

THE WINDWARD

Owasco Yacht Club, Inc.
Auburn, NY 13021

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- COMMODORE'S CORNER -

Suzanne Klink reflects



This is the 71st year of the Owasco Yacht Club. Many of us joined for a variety of reasons. To many of us the yacht club is our summer home and family. And, like our home and family, success relies on regular maintenance that requires extra money from time to time, support and cooperation from every family member, and the appreciation for those special gifts and talents that help give every family a name recognized in many circles.

In many ways this analogy exemplifies the Owasco Yacht Club. The sailors, boaters, swimmers, and bridge players from our youngest members to our ancient mariners represent us as a multi-faceted, multi-talented group joined together with the common goal of preserving a tradition of a fun and safe environment for our families.

Over the years, many projects have been undertaken to maintain and improve our buildings and grounds. We have seen many improvements, yet have the vision and foresight to know that much more needs to be done. What has been accomplished is a tribute to a consistently sound fiscal responsibility as well as the work of many individuals. Special thanks to each and every one of you who volunteered in any capacity, large or small.

Personally, I want to thank the members of the board, secretary, Sue Querns, and treasurer, Rich Knaul, for their

countless hours on our behalf. I also want to thank many of you who very willingly took on special projects over the past two years. I've enjoyed working with all of you. I now look forward to supporting a new board of directors as they commence to carry on much of our unfinished business.

May we all continue in the Owasco Yacht Club spirit and tradition to maintain and preserve our "Jewel on the Lake."

Sincerely,
Suzanne Klink

Joe Runkle



New Commodore

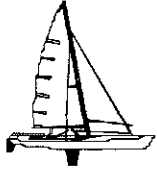
Dear OYC members.

As your newly elected commodore, I just wanted to tell you all how pleased I am to follow in this wonderful tradition. With all the expertise and tutelage of the previous board and Commodore, Suzanne Klink, I am hopefully well trained and am looking forward to the task.

My family and I have been members for the better part of twenty years and have always enjoyed the warm and friendly atmosphere of the club.

The current board and I are pledged to continue in the great tradition and will do our best to provide a happy, fun, safe, and sunny summer.

Sincerely,
Joe Runkle



Sailing

Welcome aboard to the 1997 sailing season. The wind gods are certain to provide us with more sailing days than 1996.

To recap last years results - Jim Kusche, in his Hobie 16, brought home the hardware by besting the fleet in the Frostbite Series, July 4th Colonel Peet Regatta, and the Summer Series. Peter Whiting won the Laser class, while Hobie Romig bested the big boats in his Hunter 23. Hired gun Don Hoffman won the Labor Day Regatta in the club's O'Day Daysailor.

During the off-season our governing bodies, the US Sailing Association and the International Sailing Federation, agreed upon a new set of racing rules for the first time in forty years. The new rules are more straight forward and easier to understand, although it will take some time to adjust. Unfortunately, the ISAF also voted to drop the International Star, an Olympic class since 1932, from Olympic competition. The Star is being replaced by the 49er, a high performance sport boat.

Last year NYS passed a new law concerning PFDs (life preservers). The current law requires that any child under the age of 12, on a boat less than 40 feet, must wear a securely fastened type I or II PFD. These are the ill fitting, uncomfortable, orange neck vests. Fortunately, after CNY Yacht Racing Assoc. pressure, the State Senate amended the law to include type II PFDs (ski vests) when worn only in an "adult supervised sail instruction or sailboat racing activity."

As junior sailing at the OYC enters its fourth year, we hope to expand our program to ensure its future success. Current ideas include allowing children of non-members to participate, hiring a full-time instructor, and establishing a junior racing series. The board has approved the purchase of 5 Vanguard Prams. It is an inexpensive, well- built optimist style dinghy that is an ideal "learn to sail" boat. With only 35 square feet of sail and weighing under 80 pounds, it can easily be sailed by a 60 pound child to a full size adult.

Also, any interested members wishing to purchase this type of dinghy please contact me. I can be reached during the day at 253-5231 or at 252-2709 in the evening.

The board would appreciate any input from the membership, young or old, on how to help improve our junior sailing program. We are looking for volunteers to help with the program.

For those of you wishing to subscribe to a sailing magazine, Sailing World tops the list for performance sailor and racer. You can order a subscription by dialing 800-876-3971 or by joining the US Sailing Association (800-US SAIL-1). Your membership helps support our sport and includes subscriptions to Sailing World and American Sailor plus other benefits. Sailing is also a great read without dedicating itself solely to the 40 foot plus owner (800-236-7444.)

Other important notes: the Spring Frostbite Series begins on June 1st, Sail Oswego Regatta is from July 24-26, the Colonel Peet Regatta is on the 4th of July, and don't forget the Labor Day Regatta. We hope to find new sailors and volunteers for each of these events.

There is an abandoned red, small-boat trailer in the upper parking lot, next to the cottage, without plates. If it remains unclaimed, the club will use the trailer for the O'Day Daysailor. Please contact me if it is yours.

See you on the water,



*Peter Whiting,
Sailing Director*

ON THE WATERFRONT



Jack Cavanaugh

Greetings :

Time's growing short...it's mid-April now, and all the Early Birds will be heading down to the club as they see the ole thermometer go above 50 degrees (can't say that I blame them.) It certainly wasn't a bad winter, but most of us will take spring and summer over the best of winters.

Now, let's get down to business! The lifts are scheduled to be put in on Saturday, May 10th. If you are going to give up your space, kindly let me know before May 10. If you would like your name added to the Boat Lift List, please send me a dated letter requesting a space and you will be put on the list according to the date you sent me your request. This holds the same for moorings and shore space.

If you are giving up a mooring and would like to sell your equipment, send me a list of what you have, and I'll try to put you in contact with someone who may be interested. I do have a small list of some mooring equipment that is **FOR SALE** at the present time. Speaking of moorings, it is the responsibility of **all boat owners** who use moorings to ensure that their equipment is in good repair. All boat lifts, etc. that are privately owned and at the Club will be numerically tagged so that the staff will know who they belong to in case of a storm or any other emergency situation.

In closing, I would like to wish each of you a very safe and enjoyable summer. Should you need any assistance on the waterfront please don't hesitate to contact me during the day at my business number (253-9242) or in the evenings at my home (253-9555.)

Reporting from the waterfront,

Jack Cavanaugh

BOAT LIFT LIST

7-10-93	Agnes Crothers
8-10-93	Mike Carbarly
3-05-94	Kurt Richards
4-01-94	Bob Sylvester
4-20-94	Paul Underhill
4-22-94	Jim Hutchinson
4-28-94	Kim Vorreuter
4-17-95	John Beault
5-02-95	Chris Porten
5-10-95	Mark Querns
3-10-96	Donald Sanzotta
5-24-96	Gary Mason

Owasco Yacht Club 1997 Board of Directors

Commodore	Joe Runkle
Commodore Elect	Hobie Romig
Treasurer	Rich Knaul
Secretary	Sue Querns
Grounds	Gig Elliott
Buildings	Mark Querns
Kitchen	Sandra Carbarly
Sailing	Peter Whiting
Social	Audrey McNally
Swimming	Rich Hamberger
Waterfront	Jack Cavanaugh
Windward	Lynda Hamberger

From Your Treasurer



Rich Knaul

I would like to thank all those members who paid at least the first half of their dues by the March deadline. By doing so it shows your commitment to the Club and provides the Board with solid financial information on which to build the budget for the coming year. For the few who are unable to find their statements you can give me a call at 252-6101. Please pay the balance of your dues by May 15 so that all checks are received prior to June 1. Any dues not received by May 31 will have the \$25 late payment fee added June 1. **Remember, resignations were due March 31.**

The annual "yearbook" will soon go to press, and I make every effort to get names and phone numbers correct but I do need your help. Please let me know if there are any misspellings or omissions. If you have children who are no longer in the vicinity or new additions to your family, please let me know.

To date we have 15 resignations due to moving, aging, and other reasons. We have only two new members. The \$numbers\$ work out best if we maintain our membership around 185 members. Where else can you enjoy the summer with unlimited access to our beautiful Owasco Lake for much less than you can keep a boat on the outlet or maintain a summer home or cottage? If you have a friend or know someone who would like to join the Owasco Yacht Club, please call Sue Querns with the information.

I have added a field to the data base for E-mail addresses. Any member with an E-mail address is requested to send it to me at **richk@relex.com**. If all members would go on-line it sure would improve communications, and it would save hundreds in postage.

*Rich Knaul,
Treasurer*



**Clean Up Day
May 17
Rain Date the 18**



Refreshments will be available

May 17 is not only my wife Teresa's birthday, it is also the day of the annual spring clean up. Bring your rakes, gloves, windex, and elbow grease to join in this annual rite of the Owasco Yacht Club membership. Your help is needed. If you could see me right now you would see a desperate club member on his hands and knees begging for your help. Seriously, clean up is not as dirty a job as one might be led to believe. Chores involved include setting out the stored picnic tables, picking up sticks and other winter debris, washing windows in the clubhouse, and sorting out the things that need attention. No one is required to break a sweat and the more help there is, the easier it is. And, with any luck, the boat lifts will have been put in the week before. Those with docks can also check out their boards and hardware to make sure they are ready to surf through another summer of fun.

So, bring yourself, your family, and your determination to help get your club ready for you to enjoy. Meet new people, make friends, and we'll even reward you with a hot dog and a soda just for showing up. The festivities start around 9:00A.M. on May 17, 1997 and will only take a couple of hours, so **pleeeeeeease** help out.

By the way, I'm the guy in charge of the buildings this year so if you have any questions or suggestions regarding this area, talk to me.

Thank you for your anticipated outpouring of participation.

*Mark Querns,
Buildings*

NOTE:

All personal items that are stored in the barn will be removed on clean up day. They **must** be claimed before the end of the day or they will be put in the trash.

Personal items, littering the club grounds this season, will be picked up daily and put in a lost and found box. Keeping our club beautiful is important so **please** pick up your area before leaving for the day. **THANKS**

Message from Gig

Your OYC Board is planning some grounds' improvements for the 1997 season. The mole area, which has been undermined over passed seasons, is scheduled for repairs. Pilings have been installed south of the mole to prevent further washout from below. Just north of the mole, the same situation exists. We are currently waiting for some new steel to drive along the front edge to halt this erosion. After the pilings are installed and stone fill has had a chance to settle, the area will be repaved.

The parking area at the north end between the drives to the mole will be restored. This will provide a much firmer area on which to walk and drive.

The kids' sandbox cannot be forgotten. More sand will be provided to improve the children's play area.

As always, if you have any ideas for improvements to the grounds, please contact me or any board member. We will be happy to listen to and discuss your suggestions.

Board members look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for the **SPRING CLEANUP** scheduled for May 17.

*Gig Elliott,
Grounds*

Swimming

As usual, the Winter weather continues to linger about, not wanting to let go. I urge everyone to think warm thoughts to help move things along.

At this point two of our lifeguards will be returning to duty. Welcome back Bridgette Metzler and John Knaul.

I am hopeful that a fulcrum for our new diving board will be constructed so that we will be able to "Spring" into the new summer season with style.

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter and look forward to seeing everyone splashing about this summer.

*Rich Hamberger,
Swimming Director*

Social Director



Audrey McNally

Welcome aboard "Summer '97" as we embark upon the Owasco Yacht Club's 71st season.

I would like to begin my term as social director by publicly thanking my predecessor, Adele Keegan, for three years of outstanding service during which OYC's social programs took a quantum leap. Not only was Adele accessible and creative in her role, she was also terrifically organized, leaving an abundance of valuable notes and references. Therefore, I am confident that our club will continue to provide the many and varied social activities which you have come to appreciate and expect.

A complete social calendar will be published next month. Until then, please reserve the evening of Friday, June 20 for our official club opening and family buffet 5-7 P.M. with music from 7-10 P.M.. You will receive a separate mailing regarding the particulars of this event. Meanwhile, I am pleased to rejoin the Board of Directors and welcome your ideas and suggestions.

*Happy socializing,
Audrey McNally*