



The Windward

*The Official Newsletter of the
Owasco Yacht Club*

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FROM THE HELM

With the 2002 season quickly approaching, I would like to offer thanks to many people who have made the Owasco Yacht Club such a successful organization. First, to Mike Carbary and family for their past seven years of hard work and loyalty to the club. Mike is, unfortunately, stepping down as Steward. However, Mike, Renee, and the kids will be staying on as members. Second, to Shirley Bayus, who has spent many hours each spring beautifying the Club grounds with flowers. Unfortunately, Shirley will not have the time this year; we need a new volunteer to step forward. Shirley and Rich Knaul have made new in/out signs that look great. Barbara and Rich Knaul donated two beautiful trees in the memory of Barb's mother, Vera "Toot" Davis. Don Devine has spent countless hours cutting down and removing old dead trees, cutting grass in the off season, fixing equipment, and so forth. Lastly, to the members of the Board who spend many hours budgeting the Club's finances, repairing equipment and property, organizing events, and planning for today and the future: Thank you to all.

This year we can look forward to more capital improvements at the Club. A new railing will be erected by BOCES on the concrete wall behind the mole. The upper (leaning) concrete stairs to the swim area will be replaced this spring. The mole will also be paved this spring. Racks will be made to store canoes and kayaks on the south end to ease waterfront congestion. A new play gym for the kids will be built; this is going to be a mom and dad project. We will need volunteers. Contact Gary Mason if you are interested.

For the first time in 27 years the OYC will host a regatta. The Flying Scot New York Lakes District Regatta & Invitational will be sailed the weekend of **July 20 and 21**. We are expecting 20-30 Flying Scots from throughout the Northeast. This will create some inconveniences to members, primarily in parking and with the presence of a few campers.

It has become apparent that some members are ignoring the Club's guest policy. Please, review them in the Yearbook. There will be a change in the wording of Article 1. – Members may only bring local guests to the club twice a month. However, the same local guests, regardless of the host, are limited to two visits during the summer season. Guests include all relatives as well as friends. *Local guests are defined as living within a 50-mile radius of the OYC.* Many events are open to guests and do not count against your guest privileges. The Club will also have a new "Guest Book" located next to the kitchen. It is the member's responsibility to sign in all guests upon arrival.

I would like to announce the addition of more rail meat for Flying Scot 2434. Joshua William Whiting was born on March 26th at a hefty 9 lbs., 1 oz. He'll be able to keep the boat flat in a big blow.

As always, the ability to keep the OYC successful and affordable lies in member involvement in Clean-up/Project Days, capital projects, and drawing in new members each year. New members offset resignations and create positive growth for your Club.

See you on the water,

*Peter Whiting
Commodore*

TREASURER RINGS UP

The "bill by e-mail" was somewhat of a success. We had 58 members agree to receive their bill via e-mail for an initial savings of almost \$40.00. There were four on the e-mail list who had to have changes made in their billing for various reasons; this was accomplished on-line for even greater savings. I would like to congratulate John and Shannon Harding for again being the first to pay their dues, the day after I e-mailed them their bill.

Please remember that the first half of your dues should be paid on or before March 31 to avoid any late fee. This requirement serves two purposes: First, it provides the Club with operating funds for the big bills (insurance and taxes) that arrive in the beginning of the year. Second, it gives the Board a better idea on membership so they can make the budget fit the income for the year.

We finished last year with 171 memberships and to date we have received three resignations and five new memberships. The new members are Ron and Dolores Bachta; Thomas and Kathleen Gray with their two children, Gretchen and Jeffrey; Ray and Kristen Rutkowski and their daughter, McKenzie; Donna Hunt; and Mark and Jody Rogers and their son, Kevin. Please keep up your recruiting so that we can maintain at least a membership of 171.

Every year a few members request membership cards that allow them to visit other yacht clubs as they travel around the country. One of our members has been investigating other uses for the card so I have printed cards for every member. The original intention was to include the card with your chit when we hand them out in June but if you would like yours sooner than that and you are paid in full it is available.

Do you have changes to be made to your listing in the OYC Yearbook? Please inform me of additions to your family, including names and birthdates, address changes, telephone number changes, or incorrect spellings. The Yearbook goes to press mid-May, so get any changes to me by **May 15**.

I am available at 252-6101 or richk@relex.com. Thanks for taking the time to read these articles and keep yourself informed. It won't be long before we are at the Club once again.

Rich Kraul

FROM THE GROUNDS

The Board has been working to ensure a great summer season. First of all, I would like to invite each and every one of you to attend our annual **Club Project Day on Sunday, May 5** and/or **Clean-Up Day on Sunday, May 19**. Project Day this year will consist of several small jobs, painting a new railing, and possibly assembling a playground addition.

Improvements to the grounds this year will include new stairs to the swim area, replacement of missing roof shingles, racks for canoes and kayaks, new railing for the north end picnic area above the mole, paving of the mole, playground improvements, and repair of a collapsed 20" drainage pipe at the south end. Ideas or comments about any of these projects are more than welcome!

I plan to post a "To Do" list and sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who can lend a hand during the summer season.

In closing, I would like to thank Mike Carbary for his years of service as the Club Steward. He has done an excellent job. Mike and his family will remain as members, so we are sure to see them this summer.

We are still looking for Mike's replacement. If you know anyone who might be interested, please pass this information on to a Board member. You can reach me at 253-8420 or by email at mason@adelphia.net.

See you all soon (on **May 5th and 19th**)!

Gary Mason

SHIP'S STORE NEWS

We certainly have no complaints about our winter this year, although I am writing this article in early March while enjoying the Florida sun.

Liz Dello Stritto will again return this coming season to run our Ship's Store. We look forward to her daily specials as well as the old favorites: Ladies' Day Luncheons, Sunday Brunches, Friday Night Dinners (with a children's menu available), and special social events. The window will remain open for limited quick-serve requests during Ladies' Day Luncheons and Friday Night Dinners. Box lunches will be available again for boaters with a

Shirley Bayus

24-hour notice. *Remember:* your chits may be used for any of these events, and guests, including prospective members, are always welcome.

This year, Liz will cater member's parties with Board approval and in accordance with Club party guidelines. The kitchen will remain open to members during such parties. Please check the yearbook for party guidelines before making a request to the Board.

Please note that your chits are NOT replaceable, so treat them as cash. You may choose to leave them on file with Liz. Chits will expire in 2002 at the close of the day on Monday, August 26.

The official **Opening Day** this year will be **Saturday, June 23**. This year the Ship's Store will be *open for limited hours with a limited menu* on the weekend before Opening Day, *June 15 and 16*.

The Ship's Store hours will remain the same this coming season: Sunday through Thursday, 12 pm to 7 pm; Friday and Saturday, 12 pm to 8 pm.

The success of the kitchen depends on your patronage. Liz works hard to satisfy all of our tastes.

I am looking forward to a warm and relaxing summer at the Club where we can see old friends and welcome new members.

Shirley Bayus

ON THE WATERFRONT

The pride of any club is found in the fellowship of members and respect for their facilities. The waterfront is no exception. I ask that we all make an effort to come out to **Spring Clean-Up Day, Sunday, May 19**. We need help getting the main docks, swim docks, buoys, shore racks, club boats, etc., down for Opening Day.

The last few years' waterfront capital projects are winding down with the final layer of macadam by the mole. Current projects will include organizing and spacing of shoreline and moored boats, as well as dock work.

Shore skids will be given assigned spaces to make room for new members. Shore skids need owner's names on them. *Each boat's identification number should be registered with me before the boating season starts, by June 1st.*

Are you interested in switching mooring locations? If so, please contact me and I'll see if we have any matches.

We hope to have Club emblem stickers for all boats—a good safety feature for quickly identifying and returning boats, should any get loose. Due to several equipment failures resulting in free drifting boats, we are planning on standardizing the mooring field and tackle. This may require upgrading or replacing worn chains and clamps or perhaps even anchor blocks and may also lead to possible field location changes. Your input is important, so please send along ideas and I will try to keep you in the loop. For off-the-shore canoes, kayaks, and such, we are looking into some possible storage racks in order to free-up shore space. Any ideas? Send them along.

Remember: Long-term storage for trailers (included in the mooring fee) is provided in the upper field by the road, not in the lot just south of the cabin (with the basketball court). This lot is reserved for those paying for trailering. As always, be sure to label your trailer.

The boat lift waiting list is as follows: Peter Whiting, Bob Faynor, Ralph Estrich, Jim Bye, and John Cosachov.

Questions about mooring or lift spaces? E-mail me at restrich@localnet.com or give me a call at home at 253-2935.

Ralph Estrich

BEFORE THE MAST

It's the end of winter and hopefully spring will be here soon. I know I'm ready! In case you weren't at the Annual Meeting or haven't seen it on the web page, the annual sailing awards were handed out and are proudly on display in the homes of the winners. Thanks to Bob Cotter for filling in for me at the meeting.

Frostbite Series	8 races	Peter Whiting
Col. Pete July 4 Long Distance		Peter Whiting
Summer Series		
Overall Winner		Peter Whiting
Centerboard Fleet		Steve Vincent
Large Boat		John Hogan
Most First Places		Peter Whiting
Labor Day Race		Jim Kusche

One of the big events being planned for this year will be the Flying Scot Districts. It's being held

this year at our Club the weekend of **July 19, 20, 21**. This will be the first Class regatta our Club has held in probably 30 years. It will be a major undertaking and many volunteers will be needed, both on the water and off. If anyone can help or knows of a sponsor willing to assist in some way, please contact Peter Whiting or myself. There is a tremendous amount of work involved in making an event like this successful.

It'll only be a couple months or so... Get that boat ready early this year.

Jim Kusche

IN THE WATER

This year will be an exciting year for the swimming program at the club. All our lifeguards who worked last year will be returning this summer. Allison Sloan will return as Head Lifeguard, and Matt Sloan will divide full-time duties between sailing and beachfront lifeguarding. Dan and Jason Galka are returning, as well as our part-time guards. This year we will schedule two series of swimming lessons, once in mid-July and again in early August. Sign-up notices will be posted a week or two after **Opening Day, June 23**. Swim-area enhancements

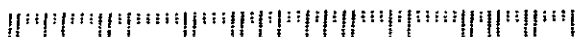
for this year will include the repair of the floats on the swim raft.

Remember that swimming is prohibited when the beach is closed and in areas not designated as part of the swimming area. This information is posted on the signs along with the hours of operation and must be strictly enforced in order to retain our swimming-area permit with the New York State and Cayuga County Health Departments. All bathers under the age of 18 will be required to swim the perimeter of the "deep end" of the swim area under the direct supervision of a lifeguard. Upon doing this in a safe and timely manner, the lifeguard will record the swimmer's name in a log book and that swimmer will have full access to the swim area. Those that do not pass this "raft test" will be restricted to the shallower portions of the swim area.

Additional safety rules are listed in the OYC Handbook and posted on the Club's web site.

We are all looking forward to a great summer at the Club. If you have any concerns or suggestions during the year, please let me know. I can be reached at 834-6040.

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