



# OBYC

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## Commodore's Letter

July 2022

With summer weather finally upon us, the mooring field is beginning to fill and the dinghy dock is becoming more crowded. The 2022 season is off to a great start thanks to the efforts of our many volunteers on the waterfront and building and grounds committees.

Thanks to the hard work of the Social Committee many members have already participated in the welcome back social hour on June 11, the blessing of the fleet offered by the Reverend Kitty Babson on June 25, and the AFSS Pancake Breakfast on July 2. Additional events in July, including the AFSS online auction and the

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## Sailing School Opens

*by Sue Baker* The Abbot Fletcher Sailing School celebrated 22 years of teaching young sailors as it began classes on July 4 following a highly successful Pancake Breakfast.

The Sailing School is operating near full capacity with 81 registrations for the six-week session. They include 46 Beginner, 29 Intermediate, and 6 Racing students. Several of the classes reached maximum capacity of 10 students by mid-April this year.

The sailing school is named for one of the club's founding members, a noted waterman who sailed in countless ocean-sailing races. It is largely funded by tuition and fund-raising. It is an important part of the club's mission of instilling knowledge of

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*Sailing instructors preparing AFSS boats for launching.*

## Commodore's Letter

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international potluck dinner on July 9, and family day on July 23, have been scheduled.

Water continues to be a concern at the club this summer. The average precipitation in the Portland area for the first six months of the year is 23.13", but this year we have only received 18.5", leaving us 20% below the annual average. The club has installed hardware and software to help us monitor our water usage, and to determine if there is a leak, a running faucet or toilet, etc., in the clubhouse.

In an effort to conserve water we ask members and their guests to consider using the porta-potty by the back door. Please don't wash down boats at the dock.

After many years of dedicated service Dick Stevens stepped down as chair of the building and grounds committee this spring.

Fortunately several club members have stepped up and offered to take on the many duties necessary to keep the club operating. Paul Kittle volunteered to make sure that the club's fire extinguishers have been tested and are ready for use, and to oversee the

decommissioning of the water filtration system at the end of the year. Tom Jackman has assumed responsibility for working with Dead River to assure we have gas at the dock throughout the summer. Teena Patton and Bill Snellings have agreed to assume responsibility for monitoring propane supply and the trash pickup, respectively.

Max Fletcher and Linnie Bruce volunteered to do the water-quality testing and Fred Holler now monitors water usage. Dan Stevens has offered to help out whenever needed, and Tim Vail continues to help throughout the season.

The club still, however, needs someone to serve as the chair, or possibly co-chair, of the building and grounds committee. This position would largely entail coordinating with the other members of the committee to insure that all of the necessary work has been completed. If anyone is interested in serving as the chair or co-chair of this committee please let me know.

Have a great summer and stay well,

Randy Nelson

## Blessing of the Fleet



*Clockwise from above left.*

*Rev. Kitty Babson gives the annual blessing.*

*Club merchandise for sale.*

*Members on steps attend to the message.*

*Pot luck hors d'oeuvres*

*— photos by Kristin Fletcher*



## Sailing School Starts Up

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sailing in new generations. It also enhances OBYC-Community relations, since many local children who aren't related to members learn to sail here.

During class sessions – weekdays during July and early August – the sailing school uses the two north floats and the “U” where dinghies are normally stored. Club members bringing boats to the docks for loading or fuelling should avoid the area and give-way to all the young sailors as they maneuver the Optis they use to learn in. A member of the AFSS committee is always at the club while classes are going on.

Erin Kenyon has returned for her fourth year as Head Instructor. The staff includes seasoned instructors Christopher Fletcher and Mitch Lienert as well as Karl Kreuze who joins as a paid instructor after being a volunteer for the past two summers. Chloe Filipowicz returns as a volunteer for the month of July.

Because of continued concerns about covid, classes again are being taught outside under the tents rather than in the small classroom in the clubhouse.

The pancake breakfast fundraiser returned on July 2 after a 2-year hiatus due to covid. Prepared, cooked, and served by the instructors and members of the Sailing Committee (plus a few additional supporters of the program), approximately \$1,600 was raised. On July 9 the second online silent auction will be held on Zoom from 10 AM to noon.



*Left — Head instructor Erin Kenyon with George Kinser*

*Above: Blueberry pancakes!  
Mmmm. Good!*

## *Games Available in Clubhouse*

*By Joyce Duda*

Forget to bring stuff for your kids to play with while at the club? Looking for something for them to do while you're socializing?

At the request of a few young parents last summer, the Social Committee has purchased games and play equipment that will help occupy our children and grandchildren without requiring constant supervision. A clear plastic tote holding these items has been placed under the merchandise table for easy access and safe keeping. The items are to be used safely and responsibly. Please return them to the tote under the table when done.

Available playthings include a playground kick ball, light-weight playball, soft football, Frisbee. We have also retrieved from the attic two basketballs in a cloth sack for use with the basketball hoop near the shed. There are also table games including Sorry, Chutes & Ladders, Connect Four, Jenga, Uno, playing cards, and a very cool 12-piece Shark puzzle.

Lastly, we have purchased a sturdy game of Cornhole for children of all ages. It came with a case and a sack to hold the 8 toss bags. (If you play cornhole, please remember it must not remain outside in fog or wet weather – always bring it inside when done.) We are keeping this game in the far corner of the Main Hall, to the right of the fireplace.

Have fun, and enjoy!"



*Bingo is Back! Fun for all ages.*

*Photo by Teena Patton*

## *Social Committee Calendar*

Below are OBYC events and a few community events up through August 20th. Please remember that the events with an asterisk require signing up at the clubhouse or online.

**Private events** are so noted in bold type and community events begin with **FYI**.

*\* Thurs, July 14 @ 7:00 pm - Lecture Series #2 – “Restoration of Halfway Rock Lighthouse”* presented by local author and owner, Ford Reiche. Come early at 6:30 pm for coffee/ dessert and the opportunity to meet Ford before his talk. His lecture will begin at 7:00 pm. Remember to sign up!

*Sat, July 16 @ 4-10pm **Private Event** – Wedding*

*Sun, July 17 @ 9am-1pm **Private Event** – Post-Wedding Brunch*

*\* Mon, July 18 @ 4:30-5:30 pm – Children’s Program #1 - Mad Science of Maine* returns with a new program, “Ramp it up”. Sign-up either online or at the club. Bring your children or grandchildren and join in the fun! Please no drop-offs.

*Fri, July 22 @ 5-10pm **Private Event** – Birthday Celebration*

*\* Sat, July 23 @ 3:00 pm – The Return of Family Day!* This is a Multi-Generational Event - Bring the family! Lawn Games start at 3:00 pm. After a 2-year hiatus, some games are old while some games are new! Come and check them out! About 5:00 pm dinner will be provided to children: Annie’s Mac-n-cheese, Pirates Booty, carrot/celery sticks with ranch dip, bottled water and ice cream sundaes. Adults should bring their own picnic supper, but will also be served ice cream sundaes for dessert! Sign up either online or at the club and tell us how many children will be participating.

*\* Sat, Aug 6 @ 5:00 pm* is the **Annual Lobster Bake** with a new, local caterer! Social hour begins at 5 pm with snacks provided. About 6 pm, dinner by Simply Susie’s Catering is served, including lobster and steamers OR grilled bbq chicken, both with cooked potato, onion, corn on the cob, egg, drawn butter, watermelon and ice cream sundaes. Costs are: \$35 Lobster/Clam Dinner; \$20 Grilled BBQ Chicken; \$5 Child’s Hotdog Plate. Guest costs are not subsidized by OBYC: \$50 Lobster/Clam Dinner; \$35 Grilled BBQ Chicken; but same \$5 Child’s Hotdog plate.

***FYI** – Wed, Aug 10 @ 6-10:00pm - OBIFD Caribbean Night Dinner and Dancing Under the Stars - Reserved advance tickets; entertainment by “Stream Reggae”.*

*\* Mon, Aug 15 @ 4:30-5:30 pm - Children’s Program #2 - Spark’s Ark* Come meet exotic animals and others more familiar. Bring your children/grandchildren or just come by yourself! This is not a “drop off” event. Sign-up online or at the club. This is an awesome program for ALL ages!

*Sat, Aug 20 @ 4:00 pm - Annual Meeting* (Proxies will be distributed to the membership before 8/6)

*\* Directly following the Annual Meeting* will be a **Social Hour, Summer Picnic Supper and Volunteer Appreciation**. Bring a cold dish or crock pot dish to share! Join us as we celebrate our volunteers! Please sign-up online or at the club.

## *Waterfront Etiquette*

During this busy summer season, please ensure when loading and unloading to dock your boats on the southern docks to keep the fuel dock clear. If fueling, please respect the AFSS boats on the two northern floats if school is in session. And most importantly...enjoy the boating season!

## *Kayak Paddles Planned*

Teena Patton shares the Kayak Paddlers upcoming schedule

Thursday July 7 Royal River - contact Donna Chale

Thursday July 14 Pleasant Pond - contact Teena

Tuesday July 26 Pemaquid Paddlers, Mere Point - show up at the boat launch at 9

Wednesday July 27 2nd annual Memorial Paddle for Julie Holowach - contact Teena

August 4, Paddle to Little Whaleboat Island (new preserve) - contact Teena

If anyone would like to plan a paddle from an area near them or a place we have not been, feel free. Teena would be glad to inform the group.

## *Orr's-Bailey Yacht Club*

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## *Club Newsletter*

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