

Commodore's Letter

*Time to put away boats
and floats.*

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October 2017

Help Wanted: Floats Out Saturday

The annual Fall waterfront decommissioning process is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th. High tide is at 7:00 a.m. We should start staging floats along the pier for the crane to pickup around 6:30.

Additionally, all of the wooden crib work needs to be laid down on the lawn .

Many hands make light work. If folks arrive around 6:30 we can divide and conquer what needs to be done. Experienced hands help make the process go as smoothly as possible but newcomers are welcome and needed.

Wear warm work-clothes and rubber-soled footwear. Bring work gloves if you have them.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on October 14th!

Cheers,

Paul Cournoyer

OBYC Waterfront and Anchorage Committee



Commodore's Letter

I was at the club today to motor my boat to haulout. There were only a handful of boats in our mooring field. Although the sun was bright, they looked lonely and cold. It's about time to put the OBYC place to bed for a 6-month winter nap. Looking back, OBYC's 2017 boating season will be remembered as another good year. Nice weather, successful youth sailing season, lots of little stripers and wonderful social times. If this is the best that we ever experience in future seasons, life is good.

On behalf of the board and all OBYC members, I extend our most sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all who volunteered to help OBYC enjoy another wonderful year. In this group are OBYC's Committee Chairs and Co-chairs who collectively form the backbone of what we are. So, thank them when you see them. And, always remember that OBYC needs you!

We still have two social events in the next few months! The first is on a Friday night – October 13. (One day before float removal and closing of the clubhouse.) The Autumn Gathering will feature a Bowdoin College A Capella group, the *Longfellows*. This potluck dinner with entertainment is always a crowd pleaser. And, of course, the season isn't officially over until the annual holiday party on Saturday, December 2nd. This is always a good time and features a unique Christmas tree, harvested by Tim Vail in his travels, and expertly decorated by his band of volunteer elves.

I hope to see you at one of the upcoming functions. If not, enjoy the beautiful fall weather and holiday season ahead.

Sincerely,

Fred Rusczek,

Commodore

PS – Don't forget that the floats come out Saturday, October 14 at 7 a.m. and the clubhouse is readied for winter. Volunteers are always needed!

2017 Social Calendar

- Fri 10/13* **AUTUMN GATHERING** with Bowdoin “Longfellows”
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Potluck – Bring a large entrée, salad, bread, or dessert
7:00 pm Entertainment by the Bowdoin College “Longfellows”
- Sat 10/14 6:30 am **WATERFRONT DECOMMISSIONING / FLOAT
REMOVAL / CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP**
****Volunteers Needed!****
Hosts: Waterfront and Grounds & Building Committees
Coffee and Donuts Provided
- Sat 12/2 4-6:00 pm **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**
Bring a hearty appetizer



Social Committee Report

The 2017 OBYC social calendar is almost complete. Social Committee co-chair Joyce Duda said it has been a successful season with major Saturday night events every two weeks attracting 50 to over 170 people.

In addition, the club hosted six lectures attracting from 26 to 63 attendees. The club hosted yoga and gentle aerobics classes. And the committee started a bridge group that met six times with two tables.

The 2018 social committee has already met and laid out the 2018 social calendar. The committee is led by Duda and Barbara McGowen. All 10 members of the committee are returning.

However, the annual lobster bake is in need of two co-chairs to run the club's biggest event. Co-chairs Duda and Fred Holler are stepping down after five years. Fred has overseen the Circle of Trust where the lobsters are boiled. Joyce has done the food shopping and managed the kitchen. Both promise to guide the new co-chairs.

In the next-to-the-last social event of the year, the club will be hosting a Bowdoin College *a cappella* group, The Longfellows, this Friday. Members should bring a potluck dish — and remember the singers will be eating with us, and college students have big appetites.

Duda said the December Annual Holiday Party usually attracts about 50 people. A construction-site, propane-fuelled heater runs all day, leaving the

clubhouse comfortable by 4 p.m. when the festivities start. Members bring "heavy" appetizers to share, and beverages of their choice. Hot cider is supplied by the hosts. The plumbing in the clubhouse will have been turned off and drained, limiting clean-up capabilities and bathroom usage. The party ends at 6 p.m.

Duda provided a list of the past summer's events with attendance: Opening Social Hour – 67 stayed until 8 p.m.

Blessing of the Fleet Potluck Dinner -- 64,

OBYC Rocks, -- catered dinner, 50

Family Day -- 20 kids in the afternoon and 62 attendees in evening.

The annual Lobster Bake – 172

Annual Meeting — 53 stayed for dinner

Pulled Pork Dinner – 81 people.

Six Lectures with attendance: Invasive plants, 37; Military surveillance, 48; Island protectors, emergency services, 26; The Virginia, Maine's first ship. 27; Sailing around the world, the Almeidas 53; Paul Nadeau, geology of Casco Bay, 63.

In Memoriam

Bill Cutler - 8/14/17
Margi Sumner - 8/9/17
Claude Messamore - 9/18/17
Sandy Stewart - 9/25/17

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Newsletter

This is the last newsletter of 2017. 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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