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Dear Members,

Hello! Well, it's been a delayed start, but the season does seem to be upon us, finally! Each week a few more boats pepper the anchorage.

I would like to once again thank the tens of volunteers who have worked through the winter to ensure that the clubhouse and waterfront are ready for us. The level and commitment of our volunteer activity continues to impress me. Saturday I was at the Club while one of our members was doing some touch-up painting inside the main hall. After I commented that she treats this place as if it were her home, she responded "it kind of is!" That attitude represents well the dedication of so many. We are all grateful and fortunate that we can continue to remain volunteer-based based on your efforts.

During the course of the fall and winter, the Board has been planning for the season in all ways tactical and strategic.

In response to numerous comments at the two most recent Annual Meetings, several Board Members have been working with the town and legal counsel in a series of meetings supported by fact-finding to understand limitations on our

membership. As a result and consistent with the defined responsibilities of the Board, we recently voted to change the membership rule to increase the membership from 250 to 260 regular members, effective immediately. [continued, Pg. 2](#)



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There are a number of reasons to make this change, including the capacity of the club and supporting systems, the evolving usage of the club, the sustainability and leadership of our aging membership, and the length of the waiting list. Note that the current increase represents a conservative four percent incremental change in order to allow time to integrate these new members as well as others who have been admitted since the first of the year.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the water or at one of our upcoming social events.

Existing members, please be sure to introduce yourselves and offer support to new members joining us this year.

Happy sailing!

-Kristin



New rockers on the club deck were assembled this spring and are ready for members

Board Nominations Sought

The Nominating Committee Seeks Input from Interested Members

Each year the Nominating Committee is tasked with nominating a slate of four members to serve on the Board of Directors, a three year commitment. According to OBYC's Bylaws, the Nominating Committee is responsible "to obtain qualified and willing nominees for open positions on the Board of Directors who may be elected at the Annual Meeting."

The Committee considers many qualities for potential Board Members, including leadership skills, diversity in ages and gender, club longevity, and history of volunteerism demonstrating commitment to the Club. The Committee both recruits candidates and accepts applicants.

The bulk of the Committee's work is done early in the season in order to have a slate of candidates prepared for the Annual Meeting packets that are mailed for voting two weeks before the meeting.

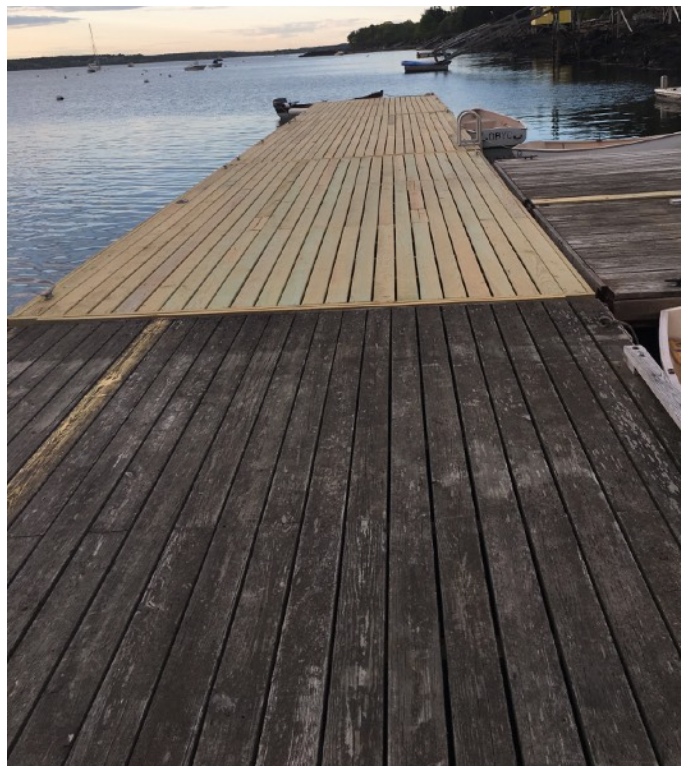
This year the Committee is reaching out to the membership to seek interested members who would like to be considered to be nominated by the Committee. If you are interested please submit the following information to the Committee Chair, Teena Patton, no later than June 15, 2019.

- a short biography
- an overview of involvement with the Club, including history of volunteerism
- a description of qualifications and relevant skills
- a commitment to the year-round activities of the Board
- a current photograph (jpg is great)

Please e-mail submissions to:

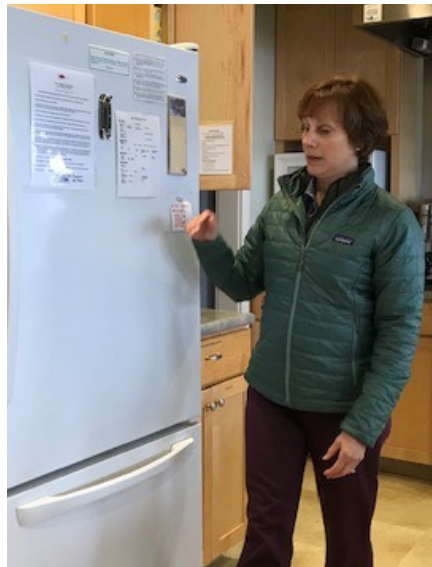
Teena Patton, Chair (Christine.patton48@yahoo.com)

Three new floats were added to the waterfront this year, replacing three that had deteriorated beyond repair. It will be a while before the new floats weather to match their elderly brethren.

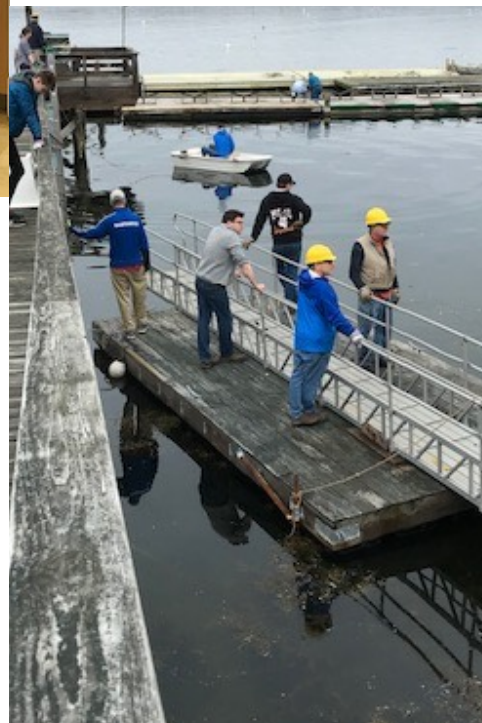


Club Opening

Despite cloudy skies, a cheerful crowd of OBYC volunteers gathered on May 4 to set up the clubhouse and the waterfront including three brand new floats. Photos by Teena Patton



Dan Stevens put on a hard hat to help with float launching. Lynn Knight helped get the kitchen ready for summer use.



2019 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.

Mondays	5/13-10/7 1:30-4:00 pm	Mah-Jongg
Sat	6/15 5:00 pm	WELCOME BACK! OPENING SOCIAL HOUR Bring an appetizer
Wednesdays	6/19-8/28 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 (i.e. appetizer, salad, dessert) Game of Bingo begins!
Thurs	7:30-8:15am 6/20, 6/27, 7/11	GENTLE AEROBICS/WALK15 COMBO CLASS by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks Drop-in classes, \$10 per class. Classes will continue into August if there is enough interest on these 3 dates. Classes start promptly at 7:30 am.
Thurs	6/20* 6:00 pm	WINE TASTING by Jim Whalen and Harriett Tobin Hors d'oeuvres provided; Limited to 50; Cost TBD
Fri	6/21* 5:30 pm	PRE-CRUISE POTLUCK MEETING – 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 gflight3@gmail.com .
Sat	6/22 9:00 am	AFSS CLEAN & LAUNCH SAILBOATS **Volunteers Needed!**



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- Sun-Thurs 6/23-27 **OBYC MINI-CRUISE** – Itinerary to be determined
Leaving OBYC Sun and returning Thurs.
- Mon-Wed-Fri
6/24-9/20 7:30-8:30 am **YOGA CLASSES** by Instructor Omkara Kevin Wicks
Drop-in classes by donation
M-F Classes are traditional Hatha Yoga
W Classes are Qigong (movement)
Please bring your own mat and arrive 5-10 minutes early.
Classes start promptly at 7:30.
- Thurs 6/27* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #1 - Lives of Consequence: Blacks in Early Kittery & Berwick in the Massachusetts Province of Maine**
By Patricia Q. Wall
Presenter: Mary Ellen Obreiter
- Sat 6/29*
5:00 pm **BLESSING OF THE FLEET POTLUCK DINNER**
Social Hour
5:45 pm Blessing of the Fleet
6:00 pm Potluck – Bring your favorite dish
Hosts: McFarland; Kittle, C. Kelley
- Mon-Fri
7/1-8/9 9:00-12:00 pm **ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL** – Barker Rm
Beginner classes
7/1-8/9 1:00-4:00 pm Intermediate classes
7/8-8/9 1:00-4:00 pm Racing classes begin on July 8
- Sat 7/6 8-10:00 am **AFSS PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION**
Open to the public \$8.50 Adults; \$6 Kids 12 and Under
- Sat 7/6 9:30 pm *COOKS' FIREWORKS!*
- Thurs 7/11* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #1 – “Honoring Our Island Protectors”** by a panel of OBIFD firemen and EMTs

- Sat 7/13* **"QUESTIONS & QUESADILLAS" TRIVIA NIGHT**
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner Mexican-Style!
 7:00 pm Trivia begins
- Thurs 7/18* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #2 – *One Goal: A Coach, a Team, and the Game That Brought a Divided Town Together***
 by Amy Bass
 Presenter: Maggie Gill
- Saturdays 7/20- 8/31 **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 7/20* **OBYC FAMILY DAY SUMMER FUN!**
 3:00-5:00 pm Afternoon Activities and Games for all ages!
 5:00 pm Awards Ceremony/Social Hour
 6:00 pm Pizza dinner provided
- Mon 7/22* 4:00-5:00 pm **MAD SCIENCE OF MAINE - Children's Program!**
 Bring your children/grandchildren of all ages to participate
 in science experiments! This is not a "drop-off" event.
 Please sign up by Sunday, 7/21 at 5:00 pm!*
- Thurs 7/25* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #2 – "*Maine Tracks: The Underground Railroad in Maine*"** by Maine author Mark Allan Leslie; Book signing available after presentation
 6:30 pm Coffee and Dessert
- Thurs 8/1* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #3 – *The Last Lobster: Boom or Bust for Maine's Greatest Fishery?***
 by Christopher White
 Presenter: Linda Kittle
- Sat 8/3* **ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE**
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 6:00 pm Dinner – Cost TBD
 Music by "String Tide"



- Mon 8/5* 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!
Please sign up by Sunday, 8/4 @5:00 pm.*
- Wed 8/7 10-2:00 pm *Orr's Is Library Annual Book Sale & Fair at Lowell's Cove*
- Thurs 8/8* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #3 – “Stone Age Mariners: Exploring Harpswell's Prehistory”** by OBYC Member John Goff
6:30 pm Coffee and Dessert
- Sat 8/10 3:00-10:00pm *PRIVATE EVENT (Adams/Wing)*
- Sat-Sun 8/10-11 *OBIFD 26th Annual Auction and Yard Sale*
- Thurs 8/15* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #4 – Lost on a Mountain in Maine** by Donn Fendler
Presenter: TBD
- Sat 8/17 4:00 pm **ANNUAL MEETING**
Proxies will be disbursed to membership by Aug. 3rd!
- *Directly following meeting! **SOCIAL HOUR, SUMMER PICNIC SUPPER & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**
Bring a cold dish or a crock pot dish to share!
- Thurs 8/22* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #4 – “Casco Bay Begins in Your Backyard”** by Mary Cerullo, Associate Director of Friends of Casco Bay
6:30 pm Coffee and Dessert
- Sun 8/25* **BOATSHOE GOURMET DINNER**
Mixing old and new members!
5:00 pm Social Hour at OBYC; Hors d'oeuvres provided
6:00 pm Gourmet Dinner at Hosting Homes
Cost: TBD

Thurs 8/29* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #5 – *Beneath the Depths: A Detective
Byron Mystery (A John Byron Novel)***
by Bruce Robert Coffin
Presenter: Teena Patton

Sat 8/31 **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 9/7* **"TRIVIA NIGHT AROUND THE WORLD"**
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Bring your favorite international dish to share!
7:00 pm Trivia begins

Sat 9/14* **SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER**
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Dinner
Cost: \$15 each; Limited to 90 people.

Sat 10/5* **CHILI AND CHOWDER FALL POTLUCK**
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Bring chili, chowder, salad, bread, or dessert to share

Sat 10/12 9:00 am **FLOAT REMOVAL and CLUBHOUSE CLOSURE**
*****Volunteers Needed!*****
Hosts: Waterfront and Building & Grounds Committees
****Coffee and Donuts Provided****

Sat 12/7 4-6:00 pm **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**
Bring a hearty appetizer

Mah-Jongg has Begun

Players of the ancient Chinese game meet Mondays at 1:30 at OBYC. There are several 4-person tables each week. Julie will conduct a teaching session on Monday June 10th at Noon. If you know of any members who would like to learn, please spread the word. They may contact Julie.Dimperio@gmail.com

New Horizons for OBYC Kayakers

by Teena Patton

OBYC kayakers have a variety of places to paddle off our very own waterfront. But there are other options as well.

As usual I will be announcing paddles from Orr's Island during July and August as time and weather permit, especially when I'm at my cottage rental. I hope you find this listing of non-club paddles piques your interest.

June 20 - Paddle at Runaround Pond in Durham with the Thursday Hikers. I am a member and will lead this paddle. If you have not joined this group, please e-mail Michelle Moody at hike@micstan.us. Thursday Hikers have a wonderful website that will have all the information about outings. A great group. Free.

June 25 - AMC Paddle New Meadows from Sawyer Park in Brunswick with AMC leader Carolyn Welch. Registration required: cwelch6789@gmail.com

June 27 - Paddle Androscoggin River from Mill Street Park in Brunswick. This is a Thursday Hiker paddle. Check the TH website.

If you want an opportunity to improve your kayak skills or try out different equipment, Appalachian Mountain Club has organized an event July 7 at Thomas Point Beach.

Scott Shea, Master Maine Sea Kayak Guide, and staff from Seaspray Kayaking will be sharing tips and letting guests experiment with different kinds of paddles including Greenland, Whitewater and Racing. Cost is \$15 with equipment or \$25 to use theirs. Limit 15, Registration is required. Contact [Michelle Moody](mailto:Michelle.Moody@seaspraykayaking.com) 207-406-5221 (before 9pm) .



Exploring Your Roots

Joyce Duda and Bunny Siegel have enjoyed doing Family Genealogy research for many years. Realizing that the hobby has become more and more popular, they are contemplating organizing a one-night "Introduction to Family Genealogy" get-together held at the OBYC Clubhouse. Individuals would bring their own wifi-ready devices and use the Club's wifi system. Topics to be covered are Getting Started, Websites Available, accessing non-digitized Paper Records, Record Keeping, and Thought Processes needed for Research. Exact date TBD but it would be a Monday or Tuesday evening in July or August. Sign-up would be necessary & participation would be limited to 15 devices. To gauge member interest, if you think this is something you would like to attend, please contact Bunny Siegel at 207-353-7522 or via email: blackdog5070@yahoo.com

Volunteers Needed as Day Stewards

The Day Steward program will again be running this year on week days only from July 8 through August 30, 11am to 5 pm.

Day stewards spend a day at the club and on the docks to answer questions from members and guest yachtsmen and assist boaters with docking and casting off, as needed.

Scheduling will be different this year than in the past. There will be a sign-up calendar by the rest rooms. Please sign up for the days you want. The tote bag with the radio, binoculars, and operational handbook will again be on the kitchen counter by the coffee machine.

If you are new to the program, please sign-up with a seasoned member or email Bunny and Rich Siegel who will send you a PDF program overview. The handbook contains a sheet explaining the entire daily operation procedure.

If you use the Gas Pump, please remember to fill out your Order Slip!

Reminder: When you use our super-convenient and economical gas pump this summer, please be certain to fill out an order slip! We had a discrepancy in 2018 that was more significant than negligible discrepancies in prior years.

As a point of clarification, the pump gauge *does* get recalibrated annually. Please remember that gas is not available for non-members. Thanks!

Pancakes and Auction on Menu at Sailing School Fund-raiser

The Abbot Fletcher Sailing School annual pancake breakfast and silent auction will be held on Saturday, July 6 from 8 to 10 AM. The AFSSS Committee members and our teaching staff will be serving juice, plain and blueberry pancakes, sausage, REAL maple syrup, and coffee. \$8.50 adults, \$6.00 for children 10 and under.

Amber Skinner is accepting donations for the silent auction. She can be reached at 833-6386, millayclare@yahoo.com.

Each year Barbara Messamore puts together a raffle basket full of goodies donated by OBYC members. Items for that can be left in the marked box on the table just inside the clubhouse front entrance.

Committee co-chair Sue Baker said, "We hope you will join us at the breakfast as well as donate to the auction. We count on our OBYC membership to support fundraising efforts as tuition alone does not cover all of our operating costs."

As of June 1, AFSS has processed 65 registrations. Our instructors this year include Augie and Mitch Lienert, Chelsea Hartnett for Week #2, and Ashley St. Louis for Weeks # 3, 4, 5. In addition, we have three new volunteers including Tadd Nelson, son of OBYC members Doug and Jen Nelson. One-third of our registrations are related to OBYC members.

Most classes still have space available.



Head Instructor Erin Kenyon

Aerobic Exercise Programs offered to OBYC Members:

Thursdays only: Combo Class! (half Gentle Aerobics and half Walk15)

This is a 45-minute class combining the classic Gentle Aerobics which utilizes a chair, light cardio, and resistance bands and balls, with a 20-minute Walk15 workout. This class combines the best of both workouts and has something for everyone! **NEW:** Payment will be a flat **\$10.00 per class** for members and all guests payable at the beginning of each class. Trial dates will be June 20th, June 27th, and July 11th to gauge interest. Classes will continue until the end of August if we have enough participants.

Wendy Burns

Long-time OBYC member Wendy Burns died May 11 at age 73. She had been diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy, a degenerative neurological disorder, in early 2018.

Wendy, who spent summers at a home on Orrs Island with her husband, Bill, had lived in the Washington, D.C. area for most of her adult life. She worked for 33 years as a speech and language pathologist in the Fairfax County school system. She specialized in helping students overcome stuttering.

She was active in numerous organizations, including her church, a tennis club, book club and bridge club. She was also involved in Democratic Party politics and supported many environmental causes.

In Harpswell, she and Bill were active sailors in their Flying Scot and participated in local sailing races. She was an active participant in many social activities at OBYC including Bingo nights.

She is survived by her husband, Bill and three adult children: twins, Eric and Laura and son Greg.

Fire Department Art Auction

The Orr's Bailey Island Fire Department and Rescue Service will hold its annual art auction Saturday June 29 at 6:30 p.m. The auction will be held at the Orr's Island schoolhouse. Tickets are \$25 per person at the website, obifd.org. The price includes appetizers, beer and wine.

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Sandy Nelson and grandson Tadd hung the bell.

Newsletter

Volunteers are needed to write articles about lectures and take photos at club events. Contact **Bill Bulkeley** with photographs, articles, and suggestions for your OBYC newsletter.

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