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## Happenings

October, 2018

## Commodore's Letter

Dear Members,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Columbus Day weekend. Thank you to all of the volunteers who organized the Chili and Chowder Potluck on Friday evening. It was a lovely evening, the food was great, and the crowd lingered and chatted into the night. I especially enjoyed meeting several people who are on the waiting list and attended as guests of their sponsors!

Further, I would like to thank the terrific crowd that showed up bright and early Saturday for Floats Out and Clubhouse Closing under the able leadership of Bruce MacLeod and Dick Stevens. The effort was well organized and safety-conscious, and the donuts were delish! Thank you all.

Since the Annual Meeting, I have been soliciting the Volunteer Support of Committee Members and Committee Chairs for the coming year. I really appreciate those willing to take on these important roles. Being Chair of an OBYC Committee is a significant year-round responsibility. Thank you all!

For everyone's information, the following is a list of Committee Chairs for the upcoming season:

Audit Committee – Ellen Shillinglaw

Finance Committee – Eric Lusk and Lee Slap, Co-Chairs.  
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Grounds & Buildings Committee – Richard Stevens

Membership Committee – Sandy Nelson

Nominating Committee – Teena Patton

Social Committee – We had a great working session, facilitated by Heidi Barker, with an expanded Social Committee. Tasks have been defined and assigned, and Committee Members will divide and conquer! Key leadership positions include Joyce Duda as Meeting Chair, Jill Olausson as Communication Coordinator, RSVP Coordinators Jill Olausson and Bobbi Robertson, and Ellen Shillinglaw as Budget Coordinator and Board Liaison.

Waterfront & Anchorage Committee – Paul Cournoyer and Bruce MacLeod, Co-Chairs

Abbot Fletcher Sailing School – Sue Baker, Bob Gill, Chris Nichols and Nick Nichols, Quad-Chairs

ByLaws Committee – Holly Lusk

Insurance Committee – Eric Lusk

Adult Sailing Coordinator – Fred Ruscsek

Club Merchandise Coordinators – Helen Kitchel and Susan McIlvaine

Newsletter Publisher – Bill Bulkeley

Volunteerism Coordinator – Rich Siegel

As you can see, most of these individuals are continuing their commitment to these aspects of the management of our club. They are supported by tens of other volunteers. The complete Committee listing will be included in the Club's Spring Mailing. Thank you to everyone for your participation.

I look forward to seeing many of you out and about over the coming months and at the Club's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. For those who go elsewhere for the winter, please enjoy your time, and we look forward to seeing you again in the Spring.

Sincerely, *Kristin Fletcher, Commodore*



## *Float Decommissioning*





## *Floats Out*



*Photos by Teena Patton*

## OBYC Merchandise

Remember your OBYC Merchandise for holiday gifts!

The in stock items are children's tees, ladies tees, and men's tees—short sleeve and long sleeve—hats, trivets, and coasters.

Special Order items need 1 to 3 weeks order time depending on the item and are not returnable.

Fleeces and Microfleeces: They are available in full zip,  $\frac{3}{4}$  zip, and vests in many colors.

Belted Cow items with the OBYC burgee: Items are belts, flip-flops, dog collars, dog leashes, and various size totes.

## Social Calendar

Sat. Dec. 1 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Bring a hearty appetizer.

Water is shut off in the club house, so bathroom and kitchen facilities all be unavailable. Propane heaters will keep the room comfortable.



### *Free to good home!*

These folding chairs are no longer needed at the club. Let Dick Stevens or Teena Patton know if you would like to take some.



## *Social Committee Ends Lively Year*

Joyce Duda, outgoing social committee co-chair said the club had a successful social season with "good turnout and great events." There were major social events almost every-other Saturday from June through September.

She added that the club has added new events for children and regular weekly games of Mah Jong, the tile-based Chinese table game.

In addition, the club hosted four lectures, attended by dozens of members. The club also hosted weekly yoga and gentle aerobics sessions.

Commodore Kristin Fletcher has divided up social committee responsibilities, in order to reduce the volunteering burden that fell on Joyce and Barbara McGowen as co-chairs. Joyce is continuing in a role as coordinator.

Joyce said the last event, the December Annual Holiday Party, usually attracts about 50 members for a potluck.

Of last summer's social events, the biggest, as usual, was the annual lobster bake with 162 attendees. The lobster bake had new leadership this year, but everything went well despite drizzly, windy weather that drove many people inside the clubhouse.

The June opening social hour drew 65 people; the Blessing of the Fleet attracted over 100. The Rockin' with Rockweed catered barbecue drew 120 attendees.

The annual meeting and summer picnic saw 79 people in attendance. The International potluck drew 68; Chili and Chowder. 58.

Among child-focused events, Mad Science got 16 children and Family day drew 27. An animals visit with Sparks Ark got 42 people.

The most popular lecture topic was "Sea Stars" an ecological tour of the world seen through the story of a small mollusk. A lecture on Harriet Beecher Stowe attracted 36 people; Reflections on Ambassador Pam White's career drew 31 and a lecture by the coffee entrepreneur behind Wicked Joe's got 29 people.

Joyce thanked Julie Holowach for organizing the Mah Jong games which filled two to three four-person tables Monday afternoons. She also credited Bob Seaman for organizing a trivia night, which she said will happen twice next year.



*Joyce Duda*

## *Chili and Chowder*



*Peter Shiras and  
Diana Morris take  
their guests out for a  
late September boat  
ride.*





# New Members Face 5-Year Wait

Sandy Nelson, Membership Committee chair, reports that our club membership rolls are full and there are now 45 candidates on the waiting list. The list includes 20 couples and five singles.

Prospective members may have a five-year wait, based on current turnover rates, Sandy says. Sandy says that sponsors of new members should explain that they may have a long wait. Sponsors are encouraged to bring their prospective members to club events as guests.

A copy of the membership waiting list is posted on the bulletin board in the side foyer for member viewing. Under club rules, current junior associate members who apply for full membership go to the top of the waiting list. Non-members who had used the club under the old Family-Option rules also have preference over new applicants.

Erin Kenyon is our newest member. She made application to convert her Jr. Associate Membership to Regular Membership and was accepted Sept. 1 when an opening occurred. Erin, a school teacher, headed the Abbot Fletcher Sailing School program this summer. She is the daughter of Ed and Diana Kenyon and has been an OBYC regular since childhood.

Haley and Lindsay Burroughs have joined as Jr. Associate members. They are the daughters of members Warren and Cindy Burroughs of Weston, MA and Bailey Island. Both learned to sail at AFSS. Lindsay is a recent graduate of Colgate University in Hamilton, NY. She is now living in New York City. Haley is a senior art history major at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY.

Fred & Gloria Peikin resigned their membership. They have moved to Florida.

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## Newsletter

This is the sixth and final newsletter for 2018. 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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