

# Southshore Solstice Cruise

June 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> 2020

Olcott Yacht Club

Olcott, NY USA

## NOTICE OF CRUISE

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Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the organizing committee has decided to take all formalities out of the event including entry fees. Our goal is to have folks come together in a safe manner and enjoy a point to point sailing experience. We will still time and score the event for entertainment purposes. We hope this event will also serve as a place holder for an annual race that can be a tradition along the south shore. We would still like to recognize and celebrate OYC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We can think of no better way to show the spirit of the club than to preserver with promoting sailing during these very trying, unprecedented times.

### 1 RULES

We will be sailing in accordance with *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. This rule book is to be used as a guide to conduct yourself during the cruise but there will be NO protests. All efforts should be concentrated on the safety of your crew and the boats around you. Shorthanded sailors may use autohelms at any time. Anyone who takes things too seriously will be taunted and humiliated on social media

### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The event is open to all keel boats or larger multihulls. If you have a PHRF rating, GREAT! If not, we will make one up. Please do not let this stop you from registering. Powerboat tagalongs are most welcome.

Please register using [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com). We are still using this tool for organizational purposes and advertising for next year's race.

### 3 FEES

There is NO fee for this event. This is an informal sailing event. We would greatly appreciate donations to OYC's charitable organization that supports our Youth sailing and Boating program. Without their support, we could not offer the quality of the program at an affordable rate. They subsidize equipment, instructor training costs, payroll, and scholarships for students. Checks should be made payable to:

**The Olcott Mantle Club**

**PO Box 832**

**Olcott, NY 14126**

#### **4 SCHEDULE**

Registration online until June 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 8pm. We intend to start at approx. 8pm.

#### **5 SAILING GUIDELINES**

The sailing guidelines will be available on [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com) by June 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. They will contain how we will start and the course options. We intend to offer at least 2 distance options and also allow you to self-shorten on your own. If you are interested in knowing how quickly you sail, it's very important that you keep an accurate time of yourself. If you could care less and just want to sail, that's great too.

#### **6 VENUE**

The venue is Olcott Yacht Club with the start and finish in the waters off Olcott harbor. The course is approx. 64 miles along the south shore of Lake Ontario.

#### **7 SCORING**

We will try to have keep times as best as we can but there's no guarantee a committee will be on station at the finish. We strongly encourage you to keep your own time. We will use PHRF-LO to figure corrected sailing times.

#### **8 BERTHING**

We can handle a limited amount of boats at OYC (weather permitting) and at the Newfane Town Marina. You **MUST** contact Andy Sharp for a slip assignment as soon as possible. We need to make sure you know exactly where to go should you arrive back in Olcott in the middle of the night. There will most likely **NOT** be a dockmaster to assist you. When you arrive back, you must adhere to all current social distancing guidelines.

#### **9 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

All forms of communication are allowed between any person, competitor, or outside source by any means. We strongly encourage everyone to use social media platforms to post pictures and updates throughout the sail.

#### **10 PRIZES**

Don't count on them but we'll see what we can do.

#### **11 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY**

The organizing committee and OYC assume **NO RISK**. We are simply an aid to getting boats together to go sailing. Boat owners assume all risk and should adhere to all governmental safety requirements and regulations like all boat owners do anytime they decide to sail. Keep in mind that night sailing requires additional precautions than day sailing.