



The Windward

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Owasco Yacht Club

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FROM THE HELM

Here we are again at the end of a very short summer. After attending all of the Friday Night Dinners, all of the BBQs, and one of three brunches, I'm afraid to step on the scales. I only missed the Ladies' Day Luncheons because I wasn't invited. I hope that you were able to attend the many fine events that were held this past season, also.

Repairs on the swim area should be starting soon after we put everything away at **Fall Clean-up** (held on **October 14th**). I hope we have as many enthusiastic members at this fall's Clean-up as we had in the spring. We're going to have to forfeit some of our best boating weather this fall because of the work on the outlet seawalls. Check the article on the waterfront to see what is going on there. The information on lowering the lake level appeared in *The Citizen*, *The Post Standard*, and *The Herald*. The water level will be at the normal January levels by the middle of October.

We are currently awaiting approval from the DEC for repairs to the mole and swim area. Once DEC approval is granted, we will be able to firm up the mole repair costs. A general membership meeting will then be held to discuss and vote on this issue, since these repairs are projected to exceed our capital funds and will require financing. Notification of the meeting will be sent out at that time indicating the time and place. By using the contractor that is currently doing the work at the park, we will save at least \$5,000. The deteriorating condition of the mole and crane requires our immediate attention. The swim area repairs are already budgeted out of the capital fund and scheduled.

If you have any suggestions that you would like your Board of Directors to consider for next year, please email me (romigh@localnet.com) or write to me (127 Stryker Ave., Auburn 13021). We will be discussing all of the yearly issues at the Board meetings over the winter and welcome your comments, suggestions, and concerns.

I'll see you at the first fall get-together at Dello's on the 24th of October. Reminder postcards and email will be sent out.

Hobie Romig

FROM THE GROUNDS

Well, we have only a few weeks left to enjoy our club. Let's pray for good weather.

Our **Annual Fall Clean-up** is being held on **Saturday, October 14th**, beginning at **9:00 AM** (rain date: the 15th). Let's see if we can have a good turn-out and make it as quick and painless as possible. There are plenty of small jobs as well as big ones on the grounds to go around.

Some improvements coming up for fall and next spring are the new sea wall at the swim area, a revitalized sand box, and some new picnic tables to replace the worn-out ones. The picnic area will have new pea gravel installed as well. If any members have any other ideas for improvements to the grounds, please feel free to email me at masont@dreamscape.com.

Gary Mason

TREASURER RINGS UP

After losing 14 members and gaining 22, we finished the year with 165 members. The initiation fees were \$1000 over what we had anticipated and our membership fees were \$1100 over what we had budgeted. (Please, don't let Adele know this.) After setting aside some money for capital projects, we should finish the year with a few dollars on the plus side. Start recruiting now for next year. I talked to a few people that were guests at one of the parties this year who never knew the OYC existed and expressed interest in joining. Hosts, please submit their names to the secretary and get the ball rolling to increase our membership to that magic figure of 185.

I have just received the updated boat roster and will compare it with my billings. If you were new to the Club this year and/or this is your first year to have a boat at the Club and I have not already billed you, expect another bill.

There has been some interest in getting the mole repaired this winter while the lake level is down for repairs to the seawalls at Emerson Park. We have talked to a contractor about driving new pilings. If we can get a permit and a final price that is reasonable, we may undertake the job. We will be repairing the swim area this fall so between the two projects, we may exceed the limits of our capital fund. If it becomes necessary to borrow money, we must have a general meeting to conduct a vote of approval. Please stay tuned. We will let you know what is going on.

Just because summer is officially over, doesn't mean you can't continue to enjoy the OYC. There are a number of members who use the Club until the snow flies. It can be a great place to sled in the winter and even ice skate if the ice is decent. The restrooms will remain open until the water is shut off for the winter around November 1.

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ON THE WATERFRONT

The weather is changing and so is the lake level. The lake level will be lowered by 2.5 feet starting October 5. If your boat is on still on a lift, it will be extremely difficult to get it off. With the lake level down, the launch ramp won't be deep enough to get the bigger boats out. The main dock is coming out during our **Fall Clean-up on October 14**. All boats need to be stored in the lower parking lot by the garage this year. All boat trailers with flat tires need to be repaired or replaced.

I also need everyone to check boats and trailers for OYC stickers. Only boats and trailers with OYC stickers will be able to launch at our ramp next year. We have had several instances in which nonmembers launched boats at our facility. We will notify the authorities of all nonmembers launching boats without stickers. Members who don't have stickers need to contact me. My address is 3144 Meadowview Lane, Auburn 13021. Members who have an out-of-town guest with a boat must obtain a guest pass and accompany the guest while launching the boat. I will have the guest pass available at the Club.

Anyone who owns a mooring should install proper gear for the winter. Leaving a summer buoy attached to a mooring could result in the mooring being damaged and/or moved by the ice. The Sail Boat Shop will install a winter buoy and then install the summer buoy next spring for any members who don't want to do the work themselves.

Next summer we will be having someone inspect all lifts and moorings more than five years old. I will need proof from everyone that their equipment is new or refurbished. The safety inspection will be necessary once every five years since we are utilizing much of our available space.

All lift spaces are full right now for next year. Anyone who left a lift space vacant this year will lose that space next year if it is left empty again. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** We have many members on the lift waiting list.

If anyone has any questions about moorings or lift spaces, please give me a call at home at (315) 253-8125 or email me at mbelz7497@aol.com.

Mike Belz

SOCIAL NEWS

Wow! What a grand time we all had this summer. Liz made us the most delicious and plentiful meals for our Brunches, BBQs, Wine Tastings, and Friday Night Dinners. We all enjoyed Bob Piorun, Julie Howard, Nick Palumbo's Band, Lou Nocilly's Espresso Jazz Band, Bob Nodzo and Moondance, Dalton/Keegan, Lyman Strong, and Nancy Kelly! The ladies had great fun at their Card Party Luncheons, and the kiddos had a Sleepless Sleepover. Does it get any better? Sure does!

We're already planning next season thanks to your approval and support for all of our events. We want to keep the spirit of OYC going on throughout the year so we've planned fall, winter, and spring events at Dello's. You'll receive notices with dates, times, and menus by mail or email.

Between OYC social events during the off-season, be sure to stop down at Dello's on Grant Ave. for lunch or dinner. Liz would be glad to see you.

To those of you who helped out with balloons, lugging and tugging tables and other things, our sincere thanks. To Martha Baird and Don Griffin, thanks for your donation of time, utensils, and food dishes to make our events run more smoothly. Thanks go out to our delightful "Kitchen Kids," Joey, John, Kim, Lisa, and Caiti. We could not have done it without you. To Mike Belz, a thank-you for the keg at our last party. (What a guy!) And to Liz, you are MARVELOUS!

In looking forward to next season, let us know if you have any further ideas for summer events. We would love to discuss them with you. Your input is important to us.

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SHIP'S STORE NEWS

Another season has come to an end at the OYC—seems like it just began. In spite of all the bad weather, the kitchen had a successful year. The delicious food and friendly service at the Brunches, BBQs, Wine Tastings, etc. were enjoyed by many. We saw record attendance at our events. More than 80 dinners were served on one Friday night.

Liz got used to us quickly and did an outstanding job. She will be returning next summer with even more new ideas to please us all. Keep in mind next summer that chits can be used at all social events and will expire one week before closing.

Once again, we're requesting that everyone check closets and attics (and garage sales, too) for a high chair that can be donated to the dining area. Many of our new young members would appreciate one.

We hope you all noticed the newly polished dining room floor. Shampooing the carpets has been put on a regular schedule as well. We hope to purchase some new tables for the dining area next year. Will you miss the wobbly legs?

Thanks go out to Liz for a wonderful job. Thanks also to the kitchen helpers, Joey, John, Lisa, Caiti, and Kim. And certainly thank you to all the members who patronized our kitchen this summer. Have a great winter.

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BEFORE THE MAST

Another sailing season is almost over. We're still racing on Sundays, weather and temperatures permitting. The summer series finished with a total of 35 races. Good turnout and great wind turned this summer into one of the better (sailing) ones we've had. One memorable moment came when Bob Sloan single-handed his Hobie 16 on a Sunday with 25-35 mph winds—that's A LOT of wind for two people. The final ranking was Jim Kusche, Peter Whiting, Steve Vincent, Russ Kincaid, Bob Cotter, Hobie Romig, John Hogan, Bob Sloan.

I'm happy to see the Hobie 14s got quite a bit of use this year. They were great for the sailing lessons and saw a surprising, at least to me, amount of family use. A great way to start the young ones with Mom or Dad.

We got great wind again for the Labor Day race. The 60-degree temperatures and 15-20 mph winds kept the comfort level down but the racers, and Ralph Estridge, had a great time. Final standings were Jim Kusche, Russ Kincaid, and Peter Whiting. We're still trying to figure out what Ralph was doing out there. He took the DaySailor out single handed, stayed on the water all day in high winds,

and was the last one in muttering something about not being able to cleat the jib.

We could use all your help on **October 14th on Clean-up Day**. We're gonna need help with the Hobies, Prams, committee boat, and docks and, of course, all the usual grounds things too.

Sailing's not over yet.

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SPLISH SPLASH

"Summer's gone and no lifeguards are swimming..." or is it "Summer's gone and no songbirds are singing..."? All that great entertainment that Adele and Audrey orchestrated this summer still has me in a singing mood. I thought a little melody from a mid-60's hit by Paul Anka may remind us just how much we enjoy the short Central New York sum-

mer season. While Annette Funichello and the rest of the LA beach gang did not join us at the OYC this year we had a lot of fun anyway. Now as the days get shorter and the melody turns to "Autumn in New York..." we need to think about those activities that need to be done this fall to make next summer even more enjoyable. **Clean-up Day** is approaching fast (it will be held on **October 14th**), and we sure could use a lot of help. This budget year the swimming area will be repaired, so the swimming dock will need to be removed from the lake and stored further south on shore. **We will need a few strong and tall bodies to help carry the sections to the storage area.** Entering the water is not necessary when removing the sections so don't let the thought of the chilly Owasco scare you away. Please come and help on Clean-up Day.

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OYC FALL FAMILY HARVEST BUFFET

Save **Tuesday October 24th 5—8 pm** for a Harvest Buffet at Dello's on Grant Ave. in Auburn. Lyman Strong will be performing. **RSVP no later than October 18** by calling Audrey McNally at 834-9732. Hope to see you there!

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