

The Windward

*The Official Newsletter of the
Owasco Yacht Club*

October 2001

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FALL CLEAN-UP DAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 9 AM**

FROM THE HELM

Unfortunately, another enjoyable summer with great weather has come to an end at the Owasco Yacht Club. This season saw many events at the Club such as the Pig Roast, music on the deck, Kidz' Day, weekly sailing, and Ladies' Days to name a few. We can all look forward to more of the same in the future. In fact, next year we plan to host our first major regatta in 27 years, Flying Scot Districts in July. We will need volunteers.

The Board has decided to bond our debt for the capital improvements instead of taking out a mortgage. This will save the Club the fees associated with the closing costs. Some members have already come forward to help the Club. We still need more members to buy bonds. The bonds are backed by the full equity of the Club that far exceeds the \$40,000 of our expected debt. The Club is paying 8.5% interest over 10 years. Payments of principal and interest will be returned quarterly. If the Club has the money available, the bonds will be returned earlier. Please contact our Treasurer, Rich Knaul (252-6101), or me (253-5231 days or 252-2709 evenings) if you are interested.

I would like to thank all the Board members and volunteers for making this a successful year at the Owasco Yacht Club. As always, if you have any suggestions or comments to improve our Club, drop me a note or call me anytime.

See you on the water.

*Peter Whiting
Commodore*

FROM THE GROUNDS

First and foremost: **Our Annual Fall Clean-up Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 14, starting at 9:00 AM.** Late show-ups are welcome, as we need all the help we can get. Please remember: this is our club. In order to keep costs down (and thereby, our membership dues) we all need to chip in and work together. To all of you who regularly attend clean-up and project days, thank you. What we need to see this year is some new faces.

Chores include: moving picnic tables and chairs, removing the swim, launch, and boat docks, plus some other smaller tasks that don't require heavy lifting. Eats and drinks will be provided. Let's have a good showing so we can finish in just a few hours and are not required to arrange another day with the same people.

Next year we would like to add some new playground equipment. If you have any ideas about this or any other improvements to the Club grounds, please email me at mason@dreamscape.com.

Hope to see you all the 14th!

Gary Mason

Lost and Found

Shirley Bayus reports that she has spread out on a large table in the clubhouse a lot of stuff that had been left behind this summer. There are towels, jackets, shorts, shirts, shoes, goggles, and more. Please claim these items by Fall Clean-up Day or risk losing them forever.

FROM THE TREASURER

It seems hard to believe that this summer has already come to a close, but it won't be long before we will be preparing for another great summer. For a change, I have some good news. The Owasco Yacht Club has increased its membership this year by 8. We had 11 resignations, 18 new members, and 1 returning member. I again welcome all new members and thank those responsible for inviting them to join. Our membership now stands at 173 but we must still continue to recruit new members in an effort to get to our goal of 185 members.

Last January the membership authorized the Club to borrow up to \$50,000 to finance the mole, swim area, and other projects. To have borrowed this amount from a bank or other source would have required the Club to have gone through the expense of closing costs, thereby raising the cost of borrowing money. The original purchase of this property was made possible through the sale of bonds to members, and the board decided to see if there was enough interest to take this route again. Finding that there was some interest when the idea was suggested, the Board decided to go with 10-year bonds at 8.5% interest with interest and principal paid quarterly with the Club reserving the right to pay off the bonds before maturity. Minimum denomination is \$2,500 to minimize bookwork. The amount to be borrowed at this time is \$40,000. At the present time \$15,000 has been raised. Anyone wishing to take part in this capital raising effort can contact me or Peter Whiting. I am available at 252-6101 or by email at richk@relex.com and Peter is available at 252-2709 or plwhiting@aol.com.

Rich Knaul

SHIP'S STORE NEWS

Each year the summer seems to get shorter! Let's hope for a beautiful fall so we can enjoy our club a little longer. If you do picnic this fall, please remember that the trash cans have been removed, so you need to take your trash with you when you leave.

Thanks go out to Polly and Dick Hutchinson for the donation of a high chair. Another thank you is due to the anonymous donor of the second one. Please let me know who you are. Our youngest members made good use of them this summer.

Remember: Your chits are the same as cash and cannot be duplicated. This will be printed on the chit next year along with the expiration date.

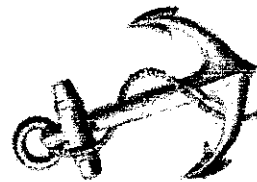
I am hoping to purchase new dishes next year to go along with our new tables and tablecloths.

Thanks go out again to Liz and all of her kitchen helpers for a wonderful job. Did you notice their new OYC shirts? Thank you also to all of the members who patronized our kitchen this summer. Liz prepared delicious food at all of our events. Wasn't the French toast with the fresh peach sauce a culinary treat? Liz really outdid herself for our summer wind-up dinner. The "Must-Go Buffet" was most plentiful and pleasing to the palate. And we are pleased to report that Liz will be returning next year.

On an unrelated note: I need to cut down on my overbooked life, so I am looking for someone else to do the flowers at the Club. I have done it for five years and would be glad to pass on advice about where to get flowers, the budget for flowers, etc. If you're willing to take on this rewarding and enjoyable task, I can be contacted at GramBAub@aol.com.

Enjoy your winter. See you at the Club in 2002!

Shirley Bayus



A FRIEND WRITES:

I wanted to drop you a line, as the official spokesperson and cheerleader for the club, to say how much my husband, Bill, and I enjoyed spending last week at the club. Being there is very special to me because my parents joined the club in the summer of 1967 when I was six months old and have not missed a summer up there since. I found a new appreciation for the club this year and thoroughly enjoyed our afternoons sailing and swimming. We are most grateful to Jim Kusche for arranging the Hobie Cats from the Boy Scout camp in Maine and fixing them up so well. It was terrific to be able to go out for so many sails. We were out during the intense downpour on Thursday 8/9 and have a GREAT story to share and embellish because of it. Bob Sloan was also helpful in offering us assistance and advice in rigging and derigging the boat. Mike and Renee Carbary are maintaining the club beautifully—I have never seen it look so good. The energy at OYC is positive and reminds me of when I was a little kid swimming from sunrise to sunset. It is a very special place and we are grateful to be able to visit.

Ingrid Sorensen
August 2001

SOCIAL NEWS

Special thanks go out to: (1) the WEATHER—what a beautiful summer! (2) all of you members who: supported our events; ate from the clubhouse kitchen and used chits; made positive comments about planned events; said or wrote thank yous for people who keep our Club up and running and looking so good; pitched in and did something to improve the Club or just helped out when you saw the need; contributed articles to the *Windward* (anybody can, we would love to have our Club Kidz contribute as well); offered suggestions in a positive way and had a good word first before you lodged a complaint; cleaned up after yourself at events and put bottles and cans in the recycling bin by the soda machine; decorated your tables in a special way for events; had a friendly, helpful manner with everyone; greeted new members to make them feel welcome; made reservations for events at least two days ahead; read the OYC yearbook, the *Windward*, and bulletin boards for events. If you've forgotten to thank someone, it is never too late.

Please feel free to take your pictures from the bulletin board for your memory books.

Thoughts for next season: (1) How about more Kids' Days, perhaps two per month, one for the 1-4-year-olds and one for the 5-10-year-olds? (2) Instead of one person arranging and assembling people to plant flowers in the pots, how about every family bring down one large pot of flowers to place all around the Club and each family cares for their own pot? Wouldn't that look grand? (3) Christmas in July with Nick Mulpagano (Elvis), Saturday, July 20 with Christmas dinner? (4) Should we add \$1.00 to all buffets, cookouts, event dinners so that the price would include tax and gratuity?

Please let us know what events you liked, disliked, or want to add so that we can plan for your enjoyment. Let us know what kind of entertainment you want. Do you have an entertainer you would like to see at the Club? Give us any information that you have. We start planning in January for our summer season. I can be reached at ask@syracusenet.net or ksa_13021@yahoo.com.

Again, thank you one and all for making our Club a GREAT spot to be. **See you at the Fall Clean-Up Day on Sunday, October 14!**

Adele Keegan

BEFORE THE MAST

The sailing season is not over yet.....the sailing season is not over yet.....the sailing season is not over yet. Keep saying that. After a great weekend of near 90 and the best winds we've had on a weekend in quite awhile, I wish it wasn't the middle of September as I write this. Actually, despite the chilly weather that may be coming, we can still have great sailing weather in the fall.

This year we were fortunate to be able to run both a Frostbite Series and the Summer Series of races. The Summer Series had 34 races this year. It was much closer this year with 16 racers participating. It would have been even closer if a few sailors had been able to get in a couple more races. Newcomers Chris Whelen and Marty Fefer got the racing fever and hopefully will return next year with a vengeance.

Matt Sloan was a very welcome resource this year for being our on-the-water Race Committee as well as the official OYC Sailing Instructor. He did a great job! All the racers appreciate his skill with the flags. Thanks Matt. We'd also like to thank Mike Carbarry for keeping the committee boat full of gas.

The Labor Day regatta was a bit unusual this year. The historic wind just never materialized on the scheduled day Sunday. We started one very tedious race and finally finished. After an on-the-water poll everyone could make it, and we agreed to extend it to a two-day regatta hoping for better wind on Monday. It worked! Monday dawned with great winds and our regatta was off. We got three long races in, allowing a throwout. Congrats to Jim, Steve Vincent, and Russ Kincaid for trophy honors. Oh yeah, we finished the beer.

Jim Kusche

WHAT IF YOU DON'T DRINK WINE?

Jim Bye has the answer: Drink Beer!

The first Sunday in August was the second annual "Jim Bye's Birthday Beer Tasting Blast." Jim and his bevy of Yacht Club buddies, the Carrs, the Sloans, and the Tognis, sampled 27 varieties of international and domestic beer. They accompanied the beverages with an assortment of interesting and unusual bar fare such as pickled kielbasa, venison spiedies, pink pickled eggs, hot chicken wings, and chips, dips, etc. At the end of the day, the hands-down winner was "Mississippi Mud." The beer was great, the food was interesting. We're looking forward to seeing more members join us in the "Third Annual Jim Bye's Birthday Beer Tasting Blast."

*Mary Ellen Carr
Ann Sloan
Pauline Togni*

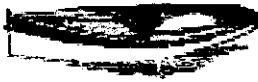


ON THE WATERFRONT

The lake level is dropping and the leaves are starting to change color. The boating season is near the end. In order to get the Club ready for the winter, we need everyone to chip in and help out this year. For our **Annual Fall Clean-up Day**, I will need lots of strong individuals to help with getting the launch, swim, and main docks out of the water. This year our **Clean-up Day** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 14, starting at 9:00 AM**. I ask that all boats be removed from their lifts and mooring space prior to Clean-up Day. This is especially true for any members who have their boats on lifts and those owning sailboats with fixed keels since the water level is dropping.

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

Mike Belz



HALLOWEEN PARTY
Saturday October 27
5:00-10:00

Children are to arrive at OYC at 5:00 with a pumpkin and safety carving tools and a candle. Children under 10 years old need to be accompanied by an adult. We will carve pumpkins and decorate the clubhouse. Children will bob for apples and have a hot dog roast. Parents may arrive at 7:00 to join the children, and the party will continue until 10:00. Bring snack foods to share. Pizza, chili, bread, and drinks will be provided. Come in a costume if you like. We will have a band for dancing and entertainment. The cost will be \$10 per family and \$4 per individual. Make reservations with Adele at 253-7957 or ask@syracusenet.net or kas_13021@yahoo.com. Please reserve by October 20.

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