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Waterfront Readied for Summer

The OBYC floats are in the water and already in use. Families will venture out on sail boats and power boats. Kayakers will paddle off into the sunset. AFSS students will hone their newly obtained sailing skills.

Well before the waterfront is commissioned for the season, a lot of work takes place. On Saturday April 29th, a group of club members volunteered to make repairs to our floats. Led by **Bob Gill**, several volunteers replaced decayed deck planking on one of the AFSS floats. **Ed Kenyon, Erin Kenyon, Nick Nichols, Ben Skinner and George Kinser** all worked to repair the float so it's safe for AFSS students this summer. **Eric Lusk** power washed the barnacles off the sides of several floats.

Meanwhile, **Kurt Miller, Bruce MacLeod** and Waterfront and Anchorage chair, **Paul Cournoyer** replaced a rusted out mushroom mooring that holds the kayak float in place. Luckily, Waterfront

Committee member Diane Winchell had recently donated a mushroom mooring, avoiding the need to buy a new one.

All of this effort culminated on May 6th. A large crowd of volunteers arrived. The club floats were returned to the water by a giant crane and then securely put into place on their moorings. So many club members came out on a misty, raw Saturday to lend a hand in this Spring club ritual that the work was finished in less than three hours!

Hilary Henry, who's been providing the coffee and donuts for several years for each Spring and Fall float evolution, said: "this is the largest group of volunteers for this event - next time I'm getting four boxes of coffee and four dozen donuts!."

More volunteers will be needed Saturday, June 17 at 9 a.m. to get the sailing-school boats and equipment in position for use by the AFSS. And come Saturday, October 14th we'll need more volunteers when the floats are pulled out and stacked.

All Hands Showed Up

The annual float launching, May 6 at 7:30 a.m. attracted a full complement of volunteers. But the giant crane temporarily got stuck in the mud leaving messy tracks.





Kayaking at OBYC

Come paddle with us! We are fair weather paddlers, and try to get out at least once a week for fun, exercise and enjoyment of our beautiful coastline. Our paddles generally last about 2-3 hours, longer if we have a destination in mind.

We usually meet at the club, launch from our kayak float, and decide where to go taking into account the weather, wind, tide. We'd love to have you join us. If you would like to be notified of upcoming paddling trips please send your e-mail address to Teena Patton at: christine.patton48@yahoo.com

Space in the kayak racks at OBYC is limited. We ask that couples who have kayaks please store both in the same space if possible.

2017 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.

Fri	6/2	5-8:00 pm	<i>PRIVATE EVENT</i>
Sat	6/3*	5:00 pm	WELCOME BACK! OPENING SOCIAL HOUR Bring an appetizer
Tues & Thurs	6/13-6/28*	8:30-9:15 am	GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES – June Session by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks <i>Come 5-10 minutes early on 6/13 to sign up & complete</i> appropriate paperwork. Classes start promptly at 8:30 am.
Sat	6/17	9:00 am	AFSS BOAT LAUNCHING – **Volunteers Needed!**
Sat	6/17*	5:00 pm 5:45 pm 6:00 pm	BLESSING OF THE FLEET POTLUCK DINNER Social Hour Blessing of the Fleet Potluck – Bring your favorite dish
Mon	6/19*	7:00 pm	DAY STEWARD PROGRAM - TRAINING CLASS
Tues	6/20*	7:00 pm	BOOK GROUP #1 – **This is a Tuesday meeting!** <u>Beloved Island - Franklin & Eleanor and the Legacy of Campobello</u> by Jonas Klein
Wednesdays	6/21-8/30	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	WEDNESDAY BINGO – Bring a <u>wrapped</u> 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 (appetizer, salad, dessert) Game of Bingo begins!
Thurs	6/22*	5:30 pm	PRE-CRUISE POTLUCK MEETING – All interested Cruisers, please join us at OBYC on 6/22 at 5:30 pm. Please bring something for the grill and something to share.



Sat-Wed 6/24-28	OBYC MINI-CRUISE to SNOW ISLAND, ROBINHOOD, CHRISTMAS COVE & BOOTHBAY
June 24, Sat	OBYC to Snow Island – Anchor
June 25, Sun	on to Robinhood Marina – Mooring, Slip or Anchor
June 26, Mon	on to Christmas Cove - Mooring or Slip
June 27, Tues	on to Boothbay – Mooring or Slip
June 28, Wed	Return to OBYC
Mon-Wed-Fri 6/26-9/19* 7:30-8:30 am	YOGA CLASSES by Instructor Hoa Tran Drop-in classes, donations accepted. Bring a water bottle and comfortable mat. Please arrive early – classes start promptly at 7:30 am!
Thurs 6/29* 7:00 pm	LECTURE SERIES #1 – “<i>Invasive Plants: Identification and Management</i>” by Jeff Stann
6:30 pm	Coffee and dessert
Sat 7/1 8-10:00 am	AFSS PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Open to the public \$8.50 Adults; \$6 Kids 12 and Under
Sat 7/1 6:00 pm	SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION - Bring a picnic supper & watch Cooks’ fireworks at 10:00 pm!
Mon-Fri 7/3-8/11 9:00 am-Noon	ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL – Barker Rm Beginner classes (Including July 4 class)
7/3-8/11 1:00-4:00 pm	Intermediate classes (Including July 4 class)
Tues & Thurs 7/6-7/27* 8:30-9:15 am	GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES – July Session by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks <i>Come 5-10 minutes early on 7/6</i> to sign up & complete appropriate paperwork. Classes start promptly at 8:30 am.
Thurs 7/6* 7:00 pm	BOOK GROUP #2 – <u><i>The Belles of New England - The Women of the Textile Mills and the Families Whose Wealth They Wove</i></u> by William Moran
Sat 7/8*	OBYC ROCKS!! Join us for an evening of rock n’roll! Feel free to wear your tie-dyed tops, bell bottoms, love beads, head bands, and peace signs, though this is optional!
5:00 pm	Social hour – Hors d’oeuvres provided
6:00 pm	Buffet dinner prepared by Caterer Diane Gagne Music by DJ Larry Moore of Rainbow Productions Members \$20 pp; Guests \$30 pp

- Thurs 7/13* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #2 – “Casco Bay Islands at War: WWII Military Surveillance”** by Kimberly MacIssac
6:30 pm Coffee and dessert
- Tues 7/18 7:00 pm **KNOT- TYING CLASS** - For all ages!
- Thurs 7/20* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #3 – A Good Man With a Dog: A Game Warden's 25 Years in Maine** by Roger Guay & Kate Flora
- Saturdays 7/22-8/19, 9/2 **SUMMER SAILING SERIES @ MYA**
12:00 pm Chowder Lunch at MYA – Only offered on Opening Day!
1:00 pm Skippers' Meeting
2:00 pm Race
- Sat 7/22* **“HOEDOWN AT OBYC” - FAMILY DAY**
3:00-5:00 pm Afternoon Activities and Games for all ages!
5:00 pm Awards Ceremony
- “HOEDOWN AT OBYC” – FAMILY DAY DINNER and OLD FASHIONED BARN DANCING**
With an “oink” and a “moo”, and a “cock-a-doodle-doo”, We're having a barn bash, and we're inviting you!
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Casual “Barn-style” Dinner provided, followed by Hoedown Music by Dance Caller Bill Olsen
- Thurs 7/27* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #3 – “Island Protectors”**
by OBIFD, EMS and the Sheriff's Office
6:30 pm Coffee and dessert
- Tues & Thurs 8/1-8/31* 8:30-9:15 am **GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES – August Session**
by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks
Come 5-10 minutes early on 8/1 to sign up & complete appropriate paperwork. Classes start promptly at 8:30 am.
- Tues 8/1 4-8:00 pm **PRIVATE EVENT**
- Thurs 8/4* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #4 – The Beans of Egypt, Maine** by Carolyn Chute
- Sat 8/5* **ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE**
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Dinner – Cost to be determined
Music by the “Squid Jiggers”



Thurs	8/10*	7:00 pm	LECTURE SERIES #4 – “Maine’s First Ship, the Virginia” By Orman Hines, President of MFS
		6:30 pm	Coffee and dessert
Thurs	8/17*	7:00 pm	BOOK GROUP #5 – <u>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy</u> by Gary Schmidt
Sat	8/19	4:00 pm	ANNUAL MEETING – **NEW TIME!**
			Proxies will be dispersed to membership by Aug. 1
		*Directly following meeting!	SOCIAL HOUR & SUMMER PICNIC SUPPER
			Bring a cold dish to share or a crock pot dish!
Thurs	8/24*	7:00 pm	LECTURE SERIES #5 – “Sailing Around the World” by John and Margo Almeida
		6:30 pm	Coffee and dessert
Sat	9/2		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	9/2	4-10:00 pm	<i>PRIVATE EVENT</i>
Sat	9/9*		SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER
		5:00 pm	Social Hour
		6:00 pm	Dinner cooked by the Kinsers and Volunteers
			Members only, \$10 per person, limited to 90.
Fri	9/15	3-9:00 pm	<i>PRIVATE EVENT</i>
Fri	9/22	5:30-10pm	<i>PRIVATE EVENT</i>
Fri	10/13*		AUTUMN GATHERING with Bowdoin “Longfellows”
		5:00 pm	Social Hour
		6:00 pm	Hearty Potluck – Bring an entrée, salad, bread or dessert
		7:00 pm	Entertainment by the Bowdoin “Longfellows”
Sat	10/14	TBA am	WATERFRONT DECOMMISSIONING / FLOAT REMOVAL / CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP
			Volunteers Needed!
Sat	12/2	4-6:00 pm	ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



Club Lists 30 Candidates to be Members

Sandy Nelson, OBYC Membership Committee, Chairman, reports that the OBYC Membership waiting list now contains 30 candidates (14 couples & 2 singles). Their applications have been reviewed and approved by the Membership Committee. Four candidates were added last month.

The membership committee is now advising new candidates that it may not be until 2019 or

later before there is an opening for them to become a regular OBYC member.

When a club member sponsors an applicant, we ask that they make sure the applicant know about our waiting list and how many candidates are on the list. This information should be stated in the sponsor's endorsement letter.



More E-Mails Needed!

Many couples are listed in the directory and the club's email list with a single address. Please make sure each individual's email is available by sending it to Sue Baker at the club. Please check the directory to make sure the club has current e-mails.

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About to begin its 18th season, the Abbot Fletcher Sailing School has several opportunities in the near future that need the assistance of OBYC members. Here's how you can help!

Sailing School Needs Volunteers

Saturday, June 17 , 9 AM BOAT CLEANING & LAUNCHING

Able-bodied volunteers are needed to wash and then launch our fleet of boats.

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

Raffle Basket: Contribute items to the basket that is raffled at the annual pancake breakfast. Prior year items have included bottles of wine, gourmet crackers, Maine-theme goodies, gift certificates, etc. Items may be left in the basket so marked on the left-hand table as you enter the clubhouse.

Silent Auction: A silent auction will be held during the pancake breakfast as well as at the lobster bake on August 5. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please contact Amber Skinner at 833-6386 to arrange for pick-up.

Saturday, July 1 8-10 AM ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Bring your family and friends to this feast of plain or blueberry pancakes with REAL maple syrup!

Classes begin Monday, July 3. There is still room in all classes except Beginners 7/24-7/28. Contact Sue Baker at 833-7745 (stbaker42@comcast.net) .



AFSS is most grateful to Kristin Fletcher, Max Fletcher, and Judy Fletcher Woodbury for listing the Sailing School as the recipient of gifts in memory of their mother, Eileen Fletcher Leighton, who died on May 7. They have designated these funds be used to establish a capital reserve fund for AFSS.



Volunteer Day Steward Program Resumes

The volunteer Day Steward program will resume Wednesday, July 5. Rich and Bunny Siegel, who spearheaded the successful resumption of the program last year, hope to get 25 to 30 member volunteers to provide coverage on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. So far 19 people have volunteered.

The Siegels will run a class Monday, June 19 at 7 p.m. to cover Steward duties and skills such as operating the marine radio, rowing around the mooring field to eyeball boats and pointing out guest moorings to visitors. Even returning stewards are required to attend the class.

The goal of the program is to welcome visitors, help members dock and cast off from the floats, and keep an eye out for trespassers using the facilities. Rich Siegel said that last summer "The program was well received by members and guests. We covered about 75% of the available days."

Sign up can be via phone or email, or via an internet sign-up sheet as in past years. Other pertinent info will be discussed at the orientation session.

With this robust response, day stewards should be able to cover all of the days in July and August, with folks just taking 2 days each.

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Newsletter

This is the second newsletter for the 2017 season. 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.

617-320-2528,

GREAT NEW OBYC CUSTOM ITEMS.

Custom-order OBYC items are once again available this summer from The Belted Cow. Available for order are D ring belts, leather tab belts, flip-flops, and key fobs. New this year are dog collars and a large size canvas bag (Great Chebeague) along with the other canvas bags, Cliff and Peaks. You are able to view these items in the display case. Orders need to be placed with Susu McIlvaine.

