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June 2021

Dear OBYC Members,
Well, it's here! The OBYC 2021 Season is officially starting! Our first in-person Social Event is on track for this Saturday, June 12th! Boats are peppering the anchorage and dinghies are becoming more plentiful on the floats. The Clubhouse and Porch are accessible and beginning to see some activity!

Social Calendar – As you likely know, even since last month's Newsletter, Federal and Maine State Guidelines for gatherings have been significantly relaxed. Various Checklists for Social Activities and Marinas have been retired.

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Nine New Members Added

by Bill Bulkeley

The Club added nine new members over the winter, filling vacancies caused by resignations of prior members.

Membership chair Sandy Nelson reports the club now has 260 members, the membership limit set by the board. The waiting list is currently 22 people comprising 11 couples. There are also seven junior associate members who take priority for membership when they turn 27 and age out of junior levels.

The board decided against expanding membership this year because of concerns about how changing pandemic regulations might affect club activities.

The members who resigned include: Kitty and Brad Babson; Steve and Ann Glass; Mark and Flo Crowley; Naomi Krakow and John and Lile Gibbons. *cont. pg. 3*

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In consideration of this, and while balancing the desire to reengage with the need to ensure that Members feel comfortable and safe, we plan to hold the first two Social Events – those in June – primarily outside. If it rains, we will move the event to Sunday Evening. Our Events are traditionally “BYOB.” These initial Events will be “Bring Your Own Food & Drink” – so there will be no large “Pot Luck” table for sharing. *We look forward to seeing you, and to seeing how these events unfold; this will inform how we further adjust as the Season evolves.* Of note, we are planning to hold our Annual Lobster Bake, catered this year, the first weekend in August! Consistent with the National and State Guidelines, we are asking people who have not been vaccinated to wear a face covering while inside the building.

AFSS – The Sailing School has instituted limited class sizes and other COVID Protocols and is ready-to-go. Enrollment is essentially sold out, with waiting lists in some cases. It will be terrific to see those kids in the water, building their skills and confidence, and

having a ball! In July, there will be an online auction to support the Sailing School! Keep an eye out for Communications/E-Blasts regarding the auction.

Moorings – At the risk of being repetitive, I would like to remind everyone that moorings should be inspected by a qualified mooring inspector/ servicer, including a complete inspection by diving or removal on a periodic basis of not less than every three years. Mooring maintenance is the responsibility of each mooring owner, and will not only protect your boat, but our entire anchorage.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the floats and at our Social Events, in person!

As always, please keep in touch, and stay well.

Kristin Fletcher,

Commodore

New Members

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New members were admitted off the waiting list as the club received resignations from former members. Contact information is available to club members in the online member directory.

Bill and Courtney Snellings now live on Orr's Island. They have a two-seat sailing kayak and a 21-foot Sea Ray jestingly named "Tax Refund." Bill is a retired Union Carbide chemist and Courtney is a retired linguistics teacher who now works at Harpswell Coastal Academy.

Joy Duffy, a San Antonio, Texas, resident, has a summer home on Bailey Island.

Gary and Jean Hansen are long-time residents of New York's Hudson Valley, who now winter in Naples, FL, and have a summer home on Orr's Island. Gary is a publishing industry veteran with experience at Time, Reader's Digest and American Express.

Barbara and Steve Burns are artists and year-round residents of Cundy's Harbor who own a 34-foot 1977-vintage sailboat, the Evelyn J which they have sailed as far

as Canada. Barbara, who used to develop and own apartments in New Jersey has a tapestry design and weaving studio and has won international awards. Steve is a metal welder and sculptor who has done sculpture restoration work and special effects for feature films.

Howard and Rebecca Levitan spend summers on Orr's Island and winters in Estero, Florida. They have a 24-foot power boat named Escape. Howard, a lawyer, and Rebecca, who worked for high tech firms in Boston, moved to Maine in 1995 to buy the Newcastle Inn which they ran for seven years. Then they became consultants on inn ownership and sales. Howard was previously both Fleet Captain and Commodore of the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club.

Current members are invited to look for these new members at events and welcome them to the club.

*The Club
installed three
new floats*



New Social Calendar

NEW! Sat, June 12, 11am-3pm - *Private Event* - Skinner Graduation

Sat, June 12 - **Welcome Back! Social Hour @ 5-6:30 pm** - Remember this event will be held outside. It is a BringYourOwnFoodandDrink (BYOFD) and Take Away Your Trash event, and you need to sign up in advance -- no walk ins! Sign up either online or at the sign up sheets in the clubhouse! Rain date is Sun, June 13, same time. If the weekend is a wash out, we will offer a Zoom online event on Sun @ 5:00 pm. If need be, you'll hear from us. ;-)

We hope you will join us at the first "in-person" OBYC event since Dec 2019! Remember, if you're not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask! Also, please note tents will *not* be set up for this event. This is a great opportunity to meet our newest members, too!

Sat, June 26 - **Blessing of the Fleet @ 5-7:00 pm** - This is another outside event! BYOFD (your appetizer and your dinner) and Take Your Trash, please! Social hour begins at 5:00. We are thrilled to have former Club member, the Rev Kitty Babson, to offer the Blessing of the Fleet at 5:45, dinner will follow. Remember to sign up in advance, wear a mask if not fully vaccinated, and come have fun! Rain date is Sun, June 27, same time. If the weekend is a wash out, we will offer a Zoom online event that Sun at 5:00 pm.

NEWLY-ADDED OFFERINGS:

Wed, July 7 - **BINGO IS BACK!!** Starting on this date @ 6:00 pm, we hope to hold weekly Bingo through August. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift valued at no more than \$5. We will play enough games to deplete the number of gift "prizes", one winner per game. Also, please BYOFD, but note this year we *are not* including a dish to share! At 7:00 pm we will begin the game of Bingo (this may be outside on the picnic tables at first, so bring a jacket). This game is for ALL ages. We will have a sign up sheet for those who participate each Wed for contact tracing. Also, please remember *not* to congregate inside -- space your seats apart from others. If you haven't attended before, you should try it! For many members, this is their favorite Club activity!

Sat, July 10 - **July Social Hour @ 5-6:30 pm** - We are tentatively hoping this second social hour will be held in the Clubhouse (or porch), but it will definitely remain BYOFD, Take Your Trash, and sign up only, no walk-ins! We are hoping the outside June events will boost our comfort level of being together and our membership will respect each others' good health and safety. Holding this event inside means there should be no need for a Rain Date! Remember not to congregate too close inside, and wear a mask if *not* fully vaccinated. Join us and get re-connected!

Sat, July 17 - AFSS Virtual Auction - More about this in another article!

Sun, July 18 @ 6am-9pm - Private Event - Winchell Family Reunion

Write down these August events:

Sat, Aug 7 @ 5:00 pm - First Catered Lobster Bake! Details to follow ...

Sat, Aug 21 @ 4:00 pm - Annual Meeting followed by a Social Hour and Dinner. Details to follow ...

Now that we've been given the okay is use the building in July, the Social Committee is busy putting together a few Thursday evening lecture programs. As soon as we have definite dates, we'll pass along the information! Stay tuned!

Orr's-Bailey Yacht Club

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Newsletter

OBYC Happenings usually is published monthly from May to October. The editor is Bill Bulkeley,

The Newsletter is always looking for volunteers to take photos at Club events or write up lectures. It is also eager to publish photos of club members in their boats. Photos of dogs (or cats) in boats are especially welcome.

