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Commodore's Letter

What a difference a day makes....



The day, May 14th, started early – 5:45 a.m. to be exact. The fog had just lifted, and over a dozen OBYC members arrived, sipped coffee, and chatted while glancing intermittently at the idle dock ramps and the massive stacks of docks on the lawn. The porch was empty – the rockers and grill still tucked inside, out of the winter weather.

More members arrived. And then we heard the crane approaching, signaling – it's time to get to work. And, to work we went.

At the waterfront, Paul and Bruce assembled several teams, assigning each to the various tasks needed to orchestrate the careful process of getting each float into the water, in the proper order, at its correct orientation, and secured in place. On land, Dick and Gail Stevens

had assembled a list of tasks to perform to get the clubhouse ready for the season. A separate team of members tackled those chores.

As the old saying goes – many hands made light work! By 11:00 a.m., the transformation was complete!. The floats were bobbing up and down on the water, club dinghies were tied up, and rockers were rocking on the porch.

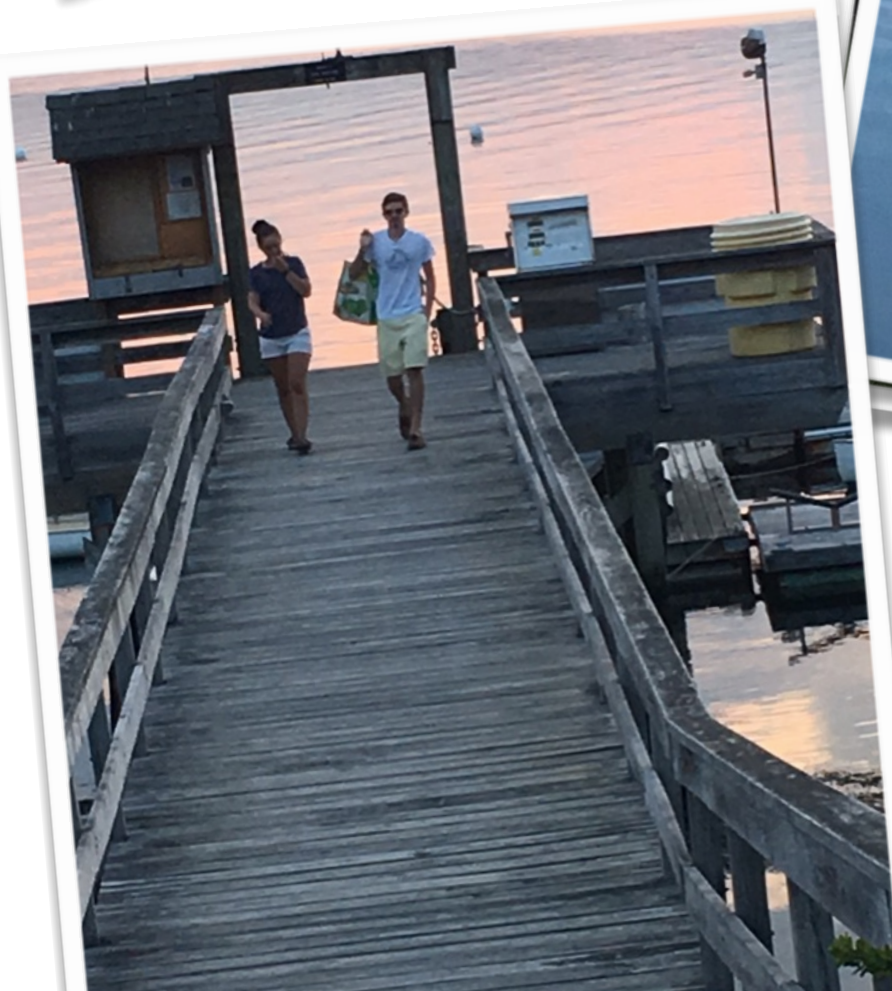
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Early risers launching
the floats



Two seafarers return from
an evening row in a
dinghy.

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A week later, Nancy Kinser coordinated a team of members for some finishing touches -- weeding, pruning, moving plants, spreading mulch and whatever else was needed to ready the gardens in front. With a fresh coat of gravel on the parking lot, OBYC is ready for us to come enjoy the water and relax with friends and family.

Thanks to all the members who were able to help out with all these opening chores! The turnout was great, which made a big job very manageable!

If you are wondering about the new garden ornament – a rusty old anchor at the front door – well, here is the story. It was discovered while pulling up the anchor lines to the float closest to the kayak dock. It took four people to muscle it out of the water and carry it to its current place of honor. Beauty (and garden art) is in the eyes of the beholder.

Lastly, I wanted to call attention to what has become a new activity on our annual social calendar – the Mini-Cruise. George and Nancy Kinser are coordinating the second annual club cruise, which will set out on Wednesday, June 22
itinerary is as follows:

- Wednesday, June 22 Snow Island - Anchor

- Thursday, June 23
Derecktor / Robinhood –
Reserve a mooring or slip
- Friday, June 24
Christmas Cove – Reserve a
mooring or slip
- Saturday, June 25
Boothbay – Reserve a
mooring or slip at Tugboat
Inn
- Sunday, June 26 Home

Come along for part, or all of the trip, or join the cruisers for dinner at Ports of Italy restaurant in Boothbay Harbor the evening of the 25th. Please contact George or Nancy If you plan to participate in the cruise or dinner in Boothbay:

- George & Nancy Home -
207-844-3313
- George Cell -
207-844-4373
- George email -
gflight3@gmail.com
- Nancy Cell -
207-844-0473

There will be a pre-cruise meeting at OBYC on June 12th at 5:30pm. Please bring your potluck dinner and a dish to share.

Looking forward to catching up with you all at one of our events or on the water.

Garrett
OBYC Commodore

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. It's a great opportunity to explore those islands you have eyed from afar.

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

If your family has more than one kayak on the rack, please put both in the same slot. We have more kayakers than spaces this year.

2016 Social Calendar

Items in italics are for general information only – not club functions

Hosts needed for several events. Please take a turn.

Members should bring their beverage of choice to ALL events

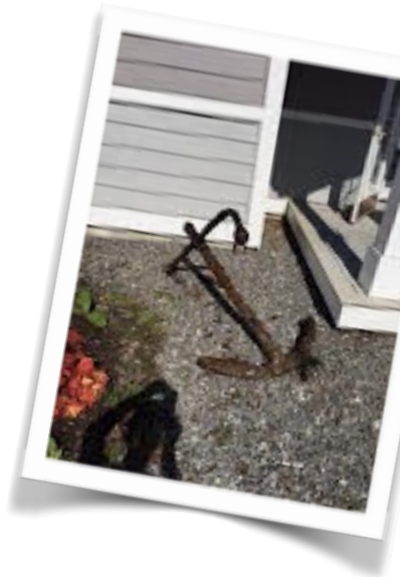
Members must sign up either online or at the club.

Sign up must be completed by Wednesday evening for all Saturday and Thursday events.

- Sat 6/11* 5:00 pm **WELCOME BACK! OPENING SOCIAL HOUR**
Bring an Appetizer
Hosts: Knight, McFarland, Patterson
- Sun 6/12* 5:30 pm **PRE-CRUISE POTLUCK MEETING** – If you're interested in cruising with us Wed-Sun, 6/22-26, join us for a meeting! Bring something to grill and a dish to share! Additional info, contact George and Nancy Kinser
- Tues & Thurs 6/14-8/25* 8:30-9:15 am **GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES** by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks
- Sat 6/18 9:00 am **AFSS BOAT LAUNCHING** – **Volunteers Needed!**
Host: R Gill
- Mon-Wed-Fri 6/20-7/29* 7:30-8:30 am **YOGA CLASSES** by Instructor Hoa Tran
- Wed-Sun 6/22-26 **OBYC MINI-CRUISE** to SNOW ISLAND, ROBINHOOD, CHRISTMAS COVE & BOOTHBAY
Hosts: Kinser, Gill
June 23, Thurs on to Derecktor/Robinhood – Mooring, Slip or Anchor
June 24, Fri on to Christmas Cove - Mooring or Slip
June 25, Sat on to Boothbay – Mooring or Slip
June 26, Sun Return to OBYC
Hosts: Kinser, Gill
- Wednesdays 6/22-8/31 **WEDNESDAY BINGO** – Bring a wrapped white elephant bingo gift (not exceeding \$5 value). Great fun for all ages!
6:00 pm Social Hour/Dinner – Bring something to grill and a dish to share (appetizer, salad, dessert)
7:00 pm Game of Bingo begins!



- Thurs 6/23* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #1 – Fortune's Rocks** by Anita Shreve
Facilitator and Hostess: MGill
- Sat 6/25*
5:00 pm Social Hour
5:45 pm Blessing of the Fleet - The Rev. Kitty Babson
6:00 pm Potluck – Bring your favorite dish
Hosts: Rusczek, Fletcher/Sipe, Parks
- Sat 7/2 8-10:00 am **AFSS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**– Open to the public
\$8.50 Adults; \$6 Kids 12 and Under
- Saturdays 7/2-7/30
1:00 pm Skippers' Meeting
2:00 pm Race
- Sat 7/2 6:00 pm **SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION** - Bring a picnic supper & watch fireworks from Cooks at 10:00 pm!
- Mon-Fri
7/4-8/12 9:00 am-Noon Beginner classes
7/4-8/12 1:00-4:00 pm Intermediate classes
- Thurs 7/7* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #2 – The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins, Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, and the Minimum Wage** by Kirstin Downey (2009)
Facilitator: MObreiter
Hostess: MGill
- Sat 7/9*
5:00 pm Calling all Hippies! Wear your tie-dyed tops, bell bottom pants, love beads, head bands, and peace signs!
6:00 pm Social hour – Hors d'oeuvres provided
Catered buffet dinner prepared by Gagne Catering
Music by DJ Larry Moore of Rainbow Productions
Members \$20 pp; Guests \$30 pp
Hosts:
- Thurs 7/14* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #1 – “Speaking as a Union Soldier”** by local Civil War Re-enactor Thornton Batty
6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee
Hosts: BMcGowen,



- Fri 7/15* 7:00 pm **MOVIE NIGHT #1 – “*The Hundred Foot Journey*”**
 Bring a snack to share!
 Hosts: Teena Patton and Judi Hartman
- Thurs 7/21* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #3 – Something in the Water by Peter Scott**
 Facilitator: MObreiter
 Hostess: MGill
- Sat 7/23*
 3:00-5:00 pm **UNDER THE SEA - A MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILY DAY**
 Afternoon Activities and Games for **all** ages!
 5:00 pm Awards Ceremony
 Hosts: HKitchel, Babson, P Taylor
- 5:00 pm **UNDER THE SEA – FAMILY DAY DINNER**
 Social Hour
 6:00 pm Casual Dinner provided
 Music and Ukulele-oke by the Sirens of Strum”
 Hosts: A Taylor
- Thurs 7/28* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #2 – “*Everest the Hard Way*”**
 By world-famous American mountain climber Ed Webster.
 6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee
 Hosts: BMcGowen
- Sat 7/30 3-10 pm private event: Stewart
- Sun 7/31* 5:00 pm **JULY SAILING SERIES AWARDS CELEBRATION**
 Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share
 Hosts: Marnie McFarland
- Thurs 8/4* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #4 – The Precipice: A Novel (Mike Bowditch Mysteries) by Paul Doiron**
 Facilitator: MObreiter
 Hostess: MGill
- Wed 8/3 10-2:00 pm **Orr’s Island Library Annual Book Sale & Fair at Lowell’s Cove**



- Sat 8/6* **ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE**
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 6:00 pm Dinner – Cost to be determined
 Music by “The Dave Rowe Trio”
 Hosts: Holler, Duda, and Volunteers!
- Thurs 8/11* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #3 – “*Birds of the Local Maine Coast*”** by Ornithologist Derek Lovitch
 6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee
 Hosts: BMcGowen,
- Fri 8/12* 7:00 pm **MOVIE NIGHT #2 – “*Thunderheart*”**
 Bring a snack to share!
 Hosts: Teena Patton and Joan Lester
- Sat-Sun 8/13-14 OBIFD Tag Sale/Auction*
- Thurs 8/18* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #5 – August Gale: A Father and Daughter’s Journey Into the Storm** by Barbara Walsh
 Facilitator: MObreiter
 Hostess: MGill
- Sat 8/20 10:00 am **ANNUAL MEETING** – at Clubhouse
 Proxies will be dispersed to membership by Aug. 6
- Sat 8/20* **AN OLYMPIC EATING EVENT**
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 6:00 pm International Potluck – Bring an ethnic dish to share from North, Central or South America!
 Entertainment by “The Maine Squeeze”
 Hosts:
- Thurs 8/25* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #4 – “*Harpwell Neck Through Your Grandparent’s Eyes*”** by Ed Phinney
 6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee
 Hosts: BMcGowen,
- Sat 9/10* **SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER (With a Twist of Star Trek!)**
 Celebrating Star Trek’s 50th Anniversary on TV.
 Star Trek attire welcome!
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 6:00 pm Dinner cooked by the Kinsers and Volunteers
 Members only, \$10 per person, limited to 90.
 Hosts: Kinser, Gill,



Sat	10/1*		CHILI AND CHOWDER FALL GATHERING
		5:00 pm	Social Hour
		6:00 pm	Potluck – Bring chili, chowder, bread, salad, or dessert
			Hosts:
Sat	12/3	4-6:00 pm	ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
			Bring a hearty appetizer
			Hosts:

Day Steward Program Resumes

The volunteer Day Steward program will resume after July 4 this summer. 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.

The Siegels will run a class Tuesday, June 28 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."

The club is advertising for a licensed boat launch operator to work every weekend and holiday through Labor Day. However, there haven't been any responses so far.

Member News

Jamie & Kate Whittemore have reactivated their membership after taking a brief, Board-approved leave of absence. Their updated contact information can be found on the club's website membership directory.

The following changes can be found in the member directory on the OBYC web site.

Julie Holowach	new email address
Martha Jarvis	added email address
Chris Nichols	corrected PO Box #
Catherine Nicholson	added cell phone #
Joanne Rattan	added email address



All Members Can Help Out AFSS

OBYC members support the skill of sailing and promote the sport for future generations by helping out with the Abbot Fletcher Sailing School.

Volunteers are needed June 18 at 9:00 a.m. to carry the sailboats from the racks down to the water. Many hands make light work.

Sailors who are buying new canvas for their own boats can help out the school by purchasing from Precision Sails Ltd., Victoria, B.C. They can be reached at 888 958 5638 or at precisionsailoft.com. The firm will donate a brand new Opti sail to the sailing school for any purchase of over \$1,000.

OBYC member Lance Goldenthal recently placed an order for a new genoa for his Seawind ketch *Golden Gull* and discovered the bonus.

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Classified Ads

OBYC is seeking a licensed, qualified Launch Operator / Dock Attendant for the 2016 season. Duties include: operating 17' launch in transporting members to and from vessels, maintaining launch, assisting visiting yachtsmen and other misc. duties. Weekends only 18-20 hrs. Must be available mid-June thru Labor Day. Send resume and boating history to obycanchorage@gmail.com

Newsletter

Contact **Bill Bulkeley** with photographs, articles, and suggestions for your OBYC newsletter.

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