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Commodore's Letter

July 2019

Dear Members,

Hello! Happy Summer, now that it has finally arrived in force! It has been fun to see many of you on the floats and at events in recent weeks as the season gets into full swing. It was also great to see the Beginner Sailors out in the Optis this past week!

As always, I need to thank the tens of volunteers who make our club work. This month, I want to especially thank our Committee Chairs who organize and take care of all details large and small, and who take on so much effort themselves. I also want to thank the tens of individuals who worked to manage a very successful pancake breakfast this past weekend!

In recent weeks, many of us have had discussions regarding water conservation. I have personally heard concerns from many of you, particularly since several neighboring properties have lost their well water supply. As a result, and in consultation with cognizant members, we are urging all members and guests to

conserve the Club's water supply. We have a Porta-Potty on the grounds by the back door for the months of July and August. Please use it if you are able; it is serviced / cleaned weekly. Additionally, we are urging prudence with the use of the hose on the floats. Please do not wash down your boats. The hope is that if we are all careful through the season, we will have no issues this year. *continued, Pg. 2*



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I would also like to remind everyone to follow the vehicle traffic flow pattern indicated on the OBYC sign as you enter the property. This means, go left where the road forks, not right along the neighbors' right-of-way.

Lastly, if you have a dinghy moored in the water at the floats, please remember to moor it "to allow at least 12 feet of painter length between the dinghy and the floats," as required by our dinghy rules. Short painters, and bows tied close to the dock make it hard for other dinghies to be pulled close for easy loading. Twelve feet of line allows everyone ready access to their dinghies approaching and exiting the floats.



See you at the Club, and Happy Sailing,
everyone! — Kristin



Day's End Drone Photo by Larry Barker

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OBYC

By Joyce Duda

The summer heat has arrived and our 2019 Social Calendar is now moving right along! *Mah Jongg, Yoga, Gentle Aerobics*, and *Bingo* are happening like clockwork! We've had the "Welcome Back! Social Hour", "Wine Tasting", "OBYC Mini-Cruise", the first "Book Group", and "Blessing of the Fleet Potluck Dinner". The floats are in, boats are launched, AFSS classes have begun and the "AFSS Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction" was successful again! We are ROCKIN' IT! What's next, you ask?? Below is a brief synopsis of the upcoming events these next few weeks! Join us, won't you?

OBYC Trivia Mania Returns! This coming Sat, July 13, the clubhouse will be the place to be, with the 2nd addition of "OBYC's Trivia Mania *"Questions and Quesadillas"*. As with all good trivia games, there are always clues in the description somewhere and the first one can be found in the title. Our trivia games are original and crafted for the young and old as well as the expert and novice trivia types. Everyone will have a good time! Players are welcome to form a team beforehand or just come and teams will be put together before we start. The night will kick off with a social hour @ 5:00 pm and then some food (bring your favorite Mexican or tex-mex dish to share) at 6:00 pm. Then Bob Seaman and Jill Olausson will host the game. Prizes will be handed out to the winning team. Please sign up to attend!

Sat, July 20 "*Family Day Summer Fun*" is a multi-generational event starting at 3:00 pm, with lawn games, water balloons; tie-dye pillow covers, rowing races, and fun prizes, followed by Portland Pie pizza and ice cream sundaes at 6:00 pm, Oh, and LOTS of fun! Sign up so we know how many pillow cases to buy and pizzas to order. The deadline is Thurs, July 18 @ 4:00 pm. We hope you'll join us!

Also, on Sat, July 20 MYA begins their **Summer Sailing Series**. The opening-day Chowder Lunch begins at Noon, followed by a Skippers' Meeting at 1:00 pm and the race at 2:00 pm.

This year we've planned two returning events for children of all ages! *Mad Science of Maine* comes on Mon, July 22 at 4:00 pm for an hour of fantastic "hands-on" science experiments. This was a huge hit last year for both the kids AND their parents/grandparents! Amethyst Amanda taught us about magnetism, electricity, light, prisms, and chemistry, which thrilled all. In the end, the kids made their own Slime to take home! Be sure to join us this year for the fun, but remember this is not a "drop-off" event! You must sign up by Sun, July 21 @ 5:00 pm so we have a head count.

Our largest event each year is the **Annual Lobster Bake**, to be held this year on Sat, Aug. 3rd! Organizers Eric Lusk, Lee Slap, and Peter Stahl have stepped forward to manage this event for the second time! Many thanks to them, and to Judi Hartman for managing the grill. This year they would like to offer something new for "Children 12 and under" -- a "Blue Plate Special". This meal includes one hotdog, a bag of chips, an ear of corn, lemonade and dessert for \$5.00. Tickets for the dinners will remain at last year's prices: \$22 Lobster/Clam dinner and \$12 Chicken dinner. An additional Guest Fee of \$10.00 each will be imposed.

Also new this year is our entertainment -- "Spring Tide" will be joining us with their foot-tapping music! The deadline to sign up will be Thurs, Aug. 1 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. Lastly, as you know, it takes an army of volunteers to pitch in and make this annual event a success, including cookpot cooks in the "Circle of Trust" and those folks in the kitchen! Volunteer sign up sheets will be posted in another few weeks -- please help!

AFSS Pancake Breakfast

A packed house of hungry members and locals gobbled pancakes and sausage at the annual sailing-school fundraiser on July 6.



Head Instructor Erin Kenyon with Olivia and Penelope Kibbe



Sailing Instructors Chelsea Hartnett, Ashley St. Louis, Mitchell Lienert and Augie Lienert kept the pancakes coming.



Barbara Messamore, Maggie Gill, Martha Tubinis and Bobbi Robertson served in the kitchen



Tom Nicholson, Nick Nichols and Fred Ruscsek put lots of blueberries in the flapjacks.

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The August **Children's Program** will be held on Mon. Aug. 5 @ 4:00 pm, when *Sparks' Ark* returns with their adorable animals! This program captures misplaced animals for relocation or wild animals needing rehabilitation. Last year they brought a chinchilla, hedgehog, sugar glider, owl, fennec fox, boa, and a bat! Come see what animals they bring this year! Adults will certainly love this program and are welcome. Sign up in advance and come enjoy the live animals.

We hope to see you at some, or all, of these offerings.
Have fun.

The 2019 Social Committee

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

7:00 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)
Game of Bingo begins!

Thurs
6/20-8/15

7:30-8:15am

GENTLE AEROBICS/WALK15 COMBO CLASS
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.



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Mon-Wed-Fri
6/24-9/20 7:30-8:30 am **YOGA CLASSES** by Instructor Omkara Kevin Wicks
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
7/1-8/9 9:00-12:00 pm **ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL** – Barker Room
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 7/11* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #1 – “Honoring Our Island
Protectors”** by a panel of OBIFD firemen and EMTs
Sat 7/13*
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Potluck Dinner Mexican-Style!
7:00 pm Trivia begins

Thurs 7/18* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #2 – One Goal: A Coach, a Team, and
the Game That Brought a Divided Town Together**
by Amy Bass
Presenter: Maggie Gill

Saturdays 7/20- 8/31
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 7/20*
3:00-5:00 pm **OBYC FAMILY DAY SUMMER FUN!**
Afternoon Activities and Games for all ages!
5:00 pm Awards Ceremony/Social Hour
6:00 pm Pizza dinner provided

Mon 7/22* 4:00-5:00 pm **MAD SCIENCE OF MAINE - Children’s Program!**
Bring your children/grandchildren of all ages to participate
in science experiments! This is not a “drop-off” event.
Please sign up by Sunday, 7/21 at 5:00 pm!*

- Thurs 7/25* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #2 – “Maine Tracks: The Underground Railroad in Maine”** by Maine author Mark Allan Leslie; Book signing available after presentation
6:30 pm Coffee and Dessert
- Thurs 8/1* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #3 – The Last Lobster: Boom or Bust for Maine's Greatest Fishery?**
by Christopher White
Presenter: Linda Kittle
- Sat 8/3*
5:00 pm **ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE**
6:00 pm Social Hour
Dinner – Cost \$22 Lobster/Clam; \$12 chicken, \$5 hot dog
Organizers Eric Lusk, Lee Slap, and Peter Stahl
Music by “String Tide”
- Mon 8/5* 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, chinchilla, hedgehog, owl and boa!
Please sign up by Sunday, 8/4 @5:00 pm.*
- Wed 8/7 10-2:00 pm *Orr’s Is Library Annual Book Sale & Fair at Lowell’s Cove*
- 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



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| Sat | 8/17 | 4:00 pm | ANNUAL MEETING
Proxies will be disbursed to membership by Aug. 3 rd ! |
| | | *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 – <u>Beneath the Depths: A Detective Byron Mystery (A John Byron Novel)</u>
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**
*****Volunteers Needed!*****
 Hosts: Waterfront and Building & Grounds Committees
****Coffee and Donuts Provided****

Sat 12/7 4-6:00 pm **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**
 Bring a hearty appetizer

Social Committee Partying Hard

by Joyce Dyda

Many members of the 2019 Social Committee have helped coordinate the Social Calendar this year. , Jill Olausson has volunteered to handle the 2019 Social Calendar and online sign-ups; Bobbi Robertson is posting the paper sign-up sheets at the Club; Lynn Knight is handling band / catering; Margie Rusczek agreed to oversee the children's programs; Ellen Shillinglaw prepared the 2019 budget; Joan Lester is lecture series co-chair, and I agreed to coordinate meetings, handle newsletter articles and eblasts, and co-chair the lecture series.

In addition, Social Committee members organize and manage certain Saturday events, from start to finish. Thanks to Marnie McFarland - "Blessing of the Fleet Dinner"; Jill Olausson - "Questions & Quesadillas Trivia Night" plus "Trivia Night Around the World"; Margie Rusczek - "Family Day"; Bobbi Robertson - "Boatshoe Dinner"; and Ellen Shillinglaw - "Chili and Chowder Fall Potluck". Also,

Ginny Cobley will oversee the lecture refreshments, Judi Hartman is our grill master at the Lobster Bake, and Marnie McFarland is our MYA Sailing Series contact!

Club members who are not Social Committee members are also helping with other programs. Special thanks to: Mary Ellen Obreiter - Book Group; Julie Holowach - Mah Jongg; Teena Patton - Kayaking; Charlie Johnson - Yoga; Pete Stahl, Lee Slap and Eric Lusk - Annual Lobster Bake; Heidi Barker - Summer Picnic Supper & Volunteer Appreciation; George and Nancy Kinser - Pulled Pork Dinner; and the Almeidas, Davis', McNellys and Vails who put together our Annual Holiday Party!

If you would like to help out with ANY of these events, in any capacity, PLEASE speak to the point person listed! It takes volunteers to make these good times happen and we would much prefer you to contact us rather than us calling you!!

OBYC Wine Tasting

by Jim Whalen

Members of the OBYC met for a wine tasting on June 20th. Harriet and I served as hosts for the event.

John Verplank of the Black Sheep Wine Shop provided the wines and also provided commentary on several wines. Harriet, the Knights, Johnsons and Lucy Cook provided an excellent array of hors d'oeuvres for enjoyment between tastings. We had wines from the US, France, Italy, New Zealand, and Argentina.

The tasting was structured to enable experiencing five different grapes presented in two different styles. Thanks for the opportunity to host another OBYC wine tasting and the ability to share our wine tasting experience with OBYC members."

Ten New Members Welcomed to OBYC

OBYC welcomed 10 new members in June as the board approved an expansion of the membership rolls to 260. These applicants had been candidates since 2016, according to membership Chair Sandy Nelson.

Currently there are 21 more people on the waiting list. This year, the club has taken aboard 23 new members including 10 couples and three singles.

Ted and Matti Acworth live in Hamilton, MA with their three young children, and spend summers at Ted's family home in Orr's Island. Matti is a retired marketing executive and non-profit activist. Ted is a former NASA engineer (yup, a rocket scientist) who started a software company. He still sails the 30-foot Seafarer sloop that was the last boat built in his father's boatyard. Their sponsors were Tom Hunter and Don & Bobbi Robertson

Lew and Liz Incze who long lived in Cumberland, Maine, have retired to the shores of Card Cove on Great Island. Lew is a professor emeritus in oceanography at U. of Maine's Darling Center and is a veteran ocean racer. Liz

is a retired employee benefits expert with Aetna Life. They were sponsored by Max Fletcher and Tom Nicholson.

Michael and Jane Jukes are former members who have rejoined. Mike, a physician, and Jane, a healthcare quality consultant, are both beekeepers who enjoy sailing and skiing and numerous other hobbies.

Don and Debbie Mason of Lansdale, Pa., have a summer home on Bailey Island. Dan is a refrigeration engineer and Deb is an elementary education specialist. They have a 19-foot outboard. They were sponsored by Nancy Kinser and Lee Slap.

Bill and Jackie McGee, formerly of Newton, MA, have moved to Bailey Island. Jackie is a former theater and movie set designer who moved on to interior design. Bill is an architect who has worked on many large projects including the Venetian Casino in Las Vegas. They now have a business in Portland. Their sponsors were Julie Holowach and George Kinser.

Please remember Gas Slips

Reminder: When you use our super-convenient and economical gas pump this summer, please be certain to fill out an order slip! We had a discrepancy in 2018 that was more significant than negligible discrepancies in prior years.

As a point of clarification, the pump gauge *does* get recalibrated annually. Please remember that gas is not available for non-members. Thanks!

Volunteers Operating Launch This Summer

Back by popular demand, starting July 13, the OBYC launch will begin operation on weekends staffed by unpaid OBYC members. The launch will run between 10am and 5pm each Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers are needed to staff the launch for the weekends of July 20/21 and July 27/28. The weekends in August have been covered but additional help is always welcome. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Rich Siegel at 207-353-7522 or by e-mail at blackdog5070@yahoo.com. If you are not familiar with operating a Boston Whaler or would like a little practice with the boat, please contact Rich with your concerns and a training session will be arranged. Our club runs on volunteerism and this is a fun way to assist our boating community.

Thank you again for your support!

Fireworks Watchers

*May Jones,
Richard Jones,
Sharon Jones and
Jim Jones*

*fireworks photos by
Christina Bulkeley*



Sailing School Starts; Record Crowd for Pancakes

by Sue Baker

ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL has begun year 20 of offering classes to Beginner, Intermediate, and Racing students.

In Week #1 the 12 Beginner students, 9 of whom were new to AFSS, took a swim test and capsize recovery before classroom instruction. Then they learned parts of the boat, knots, sailing terminology, etc. By week' end all 8 Optis were being sailed by this class.

It was a delight to see the afternoon Intermediate students sailing the 420's across the Sound. While the Beginner class in Weeks #2 and #3 and the Racing class from July 8 to July 22 are full, there is still space available in Weeks #4 thru #6.

The Club drew a record crowd of 240 to the annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, July 6. Sailing Committee member George Kinser once again organized the event. The crowd enjoyed plain and blueberry pancakes, REAL maple syrup made and donated by Larry Barker and Dan Stevens, sausage, juice and coffee.

OBYC members who are not part of the Sailing Committee magically appear every year to lend a helping hand in the kitchen, flipping pancakes on the porch, or parking cars. The classroom is transformed into a kitchen annex full of grills that are manned by AFSS staff.

For the third year Amber Skinner held a silent auction. This year we had several high ticket items donated, and over \$2,900 was raised. Our thanks to all who donated items to the raffle basket (won by Chuck and Kathy Remmel's daughter-in-law), and the silent auction, as well as those who supported us by coming to the breakfast and bidding on the various items.





Intrepid OBYC Kayakers

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Newsletter

Volunteers are needed to write articles about lectures and take photos at club events. Contact **Bill Bulkeley** with photographs, articles, and suggestions for your OBYC newsletter.

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