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Kayaking Grows at OBYC

by Teena Patton

OBYC has a growing kayaking community. Leaving from the club float or the beach at Salt Cod Cafe (\$5 parking) or car-topping to other locations, an ever changing group of members enjoy paddling together.

Kayaking offers a unique perspective on Maine's coast and waterways, while providing a bit of exercise to boot. The lakes and rivers are already warm, and the ocean is slowly getting there. Teena Patton leads regular paddles on Friday mornings around 9:30, and Sundays around 11 after church.

The current schedule includes the following paddles: Friday July 13 Stover's Cove, Pinkham Island, maybe Harpswell Neck land trust beach; Sunday July 15, Beals and Reeds Coves, Orr's Island.; Friday July 20 Around Bailey Island; Sunday July 22 Pond Island and Cedar Beach; Friday July 27 Mackerel Cove, Bailey Island; Sunday July 29 Gosling Islands, launching from Mitchell Field in West Harpswell. High tide is 1 p.m.

All trips are weather dependent and cancelled if the forecast calls for rain, wind over 10-15 mph or small craft advisories. Trips avoid white cap waves. The general weather pattern so far this season has been calm mornings and windy afternoons.

Sea kayaks of at least 12 feet are required for ocean kayaking. Teena says, "Some of us own an extra kayak that people can borrow on a first come, first serve basis. You can rent kayaks from H2Outfitters at Salt Cod Café, or Seaspray in Brunswick (they deliver)." PFD (life jackets) are required to be worn; kayakers should bring lots of water and a snack, sunscreen and a hat. *(continued. Page 2)*



Kayaking

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Non-members should not arrive early because a member has to be present (club rules) when you arrive. Also AFSS sailing school operates during the week and they begin at 9. Kayak time of 9:30 on Fridays should not interfere with their traffic.

If members want to travel further afield, there are many other opportunities a few miles away. Among them: Nequasset Lake in Woolwich, Androscoggin River in Brunswick, Cathance River and Merrymeeting Bay in Bowdoinham, Yarmouth Island from Bethel Point and Malaga Island from Cundy's Harbor,

Teena adds: "If you have areas you'd like to paddle, or have access to water we can paddle from, I'd love to hear from you."

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Family Option Has Ended

Just a reminder – the family option was eliminated by membership vote at last year's annual meeting. Children under the age of 22 are included under their parents' regular membership. Other family members (ie, brothers, sisters, adult children, grandchildren, etc.) may not use the club, its docks, or its facilities without the member being present.

Should this occur, the Board will notify the related member of the infraction and whatever consequences it deems appropriate.

We wish that OBYC members will use facilities often and freely with their guests!

OBYC Commodore and Board of Directors



AFSS Annual Pancake Breakfast

*Pancake Flippers: Barbara Messamore, Marty Jarvis, Sheila Evjy,
Don Robertson, Bobbi Robertson*



*Pancake eaters: Zoe Williams,
Felix Bergbach, Stella Williams*



Commodore's Letter

Summer is upon us! Our early July heat has already erased the memories of below zero weather, three winter blizzards, and a cold wet spring. This is what we live for on the coast of Maine: two or three months of the most beautiful weather and setting imaginable.

The beginning of July also marks the coming to life of the Abbot Fletcher Sailing School. I've always enjoyed watching the young, would-be sailors take to the water like little ducklings. In their imaginations, they could be the captain of an America's Cup boat or a pirate ship. Whatever they choose to be, they are learning more than sailing. They are building confidence, laying the foundation for leadership skills, and learning about teamwork and accomplishment. Most of them will, in time, become proficient in handling a small sailboat. In many years, they will become us.

Casco Bay has many corners to explore. Although Maine's most populous area is just to our west, Casco Bay enjoys limited boat traffic and is remarkably unspoiled. There are countless islands to visit with rich history sprinkled throughout the bay. There is fishing, sailing, relaxing on the boat, and visiting a quiet pocket beach. There are clambakes and on-the-water restaurants. And there are many opportunities to enjoy the social offerings of OBYC.

So drop what you're doing. Forget the lawn. Summer chores can wait. Head to OBYC and get out on your boat, or head out on a friend's boat! Summer only comes once per year and it doesn't last as long as we would like.

See you on the water!

Fred Rusczek, Commodore

*Nick Nichols
launches the club's
new Rhodes 19
(photo by Bob Gill)*



2018 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.

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| Mon-Wed-Fri
6/25-9/21 | 7:30-8:30 am | YOGA CLASSES by Instructor Kevin Wicks
<i>Come 5-10 mins early</i> to complete appropriate paperwork.
Drop-in classes, donations accepted. Classes start promptly at 7:30 am – and bring a mat! |
| Mon-Fri
7/2-8/10 | 9:00 am-Noon | ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL – Barker Rm
Beginner classes (Including July 4 class) |
| | 7/2-8/10 | 1:00-4:00 pm Intermediate classes (Including July 4 class) |
| Tues & Thurs
7/3-7/31* | 7:30-8:15 am | GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES – July Session
by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks
<i>Come 5-10 minutes early on 7/3</i> to sign up & complete appropriate paperwork. Classes start promptly at 7:30 am.
\$72/Session of 9 classes, or \$10 Walk-in fee per class. |
| Thurs 7/12* | 7:00 pm | LECTURE SERIES #2 – “<i>Harriet Beecher Stowe: The Little Lady Who Started That Great War</i>” by Cathi Belcher, Stowe House Educator for Bowdoin College |
| | 6:30 pm | Dessert and Coffee/Tea |
| Sat 7/14* | 5:00 pm | ROCKIN’ WITH ROCKWEED - BBQ Catered Dinner
Social Hour |
| | 6:00 pm | Catered BBQ Dinner by Beale Street Barbeque of Bath, Me |
| | | Reservations closed |
| | 7:00 pm | Entertainment by “Rockweed” |
| Thurs 7/19* | 7:00 pm | BOOK GROUP #3 – <u>One Man’s Meat</u> by E. B. White |
| Saturdays 7/21- 9/1 | 12:00 pm | SUMMER SAILING SERIES @ MYA
Chowder Lunch at MYA – Only offered on Opening Day! |
| | 1:00 pm | Skippers’ Meeting |
| | 2:00 pm | Race |



- Sat 7/21* **“WALK THE PLANK AT OBYC!” – A Multi-Generational Family Day**
 3:00-5:00 pm Afternoon Activities and Games for all ages!
 5:00 pm Awards Ceremony
 Social Hour
 6:00 pm Pizza dinner provided, followed by pianist Mike McCarthy
 Pirate attire is encouraged!
- Mon 7/23* 4:00-5:00 pm **MAD SCIENCE OF MAINE - Children’s Program!**
 Bring your children/grandchildren of all ages to participate in fantastic science experiments and leave with their own freshly made Slime! This is not a “drop-off” event. Please sign up by Sunday, 7/22 at 5:00 pm!*
- Thurs 7/26* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #3 – “Reflections of My Journey From Maine to Africa and Haiti as a US Diplomat”** by Pamela White, Former U.S. Ambassador and Orr’s Island Resident
 6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee
- Wed 8/1 10-2:00 pm *Orr’s Is Library Annual Book Sale & Fair at Lowell’s Cove*
- Tues & Thurs 8/2-8/30* 7:30-8:15 am **GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES – August Session**
 by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks
Come 5-10 minutes early on 8/2 to sign up & complete appropriate paperwork. Classes start promptly at 7:30 . \$72/Session of 9 classes or \$10 Walk-in fee per class.
- Thurs 8/2* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #4 – Boar Island** by Nevada Barr
- Sat 8/4* **ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE**
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 6:00 pm Dinner – Cost: \$12 chicken or, \$22 lobster and clams.
 Additional Guest Fee: \$10/guest
 Music by “Dave Rowe”
- Thurs 8/9* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #4 – “Let’s Talk Coffee!”** by Bob Garver, President of Wicked Joe Organic Coffee Co.
 6:30 pm Dessert and Wicked Joe Coffee!
- Sat-Sun 8/11-12 *OBIFD 24th Annual Auction and Yard Sale*



- Mon 8/13* 4-5:00 pm SPARKS' ARK - Children's Program, but Adults are certainly welcome! Come see wild animals in rehab or others waiting to be relocated, including a sugar glider.
Please sign up by Sunday, 8/12 @5:00 pm.*
- Tues 8/14* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #5 – The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit** by Michael Finkel
- Sat 8/18 **4:00 pm** **ANNUAL MEETING – **NEW TIME!****
Proxies will be sent to membership by Aug. 4th!
- *Directly following meeting!
- Sat 8/25 10-10:00pm **SOCIAL HOUR & SUMMER PICNIC SUPPER**
Bring a cold dish or a crock pot dish to share!
PRIVATE EVENT (Duda Wedding)
- Sat 9/1
1:00 pm Skippers' Meeting
2:00 pm Last Race
6:00 pm Potluck Dinner and Awards Ceremony
- Sat 9/8*
5:00 pm **INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK**
6:00 pm Social Hour
Bring your favorite international dish to share!
- Fri 10/5*
5:00 pm **CHILI AND CHOWDER FALL POTLUCK**
6:00 pm Social Hour
Bring chili, chowder, salad, bread, or dessert to share
Please sign up by Wed, 10/3 @ 5:00 pm*
- Sat 10/6 TBA am **WATERFRONT DECOMMISSIONING / FLOAT REMOVAL / CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP**
*****Volunteers Needed!*****
Hosts: Waterfront and Grounds & Building Committees
****Coffee and Donuts Provided****
- Sat 12/1 4-6:00 pm **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**
Bring a hearty appetizer

Family Day Piracy and Lobster Bake Planned

Come and "Walk the Plank" on Sat, July 21! Our annual Multi-Generational Family Day is Pirate themed this year. Activities begin at 3:00 pm, including lawn games, water balloon toss, pie-eating contest, and —new this year — tie-dying t-shirts to take home. Time and weather-permitting, there may be a rowboat race for mixed ages. Please sign up if you plan to join in the fun (and write down your t-shirt size!). Pirate attire is certainly encouraged but not required. (In case of foul weather, we have a pirate movie as back up.)

Once the afternoon activities are complete, we then evolve into the evening program, starting at 5:00 pm with Social Hour. Pizza will be served at 6:00 pm and pianist Mike McCarthy will entertain us around 6:30-7:30 pm. Please sign up now so we know how many pizzas to order!! The deadline is Thurs, July 19 @ 4:00 pm.

Lastly, we are looking for friendly swashbucklers, and the like, to help us oversee the afternoon activities and help with the evening supper. It takes many hands for events like this to be successful for our youngsters. Please contact either Margie Rusczek or Joyce Duda if you are willing to help, even for a little while. WE NEED YOU. Arrrgghh!!!

One of OBYC's most popular traditions, the Annual Lobster Bake, will take place again this year thanks to Eric Lusk, Peter Stahl and Lee Slap who stepped forward to run the event. Last summer both Joyce Duda and Fred Holler announced they would be stepping down from the job after many years of running the event. It takes an army of volunteers to pitch in and make this annual event a success including the cookpot operators in the "Circle of Trust" Volunteer sign up sheets will be posted in another few week -- please help!

Dave Rowe will return to OBYC to entertain us with his folk songs and Irish sea shanties!

Member ticket prices will remain at \$22 for the Lobster & Clam dinner and \$12 for the Chicken dinner. Guests will each pay an additional \$10. The deadline to sign up will be Thurs, Aug. 2 at 4:00 pm. As in the past, you can sign up on-line anytime or at the bulletin board once the sheets are posted. Late sign ups or "walk-ins" are not permitted.



*Rev. Kitty
Babson and
Commodore
Fred Rusczek
at the
Blessing of
the Fleet*



OBYC Cruisers

The Knights, the Gills and the Nichols's enjoyed the annual OBYC club cruise. The group gathered with some non-cruisers, including the Ruszceks and the Kinsers for a dinner in Boothbay Harbor. Other ports of call included Christmas Cove and Five Islands.

photos by Garrett Knight





Vintage Visitors

The Portland Schooner Race finish line was in Harpswell Sound, June 25. The Schooner Sycamore (below) spent the night on a guest mooring. The Alert and Mary E passed by the Cribstone Bridge.

(lower left) June 19, Rick and Teena Patton hosted a gathering of owners of British triumph TR6 sports cars.

Photos by Teena Patton



Dinghy Policy

OBYC encourages the use of its loaner club dinghies by members as an alternative to keeping a private dinghy at the floats. For this reason, OBYC keeps 5 dinghies (2 – 10' Puffins, 2 West Marine Tri-hulls, and 1 8' Puffin) available for club member use.

Two of these dinghies (Puffins) may be signed out for extended day use, such as when working on a boat at your mooring, or taking a dinghy to an island for day trips. These dinghies are identified by the numbers 1 & 2 on the bow. They should be tied on the shore side of the AFSS float where they will be out of the way. The sign out sheet will be in the kiosk on the dock landing. Signing out allows the club to know where its dinghies are. It is expected that club members will comply with this requirement.

- 1) Two of the Puffin dinghies can be used for up to 12 hour periods. Usage could include leaving it on a mooring or taking one of them out to an island. One Puffin and the two West Marine dinghies should always be available for members' use to and from their moorings.
- 2) Club members who would like to use a Puffin dinghy for island visits have priority over those leaving it on a mooring. If the two loaner Puffin dinghies are out on moorings, a club member could take one of them off the mooring for their use out to an island.
- 3) A calendar to reserve one of the club dinghies will be kept in the kiosk.

Member Notes

Jake Barker is our newest Jr. Assoc. member. He is Larry and Heidi Barker's older son and Conny Barker's grandson. There are now nine Junior Associate members of OBYC.

Membership chair Sandy Nelson reports we now have 37 candidates (17 couples & 3 singles) on the waiting list. list

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Newsletter

This is the third newsletter for 2018. The newsletter appears monthly during the summer season.

Contact **Bill Bulkeley** with photographs, articles, and suggestions for your OBYC newsletter. Any pictures of dogs or cats on boats are particularly welcome.

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