



OBYC

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Commodore's Letter

July 2020

Dear OBYC Members,

I hope that everyone is doing well through this unusual time. Thank you all for following the guidelines we have established for the Club this summer. I know that it is not ideal, but these are in place to ensure we can access the water while keeping one another safe. We also appreciate that the membership is following the evolving State guidelines as options for travel are increased and restrictions eased.

Thank you to the Social Committee for already hosting successful Virtual Social Events. The Blessing of the Fleet was terrific. Reverend Kitty Babson led the Blessing, per OBYC tradition. Her Zoom background was of our anchorage! After the Blessing, host Jill Olausson split the attendees randomly into multiple groups for 20-minute chats over a cocktail.

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Welcoming new members

The club added nine new members this year, bringing the rolls to 260. Membership chair Sandy Nelson reports that there are now 27 people on our waiting list including 13 couples and one single.

Due to the club's restriction on in-person gatherings, it is difficult to welcome the new members as we normally do. But if you see people you don't know, introduce yourself and say hello. Contact information for the new members is available on the club web page and in the paper directory.

Jake Barker, a junior member who "aged out" is the fourth generation of the Putnam/Barker family to join the club. Jake, now a carpenter in New Hampshire's Lakes Region, spent his summers at the club and worked as dock attendant two years. He has also worked for the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Steve and Susan Hyde live in Harpswell and sail a Flying Scot. Steve is a semi-retired
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Commodore's Letter

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We enjoyed two rounds of breakout parties before we called it a night. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces, and to chat with people we hadn't seen since last season, or who we are just getting to know.

In addition to the Blessing, we had our first lecture recently by Lew Incze. Lew has a PhD in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences from the University of Washington. He is an Oceanographer and Marine Ecologist and has been a Research Scientist and Professor in these and other areas. Lew's presentation included data, science and perspectives regarding Climate Change based upon extensive knowledge and research in which he has been and continues to be involved. He included a brief discussion of the effects of warming on our own Gulf of Maine. The discussion was thoughtful and focused, and there was plenty of time after the lecture for discussion and questions.

The Social Committee is planning additional select events for the remainder of the season. Keep an eye out for E-Blasts announcing events and details.

There is one safety item I would like to mention: We are asking members who keep their dinghies at the Club to avoid tying off in the last 5-6 feet at the south end of the floats. This ensures that dinghies don't drift

around the end of the southernmost float and inhibit access to the swim ladder there that is also used for boat access on occasion. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



I want to remind everyone that our Annual Meeting will be held on August 15th at 4:00 pm via Zoom. ***All voting will be via U.S. Mail.*** Packets will be mailed to your address on record two weeks prior to the meeting, and ballots must be received at the Orr's Island Post Office by Thursday August 13th in order to be counted.

As always, please keep in touch, and let me know if you need anything during this unusual time. I look forward to seeing you at the Club, on the water, or in a Zoom Social Event very soon!

Take care,

-Kristin Fletcher, Commodore

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Waterfront Notes



OBYC has unwittingly been committing light pollution and has taken steps to reduce it.

The Club pier has long featured a floodlight that comes on at dusk and illuminates the docks for nighttime visitors' convenience and safety.

But, unnoticed by club members, the light shone brightly across Merriconeag Sound. In June, the Club received a polite letter from a resident of a house across the water asking whether the club could reduce the visual impact.

Moored in Stover's Cove one evening, Paul and Kym Cournoyer and Dick and Gail Stevens confirmed the problem. Since then, Paul and Dick have replaced the light with an energy-efficient LED light that limits the glow to the docks where it is needed.

In another development, the aged coupling between floats Three and Four became detached. Since one of the floats is scheduled to be replaced this winter, the waterfront committee decided to reattach it and reinforce the link with a hefty rope between the two floats rather than undertaking a major overhaul during the summer.

Paul Plummer, Harpswell Harbormaster, has informed the club he will be installing two "No Wake" buoys along the west side of the Club's anchorage area. He plans to enforce the rule once the buoys are in place. This is good news for club boaters since it should reduce rocking for boats tied to the floats.



New Members

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systems engineer who works part-time in LL Bean's Hunting and Fishing store. Susan was an English teacher and now works at University of New England as an instructional designer. She shows her Chesapeake Bay Retriever.

Brad and Mary Power moved to Orr's Island from Belmont, MA, last year when their youngest daughter finished high school. Mary, a former Belmont school board member, worked at Harvard University in community relations for 20 years. Brad is an independent management consultant who

writes about innovation for Harvard Business Review.

Mike and Sandy Thulis moved to Bailey Island from Durham, CT, in 2013. Mike is a retired financial services industry executive, and Sandy manages the workers compensation business for Acadia Insurance in Westbrook. Both are kayakers and they own a Wellcraft.

Don and Tuckie Westfall moved to Harpswell Neck from Alexandria, VA, in 2016. Tuckie worked in government relations for Kraft Foods, and Don, a Bowdoin grad, was a policy consultant for several food manufacturers. Tuckie is a serious gardener and Don fights invasive plants and collects first editions of Longfellow. Both are kayakers.

Jackman and Bulkeley family groups socially distance on porch while waiting for sunset.



2020 OBYC SOCIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The 2020 Social Calendar lists events that we are sure we can hold safely. We have cancelled the Lobster Bake for this year and several other early annual events. Regarding other traditional OBYC events, we will 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 be patient as we navigate these unprecedented waters. - from the 2020 Social Committee.

*Members **MUST SIGN UP ONLINE FOR ALL EVENTS** this summer or call Joyce Duda at 207-406-2124. Sign up must be completed by Wed evening for all Thurs or Fri events and Thurs evening for all Sat events.

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

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| Fri | 7/24* | 7:00 pm
6:30 pm | VIRTUAL TRIVIA with SOCIAL HOUR
Social Hour
Hosts: Seaman/Olausson |
| Sat | 8/1* | 5-6:00 pm | VIRTUAL SOCIAL HOUR |
| Thurs | 8/6* | 7-8:00 pm | VIRTUAL LECTURE SERIES #2 – “ <i>A Backward Look at Island Life</i> ” by OBYC Member Jay McGowen |
| Sat | 8/15* | 4:00 pm | VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING / SOCIAL HOUR
Social Hour immediately following Annual Meeting
Proxies will be disbursed to membership by Aug. 1 st ! |
| Thurs | 8/20* | 7-8:00 pm | VIRTUAL LECTURE SERIES #3 – “ <i>Sailing in Scandinavia</i> ” by OBYC members Max Fletcher and Linnie Bruce |

*** * *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 AND CHOWDER FALL POTLUCK**
 5:00 pm Social Hour - Bring your own beverage
 6:00 pm Bring chili, chowder, salad, bread, or dessert to share
 Hosts: Incze, Kelley

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

Orr's-Bailey Yacht Club

Officers

Commodore — Kristin Fletcher
 Vice Commodore — Randy Nelson
 Secretary — Holly Lusk
 Treasurer — Sue Baker

Directors

Bill Bulkeley
 Jennifer Gates
 Nick Nichols
 Ellen Shillinglaw
 Kym Cournoyer
 Bob Seaman

OBIFD Auction

The Orr's-Bailey Island Volunteer Fire Department's annual auction is a little different this year.

An online auction started on July 15th and will continue through August 9th at 10:30pm. You can go to its website and then click on the button labelled "online auction catalog" to view all the items. The website address is: www.obifd.org

To go directly to the auction site follow this link: www.auctria.com/auction/obifd2020auction
 A couple of new items are added every day so keep checking.

