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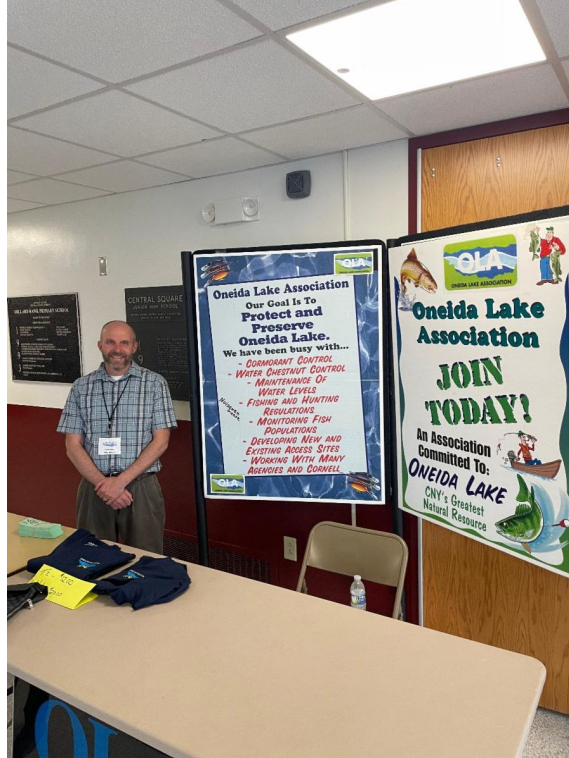


THANK YOU, MEMBERS!

The OLA Board of Directors thanks all those who attended our recent Annual Membership Meeting. We had a terrific turnout of around two hundred attendees, one of the best since the pandemic. We had great speakers with engaging presentations. And the questions from the audience helped us to focus our speakers toward the information that our members want to know about.

We also had brisk foot traffic surrounding our many vendors and displays. The evening wrapped up with a number of giveaways, including a Grumman canoe donated by the Donovan family.

The Board also thanks its many donors, including Tow Boat US, Mickey's Bait and Tackle, Bill Alexander, Bass Pro Shops, Brian Hammond Tackle, Cornell University Field Station, Fish Creek Atlantic Salmon Club, Bill Girvan, Lakeside Outfitters, Mad River Tackle, and Onondaga and Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation Districts.



OLA Director Bruce Schantz registered several new members. Welcome!



**"T-shirts. Get your OLA T-shirts!"
Director Rip Colesante hawks the OLA merch**

Tom Brooking, Researcher at the Cornell Field Station, talks to an attendee about Lake Sturgeon



OLA Director Rowly Hrywnak poses with one of our generous donors, Brian Hammond

VHF radios

We all know that VHF radios are an important tool for marine communication. In fact, many agencies consider a VHF radio to be more reliable than cell phones for on-the-water rescues. They are a great resource at a fairly reasonable price.

Over the years these radios have become more reliable, more sophisticated, and even less expensive. For example, most modern radios can be connected to your chart plotter so that the radio displays lat/long. Up-to-date radios have such features as scanning, weather channels, and DSC capability.

Sometimes, however, the channel structure is confusing because there are several channels with the same number, designated for U (USA), C (Canada), and I (international). There is also an "A" designation for special channels, such as those dedicated to the Coast Guard (22A, for example). On newer radios, channels ending in A will now be displayed with 1-0, then the original two-digit number. For example, 22A becomes channel 1022.

This change now matches the international system currently in place. For us, here on Oneida Lake, it simply means getting used to seeing four digits instead of 2. In fact, older versions of your VHF radio will not reflect the change at all.



Spring Cleanup

Under the supervision of Crew Chief George Reck, a team of volunteers completed an Earth Day Clean Up on April 25 at the Bartell Road on-ramp of Route 81. George reported that we filled over 10 large bags of debris. Participating in the event were OLA Directors George Reck, Patricia Cerro-Reehil, Rip Colesante, Bob Walcyk, Warren Darby, and John Harmon. Volunteer members included Marty and Valerie Perry, Brian Fox, Denise Williams, and Bob Asmus.

The prize for the most unusual item collected went to Valerie Perry--a bowling ball!





The Mission of the Oneida Lake Association is to protect the fisheries, wildlife, and natural resources of Oneida Lake by promoting science-based conservation and management through education and outreach, in partnership with our members and local communities.

Pay your dues, and HELP PROTECT ONEIDA LAKE!!!!

\$8 annually

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Memorials and contributions to our program are most welcome.

OLA is a 501(c)4 organization serving and protecting the Oneida Lake environment.



OLA Website

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