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May 2016

Letter from the Commodore

I am happy to report to the membership that everything at OBYC is moving along nicely in preparation for the 2016 boating and social season. Our club committees have been extremely busy during the off-season.

Sandy Nelson and the Membership Committee have welcomed 16 new members to our club. OBYC is now at full membership with a waiting list. We will be having informal meet & greet opportunities for our new members with some Friday evening get-togethers this summer. Dates will be announced so that you can help welcome our new members if you are available.



There are several improvements underway at the club under the guidance of Dick Stevens. The fuel depot is undergoing repair and modifications so that it complies with

the local codes. The parking lot will be re-graded with new stone. A new gate will be added to the kayak dock for added safety and the noisy stove fan has been repaired. In addition to all of the other maintenance managed by Dick, he and Fred Rusczeck were called into action to remove a tree that fell on some of our dinghies and sailboat masts this winter. See picture.

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All Hands Needed

The annual float launching will occur
Saturday, May 14 at 6:00 a.m.

It takes 25-30 volunteers to guide the floats into place and secure them after the giant crane lowers them into the water. Despite the early hour required by high tide, a full crew is needed to get the club ready for the fun of summer boating. Please let Paul Cournoyer know that you are coming at setsail34@gmail.com



Fred Rusczek and Dick Stevens dismantled a tall spruce that fell across the boats and lawn near the AFSS shed early this Spring.

These floats won't launch themselves!



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Sue Baker, Bill Obreiter, and Eric Lusk did a thorough evaluation of our insurance needs at OBYC. I am happy to report that due to their efforts, we will be saving a significant amount of money with better coverage than we have had in the past.

The OBYC waterfront and anchorage is one of the linchpins of our club. Managed by committee chairs Paul Cournoyer and Bruce MacLeod, activity is ramping up to make sure everything is ready for the summer. Club moorings are undergoing a few changes to make it easier for our Day Stewards to guide guests to guest moorings.

And of course, one of the most important events of the season, launching the docks, will take place on May 14

Please arrive at 5:45am and give us a hand!

Once again, Joyce and the Social Committee have prepared a great slate of activities. The calendar of social events is on our Web site, and included in the directory that you received in the mail. I look forward to catching-up with everyone at these great events.

Our Day Steward Program run by Bunny and Rich Siegel will be back this year. This is an excellent way to help the club keep an eye on our

premises, help fellow members on the docks, and direct guest boaters to our guest moorings. Rich and Bunny will be conducting a training class before the program start.

The AFSS has undergone a major transformation under the direction of Bobbi Robertson, Sue Baker, and Bob Gill. Classes will run for 6 weeks starting the week of July 4

The AFSS boat launch is

scheduled for June 18

Please show your support by lending a hand getting the boats ready for our students.

During the winter, all of your Committee Chairs teamed-up with Charlie Johnson and the Finance Committee to create the 2016 operating budget. The Finance Committee did an outstanding job setting the guidelines and assembling the budget to present to the board. The committee budgets were approved with very few modifications.

Lastly, thank you for completing the volunteer sheets sent out for the 2016 season. We had a great response, doubling the amount of volunteers signed up for committees over last year.

All the best for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Garrett Knight
OBYC Commodore

Social Committee Planning Ahead

clockwise from top:-

- Joyce Duda - committee co-chair (white shirt)
- Judi Hartman
- Joan Lester
- Barbara McGowen - committee co-chair
- Marnie McFarland
- Bobbi Robertson
- Margie Rusczek
- Lynn Knight
- Ginny Cobley - not present



The ten-person social committee creates the Club's active and varied calendar of summer activities. In Summer, there are major social events every two weeks and a variety of other activities.

Joyce Duda, co-chair, who has been on the committee for eight years, said that most members act as host for an event, making sure that set-up and clean-up are staffed and that entertainers are briefed ahead of time. For instance, Duda hosts the lobster bake, Margie Rusczek hosts the Blessing of the Fleet and Judi Hartman does family day. Lynn Knight co-hosts the opening social hour.

Maggie Gill, who is new on the committee is hosting the expanded slate of five book group offerings. CoChair Barbara McGowen co-hosts the slate of lectures with Joan Lester. Social sailing activities are overseen by Bobbi Robertson and Marnie McFarland.

The social committee also arranges the weekly pilates classes, which started eight years ago and the five-year old Yoga program.

Duda urged members to use the club Web site to get more information on activities and to sign up to attend. The Web site has become easier to use, and once a member has set up a log-in he or she has access to a wealth of information about events and fellow members.

This is one of an occasional series of articles on the committees and volunteers that keep the club running.

2016 Social Calendar

Items in italics are for general information only – not club functions

Hosts needed for several events. Please take a turn.

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 Wednesday evening for all Saturday and Thursday events.

Sat 5/14 6:00 am **FLOAT LAUNCHING / OPENING OF CLUBHOUSE**

*****Volunteers Needed at 5:45am!*****

Hosts: Paul Cournoyer and Waterfront Committee, plus
Dick Stevens and Grounds & Buildings Committee

****Coffee and Donuts provided****

Sun 5/22 1-9:00 pm *PRIVATE EVENT (Gracey)*

Sat 6/4 11-5:00 pm *PRIVATE EVENT (Carney)*

Sat 6/11* 5:00 pm **WELCOME BACK! OPENING SOCIAL HOUR**

Bring an Appetizer

Hosts: Knight, McFarland,

Sun 6/12* 5:30 pm **PRE-CRUISE POTLUCK MEETING** – If you're
interested in cruising with us Wed-Sun, 6/22-26, join us for
a meeting! Bring something to grill and a dish to share!
Additional info, contact George and Nancy Kinser

Tues & Thurs **GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES** by Instructor Heather
6/14-8/25* 8:30-9:15 am Preston-Weeks

Sat 6/18 9:00 am **AFSS BOAT LAUNCHING** – ****Volunteers Needed!****
Host: R Gill

Mon-Wed-Fri **YOGA CLASSES** by Instructor Hoa Tran
6/20-7/29* 7:30-8:30 am

Wed-Sun 6/22-26 **OBYC MINI-CRUISE** to SNOW ISLAND,
ROBINHOOD, CHRISTMAS COVE & BOOTHBAY
Hosts: Kinser, Gill
June 23, Thurs on to Derecktor/Robinhood – Mooring, Slip or Anchor
June 24, Fri on to Christmas Cove - Mooring or Slip
June 25, Sat on to Boothbay – Mooring or Slip



- Wednesdays 6/22-8/31 **WEDNESDAY BINGO** – Bring a wrapped 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 (appetizer, salad, dessert)
 7:00 pm Game of Bingo begins!
- Thurs 6/23* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #1 – Fortune's Rocks** by Anita Shreve
 Facilitator and Hostess: MGill
- Sat 6/25* **BLESSING OF THE FLEET POTLUCK DINNER**
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 5:45 pm Blessing of the Fleet - The Rev. Kitty Babson
 6:00 pm Potluck – Bring your favorite dish
 Hosts: Rusczek, Fletcher/Sipe,
- Sat 7/2 8-10:00 am **AFSS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**– Open to the public
 \$8.50 Adults; \$6 Kids 12 and Under
- Saturdays 7/2-7/30 **JULY SAILING SERIES #1, #2, #3, #4, #5**
 1:00 pm Skippers' Meeting
 2:00 pm Race
- Sat 7/2 6:00 pm **SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION** - Bring a picnic supper & watch fireworks from Cooks at 10:00 pm!
- Mon-Fri **ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL** – Barker Rm
 7/4-8/12 9:00 am-Noon Beginner classes
 7/4-8/12 1:00-4:00 pm Intermediate classes
- Thurs 7/7* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #2 – The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins, Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, and the Minimum Wage** by Kirstin Downey (2009)
 Facilitator: MObreiter
 Hostess: MGill
- Sat 7/9* **SAILING BACK TO THE 60s**
 Calling all Hippies! Wear your tie-dyed tops, bell bottom pants, love beads, head bands, and peace signs!
 5:00 pm Social hour – Hors d'oeuvres provided
 6:00 pm Catered buffet dinner prepared by Gagne Catering
 Music by DJ Larry Moore of Rainbow Productions
 Members \$20 pp; Guests \$30 pp
 Hosts:
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- Thurs 7/14* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #1 – “*Speaking as a Union Soldier*”**
by local Civil War Re-enactor Thornton Batty
6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee
Hosts: BMcGowen,
- Fri 7/15* 7:00 pm **MOVIE NIGHT #1 – “*The Hundred Foot Journey*”**
Bring a snack to share!
Hosts: Teena Patton and Judi Hartman
- Thurs 7/21* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #3 – *Something in the Water* by Peter Scott**
Facilitator: MObreiter
Hostess: MGill
- Sat 7/23* **UNDER THE SEA - A MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILY DAY**
3:00-5:00 pm Afternoon Activities and Games for **all** ages!
5:00 pm Awards Ceremony
Hosts: HKitchel,
- UNDER THE SEA – FAMILY DAY DINNER**
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Casual Dinner provided
Music and Ukulele-oke by the Sirens of Strum”
Hosts:
- Thurs 7/28* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #2 – “*Everest the Hard Way*”**
By world-famous American mountain climber Ed Webster.
6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee
Hosts: BMcGowen
- Sun 7/31* 5:00 pm **JULY SAILING SERIES AWARDS CELEBRATION**
Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share
Hosts: Marnie McFarland
- Thurs 8/4* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #4 – *The Precipice: A Novel (Mike Bowditch Mysteries)* by Paul Doiron**
Facilitator: MObreiter
Hostess: MGill
- Wed 8/3 10-2:00 pm *Orr’s Island Library Annual Book Sale & Fair at Lowell’s Cove*



- Sat 8/6* **ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE**
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 6:00 pm Dinner – Cost to be determined
 Music by “The Dave Rowe Trio”
 Hosts: Holler, Duda, and Volunteers!
- Thurs 8/11* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #3 – “*Birds of the Local Maine Coast*”** by Ornithologist Derek Lovitch
 6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee
 Hosts: BMcGowen,
- Fri 8/12* 7:00 pm **MOVIE NIGHT #2 – “*Thunderheart*”**
 Bring a snack to share!
 Hosts: Teena Patton and Joan Lester
- Sat-Sun 8/13-14 OBIFD Tag Sale/Auction*
- Thurs 8/18* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #5 – August Gale: A Father and Daughter’s Journey Into the Storm** by Barbara Walsh
 Facilitator: MObreiter
 Hostess: MGill
- Sat 8/20 10:00 am **ANNUAL MEETING** – at Clubhouse
 Proxies will be dispersed to membership by Aug. 6
- Sat 8/20* **AN OLYMPIC EATING EVENT**
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 6:00 pm International Potluck – Bring an ethnic dish to share from North, Central or South America!
 Entertainment by “The Maine Squeeze”
 Hosts:
- Thurs 8/25* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #4 – “*Harpwell Neck Through Your Grandparent’s Eyes*”** by Ed Phinney
 6:30 pm Dessert and Coffee
 Hosts: BMcGowen,
- Sat 9/10* **SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER (With a Twist of Star Trek!)**
 Celebrating Star Trek’s 50th Anniversary on TV.
 Star Trek attire welcome!
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 6:00 pm Dinner cooked by the Kinsers and Volunteers
 Members only, \$10 per person, limited to 90.
 Hosts: Kinser, Gill,



Sat	10/1*		CHILI AND CHOWDER FALL GATHERING
		5:00 pm	Social Hour
		6:00 pm	Potluck – Bring chili, chowder, bread, salad, or dessert
			Hosts:
Sat	12/3	4-6:00 pm	ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
			Bring a hearty appetizer
			Hosts:

Day Stewards Program Resumes

The volunteer Day Steward program will resume after July 4 this summer. Rich and Bunny Siegel, who spearheaded the successful resumption of the program last year, hope to get 25 to 30 member volunteers to provide coverage on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Siegels will run a class Tuesday, June 28 to cover Steward duties and skills such as operating the marine radio, rowing around the mooring field to eyeball boats and pointing out guest moorings to visitors. The goal of the program is to welcome visitors, help members dock and cast off from the floats, and keep an eye out for trespassers using the facilities.

Rich Siegel said that last summer "The program was well received by members and guests. We covered about 75% of the available days."

The club is advertising for a licensed boat launch operator to work every weekend and holiday through Labor Day. However, there haven't been any responses so far.

Sharing Kayak Storage

With the growing popularity of kayaking at the club, space on the racks has become scarce.

Teena Patton urged couples who have two kayaks to put both in a single space in the racks in order to assure there is enough space for all 20 registered kayaks.

More E-Mails Needed!

Many couples are listed in the directory and the club's email list with a single address. Please make sure each individual's email is available by sending it to Sue Baker at the club. Please check the directory to make sure the club has current e-mails.

Club Fills Rolls with New Members

The Club welcomed 16 new members -- eight couples -- during the winter. The new members filled vacancies caused by resignations due to various factors. The club is now at full membership of 250 members with a small waiting list.

Contact information for all members is available in the member directory on the club Web site: www.OBYC.org/members. To see the directory, members must log in.

The most recently admitted members include Tom and Pat Jackman of Acton, Mass., who spent many summers at the Orr's Island campground and recently acquired a summer home on Orr's Island. They are sailors with an 18-foot sloop. They were sponsored by Dick Stevens and Rich Siegel. Their daughter Emma has joined as an associate member.

Bernie and Ann Jennett of Evanston, Ill., have a summer home on Orr's Island. They were sponsored by Wendy Burns and Susan McIlvaine.

Stephen and Jackie Norman of Rye, NY and Harpswell, are members of the American Yacht Club in Rye. Steven is a retired American Express executive and Jackie is a hospital chaplain. They were sponsored by George Kinser and former member Charley Rhoads.

Paul and Linda Kittle, sponsored by Ann Gulesian and Bill Obreiter, are retired as an Army dentist and a nurse, respectively. They hail from Leavenworth, Kansas, and have a summer home on Orr's Island.

Brad and Kitty Babson, are a retired international banker and a retired

missionary and Episcopal priest who now live in Pennellville. Kitty has officiated at OBYC's Blessing of the Fleet in recent years. They were sponsored by Sue Baker, Conny Barker and Hugh Hardcastle

Recently married, Randy Nelson, a Colby College economics professor, and Kelly Johnson, a nurse, live in Harpswell and have a vintage 28-foot Pearson sailboat. They were sponsored by Garrett Knight and Fred Rusczech.

Nick Nichols, who is in charge of ship support after delivery for Bath Iron Works, and Kim Nichols of Bath are experienced open-water sailors. They were sponsored by Ed Kenyon and Kristin Fletcher.

Kurt Miller and Dawn Kalmar, of Boston, have a summer home on Orr's Island. A developer and PR person, respectively, they own a 21-foot power boat and were sponsored by Bruce and Heather Davis and Heather and John Collins.

Members who resigned included: Henry and Charley Ann Rhoads, Jamie and Kate Whittemore, Alan and Linda Hall, Richard and Denise Saltman, Roger and Charlie Hewson, John and Paula Jenne, and Bettina Luescher.

In addition, Frank Carney of Brunswick died at age 91 last Fall.

Sailing School Sets Sails for Summer

By Bobbi Robertson, Chair, OBYC Sailing Committee
and Sue Baker & Bob Gill, Vice Chairs, OBYC Sailing Committee

The Abbot Fletcher Sailing School is setting sail for summer with a reduced but carefully focused sailing curriculum and staffing plan.

The club's AFSS committee expects the new school design will appeal to many young sailors, and it hopes to attract children and grandchildren of members. The new schedule of two-week courses permits learners to sign up for the first week only.

The racing program, which required a three-week, all day commitment, has been eliminated, although some race training will continue.

Last fall an ad hoc Sailing Committee appointed by Commodore Garrett Knight studied the future goals of AFSS, reviewing the roots of OBYC's sailing program and concentrating on how to model the program in the future.

Because of slumping attendance, tuition payments weren't covering the cost of running the program. Attendance has declined in recent years largely because a smaller percentage of members have young children to enroll in the program. Outside enrollees haven't made up the difference.

As a result, AFSS is revamping its summer sailing program in 2016. Three 2-week sessions will be offered for beginner and Intermediate sailors. AFSS is eliminating the 3-week, all-day sessions for Opti and 420 Racing.

Optimal class size will be 10 students. All instructors will be US Sailing Level 1 certified, with the Head Instructor Level 2 certified. Instructors will include Chelsea Hartnett and Augie Lienert, who are both both taking Level I U.S. Sailing courses this spring. Both have been volunteers in past years. Each has been with AFSS since the age of 9.

The Sailing Committee, headed by Bobbi Robertson, chair and Sue Baker and Bob Gill, Vice Chairs, expanded its membership, and a member will be assigned to be at the club as a monitor whenever an AFSS class is in session. The committee added that "We thank Ned Kitchel for leading AFSS the past three seasons."

The Beginner class, starting in the morning, will provide the basic knowledge of sailing using the club's Hunter sailboats. These boats will always have an instructor on board to guide the students. As the sailor progresses, the Opti's will be introduced as the student gains the confidence to be in an Opti or a 420 and he/she can advance to the afternoon Intermediate sessions.

The school will have the markers set up to learn racing skills, but the emphasis will be a skill-based program. This will prepare any student to enter a full-time racing program or be a part of our non-competitive team should they have a desire to do so.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of one of the three 2-week sessions. But, because some may not be able to commit to that timeframe, a student enrolling in AFSS for the first time may register for the *first* week of a 2-week session. For those who have taken a one-week Beginner class at AFSS previously, we will accept registrations for the *second* week of a 2-week session.

Information about the 2016 AFSS schedule and enrollment application can be found on the OBYC website (www.obyc.org). We encourage all OBYC members to consider enrolling members of their family (children, grandchildren, nieces & nephews). OBYC members receive a discounted tuition.

IN MEMORIAM: Frank Carney, 1924-2015

Frank, a longtime Club member who was an active sailor, died Nov. 16 in Brunswick. The club extends deep sympathy to his wife, Carolyn, who remains a member, and his children.

A memorial reception will be held at the club Saturday, June 4, following an 11 a.m. memorial service at All Saints Chapel on Orr's Island.

Classified Ads

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OBYC is seeking a licensed, qualified Launch Operator/Dock Attendant for the 2016 season. Duties include: operating 17' launch in transporting members to and from vessels, maintaining launch, assisting visiting yachtsmen and other misc. duties. Weekends only 18-20 hrs. Must be available mid-June thru Labor Day. Send resume and boating history to obycanchorage@gmail.com

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