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## Commodore's Letter: We Want Input!

Your opinion matters and the board wants to hear it!

Each month as the board addresses programs and policies of OBYC we are faced with the challenge of representing the collective interests and desires of 250 members. One of the great attributes of OBYC is the diverse interests of its members. On any given day, members are engaged in fishing, sailing, general boating, cruising, youth sailing, kayaking, social events, or just hanging out and watching the world go by. This diversity is associated with an equal number of ideas about what the club should, or should not, be investing club resources in. This is why the board seeks your thoughts and input.

Some of the current matters that the board would like your thoughts on include:

*1. How well received has the day steward program been? For 2018, it is planned to just cover Friday, Saturday and Sunday.*

*2. Do you feel that a launch operator or a dock attendant is needed? Should they work just on weekends or five days a week including weekends but with two weekdays off? The day steward could cover dock duties on the two days off.*

*3. The club recently purchased a 19' Rhodes keel sailboat for club members and AFSS use. Would you still want to sail the AFSS Hunters and 420s or limit club member sailing to the Rhodes? Do you now sail the AFSS boats? (Qualification standards are being developed.)*



## Commodore's Letter *cont.*

*1. Whatever other thoughts you have on how to improve OBYC are welcome!*

The Board determined that the best way to get your input is to ask members directly. So, on Saturday, June 30, at the Blessing of the Fleet social event, a board member and his/her spouse will be seated at each dinner table. Please share your thoughts with them. They will listen and bring your ideas and thoughts to our next board meeting. The general themes for what is shared will be compiled and shared with members afterwards.

In the meantime, enjoy the June beauty of the Maine coast. Summer is right around the corner, as manifested by the sound of lawn mowers, children playing outdoors, trees in bloom and the ever present fragrance of Maine – insect repellent.

I look forward to seeing you at OBYC soon.

Happy boating,

Fred Rusczek, Commodore

Dick Stevens reports that our fuel tank has passed its annual inspection by Linco Petroleum Services. The tank is in good shape with no water or sludge on the bottom of the tank.

The padlock on the gas pump has been rekeyed, like the clubhouse, and Treasurer Sue Baker will be distributing new keys to all members at social events.

## Dinghy-Kayak Identification Rules

To improve the traceability of members' dinghies at the floats and kayaks stored on the racks, dinghy / kayak registration stickers will be sent to all members who have paid their dinghy / kayak fee for this year. Those members will receive their sticker later this month.

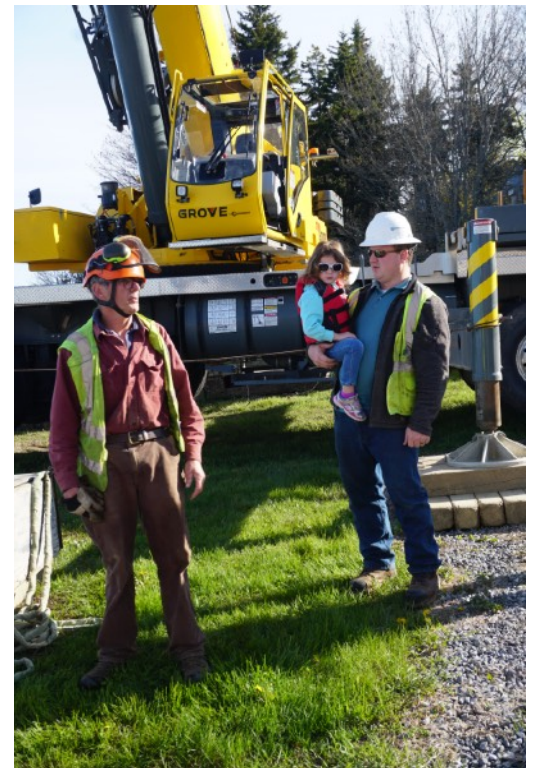
Dinghies that are stored in the water are to have their sticker placed on the inside of the transom on either the port or starboard side of the transom. Dinghies that are stored on top of the floats are to have their sticker placed on the outside of the transom in a visible manner. All kayaks stored on the club racks must have the sticker affixed to the right side of the kayak bow.

In addition, please remember to mark your name and phone number on your dinghy or kayak with a permanent ink marker.





*Club  
Opening  
and  
Float  
Launch*



*Photos by Charlotte McIlvaine*



volunteer-run since 19  
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# 2018 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.

Sat	6/9	10-6:00 pm	<i>PRIVATE EVENT (Whittemore)</i>
Sat	6/16	9:00 am	<b>AFSS BOAT CLEANING &amp; LAUNCHING –</b> <b>**Volunteers Needed!**</b> Rain date: Sun, June 17!
Sat	6/16*	5:00 pm	<b>WELCOME BACK! OPENING SOCIAL HOUR</b> Bring an appetizer
Mon	6/18*	7:00 pm	<b>DAY STEWARD PROGRAM - TRAINING CLASS</b> For first-time Day Stewards, or if you feel you need a refresher!)
Wednesdays	6/20-8/29		<b>WEDNESDAY BINGO</b> – Bring a <u>wrapped</u> 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 (i.e. appetizer, salad, dessert)
		7:00 pm	Game of Bingo begins!
Thurs	6/21*	7:00 pm	<b>BOOK GROUP #1 – <u>A Piece of the World</u></b> by Christina Baker Kline
Fri	6/22*	5:30 pm	<b>PRE-CRUISE POTLUCK MEETING</b> – For all interested Cruisers! Please bring something for the grill and a dish to share. Contact George or Nancy Kinser for additional info. 207-844-3313 or <a href="mailto:gflight3@gmail.com">gflight3@gmail.com</a> .



- Sun-Thurs 6/24-28  
 June 24, Sun  
 June 25, Mon  
 June 26, Tues  
 June 27, Wed  
 June 28, Thurs
- OBYC MINI-CRUISE**  
 OBYC to The Basin (New Meadows River) – Anchor  
 on to Boothbay – Mooring or Slip  
 on to Christmas Cove - Mooring or Slip  
 on to Five Islands – Mooring or Slip  
 Return to OBYC
- Mon-Wed-Fri  
 6/25-9/21 7:30-8:30 am
- YOGA CLASSES** by Instructor Kevin Wicks  
***Come 5-10 mins early*** to complete appropriate paperwork.  
 Drop-in classes, donations accepted. Classes start promptly at 7:30 am  
 – and bring a mat!
- Tues-Thurs  
 6/26-6/28 7:30-8:00 am
- WALK15 CLASSES** by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks  
***Come 5-10 mins early*** to complete appropriate paperwork.  
 Drop-in classes, \$8 per class. Classes start promptly at 7:30 am.
- Thurs 6/28\* 7:00 pm  
 6:30 pm
- LECTURE SERIES #1 – “*From Bailey Island to the Great Barrier Reef: Sea Stars as Sentinels of a Changing World*”** by Dr. Jon Allen of the Schiller Coastal Studies Center on Orr’s Island  
 Dessert and Coffee
- Sat 6/30\*  
 5:00 pm  
 5:45 pm  
 6:00 pm
- BLESSING OF THE FLEET POTLUCK DINNER**  
 Social Hour  
 Blessing of the Fleet - The Rev. Kitty Babson  
 Potluck – Bring your favorite dish
- 6/30 9:30 pm
- COOKS’ FIREWORKS!**
- Mon-Fri  
 7/2-8/10 9:00 am-Noon  
 7/2-8/10 1:00-4:00 pm
- ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL** – Barker Rm  
 Beginner classes (Including July 4 class)  
 Intermediate classes (Including July 4 class)
- Tues & Thurs  
 7/3-7/31\* 7:30-8:15 am
- GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES – July Session**  
 by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks  
***Come 5-10 minutes early on 7/3*** to sign up & complete appropriate paperwork. Classes start promptly at 7:30 am.  
 \$72/Session of 9 classes, or \$10 Walk-in fee per class.
- Thurs 7/5\* 7:00 pm
- BOOK GROUP #2 – Uncle Tom’s Cabin** by Harriet Beecher Stowe
- Sat 7/7 8-10:00 am
- AFSS PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION**  
 Open to the public \$8.50 Adults; \$6 Kids 12 and Under

- Thurs 7/12\* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #2 – “*Harriet Beecher Stowe: The Little Lady Who Started That Great War*”** by Cathi Belcher, Stowe House Educator for Bowdoin College  
6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee/Tea
- Sat 7/14\* **ROCKIN’ WITH ROCKWEED - BBQ Catered Dinner**  
5:00 pm Social Hour  
6:00 pm Catered BBQ Dinner by Beale Street Barbeque of Bath, Me  
Cost: TBD  
7:00 pm Entertainment by “Rockweed”
- Thurs 7/19\* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #3 – One Man’s Meat** by E. B. White
- Saturdays 7/21- 9/1 **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 7/21\* **“WALK THE PLANK AT OBYC!” – A Multi-Generational Family Day**  
3:00-5:00 pm Afternoon Activities and Games for all ages!  
5:00 pm Awards Ceremony  
Pirate attire is encouraged!
- 7/21\* **“WALK THE PLANK AT OBYC!” – Family Day Dinner & Entertainment**  
5:00 pm Social Hour  
6:00 pm Pizza dinner provided, followed by entertainment  
Pirate attire is encouraged!
- Mon 7/23\* 4:00-5:00 pm **MAD SCIENCE OF MAINE - Children’s Program!**  
Bring your children/grandchildren of all ages to participate in fantastic science experiments and leave with their own freshly made Slime! This is not a “drop-off” event.  
Please sign up by Sunday, 7/22 at 5:00 pm!\*
- Thurs 7/26\* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #3 – “*Reflections of My Journey From Maine to Africa and Haiti as a US Diplomat*”** by Pamela White, Former U.S. Ambassador and Orr’s Island Resident  
6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee
- Wed 8/1 10-2:00 pm *Orr’s Is Library Annual Book Sale & Fair at Lowell’s Cove*
- Tues & Thurs **GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES – August Session**



- Tues & Thurs 8/2-8/30\* 7:30-8:15 am **GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES – August Session**  
by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks  
***Come 5-10 minutes early on 8/2*** to sign up & complete appropriate paperwork. Classes start promptly at 7:30 .  
\$72/Session of 9 classes or \$10 Walk-in fee per class.
- Thurs 8/2\* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #4 – Boar Island** by Nevada Barr
- Sat 8/4\*  
5:00 pm **ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE**  
Social Hour  
6:00 pm Dinner – Cost TBD  
Additional Guest Fee: \$10/guest  
Music by “Dave Rowe”
- Thurs 8/9\* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #4 – “*Let’s Talk Coffee!*”** by  
Bob Garver, President of Wicked Joe Organic Coffee Co.  
6:30 pm Dessert and Wicked Joe Coffee!
- Sat-Sun 8/11-12 ***OBIFD 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction and Yard Sale***
- Mon 8/13\* 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! Yikes!  
Please sign up by Sunday, 8/12 @5:00 pm.\*
- Thurs 8/16\* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #5 – The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit** by Michael Finkel
- Sat 8/18 **4:00 pm** **ANNUAL MEETING – \*\*NEW TIME!\*\***  
Proxies will be sent to membership by Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>!
- \*Directly following meeting!  
**SOCIAL HOUR & SUMMER PICNIC SUPPER**  
Bring a cold dish or a crock pot dish to share!
- Sat 8/25 10-10:00pm **PRIVATE EVENT (Duda Wedding)**
- Sat 9/1  
1:00 pm **SUMMER SAILING SERIES @ MYA – RACE,**  
2:00 pm **POTLUCK DINNER & AWARDS**  
6:00 pm Skippers’ Meeting  
Last Race  
Potluck Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Sat	9/8*		<b>INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK</b>
		5:00 pm	Social Hour
		6:00 pm	Bring your favorite international dish to share!
Fri	10/5*		<b>CHILI AND CHOWDER FALL POTLUCK</b>
		5:00 pm	Social Hour
		6:00 pm	Bring chili, chowder, salad, bread, or dessert to share
			Please sign up by Wed, 10/3 @ 5:00 pm*
Sat	10/6	TBA am	<b>WATERFRONT DECOMMISSIONING / FLOAT REMOVAL / CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP</b>
			<b>***Volunteers Needed!***</b>
			Hosts: Waterfront and Grounds & Building Committees
			<b>**Coffee and Donuts Provided**</b>
Sat	12/1	4-6:00 pm	<b>ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY</b>
			Bring a hearty appetizer

## AFSS Update

Spread the word: there are still openings available for Beginner and Intermediate classes at AFSS except for the Intermediate class 7/2-7/6. One and two-week sessions run from July 2 thru August 10.

AFSS major annual fund-raiser is the Pancake Breakfast, which will occur Saturday, July 7. Come to the Pancake Breakfast 8-10 AM and enjoy your choice of plain or blueberry pancakes with real maple syrup, sausage, juice, and coffee. \$8.50 for adults, \$6.00 for children under 10.

AFSS is seeking donations for its Silent Auction that will be held in conjunction with the annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, July 7.

Some of the items donated already include Sea Dogs tickets, including parking; OBYC logo wine carafe; canoe paddle, OBYC fleece jacket, custom knit Christmas stocking.

If you have items you wish to donate, please contact Amber Skinner at 833-6386 or email her at [millayclare@yahoo.com](mailto:millayclare@yahoo.com). Gift certificates to area businesses always are popular items.

For those who do not plan to attend the Pancake Breakfast but who may wish to support AFSS, auction items will be on display and bids accepted in the clubhouse from Friday noon, 7/6, until the auction closes at 10 AM on Saturday.

## *Club Buys Rhodes 19 to Boost Adult Sailing*

Orr's Bailey Yacht Club promotes the enjoyment of sailing by adult members as well as the children served by the Abbot Fletcher Sailing School. We recently acquired a used Rhodes 19 with a keel for \$5,000. The boat may be more comfortable for adult sailors than the Hunters and 420s used in sailing classes.

A number of club members, including Commodore Fred Ruszcek and vice commodore Kristin Fletcher are long-time, enthusiastic owners of Rhodes 19's.

The new boat inspired the board and the AFSS sailing committee to revisit policies for adult use. The goal is to continue to allow qualified members to use AFSS sailboats, when not in use by AFSS. This has been the policy since the youth sailing program was introduced more than 20 years ago.

The club is seeking members who are interested in adult sailing who would be willing to oversee the adult sailing activity. A few changes are intended to assure safety of boats and members:

Ensure that members who use OBYC property are properly oriented to the boats and their equipment.

Develop a sign-out process so the club knows who uses the boats.

Ensure that the boats used by AFSS are available and ready for use as needed.

Ensure that OBYC members have the experience to safely use the boats.

Maintain a list of members who are qualified to use AFSS boats.

Have volunteers to help remove boats left in the water after AFSS sessions are over.

OBYC seeks volunteers to help set up the process and coordinate the use of AFSS sailboats.

Since the Rhodes 19 is a larger boat with deeper draft than the AFSS sailboats, its use will require training. Members will need to show they can use it safely. The club needs to develop a training program. We are seeking volunteers to help develop, coordinate, train, and participate in an adult sailing program.

Please contact Commodore Fred Ruszcek at [Ruszcek@comcast.net](mailto:Ruszcek@comcast.net) or 207-725-5101 if you have interest in participating in overseeing or using OBYC's sailboat.

## *Classified Advertising*

Kayak for sale in Cundy's Harbor. 16 foot fiberglass sea kayak with a skeg and pump. Cockpit is small style.

For more information e-mail: [bburns174@gmail.com](mailto:bburns174@gmail.com)



23-foot Wellcraft walk around with 200 hp Yamaha outboard. 1980 boat, well-maintained, new canvas, with head, berths for two. See it at New Meadows Marina or e-mail [bill.bulkeley@gmail.com](mailto:bill.bulkeley@gmail.com) Asking \$5,500.



## Member Notes

Nick Barker has joined as a Junior Associate member. He is a recent Bates College graduate and the son of Larry and Heidi Barker and grandson of former Commodore, Conny Barker. There are now eight Junior Associate members of OBYC.

Members may go to the password protected section of the Club website to view changes in the directory for the following members:

Crowley – remove boat

Duda – boat change

Haley – last name change

McIlvaine – delete Family Option

Roy, R – add boat



## Board of Directors

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## Newsletter

This is the second newsletter for 2018. 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.

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