



OBYC

Happenings

Gates added to Board pg. 4

New Member joins. pg. 4

This is the final newsletter of 2019

Commodore's Letter

October 2019

Dear Members,

Well, that's a wrap, folks! Thanks to everyone for another successful season at OBYC. Once we survived the chill of May and June, the boating was fabulous. The social and educational activities at the Club were diverse and fun. Volunteers all - please give yourselves a hand for pulling it off!

I have a few updates for everyone:

Off Season Activities -
Please keep in mind that many of our Committees continue to work through the off season to ensure we are ready to roll in May of 2020. *continued Pg. 2*

Social Season Successful

by Bill Bulkeley

The OBYC social season is nearly over with only the annual December holiday party remaining on the calendar. Social Committee leader Joyce Duda said the various events drew enthusiastic crowds of all ages.

She said the social committee has nearly finalized the schedule for next year, and its members are enthusiastic about the plans.

She said two issues developed during the year that concern her. First, members increasingly wait until the last moment to sign up for events. That sometimes leaves event leaders wondering whether to hold an event at all. Indeed, the committee decided to cancel Family Day this year because no one signed up early in the week.

Second, getting volunteers to remain after an event for cleanup is sometimes problematic. At the Lobster Bake this year, few people remained after eating the feast, leaving the clean up burden for a few stalwarts.

continued Pg. 3

Commodore's Letter

continued from Pg. 1

We appreciate everyone's support of these activities. If you are not involved in one of the committees that works through the winter, please reach out to one of your friends who is and thank them!

Committee Leadership - Our Committee Chairs - these terrific leaders - are some of our most important volunteers. Thankfully, everyone has re-upped this year for another season, but we do need to start some succession planning. If you are willing to become a "Committee Chair in Training", please reach out to me and let's talk! I appreciate your consideration. *We need your leadership.*

Committee Membership - Over the winter, all committees will be refreshing their membership lists. If you are interested in participating on a particular committee, please reach out to the chair or to me to discuss.

Have an extra bedroom for a week or two? - In an effort to ensure we are able to recruit instructors for AFSS, we are seeking members who would be willing to house one or two instructors for one or two weeks of the six-week AFSS season. If you have an extra room that you can spare, please reach out to Liz Incze (liz.incze@gmail.com or (207) 329-9996) who is coordinating. Several members have already generously offered rooms for a

week or two; let's see if we can complete the schedule!

Letter to the Town - In September, as abutters, we received notification of an application for the Theberge Fish House on Osborne Row to be designated as a marina. Several Board Members attended the Site Walk-through, and the Board subsequently agreed to submit a letter to the Harpswell Town Planning Board expressing our concerns with the impact that parking for said marina would have on our ability to access the OBYC facility, particularly as regards emergency vehicles. We also copied the Orr's Bailey Island Fire Department and the Harpswell Harbor & Waterfront Committee on our letter, and encouraged their involvement in the process. Since then, the application has been withdrawn.

Nominating Committee - Please join me in welcoming Jennifer Gates as the newest member of the Board. (See article about Jennifer elsewhere in this newsletter.) Jennifer is filling the last ten months of Don Robertson's term. Additionally, the Nominating Committee is currently working to make a recommendation to the Board for a Member to fill the Board position from which Len Duda recently resigned; this position will be filled until it can be voted upon at next year's Annual Meeting.

Call me anytime with any comments or questions. I know I will see many of you over the winter. To those who travel elsewhere during the winter months, we wish you a wonderful time, and see you in the spring!

Kristin

Social Season

continued from Page 1

The social season opened with the Opening Social Hour in June, which drew over 60 people, Joyce said. The second event, The Blessing of the Fleet drew over 80 people to what is traditionally the second biggest social event of the summer after the Lobster Bake.

The First Trivia Night and Mexican potluck drew 35 people. The first kids' program of the summer, Mad Science Maine, featuring chemistry and combustion, drew 34 people.

The Lobster Bake drew 166 people. The second children's program, featuring animals from Sparks Ark, had 32 attendees. The annual meeting and picnic supper had over 50 people.

Boatshoe Gourmet, a new program in which five couples volunteered their homes to host six other club members for a dinner provided by the Social Committee was oversubscribed. Joyce says the committee hopes to expand to

more houses next year.

As summer wound down, a second Trivia Night with an international potluck drew 59 people; the Kinser's annual Pulled Pork Dinner attracted 79 people and the Chili and Chowder fall potluck drew 40 people.



Board of Directors

Commodore: Kristin Fletcher

Vice Commodore: Randy Nelson

Secretary: Holly Lusk

Treasurer: Sue Baker

Richard Siegel,
Bill Bulkeley,
Nick Nichols,
Ellen Shillinglaw,
Kim Stewart
Bob Seaman
Jennifer Gates

Jennifer Gates added to Board

The board voted to add Jennifer Gates as a new board member, filling out the term of Don Robertson, who resigned effective after the annual meeting.

Jennifer, works in the Combat Systems Engineering Group of the Navy's Supervisor of Shipbuilding Office in Bath. She and her husband Dan have been OBYC members since 2006. They have twin middle-schoolers, Morgan and Savannah.

Jennifer recalls that she "caught the sailing bug as an adult and learned to sail at Community Boating in Boston. I moved to Maine in early 1998 and crewed in many sailboat races out of Freeport, Falmouth, and Penobscot Bay, and one summer, I sailed in the Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing series." They acquired Skye, a Walton 37 yawl, in early 2009. "This happened to be 10 months after our twins were born... hence my occasional reference to the three as our triplets!"

She was born and raised in Barrington, RI, and has a degree in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She has served on the Sailing Committee.



Jennifer Gates sailing with Morgan

New Member

Matt Deschesne became our newest regular member. He is Erin Kenyon's fiancé and they have a home in Freeport. He works in Portland in finance and is an avid runner and reader.

Sandy Nelson, membership chair reports our membership count is now 261. The membership waiting list count is now 25 candidates (12 couples, 1 single).

