



The Windward

The Official Newsletter of the
Owasco Yacht Club

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FROM THE HELM

Welcome to the start of a new season. We have some new people to welcome to the board, but first I'd like to thank all the past board members for all their hard work.

Susan Querns, Jim Kusche
Gary Mason, Russ Kincaid

Our club is very dependent on the members that step up and give a little extra by running for a position on the board, or helping out around the club. Don't be afraid to take that step and volunteer to help us make your club the best it can be.

Bob

Here's your new Board:

Commodore.....Bob Sloan
Commodore Elect
and Social..... Adele Keegan
Past Commodore..... Pete Whiting
Treasure..... Rich Knaul
Secretary.....Theresa Mason
Kitchen.....Shirley Bayus
Waterfront.....Ralph Estrich
Swimming.....Marty Wisniewski
Sailing.....Hobie Romig
Buildings.....Jake Harding
Grounds.....Don Devine

FROM THE GROUNDS

It was along cold winter, but the weather has finally turn for the better. The sewer line hooked up. We've cleared out some scrub brush and vines along the south end exit road. With some dirt and stone fill we'll gain some additional parking spots that should help us out during fourth of July weekend and Regatta weekend

New this year: we are asking all yacht club members who park their boat trailers in the upper field to use only wood to block their trailers wheels Please no stones, bricks, patio blocks, or cinder blocks. Wood blocks have been provided by the club in a pile by the tree near the drive. If you have any questions about this please contact me.

Don

**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY IS
SAT. MAY 17th
with a rain date of SUN. MAY 18th.**

With a good turn out everyone could be home by 1PM. Bring a rake, broom, and some gloves. We'll provide some food and beverages.

Can't make it to clean-up day, or weekends aren't good for you. We're flexible, come down any day prior to clean-up day that's convenient for you. A couple of hours of light clean up work, done before clean-up day, can go a long way to lighten the load for those who do show up on clean-up day. Please contact me if you would like to help in this way. If you have any ideas on how to improve on the grounds at the club let me know.

Thank You: Don Devine

FROM THE RAFTERS

We have many building changes planned for the next few years at your Owasco Yacht Club. Please be patient while these changes are going on.

First up is a renovation and face-lift for our bathroom facilities. We intend to install some new features and upgrade some of the older fixtures. This is in regard to our physical buildings and not those members like myself who are over 50.

Depending on the weather and time commitments, we will try to be done by opening day, June 14.

Jake Harding

Message from your Social Director/Commodore Elect

So glad the season is about to begin again. I am writing this on 4/5/03 on my porch in Florida, where the thermometer says 80 degrees, the sun is brilliant, and the breeze is delightfully fragrant with the scent of new blossoms. I will be in Auburn on April 15th. Hope 13021 will welcome me with the weather I just described to you.

I will need a great deal of help to pull this season off, as you know, I am wearing two hats. Thank you for the honor of Commodore Elect and also allowing me to continue in my Social position.

Our soft opening will be Saturday, June 14th...Flag Day! a special day always, but more significant at this time. If the weather permits, and you feel like doing something for the Club to honor our troops, buy a round planter, plant some flowers in it and an American Flag. Place it somewhere on the Club ground. Be certain to maintain your planter though the season. **THE KITCHEN WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN** this day.

Ladies Day Luncheons

start Wed. June 18th at noon

Friday Night Dinners

to begin June 20th, 5-8pm

Blessing of the Boats will be on **Sat. June 21st**, the first day of summer, with a **PASTA DINNER and ENTERTAINMENT**. ceremony at dusk.

THE BIG OPENING will take us to the **BIG EASY** for a grand **MARDI GRAS** celebration on **SAT. JUNE 28th**.

I'm working on a **Zydeco Band** and Liz's meal will be a **CAJUN** delight. I'm certain we will need help decorating. Jane Darovskikh and the Oughtersons are our volunteers in charge. Contact them or me for your ideas and help. We need many more helpers.

PLEASE RESERVE FOR ALL EVENTS. Call the club 252-7850 or me 253-7957

E-Mail is ask@syracusenet.net

More plans and fun to come. Check our website, read your postcards, and read your **WINDWARD**. Circle your calendars. No excuse for not being informed...we try **VERY** hard to get news out to you. Also check Clubhouse Bulletin Boards.

Ideas, suggestions, and help always welcome,
As ever, Adele

SHIPS STORE NEWS

After a long, cold, snowy winter the warmth of summer sunshine will be appreciated. Lets hope it arrives soon. Welcome to all new members!!

I have discussed the upcoming season with Liz Dello Stritto, who will again return to operate the ship's store. We look forward to her culinary talents. The food service hours will remain the same: Sunday through Thursday, 12pm to 7pm. On Friday and Saturday she will remain open an extra hour until 8 pm.

Official Opening Day this year will be Saturday, June 14th. Liz will be open for limited hours (weather permitting) the week before. During that week, she will be serving only a limited menu.

Liz will feature our old favorites along with a daily special. Ladies Day Luncheon, Sunday Brunch and Friday Night Dinner (including a children's menu) will continue along with special events. Remember, your chits may be used at any if these, Guest and perspective members are always welcomed. The quick-serve window will remain open during Ladies Day and Friday Dinner.

Please take note. **Your chits are NOT replaceable.** Treat them as cash. If you wish, you may leave them on file at the Ship's Store. This year your chits will expire on the close of day on Monday, August 25th.

Liz will prepare a box lunch for boaters with 24 hr. notice. She will also cater member parties with Board approval and in accordance with club 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.

Liz works many long hard hours to prepare the food she serves. Her success depends on the patronage of all members. see you soon !!.

Shirley Bayus
grambaub@aol.com



OYC BOATLIFT WAIT LIST

DATE SUBMITTED	OYC MEMBER
15-05-00	Ralph Estrich
31-05-00	Jim Bye
15-06-00	John Cosachov
16-04-02	John Butera
27-04-02	Peter Whiting
10-05-02	Bob Faynor Jr.
11-05-02	Mike Oster
12-05-02	John Hammerstadt
05-06-02	Mark Rogers
03-07-02	Ray Rutkowski
08-07-02	Bill Polard
23-10-02	Frank Deorio
05-03-03	Scott Anderson

ON THE WATER FRONT

Welcome to the 2003 boating season! I ask that we all make an effort to assist Spring Clean-Up Day. Waterfront jobs include putting in the south dock, the swim dock, and buoys, and shore racks. Club boats need to be carried down to the shore, cleaned and readied for opening day.

The club requires that all member's boats that use our facilities along with trailers and lifts be identified with the club sticker – a good safety feature for owners. If you need stickers, please contact me. All shore skids need owner names on them. Each boat's identification number should be registered with me before your boating season starts.

The club provides rowboats at the launch and mole docks for access to member's moored boats. Rowboats are not to be left at moorings or boat docks. They need to be returned to their shore space with the oars pulled inside the boat. You are expected to keep the oars on the seats when you tow the rowboat back to the shore space as not to damage them by catching the overhanging oars on anything. The rowboat at the swim area is for lifeguard use only.

WATERFRONT cont.

Please park empty boat trailers in the upper field. Use of the parking lot south of the steward's cabin is reserved for those paying for trailing spots. In the upper field as the slope increases, you may find parking diagonally easier to trailer in and out. Please use the wooden blocks to secure your trailer not stones etc. which could really harm the mower. Remember, the club carries no insurance to cover privately owned boats and trailers; therefore, it assumes no liability for loss or damage. Each member is required to carry individual liability insurance.

The club has a hoist, mooring and shore waiting list. For new requests please send a dated letter or e-mail to me requesting space. Due to such a long list of boat lifts needed, we are looking at making 12–18 floating dock slips off of the new north dock.

It is up to members to inspect their own mooring and lift systems. Members are responsible for damage caused by their property to another member's property for any reason including boats breaking free and improper use. Members are also reminded that if they use club boats and cause damage to property they are expected to be responsible by reporting any damage to the owner, the waterfront director, and the steward. So please check your homeowners or boating policy for adequate insurance coverage.

The club can sell gasoline to members by using the club's gas dolly on the north dock if the steward or a board member is available. Please get the waterfront director's approval for all placements. Any questions call253-2935 or e-mail restrich@adelphia.net

Ralph Estrich

MONEY MAN

Well, I thought we were going to save a bundle in postage. I sent out an e-mail message in early January to everyone for whom we have an e-mail address asking if they would accept their bill via e-mail. I asked those who did not want theirs sent via e-mail to respond. I had four say they wanted theirs by snail mail only but many responded saying e-mail was OK. Well, I sent out 110 (out of 185) invoices via e-mail but as of Saturday, March 8, I had received money from only 31 members on the e-mail list. I know there are still three weeks until the first half of dues are due but not knowing if everyone read his e-mail I was forced to send out reminders by snail mail yesterday. To those 31, thank you, you saved the club at least \$150.00. Printing and postage cost the Club over \$1200 last year and we (the Board of Directors) were hoping that we could cut that cost considerably between billings and the WINDWARD if we could make use of e-mail. Please provide some input. If you are willing to receive your Club information electronically only, please respond to my e-mail address, richk2@adelphia.net or Hobie Romig's e-mail address, romig@localnet.com.

As of March 8th, the Club has received only one resignation and has accepted 10 new members since September 2002. Our membership now stands at 191 members. Remember the procedure for proposing a new member is to submit all information to Theresa Mason, our secretary. You can call her at 253-8420 or email at masont@hp.com.

Since I am the one responsible for keeping membership information, I again ask you that you keep me up to date with any changes in your family. Please let me know if there were any mistakes in last year's YEARBOOK or if there are any additions to your family so information can be corrected before the book goes to press in early May. Older children are kept on the list until they are 21 or still in college. I very seldom get this information and will usually drop children when they turn 21.

The 2003 bills include 2002 boat information. Please let me know if there are any changes in this area. Please keep Ralph Estrich up to date with this information also. He will provide me with a list of all boat owners and where they keep their boat towards the end of the summer. You may not be billed for new additions to the waterfront list until that time.

This is your Club. Please help keep it in top shape. If there is anything that needs attention please let a Board member know so that it can be taken care of. When we all work together to keep our Club in top shape it helps keep the Club looking great and it helps keep the costs down.

Rich Knaul, Treasurer

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