform4Purpose, Shelly & Brad, Generation Gap.



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