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Club Dues to Rise by \$75 next year

The OBYC Board of Directors voted at the last board meeting to raise annual dues and the initiation fee for the first time in seven years. The decision was made after reviewing the financial needs of the club, including the impact of ongoing capital expenses (planned and unplanned), rising costs, and a review of fees at area facilities that offer similar services. Following several meetings in recent months, the board determined that these increases are necessary to maintain a healthy capital reserve and to avoid potential special assessments.

Effective January 1, 2023, the annual dues will increase to \$300 per member (up from \$225). This represents an approximately 4.1% compound average annual increase since the last increase in 2016. Junior membership will be 50% of adult membership (\$150 per junior member).

In addition, the initiation fee for new members has increased to \$1000 per member (up from \$500). There is no change to the non-refundable application fee of \$200 per member. Anyone currently on the waiting list is eligible for a one-time opportunity for a refund of their application fee. If they choose to withdraw from the waiting list, they must notify Sandy Nelson, by January 1, 2023, or the date they become members, whichever comes first. The refund option is only available to existing waitlist members and will not change the club's standard non-refundable application fee for future new applicants.

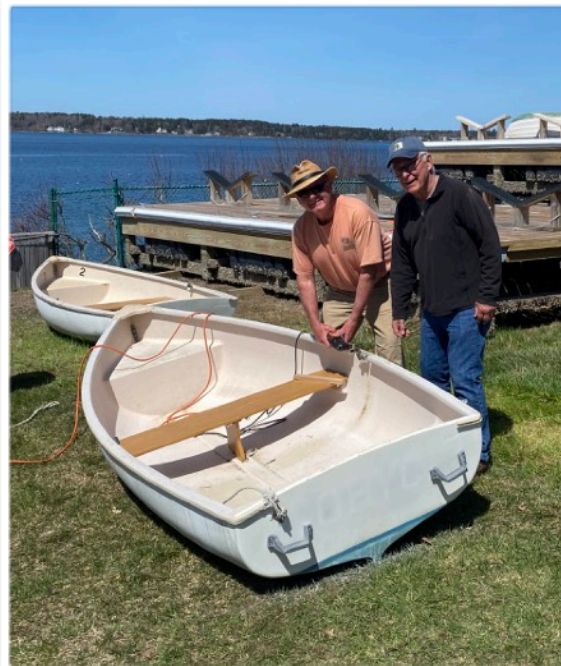
This decision to raise the dues and initiation fees was made after much consideration and discussion. The primary factors weighed by the board included:

- General operating expenses for 2022 are, on average, about 25% higher than the previous 5 years. Expenses are expected to continue to trend upward.
- Known capital needs in the future could deplete much, if not all, of our existing reserve and there have been a number of recent anticipated and unanticipated capital expenditures that have had to be addressed, including replacement of floats, a new fuel tank and replacement of failing picnic tables.
- Maintaining a healthy capital reserve reduces the potential need for levying special assessments. Because of our existing capital reserve, the club has managed to avoid levying such assessments, and the board hopes to continue that practice. The board has projected the [cont. pg. 2](#)

Dues Increase

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- needs for the next 10-15 years and wants to ensure that the reserve can continue to cover anticipated and unanticipated expenses.
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- Even with the increase, OBYC fees remain significantly below the cost of our peers, in most circumstances.
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- The club has had to adapt to circumstances, including pandemic restrictions, waning volunteerism and risks of liability to hire outside support for events and activities. The board wishes to continue that practice as appropriate while continuing to encourage volunteers to pitch in on all club committees and operations!



Dinghy Use Rules

OBYC encourages the use of its loaner club dinghies by members as an alternative to keeping a private dinghy at the floats. For this reason, OBYC keeps 5 dinghies (2 - 10' Puffins, 2 - West Marine Tri-hulls, and 1 - 8' Puffin) available for club member use.

Guests are allowed in a club dinghy as long as accompanied by a qualified club member who is responsible for the operation of the dinghy.

Members and guests may not swim from a club dinghy. Further, club dinghies may not be used to tow people.

Two of these dinghies (10' Puffins) may be signed out for extended day use, such as when working on a boat at your mooring, or towing a dinghy to an island for day trips. **These dinghies are identified by the numbers 1 & 2 on the bow. The sign out sheet will be in the kiosk on the dock landing.**

Loaner dinghy policies:

Two of the Puffin dinghies (10') can be used for up to 12-hour periods. Usage could include leaving it on a mooring or towing one out to an island. One Puffin (8') and the two West Marine dinghies should always be available for members' use to and from their moorings.

Clubhouse Reopening



Clockwise from above:

Dan Stevens stars in The Orr's Island Chain-saw Massacre.

Morgan Gates examines the shed

Teena Patton and Bunny Siegel test out the new picnic tables.



Ten New Members Joining

The OBYC currently has 261 members and a waiting list of 27 applicants, membership chairman Sandy Nelson reported.

During the winter, 10 regular members resigned or died. They were replaced by four former junior associates, two family members of current members and two couples. Junior Associates automatically move to the top of the list when they age out of the JA category as they turn 26. Spouses and fiancées of existing members also move ahead of those on the list.

The departing members include Arnold Bennett who died Nov. 28 and Ken Leeman who died February 3. Their death information was reported in the May newsletter.

Other members resigning for various reasons include Bob and Katherine Roy, former commodore Conny Barker, Laura Wolfman, Carolyn Carney, former director Ellen Shillinglaw, Jeff Stann and Joan Lester.

Among the junior associates joining is Lindsay Burroughs, daughter of Warren and Cindy Burroughs of Brooklyn and Bailey Island. Lindsay graduated from Colgate and works in digital advertising when she's not racing J100s outside of Manhattan.

Rudy Guliani, son of Kristin Fletcher, was an instructor in the Abbot Fletcher Sailing School for five years and sailed across the Atlantic with uncle and aunt Max Fletcher and Linnie Bruce last year. He lives in New London, CT, while attending University of Toronto and working as a deckhand for Cross Sound Ferry.

Dean Holowach, son of Aleck Holowach and the late Julie Holowach, works at Bath Iron Works and lives on Bailey Island. He is joining with his fiancée, Addy Stricker, who is also a JA and works as a dental hygienist.

David and Pat Hamilton of Vero Beach, FL, and Orr's Island are former Boston-area residents. David is a commercial real estate developer and Pat headed the Cardiac Nurse operating room program at Brigham & Women's hospital for many years. They sail, ski and golf.

Aaron and Patricia Fuchs have lived on Orr's Island for 16 years, serving on various town boards and non-profits. Before moving to Maine, they owned a boatyard and marina in Montauk, NY. They own a 22-foot Catalina, *Windsong*.

Nadine Peters, fiancée of Andy Rusczyk, grew up in Boston, and after a stint in Washington DC, returned to New England as chief legal officer of a healthcare data analytics company in Boston.

Tom Henning, brother of John Henning, lives in New York, and has worked as an engineer, high-school physics teacher and track coach. Both his parents and two of his brothers have been members of the club in the past.

New Social Plans

The Social Committee has an exciting Schedule of Events planned for this summer but remains cautious as we move forward and puts the pandemic behind us. Below are OBYC events and a few community events up through July 9th. Please help us all remain safe and healthy by practicing due diligence.

FYI – OBIFD – Sat, June 11 @ 9:00am-2:00pm Barn Sale & Silent Art Auction

By the time you see this, we will have held our first Saturday event, **“Welcome Back! Social Hour”** on *Sat, June 11 @ 5:00-6:30 pm.*

NEW! Bingo begins on *Wed, June 22* and will run each *Wed* through to *Aug 31!* We meet at 6:00pm for Social Hour/Dinner – Bring your own entrée (our grill can be used) and a dish to share (appetizer, vegetable, salad or dessert). Then, at 7:00 pm the game of Bingo begins! Bring a wrapped white elephant gift (not exceeding a \$5 value) per person to the prize table. Each bingo game will have a winner who will choose a wrapped prize. The number of games played depends on the number of prizes. Great fun for all ages! No signing up for this event.

Our second Saturday event is the **“Blessing of the Fleet with Maritime Munchies”** on *June 25 @ 5:00-7:00 pm.* Please bring a “hearty” appetizer you enjoy sharing while “on the water”. You will be asked to “navigate” your appetizer to the island or location where you live during the summer season! Watch for the signs! The Rev. Kitty Babson will offer the Blessing at 5:45 pm. Remember to RSVP either on the club bulletin board or the club website before *Thurs, June 23 @ 4:00pm.*

NEW! Lecture Series #1 on *Thurs, June 30 @ 7:00pm!* Chuck Perow, Manager of the Harpswell Recycling Center and Transfer Station, will talk about “Changing How We Compost” and how we can make a difference! Join us at 6:30pm for dessert and coffee and chat with Mr. Perow. Please RSVP for this event by *Wed, June 29 @ 7:00pm!*

AFSS Pancake Breakfast is *Sat, July 2 @ 8-10am.* Open to the Public. \$10 adults; \$7 children

FYI – OBIFD - Sun, July 3 @ 8:00am Fun Run and @ 9:00-11:00 am Pancake Breakfast.

AFSS Classes begin on *Mon, July 4* and run 6 weeks to *Fri, Aug 12, 9am-4pm, Mon-Fri.*

AFSS Silent Online Auction is on *Sat, July 9 @ 10am-Noon.*

“Finding Your Roots International Potluck Dinner” is planned for *July 9 @ 5:00-8:00 pm.* Please bring an international dish that reflects your early ancestors’ national origins. When you RSVP, please indicate what dish you’re bringing and what country it’s from. Deadline for signing up is *Thurs, July 7 @ 4:00pm.*

FYI - Cooks Restaurant and Ale House FIREWORKS are set for Sat, July 9 @ 9:30pm.

We will send out reminder eBlasts and introduce additional events as time goes on.

OBYC Kayakers Making Plans

By Teena Patton

A group of OBYC kayakers periodically get together to paddle from our kayak dock. Some of us also join other area paddlers such as the Thursday Hiker group and Pemaquid Paddlers.

Contact me to get on the e-mail list to be alerted to planned paddles in the area.

WEARING pfd is required; bringing water and having sun protection is very important too. A whistle should be attached to your pfd as a safety item. Most of us use sea kayaks 12 feet or longer with at least one hatch, or flotation in the boat if no hatches.

Last summer, some of the OBYC kayakers decided to recognize our friendship with, and note the tragic passing of fellow paddler and OBYC member, Julie Holowach. It was decided that a special kayak outing be done in her honor. The date set was July 27, 2021, exactly one year from the tragedy.

The day dawned clear and calm. A local news crew was on hand before the paddle to interview a couple of paddlers. Members of Julie's family pitched in to help us launch from OBYC. As we made our way to Cedar Beach, conditions were assessed to be ideal to circumnavigate Bailey Island. It is rare to get such good conditions for such an excursion. The group proceeded and stopped at Lands End to rest and get a group photo before leading up the western side of Bailey back to Orr's Island and OBYC. The day was spectacular! Thanks go to the OBYC members who participated as well as non-members, all Julie's friends.

This summer a second year memorial paddle is planned for Wednesday, July 27. Contact Teena Patton if interested in participating. Love to have you! And it is hoped that we get another favorable day of calm seas and favorable winds.



[Sailing School News](#)

Pancake Breakfast Returns with Silent Auction

Abbot Fletcher Sailing School will begin its 22nd year of teaching sailing at OBYC on Monday, July 4.

The annual pancake breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, July 2** from 8 to 10 a.m. Plain and blueberry pancakes, REAL maple syrup, sausage, juice, and coffee are on the menu. This major fund-raiser for the sailing school is open to the public. Adult breakfasts are \$10 and children's are \$7. You won't want to miss this delicious way to start the weekend, prepared by members of the Sailing Committee and the teaching staff.

Barbara Messamore is collecting items for the huge raffle basket that she puts together. She has placed a collection box inside the clubhouse. Ask any of our former winners how many wonderful items were included in these baskets!

Look for Karina and Chris Fletcher underneath the tents on the lawn the day of the breakfast to view items for our online Silent Auction, which is scheduled for July 9. If you have items you'd like to contribute to the auction, please contact Karina at karina.lgfletcher@outlook.com.



Club Merchandise Goes Online

The OBYC Merchandise Committee has updated the club's selection and taken it online for the first time.

Great offerings include:

- Cinch Bag – just great for adults and children
- Cooler Bag – perfect for the boat!
- Fleece/Sherpa Lined Blanket – great for snuggling up on cool evenings
- Picnic Blanket – no more sitting on the ground!
- Medium & Large Tote Bags
- Caps
- Clothing for Men & Women including - Fleece Vests & Jackets, Denim and Regular Shirts, Sweatshirts, and Hoodies!

All items for the Ship Store feature the OBYC logo *PLUS* you can customize them with your family or boat name for an additional \$4.00.

We truly hope that you enjoy our new online Ship Store! Check it out from the OBYC website under “About Us” and click on “Ship Store” or just click on this link <https://www.storessimple.com/mainecampoutfitters/groupproducts.php?>



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