



WINDWARD

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From The Helm

By Adele Keegan

Commodore

After this cool wet spring I'm looking forward to a warm sunny summer at the club! Kris and Adele have a some great events planned, so please help them out by making your reservations as early as possible.

Thanks to all the members that helped on clean-up day, many hands make short work. Thanks again!

We have a few new members so please introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcomed. As always if you have any suggestions or concerns please fell free to contact any board member. Let's all work together to make the summer as enjoyable as can be.

See you soon at opening weekend

Bob

OYC Website-

www.owascoyachtclub.com

Available On Line-

Member Information Update Form (electronic submission)

Prospective Member Form (Paper form)

Private Party Reservation Form (Paper form)

Membership List & E-mail Links

Present & Past Issues of the "Windward".

Member password: firelane2

Purser's Office

By Rich Knaul

Treasurer

As of this writing (Monday, May 31, 2004) there are 29 members who still need to pay their dues with 4 whom we have not heard a word from since last year. To those four, if you do not intend to renew your membership please send me an e-mail at richk2@adelphia.net or call 252-6101. My second comment about payments goes to those 9 members who rounded off when they wrote their checks. (It may be the result of dividing the dues into two payments.) For those who rounded up the Club thanks you (anything up to a dollar I consider as other income, over a dollar I carry forward as a credit). For those who rounded down (the greater number) be prepared to pay when you pick up your chit or the amount will be deducted from the chit.

Speaking of chits. It costs too much to send out chits and "Yearbooks". They will be available at the opening party or from the kitchen. Remember, the chits are like money and if lost they cannot be replaced. It is suggested that you leave your chit with Liz at the kitchen.

In the last WINDWARD there was an article about a new bond issue to cover the cost of the new roof and other work that we thought would be needed. As it stands right now, the gabion problem by the mole has at least been temporarily fixed

Lakeside Activities

By Adele Keegan & Kris Belz

Social Director

Welcome to SUMMER!!!

We have our calendar all set, with something for everyone, and we are ready for another wonderful summer at OYC. Liz has planted the upper flowers and the waterfront flowers are planted and have weathered a couple of hard rainstorms.

Hope everyone received a blue postcard telling of May and June events. If not, let your social directors know and we'll put you on our list. Some extra postcards are in the Club House if you need one. You will get a postcard for each summer month. Post on your "fridge" so you will know what is coming up or check the Website on-line calendar. RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED THREE DAYS in ADVANCE of each event. Don't be disappointed.

"Soft OPENING" of the Club is SATURDAY, June 19th, with a deck roast and BLESSING of the BOATS. (one of the few no reservations needed), followed by WEDNESDAY, LADIES DAY and FRIDAY NIGHT SERVED DINNER, 5-8pm. RESERVATIONS NEEDED for these two.

The OFFICIAL OPENING is SATURDAY, JUNE 26th, with a buffet from 5-7pm and a DANCE PARTY from 7-10pm. "FOUR on the FLOOR", featuring CHRIS FARRAR will be rockin' for us.

We are getting a new CD player for the Club House and are looking for donations of CDs. Should be fun for all. Be sure to get your favorites in, so you will be able to hear music you like.

See you all soon.

Kris and Adele

Purser Cont.

putting off an expensive repair (estimates were as high as \$18,000) and the culvert problem on the south end has been fixed for less than \$100. We will be looking at ways to reduce the possibility of the culvert from getting plugged in the future. The original bonds have been called and the new issue is at 5% for ten years. A few bondholders requested their money back so that has increased the need for about \$25,000 in new money. If you are interested in a bond from between \$1,000 to \$5,000 please contact me. We originally said that each member family would be limited to \$5,000 but if the interest is not what we anticipated we will raise the maximum per member family.

The Club WILL NOT offer gas for sale any longer. Our insurance will not cover any liability for the storage of gas on the property or for any spill that may occur. The liability is just too great and the Board made the decision to get out of the gas business. Sorry.

Peter Whiting has spearheaded the assessment issue. The Club hired Greg Doan to appraise our property and he has arrived at a figure of \$590,000, a good way from the \$905,000 figure that the Town assessed us at. The Owasco Assessment Review Board will hear our grievance on June 9. The cost of the appraisal was \$1,000. Peter has also talked to an attorney about taking our issue to court (our only recourse as a corporation) if the board fails to grant us any relief. We will keep you posted.

Upcoming "Events"

Soft Opening (Kitchen Limited Menu) June 19th

Club Opening Dinner (Buffet & Entertainment) June 26th

Flying Scot Regatta, July 10th & 11th.

On The Waterfront

By **Ralph Estrich**

Waterfront Director

OYC Boatlift Wait List

Peter Whiting *deferred* 4/27/04
Bob Faynor Jr. *deferred* 4/27/04
Mike Oster *deferred* 5/1/04
Ray Rutkowski
Bill Polard
Frank DeOrio
Scott Anderson
Matt Carnicelli
Louis DePaul
Ken Rescott
Steve Carr
Tom Palmer
John Cosachov

Boaters welcome to the 2004 season! Please make safety your number one priority. There are some new changes in safety equipment #1 is that flares need to be replaced every 3 years so check your flares dates –none? – then get new ones that are. Be sure the whistle or air horn is usable and that you now need life jackets and in addition one seat throw type too. Also is your emergency flag a fluorescent orange and at least one square foot and don't forget the oar. An open bowed boat's front seating is only for when the boat is stopped, it's illegal to ride up front. Speed limit within 100 foot of shore, a dock, or anchored boat is 5 mph. Everyone under 11 years old is required to wear life jackets. Be sure your boat registration and insurance are up to date and you keep part of the registration with you when boating.

I ask that boaters take pride in your boats and equipment by keeping them named and ship shape: moored boats need a scrubbing / car wash every 2-3 weeks, soaking your covers in the lake for a couple of hours and then brushing them off works as well as a trip home for a hosing. Shoreline lasers and others please drain and rinse boats often to keep mosquito larva from making a

home. It is up to owners to regularly inspect their mooring chains and hoists. Please keep the shore area neat, take time to add drifted in trash to your bag headed to the garbage bin. Have a safe and enjoyable season.

Questions please call **Ralph** at 253-2935

Grounds

By **Gary Mason**

Grounds Director

Thanks to all who showed up and helped out on Cleanup Day.

We have a new steward, Greg Liberatore, son of Larry and Beth Liberatore. Greg has been working for a few weeks. He is pursuing his graduate studies when he is not working at the Club.

An odd job list will be posted on the bulletin board and feel free to sign up if you can lend a helping hand.

Gary

Skaneateles Sailing Club

The Skaneateles Sailing Club is offering their "Learn to Sail" program to members of OYC. Instruction will be by a certified instructor.

Youth Lessons will be given:

July 5-16	8:30 – 4:30 M-F	\$375
July 19-30	8:30 – 4:30 M-F	\$375
August 2-13	8:30 – 4:40 M-F	\$375

Includes games and activities on water and land (day camp like)

Adults:

July 5-9	5:30 to 7:30 M-F	\$100
August 2-6	5:30 to 7:30 M-F	\$100
Women Only	July 19-23 5:30 to 7:30 M-F	\$100

Contact Program Director Ron Hosie at 685-3475. Request forms at meritsail@aol.com.

The Galley & Ship's Store

By Valerie McKenzie
Kitchen Director

The clubhouse is open and we are looking forward to the kitchen being up and running on June 19th with a limited menu. The Official Opening Day will be June 26th. Our hours will be Sunday through Thursday 12 to 7pm, Friday and Saturdays 12 to 8pm. Please remember your chits are the same as cash and cannot be replaced if they are lost.

News from the Ship's Store

We will have a new and exciting array of Owasco Yacht Club clothing for sale. We have had our logo digitized and it is wonderful. New hats, Ts, sweatshirts, and hoodies both adult's and children's have been ordered. I hope to have them available at the "soft opening" We will be able to order one or any number of items as we need them.

I am looking forward to seeing old and new friends soon. Please feel free to come to me with any suggestions, questions or ideas you may have.

Valerie

Sailing

By Gary Robertson
Sailing Director

SAILING RACE SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER

Sunday races will be from June 6, 2004, until Labor Day weekend, September 6.

The 5 minute warning will be sounded at 9:25 am.

The first race will be at 9:30 am.

Wednesday evening races will be from June 9, 2004, until September 8.

The first race will start at 6:15 pm.

The Colonel Peete Long Distance Race will be on Sunday, July 4, with a rain date of Monday, July 5. We will have staggered starts according to class. There will be a starting line in front of the club. There will be a south mark and a north mark to round and then come to the line to finish in front of the club.

The cruising class will start at 9:30 am.

The one-designs (Flying Scots, Stars, etc.) will start at 9:50 am

The multi-hulls will start at 10:10 am.

The Club will be doing the race trophies somewhat differently this year.

There will be a summer series trophy for each class (cruising, one-design, multihull).

There will be an over-all trophy for the sailor with the best over-all score according to the

Portsmouth Handicap System that will be used.

We will also have a trophy for best over-all of the Wednesday evening races.

Gary