

WINDWARD.OWASCO YACHT CLUB

UPDATE FROM THE SWIMMING DIRECTOR

I can't wait the the water warms up just a little more so I will jump in. Gary and I have been out in the kayaks a couple times in May, but the water was still a bit too cold for full submersion.

As for the swim area, we have new hours of operation for this summer, Saturday and Sunday 12 - 8, Monday - Friday 3 - 8. Lifeguards this year are Jake Whiting, Hanna Foster, Lindsey Roe, Julia Rescot, Sydney Murinka, plus maybe a couple TBD.

As always, there will be no swimming during a lightning storm, during an algae bloom or when the water is too cloudy to see the bottom at 4' depth. I will still offer the service of sending a text message we are closed for a day. Please note that the message will not be sent for that day until after 3pm. If you want to be on the text list, please send an email to owascoyachtclub@gmail.com.
— Theresa Mason

From the Treasurer: 2018

As I write this, Ken Rescott and his crew are hard at work putting in the floating docks and the hoists after a couple of delays. The landscaping from our drainage upgrade last fall was delayed with final grading and seeding completed this week. Let's hope the grass seed sprouts quickly and we don't have any heavy rain storms that wash it all out. I closed out May 31 with only 20 members who did not make the deadline. This is better than past years and I hope the couple of extra reminders I sent out helped. Thank you to those who made it. As you have heard many times in the past, there is a lot to do between May 31 and the June opening party and it sure makes the job easier for your volunteer board when everyone is paid by May 31.

Last year we closed with membership at 186; so far this year we have gained 8 new members. There have been 8 new requests for a leave of absence for travel or health reasons and 20 resignations. The resignations were for a variety of reasons — some

due to a move or health issues and one due to blue green algae. In spite of the possibility of blue green algae, we still keep hearing that the Owasco Yacht Club is the best kept secret in Cayuga County.

Speaking of blue green algae, the Yacht Club, in conjunction with OWLA (Owasco Watershed Lake Association) has agreed to do a study with two different devices in hopes of reducing blue green algae. The total cost for the two devices is around \$6000. Your board has agreed to provide \$1500 towards the cost of the equipment plus installation, cost of electricity and monitoring the effect of the devices. The system reportedly works in ponds but the big question is, will it work in a lake? After much discussion I urged the board to take part in the experiment and suggested that **with 150 plus memberships, if every membership would donate \$10 toward the cost of the**

equipment, collectively the effort might improve the water quality, especially in the swimming area. We can say that we at least tried. If it is not a success no one, including the Club, is out a significant amount of money. Barb and I will kick off the fund with \$100 donation.

The Owasco Yacht Club is in need of someone to back me up and/or assume the job of treasurer. I often think that should I suddenly be unable to do this job the Commodore and board would have one heck of a job collecting all the pieces of the puzzle so business could continue. If anyone thinks they may be interested, please contact me.

As always please keep me informed with any changes in your family, address, email address and phone numbers. Please use the Yacht Club email address owascoyachtclub@gmail.com or my email richk234@verizon.net.
Thanks. — Rich Knaul



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Social Scene 2018:

Brunch, music, sing-a-longs and more! Adele Keegan has the big reveal.

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All in Good Taste

The Copper Pig returns, and food trucks make their debut at OYC!

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For the program to successfully continue, don't miss your chance to make it happen!

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Blue green algae study, membership update, and everything you need to know!

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LETTER FROM THE COMMODORE

~LOUISE WILSON~

I recently saw a poster that said "Memories made at the lake last a lifetime," and it got me thinking of how true it is. So many members, past and present, have shared stories that began with "we came here as a family when we were little" or "I had some of my best times at the Club." Last year when we were celebrating the 125th year of the Owasco Yacht Club, we asked people to share their stories and photos. One thing was quite evident in all of them—a love of the lake and the time spent here.

We're all busy, even the "retirees" (sometimes especially the retirees!), with many things demanding our time. Although I admit that I don't always do as I say, I really urge each of you to make or remake some memories on the lake...our lake, our Club.

As my family and friends know, my sort-of-new mantra is "make it happen." It is not always an easy thing to do, but I try. Squeeze in an extra day, afternoon or even an hour to watch the sunset we're so blessed to witness almost any night from the OYC. Spend some quality time with a good book or a good friend or watching kids splashing in the water or having fun in the playground. Whatever your reason for being members, enjoy it! It saddens me when we lose a member because they feel they "just didn't use the Club enough." I'm so grateful for even the small chunks of time I've personally had the past few years, because it is always reassuring to know that if I could, or if I needed to, the lake and the Club were there waiting for me to relive or make a new memory.

I'm looking forward to my first year as OYC Commodore and am humbled when I read the names of all those who came before me. They built a legacy not only in what they did for the OYC but for the families they raised here. I ask you to do three things:

1. Take a look at the history of the OYC on our website under the "Home" tab and click on "History" in the drop down menu; it's a great story.
2. Right under that tab, look at the list of "Past Commodores." You'll be surprised at how many names from the past are still present.
3. Make some of your own memories on the lake! Share them on our Members Only Facebook page or in an OYC Instagram, and most recently our OYC YouTube channel (more on that later)

*P.S. I should be thanking all of the people who work so hard behind the scenes to make *Our Place on the Lake* so special. I'll certainly get to that this season, as they truly deserve our thanks. But right now I want to thank YOU for being here and encouraging others to join us.

Enjoy, *Louise*

Also from the Commodore: Help our Club look great!

Behind the scenes at OYC

Couldn't make it to spring Clean-Up day? No problem, there are lots of ways you can pitch in and help around the Club. Here are a few suggestions:

- You probably have a favorite spot on the grounds that's your go-to place. If it's a little messy, pick up litter or anything out of place.
- Cobwebs are a fact of life on the lake. Bring a broom and sweep 'em out. Sure, they'll be back, but at least they'll be gone for a while.
- Those ever present tree sapling and weeds sprout all over the place. Pluck 'em!
- Don't mix "Trash", "Recyclable Bottles (think wine)" and "Returnable Bottles & Cans"
- Be creative; come up with a way you can pitch in and help keep our Club looking great!

People behind the scenes

For just about everything you see around the clubhouse and grounds, there's a member volunteer who did something to make that happen. They're not looking for recognition or thanks, they just take pride in our Club. If you have a special talent that you would like to share with the Club, please let us know!

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SOCIAL SCENE 2018

Presented by Adele Keegan

I am so excited about our season. I was able to book 14 musical events that included 4 SAMMY winners. In case you aren't aware, a SAMMY is Central New York's GRAMMY. They are, Joe Whiting, Diana Jacobs, Ronnie Leigh and Marcus Curry. We have a new group, MODUS OPERANDI with gal singer, Monique, who has a voice you won't forget.

I am fortunate to have four assistants, Kerrie Marquart, John Hogan, and Al and Diana Bielecki. We are planning a family WESTERN JAMBOREE, on Saturday, August 18th, with games food and fun for the whole family to participate in. Be sure to invite the Grand Parents. Kids 10 and under eat free the whole day. Get your cowboy hats and boots ready. We are looking for Square Dancers and hay bales...more help as well. We won't bog you down with meetings...just give you one job you can easily handle. The kitchen will have Chuck Wagon food available.

The kitchen is closed on Sundays but the Social Committee isn't. We are planning some surprise eating events for Sundays. One, we are most thrilled about is the POTATOES and MOLASSES FOOD TRUCK on July 15th. They will be on our property preparing their fresh food at 10am and be open for business from 12:30-6:30 for your dining pleasure. Paul and Kendra, the owners of their farm, BLACK BROOK, will be serving what is grown on their farm. Paul is an Englishman, and he is sure to have his fish and hand cut chips on the menu that day. They also have a kid friendly menu. Check them out on line.

Blackbrookorganic.com or [facebook.com/potatoesandmolassesfoodtruck](https://www.facebook.com/potatoesandmolassesfoodtruck)

Wednesdays are GAME DAYS with a lunch buffet from 12-2pm, \$10.00. Dinner 4-8pm. Kids 10 and under eat free with an adult meal. Bring any game and guests. We'll have our alternate Thursdays HAPPY HOUR with music and \$5.00 BUILD A BURGER....and alternate Saturdays with music and a meal rather than a buffet as it will be cheaper and.....you asked for it!

We'll have one brunch with Joe Whiting and sing-alongs with my son Mike. Of course, we traditionally say good-bye to summer with BYE'S BEER BLAST on Sunday September 1st.

This season..NO RESERVATIONS and guests invited to any and all events. TRY to ENCOURAGE your GUESTS to JOIN OYC. Come early because when the special runs out, you'll need to order from the window.

Hope to see you supporting our events. All ideas and concerns welcome.

As ever, *Adele*
Questions: adelekeegan@gmail.com

Digging deeper...

According to Grounds Director Mark

Querns, this past year has seen some much-needed drainage work.

Steward Erik Reyes is returning his post, and help is needed with small projects.

Read below for more.



AROUND THE GROUNDS

Hello, all you beautiful people!
Welcome to Summer 2018. I hope to see a lot of picnic baskets this year.

The grounds are a little torn up on the South side due to some major drainage work done this past year around the clubhouse, but it was needed, and hopefully it won't be too

much of an inconvenience.

The steward this year is Erik Reyes, who was here last year also. Erik reports to myself and other directors. If you have any questions or concerns concerning the club/grounds, feel free to call or email me. I am always looking for volunteers willing to take on small projects. I am looking for someone interested in painting the metal railing under the shelter. Contact me if that's you. I hope you enjoy the summer.

See you soon,
Mark
315-730-2594

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Sailing: We Need Your Input

Bob Sloan and Gary Robertson have taught the sailing lessons for years and done an excellent job. Gary arranged to borrow sunfish from Wells College so everyone had a boat to sail. Last year's participation was way down and whether they are offered this year is a question we need to answer. Your feedback will provide the answer.

What we are proposing:

- There seemed to be many other activities at the beginning of summer that competed with lessons so we would move them to the first week of August.
- They would be offered for one week.
- Open up lessons to adults
- If there is enough interest, we could also do evening sessions for adults.
- We would use club boats, the effort to get Wells boats isn't warranted with last year's enrollment.

We need to hear from you to keep lessons going, there needs to be more interest than last year's 4 or 5 sailors.

Please contact Bob Sloan 315-730-3019, before July 14 if you are interested in participating. A decision will be made at that time.

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—Jim Kusche

## Copper Pig Returns to OYC Kitchen

We are thrilled to once again partner with The Copper Pig of Auburn, NY as the Owasco Yacht Club Kitchen Operator for 2018! Dawn Schulz and her crew are very excited to be a part of the OYC family again this year.

At the time of this article we are still working out final details, so please check the OYC website ([owascoyachtclub.com](http://owascoyachtclub.com)) regularly for chit info, menus, prices, and special event dinner menus. Check out the OYC bulletin board and website for details on how to make a reservation.

As you might be aware, the OYC has made great strides in modernizing our communication with our members. **IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO CHECK YOUR OYC EMAILINGS** and to **visit the website [owascoyachtclub.com](http://owascoyachtclub.com)** for not only Kitchen and Special Event notifications, but for other club matters as this year unfolds.

If you have a kitchen comment or question, or want to assist in some way, don't just tell it to someone else, please email me at [tracy@stewartsolutions.com](mailto:tracy@stewartsolutions.com). I look forward to seeing you at "Your Place on the Lake" this year! — Tracy Stewart

## Spring Clean-Up Recap and Thanks

We had great weather for Clean-Up Day on May 5. The clubhouse and grounds shaped up nicely with a little help from our friends. We had a good crew of members who raked, spread mulch, cleaned the dressing room, mopped the clubhouse floor, arranged the inside tables and placed the outside picnic tables, cleaned the shoreline, placed the kayak racks, cleaned the gas grill, washed windows, made many, many trips to the dump to get rid of leaves....

Many hands made the work easier and quicker and we did all we set out to do by about 11 a.m. and enjoyed freshly grilled Hoffman Hots.

Our dues are low because we don't hire out most of the jobs that need to be done. *Please* give your Club a couple of hours each spring and fall!

Those who have up part of their Saturday morning to make our Club look great, in no particular order are:

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| Diane Sawyer        | Peggy Lattimore      | Louise Wilson        |
| Adele Keegan        | All & Diane Bielecki | Ellen & Bob Cotter   |
| Mark Querns         | Janet Carroll        | Jim & Susan Kusche   |
| John Hogan          | Rich Knaul           | Kerrie Marquart      |
| Tom & Cathy O'Toole |                      | Bob Sloan            |
| Don Devine          | Barry Wright         | Jon Carnes           |
| Don Walawender      | Beth Butera          | Theresa & Gary Mason |

Sorry for anyone who was there but didn't put their name on the list! There were also several people who couldn't make it on May 5 but helped out at other times.

—Louise Wilson

### We are sorry to note the passing of some of our OYC family:

- Ed Cuthbert (4/14/2017)
- David Togni (4/25/17)
- Mary Ellen Carr (4/23/17)
- Becky Bye (4/23/18)
- John LeFever (5/5/18)

Our sincere condolences go out to their families and friends.