

THE WINDWARD



Owasco Yacht Club, Inc.
Auburn, NY 13021

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~COMMODORE'S CORNER ~ Hobie Romig reflects

The 75th summer season of the Owasco Yacht Club is fast approaching. Your board has been working over the winter months to ensure this summer will be as enjoyable as those of the past 74 years. We are pursuing ideas for additional club activities which will encourage more membership interest and participation. Please feel free to share your ideas or suggestions with any board member.

As over the last couple of summers, the steward and the kitchen staff will remain unchanged. The grounds and buildings have been spruced up. We hope to have some additional improvements instituted over the course of this season. The swimming and sailing programs are on their way to being finalized.

Once again, we are asking the membership to promote the club to friends and family. Our membership is still below what the facility can handle on a day to day basis. In order to continue making this facility the bargain that it is for our members, new members are needed.

There are upcoming capital improvements that can no longer be ignored. The swim area, the north picnic area and the mole are the main areas of concern. It will soon be necessary to connect to the new sewer system that has been extended past the club. These improvements will ensure that our grounds will be safe and comfortable in the future. The additional membership is needed not only to ensure that the current programs go forward, but that these capital projects can be pursued at the most cost effective means available.

Invite your friends up to the club for a day or for one of our scheduled activities. If you do have a perspective member in mind, you should contact Sue Querns for further information.

I'm looking forward to getting back to the lake and seeing all of you this summer.

Hobie

Past Commodore's Report

It's been a long winter and we're staring at 6 inches of fresh snow. Will warm weather ever get here? Yes, and with the best outdoor lake facility at our beck and call, we will have a great summer. We need you to use our club to the fullest. Invite guests out at every opportunity. Let's bring our membership up to the levels it has been in the past. We have a great lake to swim in, to boat on, to picnic next to and to enjoy the sunsets. Come and enjoy!!!

It has been a great pleasure to have been the commodore these past two years, and I want to thank the board and all our volunteers for making my job an easy one. I've enjoyed working with all of you. Everyone has shown a tremendous sense of pride and responsibility to make the Owasco Yacht Club better than ever. I am looking forward to supporting the board and club in every way possible to complete old projects and start new ones so that we may prosper in the future.

Sincerely,
Joe Runkle

1999 Board of Directors

Commodore	Hobie Romig
Commodore Elect	Peter Whiting
Past Commodore	Joe Runkle
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Secretary	Sue Querns
Buildings	John Hogan
Grounds	Gary Mason
Kitchen	Mary Ann Janis
	&
	Beth Liberatore
Sailing	Jim Kusche
Social	Audrey McNally
Swimming	Ann & Marty
	Wisniewski
Waterfront	Michael Belz
Windward	Lynda Hamberger

Clean Up Day Sunday, May 16th

9:00 AM

Rain Date

Saturday, May 22nd

9:00AM



Winter has had its way at the yacht club. No! No! Nothing bad, just some leaves, sticks, and washed up debris that needs to be taken care of. Therefore, we will have our annual clean up day on Sunday, May 16th. Come and join us for a morning of spring cleaning. We will also be setting up picnic tables and washing windows to prepare our club for a long, fun-filled summer. Bring your rake and your family, and we will provide food and refreshments.

I am in charge of grounds this year. My wife, Theresa, and I are relatively new members of the club and have participated in clean up day before and found it a great opportunity to meet members and have a good time. I hope to see you there to lend a hand.

Since I am new at this, I welcome any suggestions or comments you have on the grounds. Things we have on the agenda this year include improving the north parking lot, repairing the basketball hoop, and rebuilding the horseshoe pit.

If you ever need to reach me, please remember you can call 253-8420 or e-mail me at mason@dreamscape.com

See you Sunday, May 16th!

Gary Mason,

Grounds

Ground Rules to Keep in Mind



Please **do not** park in the stone driveway near the clubhouse and bathrooms. This area is for the dropping off and picking up of handicapped members and guests, delivering of supplies, and unloading of equipment by our guest musicians.

Another rule that seems to be unclear is the **NO** pets rule. Pets are **not** allowed on the grounds of the OYC at anytime.



On The Waterfront

Welcome to the 1999 season.

Hopefully, the boating season will start as early this year as it did last. Boatlifts will be put in by the end of April. Please check your hoists for any problems and make all necessary repairs beforehand. If any member is not going to keep his lift space this year, please contact me. Anyone wishing to be placed on the hoist list please send me a dated letter requesting a space. The current hoist wait list is as follows:

04-17-95	John Breault
05-10-95	Mark Querns
05-24-96	Gary Mason
03-03-98	John Harding
04-04-98	Peter Whiting
04-28-98	Mike Belz
07-01-98	Bob Faynor
11-09-98	Jack Wood
02-24-99	Mike Carbary

OYC requires that all boats, boat lifts and trailers have an OYC sticker. If you do not currently have a sticker, please contact me.

The club provides rowboats at the north and south ends of the club for the use by its members to provide access to moored boats. They are **not** to be left at moorings or boat docks. The rowboat directly south of the swim area is for lifeguard use only.

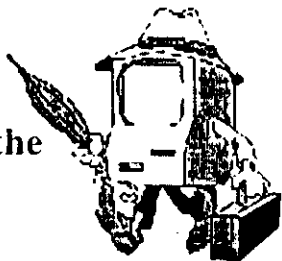
Empty boat trailers may be parked only in the upper field adjacent to East Lake Road. Please remember the club carries no insurance to cover privately owned boats and trailers; therefore, the club assumes no liability for loss or damage.

The club has ample mooring space available. It is the members' responsibility to provide and regularly inspect their own mooring systems. The Waterfront Director must approve all new moorings. If you are in need of a mooring space, or have any questions about mooring a boat, please call me at 253-8125.

Michael J. Belz,

Waterfront Director

From the
Keyboard of the
Treasurer



I want to thank all those members who responded with either full or partial payments by March 15. This year has been much better than previous years. Of the 172 bills that were sent out, 8 % returned resignations (13), 25 % paid in full (43), 32 % paid half, and 35 % made no reply. With 35 % still out and with the membership so low, it makes it impossible to create a meaningful spending plan.

I am probably beginning to sound like a broken record when I say we need more members. We need at least 185 members with the current dues structure to provide sufficient income to plan for more than fixed expenses and routine maintenance. With the membership now at only 159 (and possibly lower once we hear from all members), it will be very difficult to finance the crumbling seawall in the swimming area, the rotting timbers in the cribbing that support the north picnic shelter, repairs to the mole, and the hookup to the new sewer. I am sure many of you are anxious to see these repairs made, and I am sure you do not want to see your dues rise to accomplish them.

Thanks for all the Cayuga County 911 address changes that were sent in. Our e-mail list is growing, but I know it is still not as complete as it could be. I am sure there are some members who haven't sent their e-mail addresses in yet. Please do so. The entire board is on line this year. Maybe every member will be on line by next year? Remember, if there are any corrections or changes to your family that you want reflected in the "1999 YEAR BOOK" please let me know by May 1st at richk@relex.com or at 252-6101

Thanks for listening (with your eyes, that is).

Have a great summer,
Rich Knaul

Some reminders for the '99 Season

1. We have found zebra mussels at the club. The little critters were on most of the boatlifts taken out in the fall. If a zebra's shell should cut you, clean it out well and put antiseptic ointment on it to avoid infection. A pair of water shoes would be a good investment.
2. The fecal coliform counts found at the foot of the lake should not be a concern for swimmers at the OYC. We have been tested many times in recent years and have yet to fail a water quality test.
3. The Owasco Yacht Club assumes **NO** responsibility for boats, trailers, or any other personal equipment kept at the club. It is the member's responsibility to insure his/her own property. Members are also responsible for damage done by their property, to another member's property. *i.e.*, a boat breaking free from its mooring and doing damage to another vessel or dock.
4. The club is an association, and we share in ownership. Therefore, the club's insurance **does not** cover personal injury to its members. In effect, you can't sue yourself. Make sure you are properly insured for your own property and personal injury.

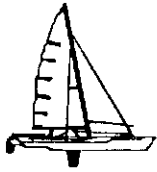
Peter Whiting,
Commodore Elect

Welcome Back and Congratulations to our Stewards

Michael and Renee Carbary and their **three** sons, Patrick, Sean, and **new arrival** Matthew James, born March 30th at a healthy weight of 9#6oz.

More Congratulations!!!!

Jacob Peter Whiting, born March 10th, weighing in at 8#3oz., will accompany his parents, Peter and Laurie Whiting at the yacht club this year. Oh yes, I'm sure you'll see him in the arms of Bill and Robin also. This is their first grandchild and many of us share that amazing feeling.



Sailing

Winter is almost over and although I don't think many of us are really thinking about putting our boats in quite yet, it's time to think about getting them ready. Let's hope the weather cooperates more than last year and let's get a better (and earlier) start.

To recap last year for those who didn't make it to the annual meeting, the top finishers were: Overall Champion- Jim Kusche, Offshore class- Peter Whiting, Centerboard Class- John Knaul, followed by Steve Vincent, Hobie Romig, John Hogan, Tom Lepak, Russ Kincaid, Bob Cotter, Jack Cavanaugh, Tom Burke, Alan Vaughn, and Don Hoffman. Due to the slow start of the season, the Frostbite and summer series were combined into one series. The new committee boat will make the race committee duties, shall we say drier, as well as more comfortable.

We have lost some racers to graduation, so if anyone has ANY interest in getting out on the water, come on down. Remember, club boats are available-both large and small. Give me a call or e-mail (jkusche@ican.net) if you have some interest. The Prams haven't had much use, so let's try and wear them out this year. That's probably not going to happen, but seriously, if you want to go out in any club boat large or small, stop one of the sailors and we'll be glad to give you a hand. If you just want to go out on the water, we always have need for crew.

All the regularly scheduled events will be back this season. The Frostbite series will start late in May or at the latest the first Sunday in June. Next is the Col. Peet Fourth of July race, followed by the Summer Series which also begins the Wednesday evening races starting at 6:00PM. Lastly, the Labor Day race and cookout will end our summer of great fun.

The Junior sailing program got quite a few good comments last year and will be back again as usual.

See you on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights!

Jim Kusche,
Sailing Director

OYC Social Notes

Welcome aboard for the 1999 Owasco Yacht Club Season. The kitchen directors and I have planned a social calendar of dinners, brunches, and musical happenings for your enjoyment. As always, you are encouraged to bring guests to any of our social events.

The first social gathering will be an opening dinner held at Ricky's Restaurant on Saturday, May 15. A separate mailing will provide you with information on the menu, prices, and reservations.

The yacht club will officially open on the weekend of June 19-20, and a beef roast with musical entertainment will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Both of these events will be a great opportunity for you to meet our new members or to acquaint prospective members to the joys of OYC membership.

Ahoy, mates, see you at the waterfront.

Audrey McNally,
Social Director



Here's What's Cookin
from
Beth and Mary Ann,
the Kitchen Directors

We are both looking forward to a warm and relaxing summer at the OYC.

The kitchen will be open, **weather permitting**, with a **limited menu**, and for only a **few hours** on the weekends of June 5th and 12th. **We will also be open on Mondays during our regular season.**

The official opening is scheduled for Saturday, June 19th. Our first club event will be the Beef Roast on Saturday, June 26th. Musical entertainment will also be provided during the evening.

There are other fun evenings and afternoons planned, and, since Nora Chindamo and Diane Sobus are returning, the food will certainly be delicious.

It will be nice to see old friends again and to welcome new members.

Needed: 1 large chest freezer for the kitchen. Let us know !!!