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Winter Work Prepared Waterfront

by Paul Cournoyer

It was a gloomy, raw day at OBYC on April 13th, but Club volunteers eagerly anticipated another great season by getting ready.

The Waterfront and Anchorage, Building and Grounds and AFSS Committees were already hard at work sprucing up the waterfront and clubhouse. Floats were repaired and club dinghy bottoms were painted. New LL Bean rocking chairs were purchased over the winter. They have been assembled, and they are ready for members to relax in on the porch this summer. This was a true example of the volunteerism of our club members.

Over the winter the club obtained a condition assessment of our main floats and pier. Our pier was found to be in great shape for many more years to come. However, three of our main floats needed to be replaced due to the degradation of the fasteners holding them together. More than 20 years of sitting in salt water and the stress of being lifted with a crane twice a year has taken its toll. As a result, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of three new floats using building reserve funds. The floats are currently under construction at Redfish Marine in Cundy's Harbor.

Over the next several years the Waterfront and Anchorage Committee will continue to assess our waterfront infrastructure and make recommendations to the Board as necessary.

Our goal is to make the OBYC waterfront safe and long lasting for present and future generations of members to enjoy.



Commodore's Letter

Greetings!

Happy Spring! I hope that everyone has had a fabulous winter, wherever you may have been. We are at that in-between place here on Orr's. As I write this, Sugarloaf is still skiing and had a terrific season, but it is trying to become Spring here in Southern Maine. The snow finally melted about three weeks ago, and bulbs are popping.

It will be in the 30's here overnight, but my husband set up the outside screened-in porch this afternoon, so we sat there for a while this evening (me with gloves and a blanket), because we could.... The sun won't set until 7:37 tonight; summer *must* be coming!

As I stated in the Directory Letter, much work has been done over the winter to ensure we are prepared for the season ahead. Three replacement floats are being built. Moorings are popping up in the anchorage! Fourteen new rocking chairs were purchased and assembled. We have a new well pump. (The old one was forty years old; we got our money's worth!) Dinghy bottoms are painted.

A comprehensive budget was developed and approved. Financials are maintained continuously, and an audit was completed, as required annually. Insurance coverages have been reviewed and renewed. All membership renewals have been processed. A remote-control staircase has been installed for the attic stairs. The Social Committee has planned an amazing, eclectic and full social season; all details are being managed. Thanks to so many who have volunteered to host events! AFSS boats are being maintained and updated as necessary. AFSS has been planned and advertised; we already have 59 children signed up, many for multiple weeks!

Thirteen new members have been inducted into the club since the first of the

year. Welcome to all of you! We look forward to seeing you on the water and on the porch and at some of our social events. On behalf of the Board and our volunteer Chairs and Committee Members, please reach out to any of us should you have any questions or concerns. We welcome you, and we celebrate your membership and participation!

Floats go in on Saturday, and we will be off to the races! I look forward to seeing everyone very soon. As always please contact me with any comments or questions.

Happy sailing,

-Kristin



*These Floats Won't Launch
Themselves. Come help
Saturday Morning, May 4*

Check Your Moorings

Do you know the underwater condition of the mooring that your pride and joy hangs on all summer? Moorings should be inspected every three years. We have a considerable amount of current in our mooring field that increases the corrosive action of electrolysis.

Contact your mooring service provider for your mooring's service history. If it's due, please schedule an inspection. This isn't just for your boat. It helps protect your neighbors too.

Are you planning to get a new or different boat this summer? If so, please notify the Waterfront and Anchorage Committee at obycanchorage@gmail.com. A change in boat size or configuration can alter how she lays on her mooring relative to surrounding vessels and may necessitate a relocation of the mooring.

Also, the Harpswell Harbormaster should also be advised of any vessel change. The town requires registration of all moorings, with stickers on the mooring buoy.

Play it safe to protect your vessel and the vessels around you. Let us know if you've made, or plan to make, any changes. Happy boating!



The new floats are nearly ready to be towed to OBYC and attached to the existing floats.



Kym Cournoyer and Dick Stevens install rub rail on one of the new OBYC floats



Winter Work

Newly assembled rocking chairs, newly painted dinghy bottoms and a new electric attic stairway will greet members in the clubhouse.

Volunteers make it happen.



2019 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 5/4 8:30 am **FLOAT LAUNCHING / OPENING OF CLUBHOUSE**

****Volunteers needed at 8:30 am!****

Come help bring our waterfront and clubhouse to life!

Hosts: Waterfront and Buildings & Grounds Committees

Coffee and Donuts provided

Mondays 5/13-10/7
1:30-4:00 pm

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Sat 6/15 5:00 pm

WELCOME BACK! OPENING SOCIAL HOUR

Bring an appetizer

Wednesdays 6/19-8/28

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 (i.e. appetizer, salad, dessert)

7:00 pm Game of Bingo begins!

Thurs 7:30-8:15am
6/20, 6/27, 7/11

GENTLE AEROBICS/WALK15 COMBO CLASS

by Instructor Heather Preston-Weeks

Drop-in classes, \$10 per class. Classes will continue into August if there is enough interest on these 3 dates.

Classes start promptly at 7:30 am.

Thurs 6/20* 6:00 pm

WINE TASTING by Jim Whalen and Harriett Tobin

Hors d'oeuvres provided; Limited to 50; Cost TBD

Fri 6/21* 5:30 pm

PRE-CRUISE POTLUCK MEETING – For all interested Cruisers! Please bring something for the grill and a dish to share. Contact George or Nancy Kinser for additional info. 207-844-3313 or gflight3@gmail.com.



- Sat 6/22 9:00 am **AFSS CLEAN & LAUNCH SAILBOATS**
****Volunteers Needed!****
- Sun-Thurs 6/23-27 **OBYC MINI-CRUISE** – Itinerary to be determined
 Leaving OBYC Sun and returning Thurs.
- Mon-Wed-Fri
 6/24-9/20 7:30-8:30 am **YOGA CLASSES** by Instructor Omkara Kevin Wicks
 Drop-in classes by donation
 M-F Classes are traditional Hatha Yoga
 W Classes are Qigong (movement)
 Please bring your own mat and arrive 5-10 minutes early.
 Classes start promptly at 7:30.
- Thurs 6/27* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #1 - Lives of Consequence: Blacks in Early Kittery & Berwick in the Massachusetts Province of Maine**
 By Patricia Q. Wall
 Presenter: Mary Ellen Obreiter
- Sat 6/29*
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 5:45 pm Blessing of the Fleet
 6:00 pm Potluck – Bring your favorite dish
 Hosts: McFarland; [Kittle](#); [CKelley](#)
- Mon-Fri
 7/1-8/9 9:00-12:00 pm **ABBOT FLETCHER SAILING SCHOOL** – Barker Rm
 Beginner classes
 7/1-8/9 1:00-4:00 pm Intermediate classes
 7/8-8/9 1:00-4:00 pm Racing classes begin on July 8
- Sat 7/6 8-10:00 am **AFSS PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION**
 Open to the public **\$8.50 Adults; \$6 Kids 12 and Under**
- Sat 7/6 9:30 pm **COOKS' FIREWORKS!**
- Thurs 7/11* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #1 – “Honoring Our Island Protectors”** by a panel of [OBIFD firemen and EMTs](#)

- Sat 7/13* **"QUESTIONS & QUESADILLAS" TRIVIA NIGHT**
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner Mexican-Style!
 7:00 pm **Trivia begins**
- Thurs 7/18* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #2 – One Goal: A Coach, a Team, and the Game That Brought a Divided Town Together**
 by Amy Bass
 Presenter: Maggie Gill
- Saturdays 7/20- 8/31 **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 7/20* **OBYC FAMILY DAY SUMMER FUN!**
 3:00-5:00 pm Afternoon Activities and Games for all ages!
 5:00 pm Awards Ceremony/Social Hour
 6:00 pm Pizza dinner provided
- Mon 7/22* 4:00-5:00 pm **MAD SCIENCE OF MAINE - Children's Program!**
 Bring your children/grandchildren of all ages to participate in science experiments! This is not a "drop-off" event. Please sign up by Sunday, 7/21 at 5:00 pm!*
- Thurs 7/25* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #2 – "Maine Tracks: The Underground Railroad in Maine"** by Maine author Mark Allan Leslie; Book signing available after presentation
 6:30 pm Coffee and Dessert
- Thurs 8/1* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #3 – The Last Lobster: Boom or Bust for Maine's Greatest Fishery?**
 by Christopher White
 Presenter: Linda Kittle
- Sat 8/3* **ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE**
 5:00 pm Social Hour
 6:00 pm Dinner – Cost TBD
 Music by "String Tide"



- Mon 8/5* 4-5:00 pm **SPARKS' ARK - Children's Program**, but Adults are certainly welcome! Come see wild animals in rehab or others waiting to be relocated, including a sugar glider, chinchilla, hedgehog, owl and boa!
Please sign up by Sunday, 8/4 @5:00 pm.*
- Wed 8/7 10-2:00 pm *Orr's Is Library Annual Book Sale & Fair at Lowell's Cove*
- Thurs 8/8* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #3 – “Stone Age Mariners: Exploring Harpswell's Prehistory”** by OBYC Member John Goff
6:30 pm Coffee and Dessert
- Sat 8/10 3:00-10:00pm *PRIVATE EVENT (Adams/Wing)*
- Sat-Sun 8/10-11 *OBIFD 26th Annual Auction and Yard Sale*
- Thurs 8/15* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #4 – Lost on a Mountain in Maine** by Donn Fendler
Presenter: TBD
- Sat 8/17 4:00 pm **ANNUAL MEETING**
Proxies will be disbursed to membership by Aug. 3rd!
- *Directly following meeting! **SOCIAL HOUR, SUMMER PICNIC SUPPER & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**
Bring a cold dish or a crock pot dish to share!
- Thurs 8/22* 7:00 pm **LECTURE SERIES #4 – “Casco Bay Begins in Your Backyard”** by Mary Cerullo, Associate Director of Friends of Casco Bay
6:30 pm Coffee and Dessert
- Sun 8/25* **BOATSHOE GOURMET DINNER**
Mixing old and new members!
5:00 pm Social Hour at OBYC; Hors d'oeuvres provided
6:00 pm Gourmet Dinner at Hosting Homes
Cost: TBD

- Thurs 8/29* 7:00 pm **BOOK GROUP #5 – *Beneath the Depths: A Detective Byron Mystery (A John Byron Novel)***
by Bruce Robert Coffin
Presenter: Teena Patton
- Sat 8/31 **SUMMER SAILING SERIES @ MYA – RACE, POTLUCK DINNER & AWARDS**
1:00 pm Skippers' Meeting
2:00 pm Last Race
6:00 pm Potluck Dinner and Awards Ceremony
- Sat 9/7* **"TRIVIA NIGHT AROUND THE WORLD"**
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Bring your favorite international dish to share!
7:00 pm **Trivia begins**
- Sat 9/14* **SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER**
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Dinner
Cost: \$15 each; Limited to 90 people.
- Sat 10/5* **CHILI AND CHOWDER FALL POTLUCK**
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Bring chili, chowder, salad, bread, or dessert to share
- Sat 10/12 9:00 am **FLOAT REMOVAL and CLUBHOUSE CLOSURE**
*****Volunteers Needed!*****
Hosts: Waterfront and Building & Grounds Committees
****Coffee and Donuts Provided****
- Sat 12/7 4-6:00 pm **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**
Bring a hearty appetizer

Would you like to Play MahJongg?

We meet on Mondays from 1:30 until 4:00pm at OBYC. This game is good for the mind and memory plus it is fun! Come join us. We will be teaching new players in May. If interested please contact Julie Holowach at Julie.Dimperio@gmail.com. All are welcome!!!

No water; no bathroom; no problem

The OBYC year-end December holiday party
attracted a cheery crowd.

photos by Teena Patton





Start Your Summer with Special OBYC Merchandise

When you visit OBYC, you will find some new OBYC merchandise---Chart mugs with the OBYC burgee designed by our own OBYC club member! They compliment the OBYC trivets and coasters which she also designed!

You will also find OBYC tees for men, women, and children along with our OBYC hats.

We continue to offer our special order OBYC items. We have samples of the special order merchandise available at the club for trying on so you can determine your size.

OBYC burgee fleeces and microfleece for men and women are available in jackets, ¾ zip, and vests. They are offered in many colors! To place a special order, please contact Helen Kitchel (207-833-3335).

OBYC burgee items from The Belted Cow are belts, flip-flops, dog collars, and a selection of totes and zippered totes. Belts and flip-flops are available for men and women. To place a special order, please contact Susu McIlvaine (207-833-0011).

Happy shopping and stay tuned for more items later this summer!

If you use the Gas Pump, please remember to fill out your Order Slip!

When you use our super-convenient and economical gas pump this summer, please be certain to fill out an order slip! We had a discrepancy in 2018 that was more significant than negligible discrepancies in prior years.

As a point of clarification, the pump gauge *does* get recalibrated annually. Please remember that gas is not available for non-members. Thanks!

Thirteen New Members Join Club; Waiting List Reduced to 27

The Club added 13 new members over the winter, filling vacancies and reducing the waiting list to 27 candidates, membership chair, Sandy Nelson said.

Eight of the new members are adult children of current members who automatically went to the head of the waiting list under our bylaws. Club membership remains at the maximum allowed level of 250.

Phil Sumner, son of former Commodore Phil Sumner and a lifelong sailor at OBYC, and his wife Traci Sumner, an architect, have become full members. They live in Annandale, NJ, and own a Pearson Ensign called "Snow White". They were sponsored by Kristin Fletcher and Max Fletcher.

Jean Palmer-Smith, Barry Stewart's daughter, became a regular member. She is a former teacher and freelance graphic designer who now lives on Orr's Island. Her sponsors were Sue Baker and her father.

John Henning, brother of Paul Henning, and Eric Jones, became members. They are Los Angeles residents who have purchased a house near the club and spend summers there. John is a lawyer and Eric is an architect and preservationist. Sponsors were Ned Kitchel and Wendy Burns.

Scott Holowach, son of Aleck and Julie Holowach, and his wife Monique became members. Scott is a retired NYC fireman and Julie is a former EMS dispatcher. They have three teen-age children and live in Port Jervis, NY. They were sponsored by Julie Holowach and by Janice Adams.

Laura Burns Wolfman, Wendy Burns's daughter, became a member. She is a NYC resident with two teen-agers. Her sponsors were Cindy Burroughs and Helen Kitchel.

Joe Barbato, a banker, and his wife Maura Barbato, an equestrienne, who live in Sutton, Mass. and have a house on Bailey Island, have joined. They have a Mako powerboat called "Hey Joe". They were sponsored by Joan Kaufmann and Jack and Sheila Evjy.

Cathy Kelley, owner of a 22-foot Cape Dory named "Lnnaea Borealist," has joined. An Orr's Island resident, she is a retired Brunswick High School

English teacher. She was sponsored by Ed and Diana Kenyon and by Kate Beck.

Charlie and Lucy Cook, two Southerners who have spent their adult lives in Washington, DC, have become members. Charlie is publisher of the widely quoted Cook Political Report and Lucy volunteers with the USO. They were sponsored by Ellen Shillinglaw and Harriet Tobin.

Board Nominees Invited

Each year the Nominating Committee is tasked with nominating a slate of four members to serve a three year term on the Board of Directors. According to OBYC's Bylaws, the Nominating Committee is responsible "to obtain qualified and willing nominees for open positions on the Board of Directors." The Committee prepares a slate of candidates for the Annual Meeting packets that are mailed for voting two weeks before the meeting.

The Committee considers many qualities for potential Board Members, including leadership skills, diversity in ages and gender, club longevity, and history of volunteerism demonstrating commitment to the Club. The Committee both recruits candidates and accepts applicants.

This year the Committee is reaching out to the membership to seek interested members who would like to be considered to be nominated by the Committee. If you are interested please submit the following information to the Committee Chair, Teena Patton, no later than June 15, 2019:

- a short biography
- an overview of involvement with the Club, including history of volunteerism
- a description of qualifications and relevant skills
- a commitment to the year-round activities of the Board
- a current photograph (jpg is great)

Please e-mail submissions to:

Teena Patton, Chair
(Christine.patton48@yahoo.com)

Erin Kenyon Returns As Head Instructor for AFSS

OBYC Member Erin Kenyon returns as Head Instructor at the Abbot Fletcher Sailing School for 2019. She is returning to the program for the second year after having worked as Mate on the *Schooner Alert* for several summers.

As of April 30, 59 applications have been processed for AFSS this summer. Throughout the winter months, the AFSS Co-Chairs have met several times with returning Head Instructor, Erin Kenyon, to plan AFSS's 20th season. The sailboats will be cleaned and launched on Saturday, June 22. Volunteers are always needed for this task that begins at 9 AM.

The annual pancake breakfast and silent auction fundraisers are scheduled for Saturday, July 7. If you have something you'd like to donate, please contact Amber Skinner at 833-6386 or millayclare@yahoo.com. Gift cards to area businesses or donation of meal preparation or a pie, for example, are possibilities if you would like to contribute to this cause.

There is still space available in all classes.



Head Instructor
Erin Kenyon



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Newsletter

This is the first newsletter for 2019. The newsletter appears monthly during the summer season.

Volunteers to write articles about lectures or take photos at club events are needed. Contact **Bill Bulkeley** with photographs, articles, and suggestions for your OBYC newsletter.

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