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### Commodore's Letter

I'm writing this letter on Stellina, Lynn at the helm, cruising back from Robinhood Marina. We attended the first 3 days of the 5-day OBYC Mini-cruise organized by Nancy and George Kinser. The cruise started with rain in the afternoon as we gathered at Snow Island, but then the weather cleared and was glorious for the remainder of our trip.

Cathy and Tom Nicholson graciously hosted all the OBYC cruisers for a cocktail party at their beautiful home on Quahog Bay. The following day, five boats headed to Robinhood Marina in calm weather. After settling in at the marina, we all enjoyed cocktails on the Kinser's boat Semper Fi, and dinner at the Osprey

Nancy and George did a great job planning and coordinating the trip. We discussed some potential plans for next year's cruise, whose details are being developed, but will likely occur before July 1<sup>st</sup> again.

The wealth of boating knowledge sitting around the dinner table was astounding. I learned so much about interesting places to visit, history of the area, and local hazards. The annual cruise is a great way to get some experience with the support of a good group of friends. Next year's cruise will be planned in such a way that folks can attend part or all of the trip.

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### OBYC Cruisers

George Kinser, Garrett Knight, Lynn Knight, Nancy Kinser, Cathy Nicholson, Bob Gill

# *Opening Social Hour, June 11*



Gail Stevens and  
Debra Bulkeley



Kurt Miller,  
Fred  
Rusczek  
and George  
Kinser

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So, if you are interested in being part of the OBYC cruising fleet, keep it in mind when you make plans for the 2017 boating season.

I am happy to say that the sailing school is ready for the season. The instructors received their chase boat orientation given by Captain Jay McGowen, Fred Rusczek, and Malcolm McFarland. According to Fred, *"The orientation went very well - in large part because the instructors have a great attitude. Our impression of Andrew, our Head Instructor, is that he is mature, capable, and has the confidence and desire to succeed. He has good knowledge of the safety concerns that are associated with youth sailing. We will reconnect with the instructors before the first sailing school session starts and complete the on the water evaluation"*. Don't forget to come to the Pancake Breakfast, our fundraiser for AFSS, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 to 10:00 am. Bring your friends!

Despite our best efforts, we are unable to find a launch operator for the weekends this summer. We continue to search. In the meantime, Bunny and Rich Siegel have offered to extend the Day

Steward program to cover time on the weekends so there will be an extra hand at the docks. If you are interested in helping out, please get in touch with Bunny or Rich.

Last month, I mentioned that we would have a couple of informal gatherings on Friday night for new members. Our informal Friday evening get-togethers are a great way to sit back, relax, watch the sunset, and get to know some club members. So new members, if your schedule permits, please join us on July 22 the porch at 6:00. Very casual – just bring what you would like to drink and a little snack to share. You can also bring something to throw on the grill for dinner. Something easy.

That's all for now. Looking forward to seeing you on the water or at one of our great events.

Garrett  
OBYC Commodore

## Sea Dog Photos Wanted

Dogs go with boats like cream cheese on bagels. For next month's Newsletter we want photos of your dog on your boat. Piratical Poodles, lubberly Labs and Cocker-spaniel coxswains are all welcome.

Please send iPhone photos at large-resolution to [newsletter@obyc.org](mailto:newsletter@obyc.org) along with name of dog and owner.

## *AFSS hits the water*

ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL will begin its season on Monday, July 4. For the next six weeks AFSS will be offering Beginner lessons in the morning and Intermediate lessons in the afternoon. At the time of this writing, 69 students have enrolled for one- or two-week sessions. There are still openings in many sessions.

The school will hold its annual fundraiser, the Pancake Breakfast, on Saturday, July 2. Breakfast is served from 8 to 10 AM. OBYC members and their guests always enjoy this event. It's a bargain: Adults: \$8.50; children under 12: \$6.00. OBYC member Dan Stevens has donated two gallons of real maple syrup from his farm in Massachusetts.

Returning to AFSS as Head Instructor after a two-year absence is Andrew Hartnett. Andrew, Bobbi Robertson's grandson, learned to sail at AFSS and worked as an Instructor for two years in high school. He recently passed the US Sailing Level 2 course. Andrew, 20 years old, just completed his sophomore year at University of New Hampshire.

Assisting Andrew will be two young women who started sailing at the school at the age of nine. Chelsea Hartnett, Andrew's sister, is returning for a second year as a Junior Instructor. Augie Lienert, a volunteer from last season, will



round out the instructor team. Both Chelsea and Augie took the US Sailing Level 1 course this year.

Julie St. Louis is volunteering again this year. Joining her at various times will be Sarah Jackman, Amanda Paul, and Nina Welsh. All volunteers have come up through the various AFSS programs, including Opti and 420 racing.

AFSS serves children of members and non-members alike. Of the enrolled students this year, 15 are children or grandchildren of members.

For the first time members of the Sailing Committee will serve as AFSS Monitor each day the School is in session. Their duties will include assisting the instructors by taking attendance, interacting with parents, monitoring the VHF radio, and assisting with the weekly graduation ice cream party.

# 2016 Social Calendar

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

Hosts needed for several events. Please take a turn.

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 Wednesday evening for all Saturday and Thursday events.

Wednesdays	6/22-8/31	<b>WEDNESDAY BINGO</b> – Bring a <u>wrapped</u> white elephant bingo gift (not exceeding \$5 value). Great fun for all ages!
	6:00 pm	Social Hour/Dinner – Bring something to grill and a dish to share (appetizer, salad, dessert)
	7:00 pm	Game of Bingo begins!
Sat	7/2 8-10:00 am	<b>AFSS PANCAKE BREAKFAST</b> – Open to the public \$8.50 Adults; \$6 Kids 12 and Under
Saturdays	7/2-7/30	<b>JULY SAILING SERIES #1, #2, #3, #4, #5</b>
	1:00 pm	Skippers' Meeting
	2:00 pm	Race
Sat	7/2 6:00 pm	<b>SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION</b> - Bring a picnic supper & watch fireworks from Cooks at 10:00 pm!
Mon-Fri		<b>ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL</b>
	7/4-8/12 9:00 am-Noon	Beginner classes
	7/4-8/12 1:00-4:00 pm	Intermediate classes
Thurs	7/7* 7:00 pm	<b>BOOK GROUP #2 – <u>The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins, Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, and the Minimum Wage</u></b> by Kirstin Downey (2009) Frances Perkins grandson will attend! Facilitator: MObreiter Hostess: MGill
Sat	7/9*	<b>SAILING BACK TO THE 60s</b> Calling all Hippies! Wear your tie-dyed tops, bell bottom pants, love beads, head bands, and peace signs! 5:00 pm Social hour – Hors d'oeuvres provided 6:00 pm Catered buffet dinner prepared by Gagne Catering Music by DJ Larry Moore of Rainbow Productions Members \$20 pp; Guests \$30 pp Reservations closed.



- Thurs 7/14\* 7:00 pm LECTURE SERIES #1 – “Speaking as a Union Soldier”  
by local Civil War Re-enactor Thornton Batty  
6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee  
Hosts: BMcGowen, McIlvaine, FArndt
- Fri 7/15\* 7:00 pm **MOVIE NIGHT #1 – “*The Hundred Foot Journey*”**  
Bring a snack to share!  
Hosts: Teena Patton and Judi Hartman
- Thurs 7/21\* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #3 – Something in the Water** by Peter Scott  
Facilitator: MObreiter  
Hostess: MGill
- Sat 7/23\* **UNDER THE SEA - A MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILY DAY**  
3:00-5:00 pm Afternoon Activities and Games for **all** ages!  
5:00 pm Awards Ceremony  
Hosts: HKitchel, Babson, WBurns, TPatton, PTaylor
- UNDER THE SEA – FAMILY DAY DINNER**  
5:00 pm Social Hour  
6:00 pm Casual Dinner provided  
Music and Ukulele-oke by the Sirens of Strum”  
Hosts: A Taylor, Hartman
- Thurs 7/28\* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #2 – “*Everest the Hard Way*”**  
By world-famous American mountain climber Ed Webster.  
6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee  
Hosts: BMcGowen, McIlvaine, FArndt
- Sat 7/30 3-10 pm private event: Stewart
- Sun 7/31\* 5:00 pm **JULY SAILING SERIES AWARDS CELEBRATION**  
Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share  
Hosts: Marnie McFarland
- Thurs 8/4\* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #4 – The Precipice: A Novel (Mike Bowditch Mysteries)** by Paul Doiron  
Facilitator: MObreiter  
Hostess: MGill



- Wed 8/3 10-2:00 pm *Orr's Island Library Annual Book Sale & Fair at Lowell's Cove*
- Sat 8/6\*  
5:00 pm **ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE**  
6:00 pm Social Hour  
Dinner – Cost to be determined  
Music by “The Dave Rowe Trio”  
Hosts: Holler, Duda, and Volunteers!
- Thurs 8/11\* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #3 – “*Birds of the Local Maine Coast*”** by Ornithologist Derek Lovitch  
6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee  
Hosts: BMcGowen, McIlvaine, FARndt
- Fri 8/12\* 7:00 pm **MOVIE NIGHT #2 – “*Thunderheart*”**  
Bring a snack to share!  
Hosts: Teena Patton and Joan Lester
- Sat-Sun 8/13-14 *OBIFD Tag Sale/Auction*
- Thurs 8/18\* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #5 – August Gale: A Father and Daughter's Journey Into the Storm** by Barbara Walsh  
Facilitator: MObreiter  
Hostess: MGill
- Sat 8/20 10:00 am **ANNUAL MEETING** – at Clubhouse  
Proxies will be dispersed to membership by Aug. 6
- Sat 8/20\*  
5:00 pm **AN OLYMPIC EATING EVENT**  
6:00 pm Social Hour  
International Potluck – Bring an ethnic dish to share from North, Central or South America!  
Entertainment by “The Maine Squeeze”  
Hosts: Messamore, McIlvaine, FARndt
- Thurs 8/25\* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #4 – “*Harpwell Neck Through Your Grandparent's Eyes*”** by Ed Phinney  
6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee  
Hosts: BMcGowen, McIlvaine, FARndt



Sat	9/10*	<b>SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER (With a Twist of Star Trek!)</b> Celebrating Star Trek's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary on TV. Star Trek attire welcome! 5:00 pm Social Hour 6:00 pm Dinner cooked by the Kinsers and Volunteers Members only, \$10 per person, limited to 90. Hosts: Kinser, Gill,
Sat	10/1*	<b>CHILI AND CHOWDER FALL GATHERING</b> 5:00 pm Social Hour 6:00 pm Potluck – Bring chili, chowder, bread, salad, or dessert Hosts:
Sat	12/3	4-6:00 pm <b>ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY</b> Bring a hearty appetizer Hosts:



## Club Insurance Committee Finds Savings

*(This is one of an occasional series of articles on the volunteer committees that keep the club functioning).*

The OBYC Insurance Committee found a \$1,200 savings for the club last winter while achieving broader coverage.

The Insurance Committee, consisting of Sue Baker, Eric Lusk and Bill Obreiter, analyzes the Club's insurance package every three years

Last Winter, working with the Cross Agency in Portland, it solicited new bids for the Club's insurance package.

After considering packages from three different companies, the committee recommended switching to a coverage package from International Marine Underwriters, a company whose expertise covers yacht clubs and sailing programs. It is part of the OneBeacon Insurance Group of specialty underwriters.

Baker reported that the current insurance package is comparable to the Chubb program offered by the Gowrie Group that is promoted by US Sailing. In addition to our general package, we have Directors and Officers liability insurance (D&O), as well as Worker's Compensation insurance from MEMIC.

## Farflung Members

Max Fletcher and Linnie Bruce were tied to the quay in the tiny harbor of Skudenshavn on the island of Karmoy, Norway. Linnie and Max had just toured the Viking settlement and museum at Avaldsnes. Max writes: "I'm cooking dinner and look out the galley window. There's a familiar face from my childhood looking down at our boat."

Paul Nadeau, a former member, had been sailing his 23 ft boat down Karmsundet, the narrow passage ("North Way") from which Norway gets its name. This was his maiden voyage, having bought the boat upon his recent retirement. Paul spent his childhood summers on Bailey Island, and often raced with Abbot Fletcher, Max's father. He pulled into Skudenshavn for the night. Wandering the town later that evening, he saw an American flag, and then "Orr's Island" on the stern.

"Amazing small world reunion here last night," Max writes.

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## Classified Ads

OBYC is seeking a licensed, qualified Launch Operator / Dock Attendant for the 2016 season. Duties include: operating 17' launch in transporting members to and from vessels, maintaining launch, assisting visiting yachtsmen and other misc. duties. Weekends only 18-20 hrs. Must be available mid-June thru Labor Day. Send resume and boating history to [obycanchorage@gmail.com](mailto:obycanchorage@gmail.com)

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