

Commodore's Corner



WELCOME to the 2024 Season!

The Flag Officers and I would like to wish everyone a fun, safe and healthy summer! Your Flag Officers, Board of Governors, Past Commodores and countless volunteers have expended an enormous amount of time and effort on to ensure that the OCYC events, programs, and activities members have come to expect are ready to go for opening day.

First and foremost, a very warm welcome to our newest members. We look forward to spending time with you and hope that you will get involved with the many activities that the Club has to offer. Next, a shout out to Past Commodore Doug Mroz as our "final" 4-year Flag Officer, following PC Carl Bastian and PC Baron Schlachter. Their commitment and accomplishments, along with their respective spouses, were/are vital to the day-to-day and long-term future of OCYC. Covid of course threw us all a monkey wrench on many levels, but the three most recent PCs did an excellent job, and we are now at full membership which is terrific.

At OCYC, we are very proud of our history and traditions all the while looking forward to new ideas. So, we ask all of you to lend your time and talents as volunteers to help make the Club better every year. We are privileged to have Jen Bowman as our Club Manager, alongside Bill and Norm of Nobil Catering, all of whom make "the Club work" every day; Brian Huntsman as our property manager and co-sailing director only reinforce this along with the many that came before them, and others that will follow in the future.

During 2023, many improvements were completed. We have upgraded our fire suppression system, added new kitchen equipment, and installed a major electrical upgrade. Exterior improvements were made, including sheathing / windows and HVAC enhancements. The boatyard rock was replaced, as well as the installation of the 2nd floor canopy. We are currently working on Crane upgrades, Junior Room cubbies / closets, the much anticipated outdoor shower, Card Room lighting and ventilation and new curbside trees. As we said at Closing Day last season, OCYC would like to again formally thank the Driscoll Family (long-term members / friends / neighbors) for their awareness and diligence during the small kitchen fire which could have been much worse ... THANK YOU!!!

We hope that all of you have a wonderful summer and if there is anything that we can do differently or better, please just reach out and let us know. Thank You,

Brian Hitchings, Commodore

2024 Calendar of Events

May

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Book Club
- 11 Mother's Day Brunch
- 18 New Members Orientation
- 18 Preakness Party
- 25 Opening Night
- 22 BUNCO
- 27 Bay Race #1
- 28 Bridge
- 30 Bridge

June

- 4 Bridge
- 6 Bridge
- 11 Bridge
- 13 Bridge
- 14 Bay Race #2
- 15 Jr. Sailing Parent Meeting
- 17 First Day of Jr. Sailing
- 17 Yoga Begins
- 18 Bridge Tournament Begins
- 19 Foundation Donor Reception
- 20 Bridge
- 21 Bay Race #3
- 22 Past Commodore's Night
- 22 Fishing for Kids
- 23 New Members' Brunch
- 24 Yoga
- 24 Giggle & Putt
- 25 Bridge
- 26 BUNCO
- 27 Bridge
- 28 Bay Race #4

July

- 1 Yoga
- 2 Adult Laser and Sunfish
- 2 Bridge
- 3 OCYC MAYRA Regatta
- 4 Bridge
- 5 Bay Race #4
- 6 Parade of the Fleet
- 8 Minnows Begins
- 8 Yoga
- 9 Bridge
- 10 Quizzo
- 11 Bridge
- 12 Bay Race #5
- 14 Offshore Racing
- 15 Yoga
- 16 Adult Laser and Sunfish
- 16 Bridge
- 17 Quizzo
- 18 Bridge
- 19 Bay Race #6
- 22 Yoga
- 22 BUNCO
- 23 Bridge
- 24 Quizzo
- 25 Bridge
- 26 Bay Race #6
- 27 Foundation Event
- 28 Offshore Racing



Reach out to our Club Services Manager

Jennifer Bowman

Please use her dedicated OCYC club email address and cell phone:
clubservices@ocyc.org / cell: 609.305.2989

(kindly refrain from using her personal phone # and email for any questions you may have)



For the most up to date calendar information please see our website: ocyc.org



KEEPING IN THE KNOW AT OCYC

The **Semaphore** comes out each month during the season. You can receive it in print form or by email.

Mary Ellen Hopkin ocycsemaphore@gmail.com

The **Mainsheet** will be emailed every week

OCYC Webpage (ocyc.org) . There is a Calendar and several tabs that include information about the many activities around the club. Sign up for the member’s section with a password

The **OCYC App**—Download the OCYC app from the App Store

Follow OCYC on:

Facebook—Ocean City Yacht Club

Instagram—oceancityyachtclub



EIGHT BELLS

Peter Dawson

Elizabeth Grisbaum

Marie McIntyre

Patricia Hainley

News from the Ship's Store

Ahoy!

The ship store is full of new swag! We will be open for Mother’s Day Brunch, a perfect time to buy that last minute gift!!

The store will be open with regular hours starting mid June.

We are always looking for volunteers to work in the store.

Please call Helen Rosica 703-851-5030 if you are available

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR EMAIL

Important Club information will come to you by email. It is important that your email is correct and that it does not end up in your Spam Folder. Check your spam folder and put OCYC.org in your contacts. If you are not receiving email from the Club, contact:

Eleanor Parker at ep.ocnj@verizon.net

Semaphore Editor: Mary Ellen Hopkin Watch your emails for the Mainsheet to stay informed. If you have information for the Semaphore please send to ocycsemaphore@gmail.com in jpeg or word format.

OCYC BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2024

Commodore: Brian Hitchings

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- Recording Sec.— Sue Daley
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- License— PC Gidge Glenn
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- Offshore Sailing— Dan Dagit
- Junior Activities/Young Adults— Linsay Ladany
- Communications/Mainsheet - Colleen Kisaka
- Club/Property Manager – Brian Huntsman



Attention Parents:

OCYC would like to recognize its young people who have graduated from high school and college this year.

Please email : ocycsemaphore@gmail.com

Include the names of your graduates, the schools from which they are graduating, and their future plans. We would like to highlight this in the July issue of the Semaphore



"Yacht Club 101"

- Do you know how to make an online dinner reservation, or register online to attend an event?
- Are you interested in getting more involved with the Club, but aren't sure where to begin?
- Were you "absent" for your own OCYC Orientation?

The Club has experienced many changes in the past few years. If you have questions, or would just like to be brought up to date, please consider joining this year's "Freshman Class" for "OCYC 101" - the New Member Orientation to be held at the Club on Sunday, May 18th at 10 am.

If you would like to attend, please **RSVP** to New Member Ambassador Kathy Diana at kjdiana1015@gmail.com.

If you aren't able to attend in person but are interested in learning more, Kathy can email you the materials that will be distributed at the Orientation.

NEW MEMBER AMBASSADORS NEEDED

Are you interested in sharing your love for the Club with our newest members?

The New Member Ambassador Committee is looking for couples and singles who would be willing to be paired with new members (of similar age and interests if possible) for their first year of membership. These "New Member Ambassadors" would serve as a resource contact for the new members – answering questions, introducing them to current members, ensuring they feel comfortable attending dinners and events, and getting the new members involved in whatever interests them at the club. If you would be interested in volunteering as a New Member Ambassador and getting to know our new members, please contact

Kathy Diana

kjdiana1015@gmail.com or 610-213-3531



Consider Hosting a Sunset Toast...

June

June 14th
June 28th

July

July 5th
July 12th
July 19th
July 26th

August

August 2nd
August 9th
August 16th
August 23rd
August 30th

If you are interested in hosting reach out to Jennifer Bowan: clubservices@ocyc.org



OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB

The Bug on the Loose...

PREAKNESS PARTY 2024

SATURDAY 18 MAY

6:00

\$65.00

MENU

- Crabcake Appys and Angus Sliders
- Wedge Salad - Toms, Blue Cheese
- Chicken Princess - Boneless Breast with Jumbo Lump Maryland Crab
- Asparagus
- Smashed Garlic Potatoes
- Lady Baltimore Cake
- Cookie Surprise!

HATS SURPRISES

Questions? JANE KERSHAW 610. 585. 1982 OR jkthunderbug @ AOL.com

Reservations by 13 MAY to: OCYC - 100 Bay Road, Ocean City

1. _____	5. _____
2. _____	6. _____
3. _____	7. _____
4. _____	8. _____

* We can accommodate more or fewer people at your table.

Please join us for **Opening Night** of the **Ocean City Yacht Club 2024**

Saturday, May 25, 2024

- 5:00 pm - Preregistered members greet the Flag Officers and obtain event wrist bands
- 5:30pm - Opening Night Ceremonies on the docks, including Cannon Salvos, Raising of the Flags, Commodore Welcome, and Recognition of Past Commodores
- 6:00 pm - Social Hour Event with beverages, hors d'oeuvres and food stations
- 8-10:00 pm - Dancing to the MIA Band. BYO beverages BYO



Members must register and pay for the event in advance. Registration is available (1) on-line ocy.org, or (2) by returning the completed form below, with payment by check, via US Mail to the C at 100 Bay Rd, OCNJ 08226, or by delivery of the form and check to the Club mailbox on the side of building. No Walk-ins will be admitted.

This event is for Members 21 and over, no guests. Please note Cocktail Attire for ladies and C Jacket for gentlemen.

RSVP by May 20, 2024 Questions? email Kathy Diana at kjdiana1015@gmail.com

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

of People: _____ at \$25.00 per person. Total: \$ _____

Save the date

Ocean City Yacht Club
Past Commodore's Night
June 22, 2024

Stay tuned for details, you don't want to miss out on the FUN,
All are welcome!

Event Chairs:

Get the word out about your event

Email your event flyers to:
ocycsemaphore@gmail.com

(JPEG or Word)

For the Love of Golf

MONDAY, JUNE 24th

Heritage Links Golf Club
1375 US-9, Ocean View, NJ, 08230

1pm check in
2pm START
Best Ball

Giggle & Putt

\$120 PER PLAYER

Dinner & Prizes to follow at The Ocean City Yacht Club

RSVP online at OCYC.org or drop a reservation form at the club
(make checks payable to OCYC) Questions? Email BethandRickDunn@msn.com

List names of your partner/foursome on back • Price includes 9 holes of golf, cart & dinner

Hosted by Lisa Campbell, Beth Dunn, Kathy Paolillo & Lisa Roth



2024 BUNCO Dates

(In the Card Room at 7pm):

- * Wednesday, May 22nd
- * Wednesday, June 26th
- * Monday, July 22nd
- * Wednesday, August 28th
- * Wednesday, September 25th

No experience necessary! Come learn a fun game and meet some new OCYC friends. \$5 donation to play towards the prizes!
Questions? Contact Brigid Caricich at 908-334-7710

It's Back By Popular Demand... The Fashion Show



Please Save the Date Wednesday, August 7th

*If you are interested in being on the committee or have any suggestions regarding this year's fashion show, please contact us:
Dolly Price (dollyprice227@gmail.com / 856-217-0694)
and Diane Hanson.*



QUIZZO presented by the famous DJ Frank is coming to OCYC this SUMMER! Wednesday nights starting July 10th! Special Quizzo dinner menu will be available while you play. Start getting your team together! More info to follow.... Stay tuned!

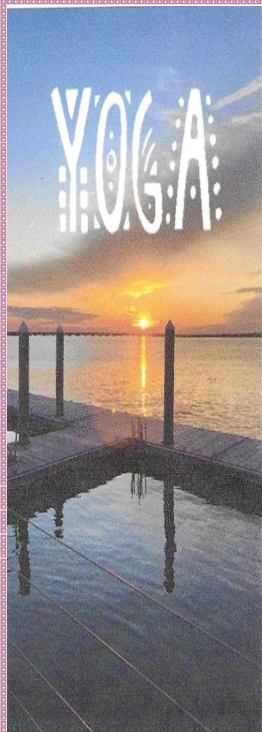
YOGA AT THE BAY

Monday classes are back! Sooth away any stress or held in emotions with a yoga practice by the bay... alongside the tranquil waters is healing. Starting Monday, June 10th in the card room.

- NEW TIME 10am-11am
- \$10/person
- Ages 15 and over

All levels welcome. Participants are required to sign a waiver form. BYO mat. Professional Yoga Teacher (RYT200) Linda Brooks will guide you. Schedule/any changes will be posted on:
Instagram @lindabrooks_yoga
Facebook Linda Benton Brooks
Contact with any questions:
Email LindaBrooksYoga@gmail.com

See you soon!



Attention all beverage locker owners...

If you wish to re-rent your locker for the 2024 season you need to pay a re-rental fee of \$58.64 (\$55 + tax) no later than **May 17**. Payment can be made through the OCYC on line system. After May 17, the unpaid lockers will be opened up to the membership. If you do not plan to re-rent your locker, please return your key to Club Services Manager Jennifer Bowman.



OCYC Fleet Activities

Ahoy!

Dates for our 2024 fleet activities are as follows:

Parade of the Fleet - Saturday, July 6 @7pm

Predicted Log #1 - Sunday, July 14 @noon

Predicted Log #2 - Sunday, August 11 @11am

Predicted Log #3 - Sunday, September 1 @11am

For all of the details on each of these events please visit OCYC.org/fleet, keep your eye out for the OCYC Mainsheet emails, or email kristenvpropp@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you out on the water!



Calling All Captains & Crew!

Join Us to Celebrate the 2024 OCYC Parade of the Fleet
Saturday, July 6, 2024 at 7pm

6:45 pm

7:00 pm

Boats line up in front of the OCYC
Boats Parade Past the Flag Officers on the Dock (tune to Channel 71)

- Blessing of the Fleet
- National Anthem
- Cannon Salute

★ ★ ★ Decorate your boat in a patriotic theme! ★ ★ ★

Family and Friends welcome to view from the Club - after parade dinner details will be available at OCYC.org.

Please contact Kris Propp at 609-502-1439 or kristenvpropp@gmail.com to sign up and receive your boat's parade registration number and important information.



Mark your calendars for The White House State Gala - July 13, 2024

You are cordially invited...

Secret Service Returns to OCYC for One Night Only!

On Saturday, July 13th, the legendary Secret Service band will provide the entertainment for an enchanting evening, welcoming Presidents and dignitaries from past and present, both foreign and domestic, as well as A list celebrities to the White House State Gala!

Dress the part as a foreign dignitary, President, First Lady, or A-list celebrity!



A Message From Junior Sailing



In a few short weeks, the junior sailors will be dusting off their gear and rigging up their boats for the start of the 2024 junior sailing season. The season begins on June 17 th and will run until August 9th . Is there anything more beautiful than all those white sails on the bay? Come and join us!

Registration for classes is still open, so please sign up your juniors as soon as possible. Provided we have enough interest, this year’s program intends to offer both competitive classes and cruising with the ability to sign up for both. Please note that in addition to openings in our 8 week sailing classes, we also still have openings for our youngest sailors who are between the ages of 5-7 in the Minnows program. The first Minnows session will be held on July 8-12 and meets Monday through Friday, 9am to noon. If you are currently wait - listed for the second Minnows session, please consider signing up for the July 8-12 Minnows session instead. We also have availability in our new Seas program which runs from July 29th – August 2. It also meets Monday through Friday, 9am to noon and is open to children of members or grandchildren of members who are between the ages of 8-12.

For more detailed information on the programs, please visit the OCYC website under Junior Sailing.

Join Us For Friday Nights On The Bay

Summer is approaching. There is no better way to kick off the weekend than holding Friday night bay races. Whether you are sailing or a spectator, the races capped off with a Friday night toast is a great way to start the weekend. Our first race starts at 1:00 on Memorial Day. After that the evening series begins. Our first evening race is on June 14 followed by races every Friday night through August 30. For skippers, the registration is open. For skippers who haven’t raced before and are interested in getting involved, let me know. If you are interested in crewing there is a section to let skippers know of your availability. The details are on the OCYC website under Sailing and Bay Racing. — Russell Hanscom

May

Memorial Day
27-May Skippers meeting 9:30 OCYC
27-May 1:00 Race #1

June

14-Jun Race #2
21-Jun Race #3
28-Jun Race #4

July

5-Jul Race #5
12-Jul Race #6
19-Jul Race #7
26-Jul Race #8

August

2-Aug Race #9
9-Aug Race #10
16-Aug Race #11
23-Aug Race #12
30-Aug Race #13

Except for Memorial Day
the races will start at 6:30

September

1-Sep Awards Dinner



Join Us For Tuesday Night Sailing

Dear ALL Members ,

Once again this summer, we invite sailors to participate in evening sailing. We encourage advanced sailing parents along with your children, as well as younger & older solo experienced sailors to join in on short course racing. Each Tuesday evening (around 5/6pm) we will take to our bay waters to do battle. We will begin each race with the 3 minute MAYRA style start, & hope to get off two or three races for the evening (20 min or less each). Our main goal is to enjoy evening sailing with our families & friends on our bays waters (I endeavored to show my younger daughters the foundation of sailing). Feel free to include your younger children as crew. Sunfish and laser sailboats welcome. Come one come all. We will also have drinks after - nonalcoholic for the younger champions and strong stiff stuff for the older seasoned veterans...

Best Regards,

Christian DelCollo, MAYRA CHAMP long, long, long ago..



Save the Date!



3rd Annual Cliff Becotte Memorial Laser Regatta

August 10th

1st Race Starts at 1 pm

Reach out to PC Chappy Hopkin
with any questions

chappyhopkin@gmail.com

All are welcome!

Junior Sailors
are encouraged to participate

WooHoo!

Scott Foxman MD and crew,
representing Ocean City Yacht Club,
placed 4th in the J70 Division at
Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta
Series in St. Petersburg Florida this
past February.



Congratulations, Scott!



SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND **BRIDGE** IS **BLOOMING!**



Bridge begins on Tuesday May 28 at 7:00 and runs every Tuesday and Thursday until Mid-September.

A **special invitation** to all those who took the **Green Fleet** Bridge lessons last year and any other members who are bridge players who would like to join us this year.

The bridge tournaments begin June 18 and June 20.

Red Fleet Bridge intermediate lessons will run for 5 weeks July 5, 12, 19 and August 2 and 9 from 7-9 pm.

For further information on [bridge lessons](#) contact Mimi Shea at MimiLSea@aol.com

Ken Hoover, Bridge Chair woodcarverhoover@aol.com /717-799-3842



Thursday Morning **Green Fleet Bridge!**

(For those non-sailors in the club, Green Fleet is the name of the beginning Opti Racing level, so we are re-appropriating the name for beginning Bridge Players!)

This activity will run for 5 weeks on July 11th, 18th, 25th and August 1st and 9th

1:00-3:00pm

The cost is \$50 per person.

Payments can be made:

- Via check to Martin DeBruin, and dropped at the yacht club (marked Wed night bridge)
- Via mail to Mimi Shea at 612 Old County Road, Severna Park, MD 21146.

Also, please email Mimi Shea at MimiLSea@aol.com if you plan to attend so we know you will be coming!

OCYC Book Club Picks for Summer 2024

Munchies and Sips Provided!

We are exciting to announce the 2024 book club selections and hope you will join us for conversation and friendship!

Questions? Carin Troy (856) 229-4211 or Therese Wells (215) 933-8965



*We will kick off Book Club on Wednesday, May 8th at 7pm with **The House of Eve** by Sadeqa Johnson.*

June Selection: Symphony of Secrets By Brendan Slocumb	July Selection: The Women By Kristen Hannah	August Selection: Remarkably Bright Creatures By Shelby Van Pelt	September Selection: Only The Beautiful By Susan Meissner
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Focused on advancing local sailing and maritime activities, supporting maritime-related charitable and educational organizations, and preserving the Ocean City Yacht Club legacy



Our impact:


- **Nine need-based youth scholarships** for participation in the OCYC Junior Sailing Program
- **Grants to OCYC** to support purchase of a Club 420, repair the **bulkhead fence**, & **snack bar** renovations
- Preservation of **sailing artwork** commemorating OCYC sailors and the **OCYC legacy**
- **Two** Junior Sailing program **internship grants**
- **Two travel grants** to Olympic-trials sailors
- Donations to **11 maritime-related organizations**

Total Scholarships and Grants Since 2020
\$70,000

Our mission:

- 01** Foster **local excellence** in amateur maritime activities and competition
- 02** Contribute to **maritime-related charitable** and educational organizations
- 03** Maintain and exhibit the Foundation's **artwork and artifacts**
- 04** Award **scholarships** for **maritime** technical, certification, or career preparatory **programs**

We have supported:
 Bayshore Center at Bivalve
 Fishing for Kids
 Great Egg Harbor Watershed
 MAYRA
 OCNJ C.A.R.E.S
 Ocean City Yacht Club
 U.S. Coast Guard Foundation
 U.S. Sailing
 Wetlands Institute

Support Us 
ocyc.org/OCYCF-Donation

Apply here 
ocyc.org/foundation

Ocean City Yacht Club Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation, FEIN #85-0863199.



Thank you to our 2023 Donors!!

Fleet Admiral

Suzanne C. & Philip W. J. Fisher

Admiral

OCYCF Signature Event Attendees

Commander

Diane Ambler & Ethan Grossman
 Yvonne & Timothy Boyle
 PCs Liz & Joe Burns
 PC Kathryn & Bob Doms
 PC John & Julie Fenton
 Toni & Bob Garrison
 D. Daniele Hager
 Denise & Gary Jessel - Fox Real Estate
 Hazel S. Kavle
 Karen & Frank Mayer
 Lisa & Chris O'Brien
 Deb & Chuck Sessa
 Darlene & William Torzolini
 Valerie & Steven Valentino
 PC Matthew & Jeanne Vollmer

Captain

Donna & Steven Ang
 Gregory & Barbara Borak
 Brian Broadley
 Mrs. Mia & Dr. Richard Brower
 Chazz Dolaway
 Sue & Don Dolaway
 The Faulk Family
 PC Chappy & Mary Ellen Hopkin
 PC Bradford S. Jungels
 Sara & Patrick Maggitti
 Beth Ott
 PC Fred & Ginny Rixon
 The Milnes Family Charitable Fund
 PC Baron & Shauna Schlacter
 Leo & Debra Sniger
 Kathleen & Dave Yhlen
 Colleen & Takuya Kisaka
 Jane Kershaw

Lieutenant Commander

Anonymous
 Sandy & Tom Aromando
 Liza Barrick Photography
 Maripeg Bruder
 Lois & Walt Chapla
 Euro Line Designe (ELD)
 Tracie & Max Hurst
 J.L. Johnston
 Annette & Rick Lawlor
 Patrice & Joe Maro
 Larry & Linda Mroz
 Leslie & Jeff Pott
 Sandra & Kevin Robinson

Lieutenant

Anonymous
 Mark & Susan Asher
 Circle Liquor
 Jack & Heather Davidson
 Frank & Kathy Diana
 Mrs. Michael Driscoll
 Erica & Dave Deuschle
 Anne Kaczmarczyk Evans
 Mary Garrett
 Emma May Goddard
 Roger & Melissa Kent
 Wayne & Mary Lamson
 Patricia Lees
 Bill & Margi Morgart
 PC Doug Mroz
 Marian Mulligan
 PC John & Eleanor Parker
 Karen Porreca
 Kris Propp
 Dr. Joann Rae
 Patrick & Stephanie Rodden
 George Roth
 Steve & Joann Santoro
 Keith Schneck & Linda Chisholm
 Hank & Camille Schwartz
 Joseph Sheppard
 Peter & Janice Sollazzo
 Jan Traflet

Lieutenant cont'd

Carin & Jon Troy
 Allison Valtri Interiors
 James & Joann Waters

Crew Member

Anonymous
 Jon D. Batastini
 The Brew Ha Ha of Medford Lakes
 Joseph & Donna Dwyer
 PC Michael & Mary McGuckin
 D. Gregory & Alison Winther, Jr



2024 EVENT LINEUP

The OCYC Foundation is sponsoring the following events this summer to raise awareness of the Foundation’s mission and have fun with our fellow OCYC members.
Mark your calendars and join us!

- JUNE 19TH 2024: DONOR RECEPTION
- JULY 27TH, 2024: OCYC FOUNDATION 2024 SIGNATURE EVENT

Seeking Volunteers

- *Are you interested in making a positive impact in our community and OCYC?*
- *Would you like to foster local excellence in amateur maritime activities and competition?*
- *Have you considered using your unique skillset and passions to volunteer?*

The OCYC Foundation is a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) organization. We are seeking volunteers interested in becoming involved with the Foundation Board & helping with administrative support, committee projects, research, and/or event planning. We would be happy to connect you to the right opportunity for you. If interested, please reach out to either Sara Maggitti: 410-627-5509; sara@maggitti.com or Karen Walters Mayer: 215-206-6130; kijnwalters@hotmail.com.

Share Your Photos



DropEvent.com

Scan this code to go straight to the upload page

Smile for the camera! Please remember to take photos at all of the wonderful OCYC events you attend this year. You can submit any photos you have for consideration for next year’s OCYC yearbook. Just scan the QR code or send an email to OCYCyearbook@gmail.com for a link to upload.

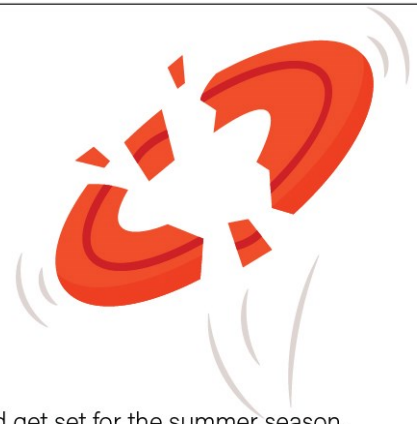


We wouldn’t want to miss out on moments like these...

Follow us on Instagram @oceancityyachtclub



OCYC'S SPORTING CLAY DUSTERS' "SPRING SALVO"!



Ahoy to All!

We have time for one sporting clays event before we splash the boats and get set for the summer season. This is a "save the date" notice with more details following later. However, this is what you need to know: The "Spring Salvo" will take place on May 19th at Red Wing Sporting Clays in Port Republic starting at 10:00 AM, but be there at 9:30 for registration, ammo, etc. Lunch/awards will follow at Oyster Creek Restaurant.

Also, you should know that during the preceding week of May 13-19, the Sporting Clay World Championship will be going on at M&M Hunting and Sporting Clays in Pennsville, NJ. So if you want to see world-class marksmen perform, this is probably a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to observe so close to home.

Additionally, **AN HISTORIC EVENT!!!**

Due to the success of the Sporting Clay Program, OCYC participated in its first ever inter-club competition! In February, the team was invited to compete in Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia's prestigious "Ice Bowl" trapshooting tournament. Being a fellow MAYRA (Mid-Atlantic Yacht Racing Assoc.) club, Corinthian was most welcoming , and is looking forward to our competing with them in future events.

Join Us for the
Spring Salvo
at 10am on May 19th
at Red Wing Sporting Clays
in Port Republic
Lunch & Awards
at Oyster Creek Restaurant

Lastly, Bert Rosica and the OCYC handgun group, "The Mark Masters" wrapped up their season at the Full Metal Jacket Range last Saturday with Max Hurst coming out on top as the Seasonal Winner. Congratulations to Max, and to Bert for running an excellent program!

Remember guests are welcome both at the Red Wing compound and for lunch at Oyster Creek. So LMK (text or call) ASAP so we can get an accurate count. Our last event in December at Red Wing was rained out, so expect clear weather for this one!

PC Matt Vollmer (856) 287-9565 + PC Gidge Glenn (609) 501-5965 + PC Baron Schlachter (302) 388-5485



Fishing For Kids Save the Date

For the past 30 years, the OCYC and OC Marlin and Tuna Club have invited families from three local charitable organizations (Big Brothers/Big Sisters of SJ, the Variety Club Camp in Philadelphia, and the Horsham Challenger League) to enjoy a day of fishing on our local waters. These organizations provide meaningful support to kids who have been dealt a tough hand early in their lives, either due to physical, mental, or financial circumstances.

This day on the water results in wonderful memories for the kids and their families along with many, many smiles.

The event will be held on Saturday June 22nd. Requests for volunteers will be sent out in the coming weeks. Stay Tuned....

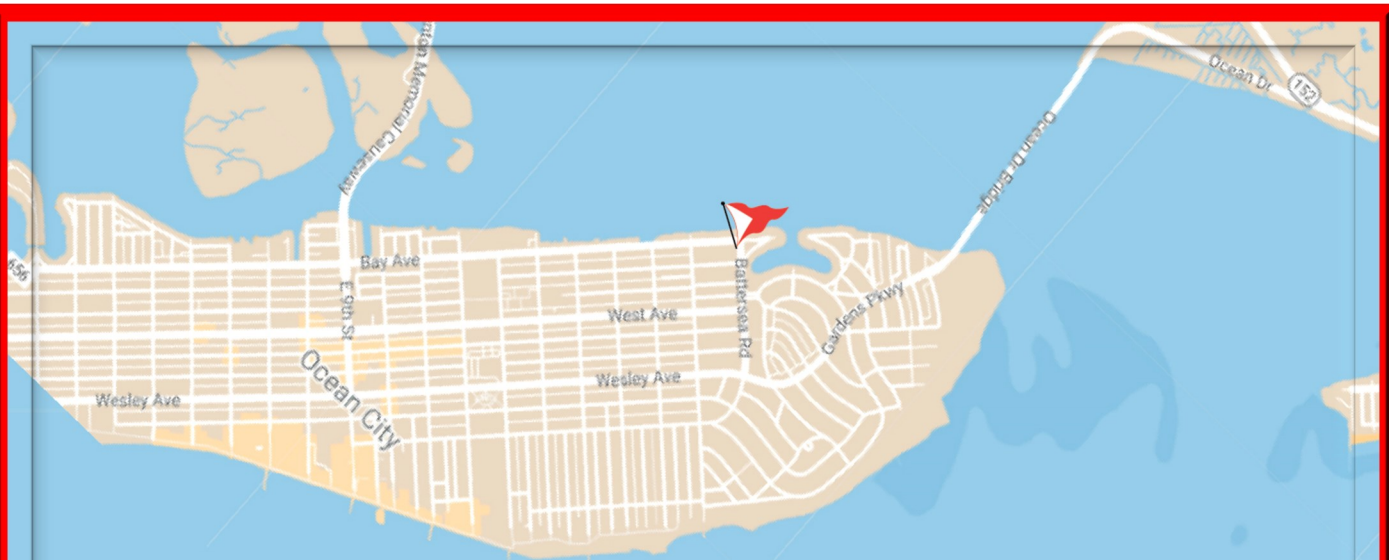


OCYC Florida Golf Outing

Audubon Country Club in Naples, Florida

OCYC members gathered in Naples, FL, for a fun-filled weekend of comradery and golf. The weekend kicked off with a party hosted by John Parker along with the help of Eleanor and Lindsay Johnston and Rob Cohen on Saturday night. Nine foursomes gathered at Deb and Chuck Sessa's home course of Audubon Country Club for our Spring golf outing, followed by dinner. The very successful event was chaired by Mary Lamson along with Deb and Chuck Sessa and "CFO" Margy Sansone.





NJ Boater's Safety Course

6pm to 9:30pm | June 17th & 19th (Mon/Wed)

To Register

- Text your name and class date to 609-217-7608 or
- Register on the web at safetyfirstboating.com
- Text 609-502-1439 or email kristenvpropp@gmail.com with any questions

Course Fee \$95

Join us on **June 17th and 19th from 6 to 9:30 pm*** in the Commodore's Lounge as Captain Lew Donovan brings his vast knowledge of navigating the challenging South Jersey waterways to lead the NJ boater's safety course in two sessions.** Whether you're an experienced boater or a beginner embarking on your first journey, this course serves as your guide to safe and responsible boating in New Jersey's coastal areas.

Upon successful completion of the 8-hour course, (including a 60-question exam), you will receive your New Jersey Boating Safety Certificate.*** This certificate must be carried when operating any powerboat or PWC in New Jersey. The course is open to anyone 13 and up.

* You must attend both sessions

** One hour of home study is required (two 3.5 hour sessions and 1 hour of study=8 hours)

*** Mandatory for anyone operating a power vessel (e.g., motorboats, Jet Skis/PWCs) in NJ

Understanding boating safety isn't just a recommendation... it's a requirement!



A MESSAGE FROM THE FLEET SURGEON



Measles

By **Dr. Judy Larkin, MD**, Fleet Surgeon

2024 has already been a significant year already for Measles outbreaks in the United States. So far in 2024, there have been 121 cases of measles reported with seven different outbreaks. For a comparison, in the entire year of 2023 there were 58 cases. One of these outbreaks occurred in Philadelphia in December 2023 to January 2024.

What is Measles and why the concern? Measles is a highly contagious viral illness. Symptoms include high fever, the 3 C's: cough, coryza (runny nose and congestion) and conjunctivitis (red eyes), and rash. The classic rash starts on the head and spreads down to the feet. For those who are unvaccinated and exposed, 9 out of 10 will develop the disease. Spread is both from droplets from coughing and sneezing but it is also airborne. It is one of the most contagious viruses in the world.

Prior to the Measles vaccine becoming available in 1963, there were an average of 549,000 reported cases of measles per year and 495 deaths in the United States. However, it is likely that there were about 3-4 million cases in the United States yearly, but most were not reported. Of the reported cases prior to the vaccine becoming available, 48,000 people were hospitalized and 1,000 people became disabled from acute encephalitis every year.

Complications of measles occur most commonly in infants and children under age 5, adults over 20 years of age, pregnant women, and people with compromised immune systems. Complications include ear infections, diarrhea, pneumonia, encephalitis, and death. Encephalitis which is an inflammation of the brain occurs in 1 of every 1000 cases. It can lead to permanent brain damage. Death occurs in 1 to 3 of every 1000 cases. Rare complications such as Subacute Sclerosing Panencephalitis (SSPE) can occur 7 to 11 years after measles at a rate of 4 to 11 per 100,000 measles cases. It is a progressive, degenerative neurological disease. There is no cure for this.

There is no treatment for measles so the best weapon we have is prevention with vaccines. Measles vaccines are recommended for all children from the age of 12 months, with a second dose recommended at least 28 days after the first but usually done at age 4 to 6. For infants 6 months to 12 months who are traveling internationally, a dose is recommended prior to travel. This dose does not count as part of the regular vaccine schedule so two more doses are recommended.

