

# THE WINDWARD

Owasco Yacht Club, Inc.  
Auburn, NY 13021

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## ~Commodore's Corner~

Some of the sailors just returned from the Sail Oswego Regatta at Oswego Harborfest. No one from our Club placed in the top three for their divisions this year, but a good time was had by all. If anyone is interested in registering a boat for participation in this fun event on the BIG lake next year, Peter Whiting or I will be happy to share the information with you when it comes out next Spring.

A problem I had with attending this regatta is that I missed Christmas in July. I hope that everyone enjoyed it as much as in prior years. From what I have heard a good time was had by all.

I hope that everyone gets an opportunity to participate in some of the upcoming club activities. Remember, postings are on the new bulletin board for you to read, informing you on what is going on around the Club.

We are currently getting recommendations and estimates on capital improvements to the swim area, the north picnic area and the mole. If any members have ideas on the best way to handle these much needed improvements, please share them with a board member.

### A few reminders--

Personal water craft, also known as Jet Skis are not allowed at the club. The reasons for this are spelled out in the 1999 Directory that you all should have received.

Dogs are not allowed at the club at any time.

Parking is not allowed in the grass along side of the children's playground. The area is now marked with No Parking Signs. It is impossible to see children coming out from between parked cars along this area.

All personal property, towels, shirts, etc. are not to be left overnight around the club grounds. Mike and the lifeguards will collect them on a daily basis and they will be kept in the lost & found box near the soda machine for a short time. If you are missing something, check there first. If you find something lying around that is not yours, that's the place for it to go.

You may have noticed some new boats and faces around the club lately. Our

membership has begun to climb back up. We still have a way to go before our membership roles are where they should be. If you would like to recommend anyone for membership a form is available on the new bulletin board. The completed form may be turned in at the kitchen or to a board member. Names, occupation(s), children's names and ages, the address, and the sponsors name are all that is required on the form.

Thanks,  
*Hobie Romig*

## Welcome To Our New Members For 1999 Season



Jack and Brenda Wood  
Mike and Laurie Coleman and their children  
Michael & Alyssa  
Don and Kathy Walawender and their children  
Timothy and Jeffrey  
Peggy Murphy & her children, Kevin & Shawn  
Gordon and Sue Lund  
Dana Mason  
Gary and Becky Smith and son Jacob  
John and Andrea Cosachov and their children  
Andrew, Julie & Daniel  
Paul & Leah Weinberg Baron and their children  
Honora & Rachel  
Bill and Susan Pollard and son Anthony  
John and Susanne Lovisolo and their children  
Caroline & Christopher  
Jim and Becky Bye  
Ed and Suzanne Cuthbert

## From the Keyboard Your Treasurer



Our membership numbers have risen slightly. We now have 155 members. Don't slack off on your recruiting, we could still use another 30 members. Thanks for your concern.

Keep the e-mail addresses coming, along with any changes that may have occurred in your family (including mistakes or omissions in the yearbook).

Enjoy the rest of the summer,  
*Rich Knaul*

# Swimming

Swimming is always fun at the Yacht Club, but when Mother Nature blesses us with consistent warm temperatures the water is even more inviting.

Swim lessons and the annual kids sleep-over have brought abundant smiles and wonderful memories for our younger members. Because the fun doesn't have to stop in July, the lifeguards have graciously volunteered to provide another sleep-over in August. With consideration to the younger kids and support of family they have organized a Family Event to include parents and children under 11 to join the older kids before the sleepover and celebrate the "First Annual Awards Night". Look for more information on this event @ the clubhouse.

In continued interest to our Health and Safety, the Swimming Rules are posted below. Please be sure to review them and discuss with your family the importance of following these rules to support water safety awareness and continued enjoyment for all at OYC. Please note that many of the rules are derived from the New York State mandates and **must** be followed to be certified by the County Health Department in order to operate a waterfront swim area.

*Ann & Marty Wisnewski,  
Swimming Directors*

## RULES

SWIMMERS AGED 18 AND UNDER MUST PASS RAFT TEST BEFORE USING RAFT  
NO SWIMMING BEHIND RAFT UNLESS DOING LAPS  
ONLY ONE PERSON ON DIVING BOARD AT A TIME  
NO ATTEMPTING TO SINK RAFT  
NO WATER TOYS IN THIRD SECTION  
NO JUMPING OR DIVING OFF SIDE OF DIVING BOARD  
NO PUSHING ON RAFT  
NO "ARM SWIMMIES" ALLOWED IN AREAS OTHER THAN THE FIRST SECTION  
NO SWIMMING, JUMPING, OR DIVING OFF BACK OF RAFT  
NO RUNNING ON RAFT OR DOCKS  
NO SWIMMING UNDER RAFT OR DOCK  
NO SWIMMING WHEN LIFEGUARDS ARE NOT ON DUTY

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday & Tuesday 12:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday -Sunday 11:00-8:00 pm

We have recently been informed of a new Health Dept. Advisory regarding little ones in diapers. **All** children who are in diapers **MUST WEAR** swimming diapers while in the swim area at OYC. This product reduces the amount of bacteria allowed in the swimming area to assist in providing healthy water for all Owasco Lake swimming activity. Disposable swimming diapers will be available at cost or you may provide your own.



## From The Kitchen

Things are going well in the kitchen. We've had a lot of positive feedback regarding the daily specials and the extra touches provided by our cooks.

Brunch on Sunday, July 18 was a big success. Another brunch will be held on Sunday, August 29. Make sure to call in your reservation.

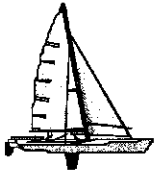
Luncheons on Wednesdays for Ladies' Day now offer a julienne salad for those interested in a lighter fare. Menus are posted in the clubhouse.

Check the social calendar for upcoming events.

Kitchen Directors,  
*Beth Liberatore & Mary Ann Janis*

## OYC Social Notes

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| August 6  | Greek Buffet with music for members and guests<br>see insert |
| August 21 | Pig Roast for members only<br>see insert                     |
| August 29 | Sunday Brunch with music for members and guests              |
| Sept. 3   | Italian Buffet with music for members and guests             |



## Sailing

The Summer series has started and our turnout is slowly growing. We hope to have it back at full strength in the next couple weeks. We were bitten by frostbite again this year for the June Frostbite Series (only one race), so all races will count toward the Summer Series. It's not too late to start and still be in the running.

I'm not going to take this personally, but our regattas do seem to cause quite a commotion..... the night BEFORE. Showing up for the July 4 Col. Peet Regatta I really wasn't sure anyone would be there. Fallen tree limbs and power outages somehow are beginning to be associated with OYC sailing regattas. It was touch and go for awhile but eventually enough people showed up to have a go at it. This year's regatta was scheduled to be a one day event and we did manage to get in three races. The diehards included John Knaul-Laser, Peter Whiting-Sanatana, Bob Cotter-Laser, Russ Kincaid- F24 Trimaran, and me on a H16. Trophies were awarded to Jim Kusche-1st, John Knaul-2nd, and Peter Whiting-3rd.

Thanks again to Peter Whiting for salvaging the Junior sailing lessons after losing last year's instructor. And of course to John Knaul for instructing the classes. I heard quite a few good comments from the sailors and parents. We even had a few sailors join our ranks for Wednesday and Sunday races! Jack Russell raced with us on a laser one recent Wednesday night. Let's hope this continues. You're all welcome to give Jack and the rest of us some friendly competition. The Daysailor even got some use during the lessons, along with a substantial cleanup.

Remember races are Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Wednesday races tend to be shorter due to the time limitation, but is a great opportunity to give it a try without committing a whole Sunday. If you'd like to either crew or race a club boat or your own stop down and we'll help you get started. We still have a lot of sailing left in the season prior to the Labor Day regatta - hope to see you all out there.

**From The Water,**  
*Jim Kusche*

## ON THE WATERFRONT

The weather is looking great for enjoying the club and the lake. All the lift spaces are full and we are adding new moorings for club members buying boats.

The storm on the 4th of July weekend did some damage to one boat whose mooring broke. The boat ended up in the swim area. I ask all members, who are mooring their boats, to have the chains checked. Several of the new moorings that have gone in have been installed by the Sail Boat Shop. Their work is excellent and they ensure that the mooring will fit the size of your boat. With the investment that people have in their boats, it would be wise to think about having a new mooring installed by professionals who know what they are doing.

Remember that any damage done by your boat is your responsibility. I suggest that each member carry adequate insurance. The cost of insurance is far less than a repair bill to fix someone's property. In addition, the club is not responsible for damage done by your boat.

The storm shifted very fast on the weekend of the 4th. It caught everyone off guard. Several people tried to get their boat secured. Some people took cover in their boat and others just watched their boat in the pouring rain and high winds, hoping for the best.

Peter Whiting thought he was safe standing next to his boat with a 30ft mast. I never met a person who had nine lives before.

Gary Mason and I rode out the storm on my boat trying to secure it to its mooring. It was a pretty exciting ride for us. It took us 8 tries to moor the boat. The wind would push us away every time we got close to the mooring. Gary was able to grab the mooring but he couldn't hold on to the boat and the mooring at the same time. Gary was pulled into the water as the cleat ripped his pants.

Many of the club members watched the storm and the show we put on. Some of the women on the deck decided to give Gary a round of applause, loud cheers and whistles after seeing him get out of the water in his "white brief" attire. As new directors, we try to keep our members entertained.

If anyone has any questions about moorings or lift spaces, please give me a call at home (315)253-8125 or Email me at Mbelz7497@aol.com.

Waterfront Director,  
*Mike Belz*