



The Windward

The Official Newsletter of the
Owasco Yacht Club
June 2000

FROM THE HELM

Now that the rains have let up, it's time to get the boats ready and to begin another season at the OYC.

The turnout for the annual Spring Cleanup was outstanding. I got back into town the night of the cleanup, took a quick tour of the Club, and it looked great. It stayed that way until the heavy rain two weeks later that washed much of our gravel away. Most of that has been replaced now, and the grounds are once again looking good.

We're getting ready for Dello's to take over in the kitchen with a great selection of menu items. The Kitchen was cleaned up and painted by a group of volunteers. Our thanks for a job well done!!! The new range hood and fire suppression system should be going in soon. My wife and I are looking forward to taking the summer off from cooking and taking advantage of what Liz and Paul will be offering on the menu.

I hope everyone is ready to enjoy the sporting and social activities planned for the upcoming season. See you in a couple of weeks.

Hobie Romig

P.S. Yes, we are still looking for new members.

SHIP'S STORE NEWS

Liz and Paul DelloStritto have signed a contract to operate the Ship's Store for the Summer 2000 season. We had discussed the possibility of having beer and wine available, but unfortunately, due to the high cost of an off-premise license, it has been decided to abandon this idea. We all look forward to enjoying Liz's culinary talents.

Shirley Bayus

SOCIAL NEWS

We are quite fortunate to have Dello's managing our kitchen. We have worked with Liz and Paul to prepare events that should please all of our members. A warm welcome to Liz and Paul!

Some of our upcoming events include the return of the ever-popular Ladies' Day, Friday Night Dinners (wait until you see those menus!), wine tastings, brunches, a Pork Roast, a Chicken BBQ, a Beef Roast, and family theme buffets. Musical highlights will include a wide range of styles: Classical, Rhythm and Blues, Rock 'n Roll, Country, Reggae, Oldies, and Jazz. The Social Committee is also working on a pre-teen/teen program, as well as special events for the little ones.

Post the enclosed flyer in your kitchen to remind you to make reservations for the OYC Opening Buffet on Saturday, June 17. An outstanding menu is planned and there will be MUSIC! Make your reservations by calling Adele at 253-7957 and please leave a message.

We encourage all members to bring guests to our social events and Friday Night Dinners. These visits are not affected by the rules in the OYC Handbook. We hope that our events will please our members and attract new ones.

Your concerns and suggestions are always welcome. You can reach Adele at the number above or by e-mail at ask@baldcom.net. You can reach Audrey at 834-9732 or by e-mail at audieellem@aol.com.

LET THE SUN SHINE!

Audrey McNally and Adele Keegan



TREASURER RINGS UP

As I write it is Memorial Day, which means all dues will have been paid within a few days. The response this year has been much better than past years and I would like to thank the membership for paying on time. On April we had 11 members who had not responded, and as of today there are still seven members who have not responded. If we don't count the "no responses" as resignations our numbers have improved slightly over last year. We are now up to 160 members (our goal is at least 185). We have had 11 resignations so far this year, and since August 24, 1999, we have had 15 new members. They are:

Stephen & Theresa Kline
Bernard & Vickie Meade
Robert Haskell
David & Pauline Togni
Vince & Lauri Busce
Bob Hoehn, Jr. and Sue Gebe
Ed & Frances Jackson
Jim & Rachel Hickey, children Erin and Colin
Tom & Kathy Graber, son Chris
Brian Hickel
Bob & Michele Green
Inger Wendel
Kathy Zamniak
Jim & Laila Cuddy
Susan Hawley, son Bill

We welcome all of our new members to the Owasco Yacht Club.

We are now up to 74 e-mail addresses. I know that there are still more members out there who have not provided their e-mail addresses. The next time you are on line please send me a short note, like "hello," so that I can add you to the list if you have not yet provided your e-mail address. If you have, it will let me verify that I have the correct address. My address is richk@relex.com. Thanks.

My Scout troop just used e-mail for the first time to send a regular newsletter. There are only 11 out of 40 members (including adult leaders) who do not have e-mail to whom we mailed a hard copy. The response was quite favorable and we saved over \$10 in printing and postage. Are you ready to receive your next *Windward* via e-mail? Comments please.

I try my best to keep the membership database up to date and provide the printer (of the Yearbook) with correct data. In almost every *Windward* I ask for members to keep me informed of changes and errors. Please do not contact the secretary with new or error information since she will only have to forward it to me. Thanks for your help.

Rich Knaul

BEFORE THE MAST

We've got a few new things planned for this year that I hope will increase sailing participation of the casual sailors, younger folks, and racers.

Club Boat Seminar/Sail

Saturday, June 17

To introduce the Hobie 14s and get members familiar with rigging and sailing them, we have a hands-on demo day planned for Opening Day. This will start on the shore showing how to rig and progress to on-the-water demos and drills, capped off with a righting demonstration. Open to all ages.

The Prams will not be left out; Peter Whiting will be the host to provide assistance with the Prams also.

Racing Schedule

The Frostbite Series will be Sundays only beginning June 4 and continuing through July 2. White flag will be at 10:00 so please arrive by 9:00 to be at the start line by 10:00.

The Summer Series will start the Wednesday evening races and begin July 5. With the Col. Peet Regatta the 4th, that's going to be a full week of sailing! We are considering making Sunday and Wednesday nights separate series to accommodate those who can't do both days. This will depend on participation. If this is something you would like, please e-mail or contact me before the July 4th race.

Col. Peet Regatta

Tuesday, July 4

Because the 4th falls on a Tuesday this year, the Col. Peet will be a one-day event. We discussed making it a long distance race instead of a round the buoys. If you would like to change the format LET ME KNOW. I need to make the decision by mid-June at the latest so the appropriate race announcement can be posted.

Chalk Talks

John Hogan volunteered a larger white board for use on windless days or possibly a scheduled Saturday morning (watch the bulletin board). Some topics to cover: start line—strategies, favored end, favored tack; favored side of the course; laylines; finish line—favored tack, favored end; and of course, the basic race rules.

Special Events

We discussed ways of increasing sailing participation. One idea we are planning is a casual big boat/all boats sail prior to the Club Pork Roast July 15. Hobie, Peter, Russ, and Tony volunteered their boats for a hands-on few hours on the water. We'd like to get as many boats on the water that day as possible, including the Lasers and the Hobies.

Lessons

The 14s will be a welcome addition to hopefully promote both the lessons and continued sailing afterwards. Peter talked to John Knaul and it looks like he will be available 2-3 weeks in early July—great news.

New Boats

In addition to the new club boats there are at least three new boats that I know of this year. Tony St Phillips—Hunter 240; Peter Whiting—Flying Scot; Tom Lepak—Hobie Tiger....What does this mean? *Crew will be needed.*

Keep an eye on the bulletin board for event flyers, race results, and other sailing information.

For those of you with an e-mail address who want to be kept informed of the sailing events, results, or have ideas to promote sailing, drop me an e-mail. Trying to get hold of everyone on the phone individually is probably more personal, but is not my idea of time well spent. We are all interested in hearing from you.

See you on the water.....

Jim Kusche

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UPCOMING REGATTAS

Flying Scot Districts

July 8-9, Skaneateles Sailing Club

CNY Regatta

July 5-16, Skaneateles Country Club

Oswego Harborfest

July 28-30 Oswego Harbor



Club Sail Day
Saturday July 15
12:30—4:00

We invite all Members to get out on the water for the afternoon! Whether yours is a large or a small boat, a fast or a slow boat, we want your colors flying! Even those members without a boat will have the opportunity to sail this afternoon. Some of the larger boats will be expecting passengers and aspiring skippers or crew to join in for a casual ride or a hands-on sail. There will be hourly pickups at the north dock. For additional information call Jim Kusche at 685-7484 or send an e-mail at jkusche@a-znet.com.

Box lunches will be available from the Ship's Store. Call ahead to reserve one at 252-7850.



ON THE WATERFRONT

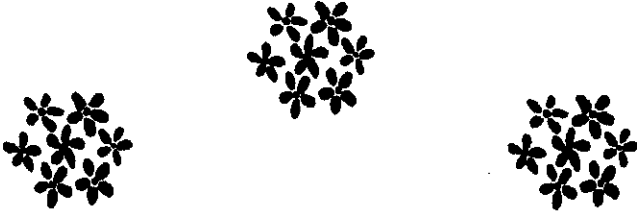
The weather is starting to look up for enjoying the club and the lake. All the lift spaces are full for this year. If you want to be placed on the waiting list for a lift space, please send me an email. Several of the winter buoys are under water due to heavy rain during the month of May. I ask that all members who have a mooring check out their mooring chains and weights and install their summer buoy within the next few weeks so that I can arrange to have additional moorings installed for new members. If your moorings are in bad shape, the Sailboat Shop will give you a great price for installing a new mooring. Their work is excellent and they ensure that the mooring will fit the size of your boat. Remember that any damage done by your boat as a result of breaking free from its mooring is your responsibility. I strongly suggest that each member carry adequate insurance coverage. The cost of insurance is far less than a repair bill to fix someone's property.

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

Mike Belz

DONATION ANYONE?

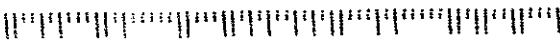
We are hoping for a donation of a highchair or two for the use of the membership in the Ship's Store. Please, if you have a used one or happen to see one at a rummage or garage sale, consider donating it to the Club. (Please be sure that it has a working safety strap.)



Shirley Bayus and crew, which includes Adele, Caiti, and Dan Keegan, and Edie Drennan, have once again planted barrels throughout the Club. Let's hope the "monsoons" stop and the sun shines so the flowers will survive for all of us to enjoy.

FOR SALE

Mistral One Design sailboard. A great board for beginners and intermediates in the light summer winds of Central New York. Very good condition. Sailed only in fresh water. Includes board, 2 fins, centerboard, and mast base. An aluminum mast and 6.6 and 7.4 sails are also available. \$450 for board or \$550 for the package. Call 860-346-6502 or 315-252-6101 or e-mail knaul@gte.net (Dave Knaul).



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