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Commodore's Letter

August 2020

Dear OBYC Members,

I hope that everyone is continuing to do well through this unusual time. Thank you again for following the guidelines we have established for the Club this summer; these are in place to ensure we can access the water and the view while keeping one another safe.

Thanks to those who attended the Annual Meeting via Zoom; it was an effective and constructive update and discussion. We started the meeting on a somber note with a moment of silence for seven members we have lost since our last annual meeting. We then received updates from key Committee Chairs, and we celebrated and appreciated all of *our volunteers who make OBYC go*. The meeting was followed by fun break-out cocktail parties.

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Club Holds First Virtual Annual Meeting

Some 60 members of the Orr's Bailey Yacht Club attended the Club's first virtual annual meeting, voting in seven board members and hearing reports on the Club's healthy condition from various officers and committee chairs.

After the meeting, the board met to re-elect all serving officers to another one-year term. Kristin Fletcher starts a third term as Commodore. Randy Nelson will continue as vice commodore, Holly Lusk will continue as secretary and Sue Baker remains treasurer with Bill Obreiter as assistant treasurer.

Commodore Kristin Fletcher opened the meeting with a minute of silence for the seven Club members who died in the past twelve months. They include four who died over the winter and Julie Dimperio Holowach who was tragically killed in a shark attack while swimming in Mackerel Cove last month. (*see obituaries, Page 4 and in April club newsletter*)

Sandy Nelson, membership chair, reported that the club currently has 259 members, having filled 11 vacancies this year.
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In addition to a couple of Virtual Social Hours, Jay McGowen did a terrifically entertaining lecture on "A Backward Look at Island Life." Two more lectures are scheduled - "Sailing in Scandinavia" by members Max Fletcher and Lynn Bruce, and "Evaluating and Tasting Wine" by guest speaker Jim Laughlen.

That is all I have today, other than to say that I am honored to serve as your Commodore for one more year.

Take care,



-Kristin Fletcher,
Commodore

Club volunteers tied dinghies fore and aft in preparation for possible big winds from Hurricane Isaias



Annual Meeting

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There are currently 25 people on the waiting list, including 12 couples, which amounts to about a two-year waiting list based on recent turnover. The board has set the membership limit at 260.

Sandy reminded members that applicants must each have two sponsors, one of whom has known them for a year or more. Club members can sponsor one new applicant each year.

Eric Lusk, finance co-chair, reported that as of the end of July, spending was about \$45,000 less than revenue. AFSS expenses were significantly lower than usual, including savings in insurance premiums. Cleaning and maintenance expenses were also lower than usual. There will continue to be significant expenses during the last five months of the year, including payment for float removal in October, and the purchase of a new float. Eric anticipates finishing the year slightly better than budget.

Dick Stevens, chair of building and grounds, reported that the new key system for the gas pump is working well. He said he had restored the flag pole after it blew down last winter and has put a new light on the float to reduce light pollution that bothered households across Merriconeag Sound. Kristin reported that Mark Toubinis has been working to replace the wifi router and the club is in the process of upgrading Internet service from Comcast. Password: Harpswell.

Paul Cournoyer, reporting for the waterfront committee, said that he estimates that about 75% of the moorings in the Club's field are being used this summer. He said if members expect they won't need moorings in future years they should inform him so the club can work with the town harbor master to reassign them. He said the club anticipates removing floats the week of Oct. 12.

Joyce Duda, reporting for the social committee, said the group was naturally disappointed that a lively summer session had been cancelled. She said there has been varied attendance at virtual events, including the Blessing of the Fleet, two virtual cocktail parties, a trivia night and the first two of four planned lectures.

Nick Nichols, reporting for the four quad-chairs of the Abbot Fletcher Sailing School, said the school has already gotten Erin Kenyon to commit to coming back as head of the school, and several instructors are already signed up. He said the school was "ahead of the curve" in registering students before the pandemic hit, and he is confident demand will remain strong for next summer.

He said the school has sold off two of its three aged Hunter sailboats with an interested buyer lined up for the third. All students will now learn in the club's nine Optimist sailing dinghies known as Optis.



Member Obituaries

Julie Ann Dimperio Holowach

Julie was killed in a shocking shark attack, the first shark death in Maine history, while swimming near the mouth of Mackerel Cove on July 27.

Julie, 63 years old, had retired from a New York fashion-design career that culminated as president of the Kipling accessories company. She was an active club member, with husband Al, living on Bailey Island in the summer and Naples, FL in the winter. She often kayaked with club members. Her son Dean, a junior associate member, worked as the club launch attendant. Her older son Scott Holowach, and daughter-in-law Monique and their three children are also club members.

Julie had become active as a volunteer in many local organizations, including Boothbay's Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and Harpswell Aging at Home. Read a fuller obituary here: <https://bit.ly/3iTx5KU>

Nancy Ellen Burman Cutler

Nancy died in Amelia Island, FL, her winter home. The 82-year old had been predeceased by her husband Bill in 2017. She was a one-time nurse and mother of four who was married to Bill for 57 years. They lived in Granby, CT for many years. Read a fuller obituary here: <https://bit.ly/319Cuav>

Audrey Stevens

Audrey, 86 years old, died at her year-round home in Barre, MA. She and her husband Dan ran a farm there raising many animals including Morgan horses. She was a former EMT and was active in historical and conservation groups in Barre. Read a fuller obituary here: <https://legcy.co/3hfrf67>

Updated 2020 OBYC SOCIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This updated 2020 Social Calendar lists events that we are sure we can hold safely. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel most annual events, but have added several new VIRTUAL events. We will continue to monitor the current conditions and state public health guidelines and work with the Board to determine whether any specific event could be practically modified in a manner that meets health guidelines as well as members' comfort levels. Please continue to be patient as we navigate these difficult times. from the 2020 Social Committee.

***** PLAN ON THESE EVENTS HAPPENING ON THESE DATES! *****

Thurs 8/20* 6:45-7:45 pm **VIRTUAL LECTURE SERIES #3** – *“Sailing in Scandinavia”* by OBYC members Max Fletcher and Lynn Bruce — please note earlier start time.

Thurs 9/10* 7-8:00 pm **VIRTUAL LECTURE SERIES #4** – *“Evaluating and Tasting Wine”* by guest speaker Jim Laughlen

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**** * *Events listed below will happen ONLY IF conditions allow. * * ****
Email announcements will be made.

Sat 9/12 **SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER – CANCELLED**

Sat 9/26 **APPRECIATION POTLUCK DINNER – CANCELLED**

Sat 10/3 **CHILI/CHOWDER FALL POTLUCK - CANCELLED**

Sat 12/5 4-6:00 pm **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**
 Bring a hearty appetizer to share and your own beverage
 Hosts: Almeida, Davis, McNelly, Vail/Urquhart

New Members

Philip and Connie Conner are the club's newest members. Phil operated a boatyard and marina on Chesapeake Bay for 25 years before selling it to Hinckley Yachts. He is a former chair of the American Boat and Yacht Council. Connie is a long time journalist and author of a book about the man who founded the Weather Channel. They now live in Harpswell. They own a 42-foot Kadey Krogen cruiser named "Epilogue." They were sponsored by Steve Norman and Ellen Shillinglaw.

Member's Boat for Sale

30-foot Pearson sailboat for Sale

Contact aruepglass@live.com for more information

Orr's-Bailey Yacht Club

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Newsletter

The OBYC Happenings newsletter normally comes out monthly from May to October.

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Suggestions for articles and photos are welcome.

The newsletter is eager to start running more photos of members on their boats. Submissions requested.

