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From the Commodore— by Brad Wilson

OYC is not only a club, it's an enormous operation, and it takes many hands to keep it running smoothly. The reason it works so well is that it is broken down to many pieces. Each is overseen by a volunteer who gives their time and energy willingly. As we each enjoy the Club in our own way, it's largely due to the efforts of these people. Our board members are some of the primary doers who have taken on much of the tasks in hand, but there are also many other volunteers behind the scenes. They repair carburetors on the Club boats, or help put in docks so we can get to our boats easier. They put in and take out the weed mats that make the swim area more enjoyable. They even dive down to make sure that moorings are secure. We have work crews stain the picnic tables or Adirondack chairs or plant the flower boxes. That's what makes this work.

If you are not part of making this happen, but spend many hours enjoying our Club, I invite you to take part however you are able. Pick your own small piece to work on. That's what makes this Club such a great organization to be a part of. A little work goes a long way to keep it running smoothly.

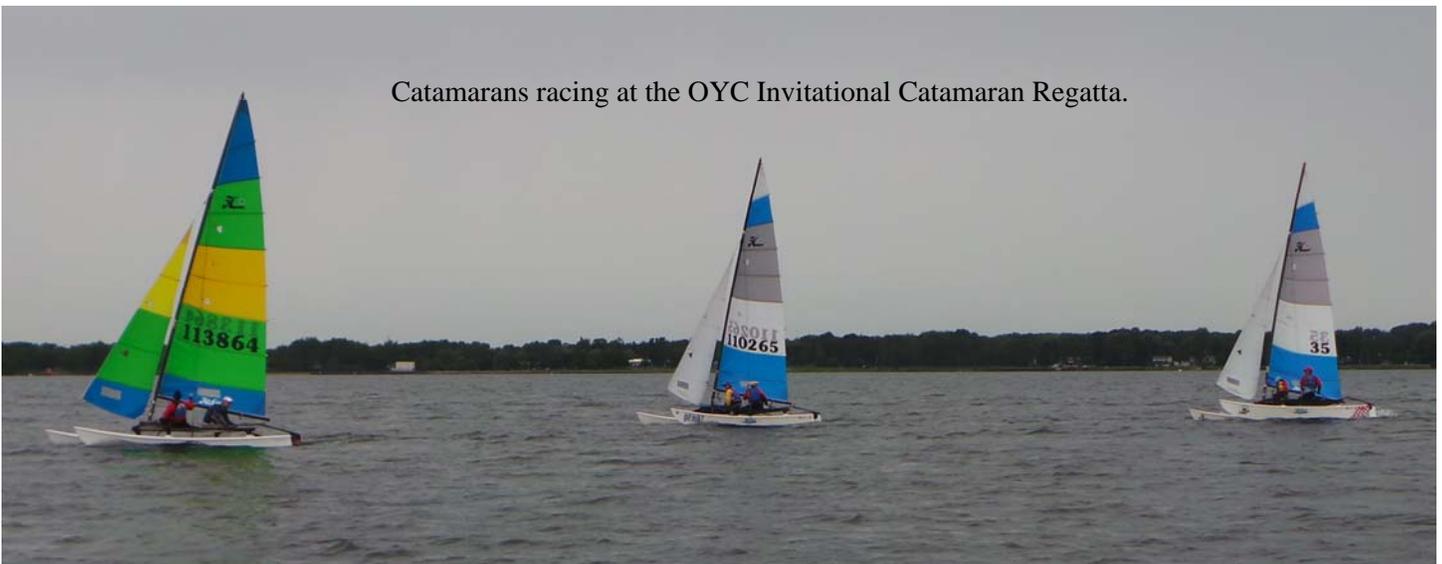
From the Waterfront — by Ken Rescott

The hoists and docks will be coming out Saturday October 5th, starting at 8am. Every year, I try to get new helpers to learn the system, especially club members that enjoy using the floating dock and potential upcoming hoist owners. The more bodies that are helping the more smoothly the process goes. The same holds true for the following weekend for clean up and Fall storage. We need all kayaks removed from the storage rack directly in front of the club prior to Saturday, October 12th as these racks get moved off the shoreline. Members have left kayaks up at the club over winter, but remember that there is nobody to monitor them.

The upper lot that empty boat trailers are currently using, **NEEDS TO BE EMPTY BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd**. No excuses! Last year it looked terrible and we do not want a repeat. Moorings in the water need to be taken out as the potential ice flow will destroy anything left. A winter mooring can be put in place and sunk. It may also be a good time to have one of the scuba divers look at your chains and perhaps clean off zebra mussels. Call me if you need names.

Reminder about hoist removal day — Call me if you can help out for a few hours. Ken Rescott - 315-252-8112.

Catamarans racing at the OYC Invitational Catamaran Regatta.



.From the Club Secretary and General Scribe

— Louise Wilson

OYC Website 101

I'm sure we've all spent more hours on the Internet than we would like. It's become a way of life – if we need to know something, we Google it. Now that our OYC website has been reborn, we're hoping our members will use it as their OYC Google.

It has only been in its present form for the last three months, so we will continue to tweak it to make it as helpful and entertaining as possible. Hopefully, if you check it frequently, there's a good possibility that something has been updated, added or removed since your previous visit. It's a great way to keep our members informed of what will – is – or did happen at our Club.

BUT, we hope you don't just look at the top half of the home page. There is a lot more information on the various tabs across the top as well as at the bottom of the home page.

The Banner Across the Top

We will do our best to remove notices on events that have passed and add those that are upcoming.

The Tabs next to the OYC Logo

This is where you go to find information related to a specific area. When you click on each Tab, a drop down menu will appear with a variety of information related to the specific tab. Some pages will remain intact all season while others will be updated as needed. They include:

The Home Tab: Contains general information as well as history about our Club.

The Members Tab: This is where you will find information pertinent to membership such as **Club Rules and Regulations, Leave of Absence Policy, Guest Privileges, Private Parties, Sponsorship Info, Club Merchandise** and *The Windward* (current and some past issues).

Waterfront: General information regarding Waterfront as well as tabs for **Swimming** and the **Hoist Wait List**.

Sailing: General info on the Sailing program plus tabs for the **Racing Program, Race Results, Common Racing Signals, Lessons, Sailing Extras.**

Social: A listing of events for the current year plus a **Gallery** tab with photos from events throughout the current season and **Past Events** with some pictorial highlights of the previous season.

Kitchen: General information on hours of operation. Special dinner menus and prices are generally posted on the bottom left corner of the home page.

Links: We have provided a variety of links that you can click on to access Internet sites that may be of interest to our members. Clicking on a link will not direct you away from the OYC site.

Calendar: A Google Calendar will list events in four different colors; **Red** for Club events; **Blue** for Sailing Events; **Green** for Social events and **Gold** for official holidays.

Keep in mind that this site is maintained by volunteer members and is only as good as the information we receive! If you have something to add to the calendar, are in charge of a Club event, or see something that may not be accurate – send an email to owascoyachtclub@gmail.com and we'll do what we can.

We invite you to visit the website, click on arrows to advance to the next picture, click on areas that may link you to yet another area. We hope you explore and play with it and have as much fun with it as we have had providing it for you.

Lastly, we realize that everyone doesn't have access to the Internet. If that is the case, please do not hesitate to call me directly (phone number is in the Member's Handbook) and I will be happy to print out any particular items and mail them to you by the good old



From the Sailors — Jim Kusche

Well what can I say about this year's sailing? This has to rank right up there with one of the poorest can remember. We only had 7 total races for the Wednesday evening series and only 5 for the Sunday series. That's not 5 Sundays that's 5 RACES. I'm going to blame the poor turnout on the conditions too.

We did have the traditional July 4th Col. Peet race with the best turnout of the year with 8 boats. Peter Whiting came out on top. Labor Day turned into a single day regatta due to the weather but we did have 4 boats participate. Jim Kusche took home the honors.

The sailing lesson program run by Gary Robertson and Bob Sloan gets better every year. Many thanks to these two guys for the time and effort they put in, it's not just the 2 weeks of the lessons. We will be looking for another Sunfish if anyone knows of a good one available. Now, we just have to figure out how to turn the graduates into casual racers.

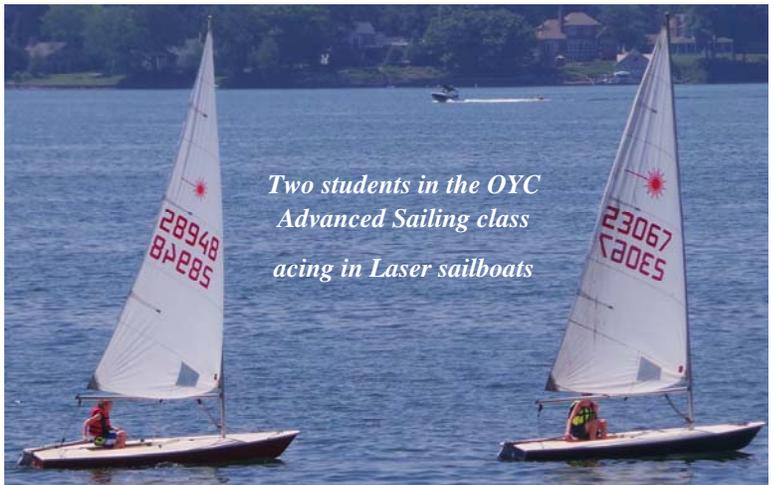
For the second year, OYC invited the Hobie Fleet from Oneida Lake to Auburn for the no awards, no registration fee, no raffles invitational Sept 7th. We had a great turnout of 14 boats. The forecast look did not look good, but we left the beach anyway. The storm basically passed us by and brought just enough wind to make it fun. We got in 3 races with one being a twice around that took an hour and a half, not because of the wind, but the distance. Many thanks to Brad and Louise for organizing, Gary Robertson for running the formal race committee with flags with the help of Joyce Sullivan and Tony Musso, Jon Carnes for chase boat/mark hiding duties and the folks that helped on the beach getting 14 boats back on the trailers and buttoned up. Ron provided a great meal for those who stayed.

The facilities and warm welcome from all of OYC will be remembered, believe me.

I hope you all had a chance to watch at least a little of the Americas Cup. Watching a large multihull weighting 13 tons up out of the water on foils going over 50 mph has to keep your attention!



Intermediate Sailing class under Bob Sloan's supervision.



Two students in the OYC Advanced Sailing class racing in Laser sailboats



Jim Kusche trying to get a good start at the OYC Hobie Cat Invitational Regatta.

From the Kitchen — by Adele Keegan

After much searching, we were delighted to find our “diamond in the rough”, Mr. Ron Darby. He is just what we needed to enhance our kitchen...great family, hard working, super attitude, pleasing to work with, anxious to please all of us....and MOST OF ALL..... FANTASTIC FOOD! We are truly fortunate to have Ron D., his daughter Andrea, and his staff serving us. He has done an outstanding job filling our many requirements, always smiling, never wavering, and seeing that our members have the best kitchen experience possible.

Andrea has labored over Ladies Day lunches to great success. I personally loved her chicken picatta. She was not available for the quiche luncheon and you should have seen Ron,” the real men don't eat quiche” type...and, “Adele ,what is it?” He searched the internet for a recipe, came in extra early for a test run and aced it! It was delicious and he is now a proud changed man. He even took one home to his Mom to have for her dinner.

We are pleased to welcome the Darby family back next season, and Ron promises some new ideas to get orders done and out faster, and a method to let you know your order is ready. He now has a completely equipped kitchen and he feels like he knows us now and will meet our needs more efficiently. I want to know the secret to those delicious crisp veggies he serves at our buffets....he's not telling. Thanks Ron and staff for all of your efforts....you are most appreciated.

I also must profusely thank Barb Musso for all of her knowledgeable assistance. She was there for me and OYC through the search process and all this season. A shout out to you my friend, Tony also! Any ideas, comments (good or bad) other suggestions e-mail me at:

adelekeegan@gmail.com Thanks for your support... as I really needed it this season, as ever, Adele

P.S. Going to Florida in November. Will have my new hip by 9/15...HIP-HIP-HOO-RAY!

From the Social Goddess — by Adele Keegan

Didn't we have some of our best music this season? WOW! Bob Piroun and the “Swing Kats”, “Edgy Folk” and “Funky Blu Roots”; all new to us and fabulous! I will try to book them for next season as everyone seems to feel that we want to see them again. If you have any other suggestions, let me know. I do not hire anyone without first hearing them on a CD or via computer....but I will take care of that. You just need to give me the information to contact them. I put all our entertainers into a loop to try to give all a gig at OYC. Bob Piorun, Julie Howard, and Louie Nocilly we owe, as they played for meals and very little compensation when we began having music and no budget to speak of.... Lou thought I made a mistake when I gave his group a \$50.00 raise this season. (oops, now Rich knows).

“What a guy that Jim Bye”....corny but true! Thanks Jim for all of your efforts with your very popular events...The Whiner's Wine tasting, and the Beer Blast that was over the top! Thanks to the NETTI AGENCY for sponsoring it. We can use more sponsors for our events. Just let the Social Director know if you care to sponsor an event or band... it only takes a little to help out with expenses. Again Jim, thanks, you are appreciated.

The Carnes family did a fabulous job organizing the “Minute to Win It” evening. Thanks and appreciation to you for volunteering and for doing the work to provide a family fun night. We are grateful to you for your efforts.

And what about our new event....Members Craft and Hobby Display and Talk.? This was a huge success thanks to Tina Berry's organizational skills and enthusiasm. She really pulled it together. Thank you to the participants and our membership for supporting each other.

This Fall, Sue Best is hosting our second annual “Get Crocked”, crock pot party on September 14th and Louise Wilson and friends are hosting a “Sock Hop” on October 4th.

As you can see, our OYC is all of our members supporting and helping out to make our club the place

(Social Goddess continued)

that is fun to be. Sometimes quiet and sometimes busy, but always having each and every member giving input as we are a cooperative club. We all own a piece of this beautiful place. As you can see, I am going to need an assistant, our social events grow each year. We have a lot of little ones at the club now, and I would like to bring back Kidz Day. I need someone who has little ones to step up. We also have a lot of teens who are very good with the little ones and would help out on that day I am sure. We can always use your help (teens..let me or the Commodore know what you would like to help with).

If you support the events they will return in the coming season. There was no support for August Brunch this season, so we will not have one next season. Thanks for everything...We are always open to ideas.

Whiner's Woes Wine Tasting in August



OYC Beer Blast in full swing.



OYC Half Crooked Crock Party in mid-September



Treasurer's Report—Rich Knaul

We ended the summer with a total of 206 memberships plus 4 junior unattached members. This summer sure wasn't one of the best on record, but it was not one of the worst either. We should all be thankful that we have such a great place to go in the summer to enjoy our beautiful lake and to spend time with others, having fun or just relaxing.

Many thanks to our employees for helping to make our visits to the Club enjoyable and safe. Tim Roden for keeping the Club in tip top shape; lifeguards: Emily and Tom Alexander, Mary Buck, Brigid Cotter, Margaret Doyle, Amanda Falsey, Celina and David Rescott, and Justin Sawran and Nathan Harding who filled in at the end. Good luck to Tim on the NYS police exam and a productive year for the others heading back to college or high school. Just a reminder, the Club is open for your use throughout the year. In the fall and spring, there are many days before the Club officially opens or after it closes when you will find members enjoying the lake from the deck, or even getting in a picnic. The bathrooms are open from about the first of April (depending on weather) until the first of November when the water is turned off and all the lines drained. When the water is off, the buildings will be locked and the alarms on. Use in the winter may require a walk down from the highway but members in the past have used the Club in winter for sledding, ice skating and ice fishing and even a picnic. If you do go to the Club anytime when the Steward is not there and find anything out of order, please call one of the Board members and let them know what the problem is.

Many thanks to Jeff Brinkerhoff for developing our new web site and to Louise and Brad who worked along with him in building the site. Thank you Louise and Brad for keeping the website up to date and posting all of those pictures showing our members enjoying the Club and having fun. The dedicated members of the Board keep the Club humming; many thanks to Ellen Cotter making sure everything in the swim area is run according to the beach safety plan; to Mark Querns for keeping an eye on the Steward and the grounds; to Ken Rescott and Jon Carnes for managing the waterfront, to Adele Keegan and Barb Musso for finding and guiding our kitchen manager; to Adele Keegan again for entertainment; to Jim Kusche for trying to provide the right amount of wind for Wednesday and Sunday sailboat races; to Gary Robertson for the *Windwards* and to Gary and Bob Sloan for the sailing lessons; to JJ Butera for keeping the buildings in shape; and to Beth Butera for keeping income and expenses in order when I am off to Florida or visiting grandchildren. There are others not on the board, like Don Devine, Bob and Matt Sloan, and Steve Vincent who accomplish a multitude of things around the Club and we never see them doing it; and last but not least to Louise for her work as secretary and Brad for being our commodore. Thanks again to Ron and his kitchen crew for keeping us fed this summer and many thanks to all the members who chip in to help make this Club the great Club it is.

Keep warm this Winter

See you in the Spring