

THE WINDWARD

Owasco Yacht Club, Inc.
Auburn, NY 13021

May 1998



~ COMMODORE'S CORNER ~

Joe Runkle reflects



We are about to embark on our 74th year of the Owasco Yacht Club. A lot of great memories have been made over the past years and I know this summer will provide even more.

Your board has been working very hard throughout the winter months to ensure a great upcoming season. Our steward and kitchen staff will remain unchanged. Physical changes to the buildings and grounds will be made as necessary to provide a safe environment for our families and friends. Swimming and sailing programs are being put in place for us to enjoy our lake.

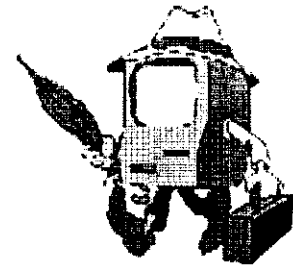
This year we need to promote our club. Our membership has been dropping over the past several years, and as you know, we have a great facility to use. Please take a moment to share your good feelings with a friend or neighbor. Invite them to visit with you and/or have a Friday night dinner. Anyone who has a prospective member in mind should contact Sue Querns for further information.

I am looking forward to seeing you this summer.

1998 Board of Directors

Commodore	Joe Runkle
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Treasurer	Rich Knaul
Secretary	Sue Querns
Grounds	Gig Elliott
Buildings	Leo Warren
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CoChairpersons	Beth Liberatore
Sailing	Jim Kusche
Social	Audrey McNally
Swimming	Rich Hamberger
Waterfront	Peter Whiting
Windward	Lynda Hamberger

From
Your
Treasurer



Thanks to everyone who has paid his dues either in full or part. Remember dues are due by May 15th, and any dues not received by June 1 are subject to the \$25 late payment fee. If you have mislaid your bill, give me a call at 252-6101 or catch me at richk@relex.com, and I will assist you. To save on postage, I will not send out reminders until May 15th.

I am going to sound like a broken record. **WE NEED TO INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP.** If we are going to continue to meet our operating expenses **PLUS** make the necessary repairs to keep the Club safe and in tip-top shape, we need to increase our money supply. We have lost fifteen members as of this printing and only gained four. If anyone has any suggestions about dues, fees, moorings, youth activities, family activities, senior activities, or anything else you can think of to make our Club more attractive, please let me or any other board member know. If you have anything to say about what we are doing right or wrong and how we can do it better, by all means let us hear from you.

Sorry for all the doom and gloom, but as bill payers, I am sure you can understand the situation when the money supply is dwindling. **Think spring.** Get out and enjoy your Club this summer and let a friend in on Owasco Lake's greatest treasure. Thanks for listening.

Please send any address changes to me **BEFORE** May 15th, this year's printing date of the Owasco Yacht Club Year Book.



Rich Knaul

ON THE WATERFRONT

Welcome to 1998 boating season. Thanks to El Nino, we should be able to enjoy one of the earliest boating seasons in recent memory. The boat lifts were placed in the water April 5th, and the boat docks should soon follow.

New for this year will be numbered OYC stickers to be placed on all equipment stored at the Club. These small stickers will be placed on the starboard stern of all boats, behind the wheel of all boat lifts, and on the tongue of all trailers. This will allow for better inventory control of water craft and enable the Club to quickly contact owners in the event of damaged property or some other emergency.

The Club has ample mooring space available. Remember, it is the responsibility of the boat owner to provide and regularly inspect this own mooring systems. An annual examination of buoy, chain, shackles, mooring line, and boe eye is very important. Most boats that break free from their moorings are a result of neglect. Beginning this season, pontoon boats will be allowed to be moored. All moorings must be approved by the Waterfront Director. If you are in need of mooring space, or have any questions about mooring a boat, please call me.

The Club rowboats have been repaired for the '98 season. Hopefully, they will not continue to sink and will row straight. The rowboats are available for the lifeguards and convenience of members with moored boats. Please return them to shore as soon as possible. **Do not leave them at your mooring or at the boat dock.**

Boat dock space is limited. Please tie-up as close to other boats as possible. For reasons of maneuverability, powerboats should first use the windward (windy) side of the dock, allowing sailboats the leeward (downwind) side. Boats cannot be left moored at the boat dock.

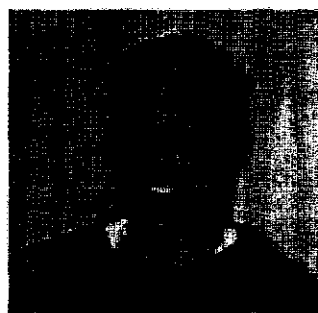
Shore space at the Club is at a premium. Please, place your boats as close together as possible and limit the width of your shingle or rack to the width of your boat. I may ask to move your sailboat or dinghy to accommodate more boats. If you are in need of shore space, contact me.

If you would like your name to be placed on the boat lift list, please send me a dated letter requesting a space. Because of the extended period of time members have to wait for a lift space, a **one-time** deferral will be allowed. A member may elect not to take the available lift space without losing his place on the list - only once. When a space becomes available to the member at a later time, the member must take the spot or be placed at the bottom of the list. The current boat lift list is as follows:

- 8-10-93 Mike Carbary - Deferred 1998
- 4-22-94 Jim Hutchinson
- 4-28-94 Kim Vorreuter
- 4-17-95 John Beault
- 5-10-95 Mark Querns
- 3-10-96 Donald Sanzotta
- 5-24-96 Gary Mason
- 3-03-98 Jake Harding
- 4-04-98 Peter Whiting
- 4-20-98 Michael Belz

If you need to get in touch with me for any reason, you can reach me at the following numbers: Home: 252-2709 Work: 253-5231

See you on the water,
Peter Whiting



Waterfront Director



Sailing

It's less than a month to the start of the Frostbite Racing series, so get those covers off and get'em in the water! As usual, first sail (windsurf) goes to Peter Whiting and Tom Lepak (JAN!!!), Mark Romig first on the beach! Let's hope the water warms up fast.

In past years the sailing program has focused primarily on racing activities. In the hope of attracting some new participation, we're going to try some new things this year. Details are still to be worked out, but look forward to some non-race oriented activities such as an "Introduction to the Prams" day, a beginner windsurfing session, and something with the bigger boats. Keep an eye to the sailing bulletin board for more details.

We're attempting to put together another Junior Sailing Program similar to past years. We need to know how many people are interested. Due to the limited number of boats, we need to know as soon as possible. Please contact Peter Whiting (252-2709) or me (685-7484) if this is something you have any interest in. It will possibly start the week of June 29th. We are considering smaller groups, changing every week. In order to put this together, we need to know numbers in order to know how long we would need an instructor, etc.. Please take the time to contact one of us if you are interested. Also, if anyone has a Laser or other small boat that could be used by the Club for lessons, please contact us.

As a reminder, the Prams are available for any club member to use. They're geared more towards the younger crowd, but some of us did have fun a couple of Wednesday nights, so it's not just limited to lightweights. Get the kids out there and give it a try. The club also has the Daysailer and Widgeon for use by members. Most of the regular sailors would be glad to lend a hand to get you started if you haven't sailed or done it lately.

The racing season starts off with the Frostbite Series. This year the early Memorial Day places the first race on Sunday, May 31st.

Races will be every Sunday morning and Wednesday night. The Frostbite season ends Wednesday, June 28th. Make a note. The start times on Sunday are 9:00 (white flag). Wednesday night's white flag will be 6:00. The earlier start time on Sunday reflects what we've seen on the water the last few years.

The Summer Series begins July 8th, the first Wednesday after the Col. Pete Race on July 4th and 5th and will continue every Sunday and Wednesday except Great Race weekend (Aug. 9th) and the Oswego Race (July 26th).

If anyone would like to participate as crew, or possibly even as spectator, please ask. It comes up in every sailing meeting, and it seems like almost all the boats are short handed in most of the races.

On a slightly more serious note, a new Club Boat Policy is being implemented, primarily to promote safety and keep the club owned boats in good condition. It is not the intent to restrict their use, so please don't let this deter anyone from using them.

From The Water,
Jim Kusche
New Board Member
and Sailing Director



Help Wanted
Sailing Committee Person

Paid Position - Training Provided.

Sunday and Regatta race duties will include starting sequence and recording of finish times plus race mark placement and retrieval. Familiarity with motor boat operation preferred. No sailing experience is required, training will be provided. Club members would be preferred, although not a requirement. Please contact Jim Kusche at 685-7484

Owasco Yacht Club Boat Usage Policy

This policy covers the use of Club owned sailboats, which **excludes** the Committee boat.

1. Age restrictions

No one under the age of 12 shall be allowed to take a boat without parental on the water supervision.

Ages 13-15 require direct **visual** parental supervision.

Ages 13-15 shall not take boats further than Martin's Point from shore, and not beyond Martin's point northward and the south most OYC yellow buoy from club without adult supervision. Demonstrated ability and/or a Jr. Sailing Certificate are considerations to extend this limit on a per use basis (due to the varying weather conditions) with parental permission so stated on the release form.

2. It's recommended that anyone under the age of 18 should have passed the Swimmers' Raft test.

3. OYC members must sign a Use Form prior to taking the boat out and again upon return of the boat. Parents are to sign the Use Form for all children. Forms will be provided at the OYC Kitchen.

4. In the event of threatening conditions, the Lifeguards will fly a flag from the deck flagpole(or Swimming Dock) and sound repeated blasts from an air horn. **All club boats must immediately return to shore.**

5. Appropriate life jackets (PFD) must be worn at all times while using OYC boats.

6. All boats shall be returned 1 hour prior to sunset unless participating in an OYC scheduled event.

7. Any lost equipment or damage incurred must be reported. The cost of replacing equipment or repair of damages is the responsibility of the member.

8. Failure to follow these procedures will cause member's boat usage privileges to be revoked.

9. Usage shall be scheduled with the following priorities:

- 1st- OYC Junior activities
- 2nd- OYC Activities
- 3rd- Reserved usage
- 4th- Open usage

Sailing questions or comments call or e-mail jkusche@ican.net



Clean Up Day
May 16th
Rain Date the 17th



Refreshments will be available

May 16th 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 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 16, 1998 and will only take a couple of hours, so **pleeeeeeease** help out.

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

Thank you for your anticipated outpouring of participation.

*Gig Elliott,
Grounds*

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**