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Here we are at the official end of the season, and fall migration is underway. Some members have already completed their migration to winter homes, boats have migrated or are getting close to going into winter storage, students are back in school - you get the idea. It has been a good season, with progress toward a more normal ability to gather. Here's hoping next year might allow us to be back in full force.

While the club officially closes October 22, there is still much that goes on in support of the club in the winter.

- This past week, Buildings & Grounds partnered with Waterfront & Anchorage and AFSS committees to do a massive site cleanup, while also prepping the dock and floats for haul out, building boat frames, covering boats and making lists of things to be worked on before spring arrives.
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Social Year in Review

OBYC wrapped up its summer social season with strong attendance at the pulled pork dinner and the Chili and Chowder potluck. Joyce Duda of the social committee said: "It was a very successful season given that Covid seemed to linger in the shadows."

Club activities returned to near normal over the summer. In addition to holding most of the usual Saturday evening events, the club held six lectures, regular bingo nights and mah jongg sessions and two children's events.

Attendance picked up as the summer went on, and people grew increasingly comfortable with living with the pandemic. Overall, numbers were off some, "but not that much" Joyce said.

The first event of the year, in June, the welcome back social hour, attracted 47 people. People brought appetizers and put them on a central table, but it took a long time before attendees started eating them.

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Commodore's Letter

- A special thanks to Jennifer Gates. As part of the Buildings & Grounds committee, she took the lead in determining what was in the shed and she worked with our committees to get rid of unneeded items and organize the shed for the future. Which brings me to a request: Now that things are neat and tidy around the shed and on the grounds, please help us! Going forward - if you have anything (big or small) you might want to donate to the club, I ask that you please reach out to a board member or committee chair to discuss your item(s) before you donate. We value your interest in helping the club with things we might be able to use. The board is well versed in what would be helpful and what might best be donated elsewhere.

- Committees are busy creating budgets and planning for next year. The board will be engaged in reviewing requests and determining the next year of expenditures.

- As a board, we are focusing on documenting existing processes and procedures for each committee so future leaders will have a road map to build from. All members will be able to see the documents and use them as building blocks for improving how we do things in the future.

- Tied to making improvements to our procedures, we are looking for a member to help get the club set up on a system that can facilitate easier payments for members, sailing school participants and the like. It might be Venmo, it might be something else. **If you are interesting in helping with this, please reach out to me or Sue Baker.**

And here's a fun fact about the club and winter activities. 35 years ago we had our first holiday celebration at the club for members who were in the area. Each member brought firewood for the fireplace and food to share. With a few exceptions, we have repeated this tradition each year. This year on December 3 we will continue with the celebration: you do NOT need to bring wood to burn, but please bring something edible to share!

May you enjoy your fall - however you spend it. We look forward to our next season with hopes we get to see more of each other in person.

Best wishes.

Liz



Chili and Chowder



Photos by Liz Incze and Teena Patton



Social Season in Review

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The Blessing of the Fleet attracted 61 people.

The third club event of the year, the International Potluck Dinner got only 33 people, which was much fewer than recent years. Joyce speculates that people were still skeptical of the safety of potluck food, but she said the July 9 date may have conflicted with family activities around July 4.

Further disappointment followed July 23 when only two families signed up for Family Day activities and the event was cancelled. Joyce notes that vaccinations for young children had been allowed only recently and speculated that some families were being cautious.

But the Lobster Bake was back full force with 142 attendees, the same as last year and close to the pre-Covid average of 160. The club again hired a caterer and Joyce said the same one, a local woman who sources food locally, has agreed to cater it again next summer.

The annual meeting was virtual again this year. Only about 20 people attended the post-meeting virtual social hour. The social committee also had to cancel a planned celebration of town volunteers with the Orr's Bailey Fire department, when few

members signed up in advance, and the social committee feared there wouldn't be enough food for guests.

But as Fall started attendance picked up. The annual Pulled Pork Dinner, conducted by the Kinsers, drew 72 people. And the Chili and Chowder event attracted 48 people.

The social committee also arranged six lectures during the summer. Subjects included historic Harpswell, Halfway Rock, Frances Perkins, whitetail deer, and ocean racing, as well as one on composting. Most drew about 30 attendees.



Joyce Duda



*Fred Holler, Lew Incze, and Len Duda
enjoy the Fall sunshine.*

2022 Fall Calendar of Events

Below are OBYC events through the end of 2022. Please remember that the events with an asterisk require signing up at the clubhouse or online. *Private events* are so noted.

Sat, Dec 3 @ 4:00-6pm – **Annual Holiday Party** – Come and celebrate the holiday season with us! Bring a hearty appetizer to share and your own beverage! Ice and mulled cider will be available. Please remember the plumbing is shut off at the clubhouse -- no running water in the kitchen OR the bathrooms! What is brought in must be carried out. No sign up is necessary!



Mah jongg players gathered regularly.

Above: Judy Corson, Ann Gulesian and Marnie McFarland

Right: Marnie McFarland, Ann Gulesian, Judy Corson and MahJongg coordinator Linda Kittle.



In Memoriam

Dr. Philip Sumner, club Commodore from 1998 to 2000, died at age 97 on Sept. 8. He was the father of current OBYC director Philip Sumner Jr. Dr. Sumner, who lived on Orr's Island and spent much of his earlier life in Wellesley, MA, was a pioneering OB/GYN doctor at Boston's Brigham & Women's Hospital. He was an early champion of Lamaze birthing methods and created and wrote a textbook about birthing rooms where fathers were included in the birth process. A longer obituary is available here: <https://www.pressherald.com/2022/09/24/obituaryphilip-e-sumner/>

OBYC Member Weddings

September 17: Dean Holowach & Addy Stricker
Andy Rusczek & Nadine Peters

September 24 Erin Kenyon & Matt Deschenes

Orr's-Bailey Yacht Club

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