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Commodore's Letter

May 2022

Dear OBYC Members,

As the days lengthen and the weather slowly improves it's time to turn our thoughts to the start of the 2022 season at the OBYC. The Board of Directors, the committee chairs, and the committee members have been working through the winter and spring to prepare for the new season.

The Waterfront & Anchorage Committee facilitated the purchase of two new floats, to replace two older floats nearing the end of their useful life,

The Building and Grounds Committee purchased and installed two new metal picnic tables. (see photo on right). They are lighter and more durable than the wood tables they replace, which were rotting away.

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Clubhouse Opening

The Building and Grounds Committee has scheduled a work party for Saturday, May 14 to get the Clubhouse ready for summer.

With Dick Stevens stepping back from handling everything clubhouse related, Commodore Randy Nelson is dividing up the work into smaller pieces and seeking volunteers to each be responsible for a piece of the task that Dick has spear-headed for many years.

This week, floats will be launched on the high tide by a professional crew aided by a few experienced club volunteers.



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Similar metal tables will replace the old wood ones later this summer. The B&G Committee members will come together at the clubhouse on May 14 to get it ready for the season opening. The AFSS has hired a full slate of sailing instructors and has already enrolled sixty-nine students. Finally, the Social Committee has planned a full schedule of social events, including the lobster bake on August 6.

Unlike the previous two seasons we do not anticipate any restrictions on clubhouse use or use of the floats due to Covid. The Board will monitor the Covid situation throughout the summer. We will honor any new Federal or State laws or regulations. We will evaluate any new recommendations from the medical community.

Over the past two years inflation has impacted the club's budget as well as everyone's pocketbook. Increases in the costs of some items, like fuel, can be passed on to members in the form of higher prices at the dock, but this is not true for the majority of our expenses. Total budgeted expenses have increased by slightly over 20% between 2021 and 2022. Much of it is the result of increases in the prices of the goods and services the club purchases. The Board will be monitoring this situation as the season progresses.

Prior to the advent of Covid the club had initiated an adult sailing program in which qualified adults could use one of the club's sailboats on the waters surrounding the OBYC. Unfortunately the program never really took off because of the restrictions imposed by Covid. Some members have expressed an interest in reviving the program; if you are interested please contact Peter Taylor at peter@waterviewconsulting.com.

After many years of dedicated service Dick Stevens has stepped down as chair of the Building and Grounds Committee. Several committee members have volunteered to handle many of the tasks that Dick previously did by himself. We still need one or more people to serve as chair or co-chairs of the committee. This is one of the most important committees at the club. Please let me know if you're interested.

We are looking forward to an active and fun-filled season at the OBYC this summer. We look forward to making new friends and reconnecting with old ones. I hope to see many of you on the docks or social events at the club, and especially at the Friday evening get togethers.

Stay well,

Randy Nelson
Commodore

Work Party



Lynn Bruce preps a club dinghy



Chris Nichols, Dick Stevens, Kurt Miller and Dan Stevens hang sun shades.

Doug Nelson & Kym Cournoyer install rub rails on a new float



Dan Gates with a paint brush.

Photos by Paul Cournoyer

Float Removal in October



Social Committee Plans for Summer

by Joyce Duda

The Social Committee is hoping to resume pre-pandemic levels of activity. Although new variants of Covid-19 seem to be lurking in the shadows, we are pleased the CDC hasn't felt the need to reinstate mask wearing, six-foot social distancing, and staying home to avoid the risks. As of this printing, it is up to each club member to decide whether to wear a mask or go maskless at the Club.

This Committee is cautious about sharing the full calendar as the numbers of positive cases are increasing once again, but we promise to send out frequent eBlasts concerning upcoming events. Hopefully, we will gain enough confidence to unveil a more-detailed schedule very soon.

Before telling you about the opening events, we want to remind you that members should bring their own beverage of choice to all events. OBYC will provide ice. Also, *except for the first event ("Welcome Back! Social Hour")*, members must sign up either online or at the club bulletin board to attend an event. Sign up for a Saturday event must be completed by the Thursday before 5pm. Please be mindful of this as it gives the event hosts an idea of how many folks to prepare for.

Our first event is the **"Welcome Back! Social Hour"** on Sat., June 11, 5:00-6:30 pm. Please bring your favorite appetizer and share if you are comfortable. We will have large monthly calendars available showing Saturday events where you can write your name. We need volunteers to help with every event.

The second planned event is our **"Blessing of the Fleet with Maritime Munchies"** on Sat, 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. The third *Saturday* event is **"Finding Your Roots' International Potluck Dinner"** planned for July 9 @ 5:00-8:00 pm. Please bring an international dish which directly correlates to where your early ancestors came from. Most likely they came by boat!

Here are two additional events for your summer calendars:

We have hired a local caterer for the **Annual Lobster Bake** scheduled for

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Sat, August 6, 5:00-8:00pm. Jot this date on your calendar and stay tuned for additional information as we get closer!

Also, our **Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sat, August 20.** More on that later!

The Social Committee appreciates your patience and understanding as we cautiously pace ourselves in planning the 2022 season of events. We hope to add Lectures, Bingo, Mahjong and Children's Programs as the season progresses. Stay tuned for updates via eBlasts every few weeks.

In Memoriam

Brenda Darcy, age 82, died March 12. A former member, she and her husband Dick Darcy had lived all over the world before moving to Maine where they have a home in Brunswick and a summer home on Orr's Island.

Arnold Bennett, died Nov. 27. He lived with his wife Nancy on Lowell's Cove on Orr's Island where they had moved in 1999. A former Boston banker, he served on many local committees and worked at the club on getting the new clubhouse built.

Kenneth A. Leeman, 89, died Feb. 3 in Port Charlotte, FL. Ken served in the Air Force and worked as an IRS agent before retirement. An active athlete, he was also a sax player.

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