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May 6 by early rising
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OBYC

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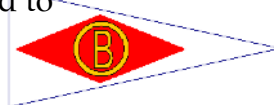
Letter from the Commodore

Wow! What a month April has been. We started the month with a snow storm, and we end it with pleasant weather and the dream of boats going in the water.

Yes, this happens every year. However, it still seems special to see the world awaken through the greening of trees, the peepers making their music at night, and the frost leaving the ground. Spring is here and that means that our OBYC is coming to life as well. In fact, many volunteers are needed to put the floats in the water within a week – May 6th.

Soon, we will be enjoying OBYC in many ways. From boating, kayaking, sailing, social gatherings, and quiet times on the porch – time spent at

OBYC is always special. However, what we are afforded doesn't happen by accident. Throughout the winter months, many of our members volunteer to complete the planning, preparation and work needed to provide all of us with truly phenomenal opportunities.



Over the winter, I asked some members to serve on three ad hoc committees to examine vital issues for the club: *Waterfront and Anchorage Matters* including dinghies, anchorage space usage, float design and replacement; *Membership and Volunteerism* including current membership categories and issues, and OBYC's future as a volunteer driven club; and *Abbott Fletcher Sailing School Study Committee* which was tasked with creating a vision for the future of OBYC's sailing instruction program. These committees diligently tackled the work that they were tasked with

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All Hands Needed

The annual float launching will occur
Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 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. The launching is early this year to assure high tide and calm seas. A full crew is needed to get the club ready for the fun of summer boating. Wear rubber-soled footgear and bring work gloves. Please let Paul Cournoyer know that you are coming at setsail34@gmail.com

These floats won't
launch themselves!



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and produced thoughtful recommendations that the board is addressing.

Soon, the list of Committee Chairs and members will be published. Please join me in thanking all of them for their work on our behalf. If you haven't had a chance to send in your volunteer sheet to support OBYC, please feel free to do so!

Many hands make light work and if OBYC is going to continue as a volunteer driven club in the future, we need all to step up to the plate.

I look forward to seeing you at OBYC in the very near future!

Happy boating,

Fred Rusczek

Commodore



The Gulf of Maine experienced a King Tide (technically known as a perigean spring tide) Nov. 17. Teena Patton captured a shot of the OBYC dock, at the high water mark. King tides occur when the moon is close to the earth and in alignment with the sun, exerting maximum gravitational pull on the ocean. They aren't caused by global warming. But they give an indication of what regular high tides might look like if sea levels rise significantly.

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.

Sat 5/6 7:30 am **FLOAT LAUNCHING / OPENING OF CLUBHOUSE**

*****Volunteers Needed at 7:30 am!*****

Hosts: Waterfront and Grounds & Bldgs Committees

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

(*Bad weather date is Sat, May 20 at same time!*)

Fri 6/2 5-8:00 pm *PRIVATE EVENT*

Sat 6/3* 5:00 pm **WELCOME BACK! OPENING SOCIAL HOUR**

Bring an appetizer

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

6/13-6/28* 8:30-9:15 am by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks

Come 5-10 minutes early on 6/13 to sign up & complete appropriate paperwork. Classes start promptly at 8:30 am.

Sat 6/17 9:00 am **AFSS BOAT LAUNCHING – **Volunteers Needed!****

Sat 6/17* **BLESSING OF THE FLEET POTLUCK DINNER**

5:00 pm Social Hour

5:45 pm Blessing of the Fleet

6:00 pm Potluck – Bring your favorite dish

Tues 6/20* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #1 – **This is a Tuesday meeting!****

Beloved Island - Franklin & Eleanor and the Legacy of Campobello by Jonas Klein

Wednesdays 6/21-8/30 **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 6/22* 5:30 pm **PRE-CRUISE POTLUCK MEETING** – All interested Cruisers, please join us at OBYC on 6/22 at 5:30 pm. Please bring something for the grill and something to share.
- Sat 6/24 10-10:00 pm *PRIVATE EVENT - Wedding*
- Sat-Wed 6/24-28 **OBYC MINI-CRUISE** to SNOW ISLAND, ROBINHOOD, CHRISTMAS COVE & BOOTHBAY
 June 24, Sat OBYC to Snow Island – Anchor
 June 25, Sun on to Robinhood Marina – Mooring, Slip or Anchor
 June 26, Mon on to Christmas Cove - Mooring or Slip
 June 27, Tues on to Boothbay – Mooring or Slip
 June 28, Wed Return to OBYC
- 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 6/27* 7:00 pm **DAY STEWARD PROGRAM - TRAINING CLASS**
- Thurs 6/29* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #1 – “*Invasive Plants: Identification and Management*”** by Jeff Stann
 6:30 pm Coffee and dessert
- Sat 7/1 8-10:00 am **AFSS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**– Open to the public
 \$8.50 Adults; \$6 Kids 12 and Under
- Sat 7/1 6:00 pm **SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION** - Bring a picnic supper & watch Cooks’ fireworks at 10:00 pm!
- Mon-Fri **ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL** – Barker Rm
 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)
- 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.
- Thurs 7/6* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #2 – The Belles of New England - The Women of the Textile Mills and the Families Whose Wealth They Wove** by William Moran

- Sat 7/8* **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!
5:00 pm Social hour – Hors d'oeuvres provided
6:00 pm Buffet dinner prepared by Caterer Diane Gagne
Music by DJ Larry Moore of Rainbow Productions
Members \$20 pp; Guests \$30 pp
- Tues 7/11 7:00 pm **KNOT- TYING CLASS** - For all ages!
by Andrew Hartnett, Head Instructor of AFSS
- Thurs 7/13* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #2 – “Casco Bay Islands at War: WWII Military Surveillance”** by Kimberly MacIssac
6:30 pm Coffee and dessert
- Thurs 7/20* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #3 – A Good Man With a Dog: A Warden's 25 Years in Maine** by Roger Guay & Kate Flora
- Saturdays 7/22-8/19, 9/2 **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 7/22* **“HOEDOWN AT OBYC” - FAMILY DAY**
3:00-5:00 pm Afternoon Activities and Games for all ages!
5:00 pm Awards Ceremony
- “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!
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Casual “Barn-style” Dinner provided, followed by Hoedown Music by Dance Caller Bill Olsen
- Thurs 7/27* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #3 – “Island Protectors”**
by OBIFD, EMS and the Sheriff's Office
6:30 pm Coffee and dessert



Tues & Thurs	8/1-8/31*	8:30-9:15 am	GENTLE AEROBICS CLASSES – August Session by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks <i>Come 5-10 minutes early on 8/1</i> to sign up & complete appropriate paperwork. Classes start promptly at 8:30 am.
Tues	8/1	4-8:00 pm	<i>PRIVATE EVENT</i>
Thurs	8/4*	7:00 pm	BOOK GROUP #4 – <u>The Beans of Egypt, Maine</u> by Carolyn Chute
Sat	8/5*	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE Social Hour Dinner – Cost to be determined Music by the “Squid Jiggers”
Thurs	8/10*	7:00 pm 6:30 pm	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 Boy</u> by Gary Schmidt
Sat	8/19	4:00 pm *Directly following meeting!	ANNUAL MEETING – **NEW TIME!** Proxies will be dispersed to membership by Aug. 1 SOCIAL HOUR & SUMMER PICNIC SUPPER Bring a cold dish to share or a crock pot dish!
Thurs	8/24*	7:00 pm 6:30 pm	LECTURE SERIES #5 – “Sailing Around the World” by John and Margo Almeida Coffee and dessert
Sat	9/2	1:00 pm 2:00 pm 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	<i>PRIVATE EVENT</i>



Sat	9/9*		SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER
	5:00 pm		Social Hour
	6:00 pm		Dinner cooked by the Kinsers and Volunteers
			Members only, \$10 per person, limited to 90.
Fri	9/15	3-9:00 pm	<i>PRIVATE EVENT</i>
Fri	9/22	5:30-10pm	<i>PRIVATE EVENT</i>
Fri	10/13*		AUTUMN GATHERING with Bowdoin “Longfellows”
	5:00 pm		Social Hour
	6:00 pm		Hearty Potluck – Bring an entrée, salad, bread or dessert
	7:00 pm		Entertainment by the Bowdoin “Longfellows”
Sat	10/14	TBA am	WATERFRONT DECOMMISSIONING / FLOAT REMOVAL / CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP
			Volunteers Needed!
Sat	12/2	4-6:00 pm	ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
			Bring a hearty appetizer

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 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 seven new members -- three 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 26 person (13 couples) 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 Mark and Martha Tubinis of Andover, Mass. He is a tech entrepreneur, and she is a marketing expert. Her parents have had a Bailey Island cottage for years and their son Luke attended the Abbot Fletcher Sailing School. They were sponsored by Joanne Rattan, Martha's mother, and Joan Urquhart.

Peter and Tara Stahl, of Winchester, Mass., are both corporate attorneys. They were sponsored by Andy Rusczek and Margie Rusczek. They have a summer home on Bailey Island that they share with three daughters.

David and Janice Adams live on Orr's Island year round. Janice is a retired

critical care nurse practitioner who trains the volunteer fire department in First Aid. David is retired as a corporate identity consultant. Gail Stevens and former member Peter Coughlan were their sponsors.

In addition, Liz Rhinehart, who is John Stoppel's wife became a member this year during the annual membership dues payment process.

The Club also welcomed three junior associate members: Tim Henning, Will Edwards and Hal Edwards.

Former members who resigned included: Peter Coughlan, Chris Harte, and Claude and Leslie Brancart.

In addition, Frank Cover died Dec. 20, 2016, and Lois Lawrie died March 20, 2017.

Sailing School Raising Profile

The Abbot Fletcher Sailing School (AFSS) plans to raise its profile and increase its

activities with OBYC members who aren't parents or grandparents of children in the school.

The school has been teaching young people the skills and fun of sailing since 1999. It provides services to both children of members and area residents. A OBYC member committee has developed plans for the coming season and a long-term plan for the school.

Committee members include Doug Woodbury, Margo Almeida, Diana Kenyon, Allan Jarvis and Craig Sipe. Co-chairs for the 2017 season are Sue Baker, Bob Gill and Nick Nichols.

The AFSS has added an additional instructor to the staff, as well as expanding the Head Instructor's role to more program-development activity. Andrew Hartnett is back as Head Instructor for a second year. New program activity will center around a more structured and formalized Beginner's Program, as well the development of an Advanced-Intermediate program that will be added to the Beginners and Intermediate programs currently available.

For the benefit of adult club members, the AFSS will be offering a Knot-Tying Class to all interested members. That class will be conducted by Andrew, and is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00 pm.

By Craig Sipe and Sue Baker

Members will also be asked about interest in a potential

Adult Sailing Program that could be offered in the 2018 season. In addition, the committee is exploring the possibility of bringing the Power Squadron to the Club to teach General Seamanship. This would be a fee-based course, and again, would be based on member interest.

In general, OBYC members will notice a higher profile AFSS. The AFSS will also be looking to expand its fund-raising opportunities to include silent auction displays at social events this season.. More information about this will be coming out in the near future for members wishing to donate items or services to this effort. The main current fund-raiser – the July 4 weekend Pancake Breakfast will continue.

As of April, sign-ups for sailing school are running about in-line with last year. To increase community awareness of AFSS, the committee will be working with local Harpswell TV and Radio to air interviews with Andrew about our programs.

The 2017 OBYC Directory that will be mailed to all members will also include an AFSS brochure. In addition, enrollment forms can be found on the OBYC website (www.obyc.org) under the Sailing School link. Parents, Grandparents, Friends and Neighbors can enroll their children for summer fun and excitement.



Volunteers Repaint Boat Shed

After Dick Stevens pressure-washed the boat shed last month, he noticed “it was looking pretty ratty.” So he called in the volunteers. Last Friday, he was joined by Gail Stevens, Kym Cournoyer, Rich Siegel, Paul Cournoyer and Pat Kaufman to pressure wash the club’s front deck. Gail and Paul started sanding the rail and everyone rotated jobs. “In the end everyone had a hand in washing and sanding. Beers all around,” Dick writes.

Saturday morning Dan Gates, Tom Jackman, Kym Cournoyer, and Gail Stevens all showed up and started painting the shed. Pretty soon Helen Kitchel came and grabbed a brush too. As the shed neared completion Helen, Kym, and Gail, took their brushes and headed for the porch and stained the rail. The spirit for volunteering comes through again at OBYC.

IN MEMORIAM:

Frank "Skip" Cover., an arborist from Dunstable, Mass., and member since the 1970's, died in December.

Lois Lawrie, a long time member and mother of Linnea Lawson-Lawrie, died in March.

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Newsletter

This is the first 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.

617-320-2528,

GREAT NEW OBYC CUSTOM ITEMS.

Custom-order OBYC items are once again available this summer from The Belted Cow. Available for order are D ring belts, leather tab belts, flip-flops, and key fobs. New this year are dog collars and a large size canvas bag (Great Chebeague) along with the other canvas bags, Cliff and Peaks. You are able to view these items in the display case. Orders need to be placed with Susu McIlvaine.

