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# Commodore's Letter

My friends have heard me say this more than once: "I should have named my boat *Pinch Me,*" for what we have at OBYC is dreamlike. Still today, after hundreds of excursions to OBYC, I am continuously enamored by the wonderment of it all.

There simply can't be a "yacht club" that offers more. I must be living a dream. Stand on our float landing and look around. To the south there is the historic and unique Cribstone Bridge. At its North end is Prince's Point and a barn, over 150 years old. It used to be frequented by fishing schooners that picked up stores and offloaded fresh cod. The evening view to the west will find some of the most glorious sunsets imaginable. Some nights, the view is punctuated by the graceful schooner *Alert* on its evening trip with passengers who long to enjoy just one of our many evenings. *Pinch me*. This must be a dream.

Our protected mooring field is midway across Casco Bay, with easy access to the open ocean and many islands of Casco Bay. Our members enjoy all that Casco Bay has to offer in big boats and little boats, whether sail or power or paddle. Dozens of kids, wannabe sailors all of them, will enjoy our waters through the Abbott Fletcher Sailing School. Their smiles and joy should bring back memories of our own experiences that led us to connect to the water and boats. *Pinch me.* I remember my early days in boats in my dreams. Am I really reenacting my youth?

Our biweekly social events provide the opportunity for all of us to come together - to enjoy each other's company, to get to know one another, and to share our tales — our respite from the world. *Pinch me.* Our events remind me of carefree college parties, albeit tempered by a few decades of maturity. It simply doesn't get any better than this.

Summer is upon us. Don't let it go by without trying to take it all in!

## Fred Rusczek, Commodore

Fred is recovering from rotator-cuff surgery. He will be driving again in August.

AFSS Boats Launched
A large crew of volunteers washed and
launched the sailing school's fleet of
sailboats on Saturday, June 17: John &
Margot Almeida; Sue Baker &
granddaughter, Emma Leadley; Jack
Evjy; Dan, Morgan & Savannah Gates;
Bob & Maggie Gill; Jock Gracey; Allan
Jarvis; Diana Kenyon; Helen Kitchel;
Ned Kitchel & Charlene Post; Augie
Lienert; Doug, Jen, Hannah & Tadd
Nelson; Chris Nichols; Nick Nichols;
Ashley & Lee St. Louis; and Jim Whalen.

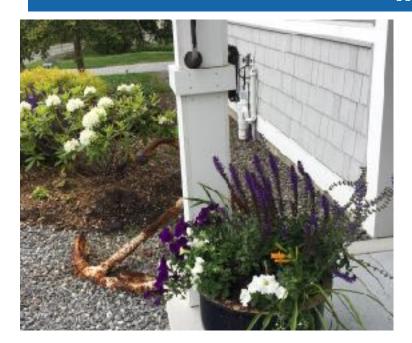
Emma Leadley, age 3 3/4 pitched in.



Most boats are launched via the ramp; a few are trailered to Cook's and towed to OBYC

Cleaning the boats left to right: Ashley St. Louis, Nick Nichols, Augie Lienert, Doug Nelson, Ned Kitchel, Hannah Nelson, Charlene Post, Diana Kenyon.

Photos by Sue Baker



# **Blooming Gardens**

The small gardens bordering the parking lot behind the clubhouse are in full bloom. They were originally designed by Gloria Doughty. Now ten members led by garden chair Nancy Kinser, take turns weeding, watering, and deadheading.



# 2017 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.

#### DAILY AND WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays 6/21-8/30 WEDNESDAY BINGO – Bring a wrapped white elephant

bingo gift (not exceeding \$5 value). Great fun for all ages!

Social Hour/Dinner – Bring something to grill and a dish 6:00 pm

to share (appetizer, salad, dessert)

7:00 pm Game of Bingo begins!

Mon-Wed-Fri **YOGA CLASSES** by Instructor Hoa Tran

6/26-9/19\* 7:30-8:30 am Drop-in classes, donations accepted. Bring a water bottle

and comfortable mat. Please arrive early – classes start

promptly at 7:30 am!

Tues & Thurs **GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES – July Session** 

7/6-7/27\* 8:30-9:15 am by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks

Come 5-10 minutes early on 7/6 to sign up & complete

appropriate paperwork. Classes start promptly at 8:30 am.

ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL – Barker Rm Mon-Fri

7/3-8/11 9:00 am-Noon Beginner classes (Including July 4 class) 7/3-8/11 1:00-4:00 pm Intermediate classes (Including July 4 class)

**SPECIAL EVENTS** 

8-10:00 am Sat 7/1 AFSS PANCAKE BREAKFAST— Open to the public

\$8.50 Adults; \$6 Kids 12 and Under

7/1 **SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION - Bring a picnic** Sat 6:00 pm

supper & watch Cooks' fireworks at 10:00 pm!

Thurs 7/6\* BOOK GROUP #2 – The Belles of New England - The 7:00 pm

Women of the Textile Mills and the Families Whose Wealth They Wove

by William Moran



| Sat    | 7/8*    | 5:00 pm<br>6:00 pm                             | OBYC ROCKS!!  Join us for an evening of rock n'roll! Feel free to wear your tie-dyed tops, bell bottoms, love beads, head bands, and peace signs, though this is optional!  Social hour – Hors d'oeuvres provided  Buffet dinner prepared by Caterer Diane Gagne  Music by DJ Larry Moore of Rainbow Productions  Members \$20 pp; Guests \$30 pp |
|--------|---------|--|---|
| Thurs  | 7/13*   | 7:00 pm<br>6:30 pm                             | LECTURE SERIES #2 – "Casco Bay Islands at War: WWII Military Surveillance" by Kimberly MacIssac Coffee and dessert  |
| Tues   | 7/18    | 7:00 pm  | KNOT- TYING CLASS - For all ages!   |
| Thurs  | 7/20*   | 7:00 pm  | BOOK GROUP #3 – <u>A Good Man With a Dog: A Game</u><br>Warden's 25 Years in Maine by Roger Guay & Kate Flora   |
| Saturd | lays 7/ | 22-8/19, 9/2<br>12:00 pm<br>1:00 pm<br>2:00 pm | SUMMER SAILING SERIES @ MYA Chowder Lunch at MYA – Only offered on Opening Day! Skippers' Meeting Race  |
| Sat    | 7/22*   | 3:00-5:00 pm<br>5:00 pm                        | "HOEDOWN AT OBYC" - FAMILY DAY Afternoon Activities and Games for <u>all</u> ages! Awards Ceremony  |
|        |         | 5:00 pm<br>6:00 pm                             | "HOEDOWN AT OBYC" – FAMILY DAY DINNER and OLD FASHIONED BARN DANCING With an "oink" and a "moo", and a "cock-a-doodle-doo", We're having a barn bash, and we're inviting you! Social Hour Casual "Barn-style" Dinner provided, followed by Hoedown Music by Dance Caller Bill Olsen   |
| Thurs  | 7/27*   | 7:00 pm<br>6:30 pm                             | <b>LECTURE SERIES #3</b> – "Island Protectors" by OBIFD, EMS and the Sheriff's Office Coffee and dessert  |

| Tues & Thurs 8/1-8/31* 8:30-9:15 am |       | 8:30-9:15 am | GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES – August Session by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks  Come 5-10 minutes early on 8/1 to sign up & complete appropriate paperwork. Classes start promptly at 8:30 am. |   |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------|--|---|
|                                     | Tues  | 8/1          | 4-8:00 pm  | PRIVATE EVENT   |
|                                     | Thurs | 8/4*         | 7:00 pm  | BOOK GROUP #4 – <i>The Beans of Egypt, Maine</i> by Carolyn Chute   |
|                                     | Sat   | 8/5*         | 5:00 pm<br>6:00 pm   | ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE Social Hour Dinner – Cost to be determined Music by the "Squid Jiggers"   |
|                                     | Thurs | 8/10*        | 7:00 pm  | LECTURE SERIES #4 – "Maine's First Ship, the Virginia" By Orman Hines, President of MFS   |
|                                     | Thurs | 8/10*        | 6:30 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>6:30 pm  | Coffee and dessert  LECTURE SERIES #4 – "Maine's First Ship, the  Virginia" By Orman Hines, President of MFS  Coffee and dessert  |
|                                     | Thurs | 8/17*        | 7:00 pm  | BOOK GROUP #5 – <u>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster</u> <u>Boy</u> by Gary Schmidt   |
|                                     | Sat   | 8/19         | 4:00 pm  *Directly following   | ANNUAL MEETING – **NEW TIME! **  Proxies will be dispersed to membership by Aug. 1  SOCIAL HOUR & SUMMER PICNIC SUPPER  Pring a cold dish to share or a great not dish! |
|                                     | Thurs | 8/24*        | meeting! 7:00 pm 6:30 pm   | Bring a cold dish to share or a crock pot dish! <b>LECTURE SERIES #5 – "Sailing Around the World"</b> by John and Margo Almeida  Coffee and dessert                     |



| Sat  | 9/2    | 1:00 pm<br>2:00 pm<br>6:00 pm | SUMMER SAILING SERIES @ MYA – RACE, POTLUCK DINNER & AWARDS Skippers' Meeting Last Race Potluck Dinner and Awards Ceremony   |
|------|--------|-------------------------------|--|
| .Sat | 9/2    | 4-10:00 pm                    | PRIVATE EVENT  |
| Sat  | 9/9*   | 5:00 pm<br>6:00 pm            | SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER Social Hour Dinner cooked by the Kinsers and Volunteers Members only, \$10 per person, limited to 90.                                  |
| Fri  | 9/15   | 3-9:00 pm                     | PRIVATE EVENT  |
| Fri  | 9/22   | 5:30-10pm                     | PRIVATE EVENT  |
| Fri  | 10/13* | 5:00 pm<br>6:00 pm<br>7:00 pm | AUTUMN GATHERING with Bowdoin "Longfellows" Social Hour<br>Hearty Potluck – Bring an entrée, salad, bread or dessert<br>Entertainment by the Bowdoin "Longfellows" |
| Sat  | 10/14  | TBA am                        | WATERFRONT DECOMMISIONING / FLOAT<br>REMOVAL / CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP<br>*** Volunteers Needed! ***  |
| Sat  | 12/2   | 4-6:00 pm                     | ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY Bring a hearty appetizer  |



# **DON'T FORGET TO COME!**

Saturday, July 1 8-10 AM ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Bring your family and friends to this feast of plain or blueberry pancakes with REAL maple syrup!

# Blessing of the Fleet A large crowd came to hear the annual

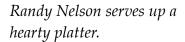
A large crowd came to hear the annual blessing of the fleet and enjoy a substantial potluck dinner.

Rev. Kitty Babson delivers her annual blessing.

Vice-commodore Kristin Fletcher hands the mic to sailing-school co-chair Nick Nichols.









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## Newsletter

This is the third newsletter for the 2017 season. 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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