

OBYC

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Commodore's Letter

August 2019

Dear Members,

Wow! I am writing this on Sunday morning after the Lobster Bake and basking in the *fun and fellowship!*

It was a great night. 166 of us enjoyed the lovely evening and the amazing dinner. The band "String Tide" was terrific! Thanks to the addition of the hot dog option for kids *and* face painting, we had little ones running around again!

There are too many dedicated volunteers who make this event happen to name them all, but I do want to acknowledge Eric Lusk, Lee Slap, Peter Stahl, Judi Hartman, Scott Holowach, Dan Mason and Joyce Duda for their leadership. It was also terrific to see many of our *newest members* jumping in to assist with one or
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Adult Sailing Expands

by Fred Rusczek

OBYC is trying to make sailing more accessible for all its members -- even adults without their own sailboats at the club.

The club's board recently reiterated our commitment to being a yacht club, not just a social club. The youth sailing program and the new adult program are part of the club's mission to promote the joys and skills of seamanship and sailing.

Last year, the club purchased a Rhodes 19 for the youth sailing program with a promise that adult members would have access to it as well. The adult sailing committee has begun certifying experienced sailors to take advantage of the boat and the club's Laser as well. To date, seven members have been authorized to use the two boats.

OBYC's adult sailing steering committee has scheduled an orientation session for 2 p.m., Aug. 17, before the annual meeting. Committee members Fred Rusczek, Kim Stewart, Ben Skinner and Peter Taylor will participate. The Rhodes 19 will be docked at the floats and members will go over the basics of sailing it.

To become authorized to use the club's Rhodes 19 or Laser, members must submit a Skipper experience profile and a waiver of liability form to Fred Rusczek, who is currently the coordinator of our adult sailing
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another portion of the prep, cooking and clean-up.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Club for the Annual Meeting and Summer Picnic on the 17th. As usual, we will hear from key Committee Chairs regarding their activities and issues. This year we will focus on Volunteer Recognition during the meeting and dinner. ***If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send in your proxy and vote!*** If we don't have a quorum, we will not be able to act upon the business of the Club, including the election of Directors.

Congratulations to the Sailing Committee as we finish out our sixth and final week of Sailing School. We have received tremendous and consistent feedback from participating families regarding how much fun the kids are having learning and building confidence in their sailing skills. ***This is an investment in our future, our sustainability.***

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation with the Club's rules for use of the Club Dinghies. If you have any questions regarding the E-blast I sent out last week on dinghy use, please give me a call. We are confident that if everyone

follows the rules regarding the two loaner dinghies, the three dinghies that are to be used only for short duration trips to-and-from moorings, and the sign-out policy, we have adequate dinghies to support the membership.

Sometime in the coming weeks, you will notice the addition of a motion-activated security camera for monitoring of the gas pump. Sadly, the pump was vandalized earlier this season. Member Mark Tubinis, who does security for a living, has been working with the Board to assess the situation and develop a simple but effective system for monitoring use of the pump.

Lastly, thanks to everyone for your water conservation efforts! The Porta-Potty is being well used, and we appreciate your prudence with the hose on the floats. We need to continue our vigilance in this regard.

See you at the Annual Meeting, and Happy Sailing, everyone!

Kristin

Adult Sailing

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The Rhodes 19, which has a keel, is a stable, comfortable boat for experienced sailors. It can hold three or four adults. A number of club members own Rhodes 19's of their own. The club is also making available for adults the sailing program's Laser sailboat, a centerboard sailboat that is somewhat sportier.

Currently, adult sailing is limited to experienced sailors. For the future, the committee is looking at ways to help less experienced sailors learn to comfortably use the Rhodes 19, and to help teach inexperienced members how to sail. And, most importantly, we wish to use adult sailing activities as a focal point for members to enjoy sailing with other members – either in a club boat or a member's boat.



Drone Photo by Larry Barker

2019 Social Calendar

Items in italics are for general information only – not club functions

Members should bring their beverage of choice to ALL events.

*Members must sign up either online or at the club.

*Sign up must be completed by Wed evening for all Thursday events and Thursday for all Saturday events.

Mondays 5/13-10/7
1:30-4:00 pm Mah-Jongg

Wednesdays 6/19-8/28
6:00 pm **WEDNESDAY BINGO** – Bring a wrapped white elephant bingo gift (not exceeding \$5 value). Great fun for all ages!
Social Hour/Dinner – Bring something to grill and a dish to share (i.e. appetizer, salad, dessert)
7:00 pm Game of Bingo begins!

Thurs 7:30-8:15am **GENTLE AEROBICS/WALK15 COMBO CLASS**
6/20-8/15 by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks
Drop-in classes, \$10 per class. Classes will continue into August if there is enough interest on these 3 dates.
Classes start promptly at 7:30 am.

Mon-Wed-Fri **YOGA CLASSES** by Instructor Omkara Kevin Wicks
6/24-9/20 7:30-8:30 am Drop-in classes by donation
M-F Classes are traditional Hatha Yoga
W Classes are Qigong (movement)
Please bring your own mat and arrive 5-10 minutes early.
Classes start promptly at 7:30.

Mon-Fri **ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL** – Barker Room
7/1-8/9 9:00-12:00 pm Beginner classes
7/1-8/9 1:00-4:00 pm Intermediate classes
7/8-8/9 1:00-4:00 pm Racing classes begin on July 8

- Thurs 8/8* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #3 – “*Stone Age Mariners: Exploring Harpswell’s Prehistory*”** by OBYC Member John Goff
6:30 pm Coffee and Dessert
- Sat 8/10 3:00-10:00pm **PRIVATE EVENT (Adams/Wing)**
- Sat-Sun 8/10-11 **OBIFD 26th Annual Auction and Yard Sale**
- Thurs 8/15* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #4 – Lost on a Mountain in Maine** by Donn Fendler
Presenter: TBD
- Sat 8/17 4:00 pm **ANNUAL MEETING**
Proxies will be disbursed to membership by Aug. 3rd!
- *Directly following meeting! **SOCIAL HOUR, SUMMER PICNIC SUPPER & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**
Bring a cold dish or a crock pot dish to share!
- Thurs 8/22* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #4 – “*Casco Bay Begins in Your Backyard*”** by Mary Cerullo, Associate Director of Friends of Casco Bay
6:30 pm Coffee and Dessert
- Sun 8/25* **BOATSHOE GOURMET DINNER**
Mixing old and new members!
5:00 pm Social Hour at OBYC; Hors d’oeuvres provided
6:00 pm Gourmet Dinner at Hosting Homes
Cost: TBD
- Thurs 8/29* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #5 – Beneath the Depths: A Detective Byron Mystery (A John Byron Novel)** by Bruce Robert Coffin
Presenter: Teena Patton

Sat	8/31		SUMMER SAILING SERIES @ MYA – RACE, POTLUCK DINNER & AWARDS
	1:00 pm		Skippers' Meeting
	2:00 pm		Last Race
	6:00 pm		Potluck Dinner and Awards Ceremony
Sat	9/7*		"TRIVIA NIGHT AROUND THE WORLD"
	5:00 pm		Social Hour
	6:00 pm		Bring your favorite international dish to share!
	7:00 pm		Trivia begins
Sat	9/14*		SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER
	5:00 pm		Social Hour
	6:00 pm		Dinner
			Cost: \$15 each; Limited to 90 people.
Sat	10/5*		CHILI AND CHOWDER FALL POTLUCK
	5:00 pm		Social Hour
	6:00 pm		Bring chili, chowder, salad, bread, or dessert to share
Sat	10/12	9:00 am	FLOAT REMOVAL and CLUBHOUSE CLOSURE
			*** <i>Volunteers Needed!</i> ***
			Hosts: Waterfront and Building & Grounds Committees
			Coffee and Donuts Provided
Sat	12/7	4-6:00 pm	ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
			Bring a hearty appetizer

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Social Event Photos
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