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year's best month!*

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September 2017

OBYC board Re-elects Club Officers after Annual Meeting

The newly elected OBYC board re-elected Fred Rusczek as commodore for a second year following the annual meeting of members.

Kristin Fletcher was re-elected vice-commodore. Teena Patton was re-elected as secretary and Sue Baker was re-elected as treasurer.

Three new directors were elected at the annual meeting: Sue Baker, Bill Bulkeley and Nick Nichols. Don Robertson was re-elected for a second three-year term.

They replace three directors who are retiring from the Board: pictured, from right: Allan Jarvis (6 years, 2 years as Commodore), Fred Holler (6 years), (Rich Siegel, who remains on the board) and Garrett Knight (3 years, 1 year as Commodore).



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Say it ain't so! The calendar says September. Can't be. Didn't our friends from away just arrive to enjoy another summer. What happened? Oh, there are some new wonderful memories of OBYC events, of children's voices as they learn to sail, of fishing experiences and tall tales, of friend's cruising stories, and of glorious sunsets over Merriconeag Sound with good friends. Pre-season football is on TV. I guess it is time to face the facts - another OBYC summer is winding down.

The calendar also says that summer isn't over until September 22. We still have a little time left to enjoy OBYC with fellow members and guests. And we still can look forward to the upcoming Pulled Pork dinner, the Autumn Gathering Event and the Holiday Party.

Many thanks to the Waterfront and Anchorage Committee for the new dinghies and new policies that allow members to borrow one of the older Puffin dinghies for a day. The new dinghies are quite stable, and thus easier to board a boat from. Also, the Waterfront Committee installed three new stainless steel ladders on our floats to replace the old wooden ones. These ladders facilitate getting in and out of dinghies and getting out of the water in the case of a mishap.

Also, our heartfelt thank you to outgoing Board members Allan Jarvis, Fred Holler, and Garrett Knight. Your service to the club has been much valued and appreciated by all.

September is a glorious month to be on the coast of Maine. Some say it is the best of the year. I'm going to spend as much time as I can enjoying the waning days of summer at OBYC.

I hope that you will take some time and join me.

Happy boating!

Fred Rusczek

Commodore

Annual Lobster Bake

Clockwise from right: John Stoppel brings some lobsters for the pot; Allison Hartman Adams, Judi Hartman and Kay Boyer cooking chicken for those who don't like crustaceans; the ladies in the serving line had their claws out; the folk duo, the Squid Jiggers performed.



2017 Social Calendar

Mon-Wed-Fri			YOGA CLASSES by Instructor Hoa Tran
6/26-9/19*	7:30-8:30 am		Drop-in classes, donations accepted. Bring a water bottle and comfortable mat. Please arrive early – classes start promptly at 7:30 am!
Sat	9/2		SUMMER SAILING SERIES @ MYA – RACE, POTLUCK DINNER & AWARDS
	1:00 pm		Skippers' Meeting
	2:00 pm		Last Race
	6:00 pm		Potluck Dinner and Awards Ceremony
Sat	9/2	4-10:00pm	<i>PRIVATE EVENT</i>
Sat	9/9*		SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER
	5:00 pm		Social Hour
	6:00 pm		Dinner cooked by the Kinsers and Volunteers
			Members only, \$10 per person, limited to 90.
Fri	9/15	3-9:00 pm	<i>PRIVATE EVENT</i>
Fri	9/22	5:30-10:00 pm	<i>PRIVATE EVENT</i>
Sat	9/23	12-10:00 pm	<i>PRIVATE EVENT</i> New Addition!
Sat	9/30	2:00	Memorial Service for Bill Cutler, who passed away August 4, 2017. all members invited.
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	TBA 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

Sailing School Report

by Sue Baker, co-chair

This year's program was coordinated by Bob Gill, Nick Nichols, and Sue Baker serving as co-chairs. Seventy-nine students attended AFSS in 2017 with 51 attending for 1 week, 27 attending for 2 weeks, and 1 student attending for 3 weeks. Six students who originally signed up for a single week returned for a second week, and one for a third week. Thirteen students were related to OBYC members, including our first great-grandchild of an OBYC member. Our staff included Andrew Hartnett, Head Instructor; Chelsea Hartnett, Augie Lienert, and Ashley St. Louis, Junior Instructors; and Mitch Lienert volunteer instructor. Another former student, Jack Theberge, was a volunteer instructor during his 2-week vacation in Harpswell.

While the three co-chairs served as the leadership team on an ongoing basis, we are supported by members of the Sailing Committee. Under George Kinser's direction, we hosted the annual pancake breakfast on the Saturday prior to July 4. OBYC members responded to a request for items for the raffle basket that Barbara Messamore so attractively put together.

This year we added two silent auctions to augment our fundraising efforts. Amber and Ben Skinner organized these events that were held in conjunction with the pancake breakfast and the lobster bake, realizing \$1,692 for AFSS.

Thank you to the Skinners and to all OBYC members who donated and/or bid on items. Land's End Gift Shop, Island Candy Company, Schooner ALERT and Salt Cod Cafe also made donations. We currently plan to add this amount to the new AFSS Capital Reserve for future needs of AFSS.

AFSS is most grateful to Kristin Fletcher, Max Fletcher, and Judy Woodbury for designating contributions in memory of their mother, Eileen Fletcher Leighton, go to AFSS for establishment of a capital reserve. Just under \$2,400 in memorial contributions has been received to date. Separately, Scott and Hilary Haley, who got married at OBYC on June 23, requested donations to AFSS in lieu of wedding gifts.

Each day that AFSS was in session, rain or shine, an AFSS Monitor was on duty to take attendance, monitor the VHF radio, assist staff when requested, and, most importantly, interact with parents. Monitors completed a daily log with the Head Instructor so we have a permanent record of how each day progressed.

Thank you to Diana Kenyon for coordinating the Monitor program this year. Every Friday students and their family members were treated to ice cream sundaes and presentation of awards to each departing student. Thank you to Bobbi and Don Robertson for serving ice cream and all the fixings.

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L to R - Mitch Lienert, volunteer instructor; Augie Lienert, junior instructor; Andrew Hartnett, head instructor; Chelsea Hartnett and Ashley St. Louis, junior instructors.

Boat maintenance was handled by Bob Gill with great assistance from Nick Nichols and Don Robertson. A great crew of volunteers answered our call for muscle power to wash and launch our fleet of boats in mid-June. However, a sparse showing was present to assist with taking out the boats on August 11. Our special thanks to non-committee member Chris Nichols and to former OBYC member Paul Nadeau, now an active member of his yacht club in Norway. Despite the lack of volunteers, all the boats were hauled and

stored after the last class for 2017 ended. It helped that two of our teaching crew play football for Brunswick High School!

New this year was a weekly newsletter written by Andrew Hartnett and emailed to all registered students. A copy of each issue is posted on the bulletin board near the restrooms. Additionally, we focused on getting our Facebook page up to date. Thank you to Jen Nelson for her IT experience in resolving some issues with old Facebook accounts for AFSS.

Rocks of Ages

The 200 million year history of the shale, sandstone and granite that we ground our boats on every summer, was the subject of an OBYC special lecture by Paul Nadeau.

Nadeau, a former club member, now lives in Norway where he teaches geology and advises the state oil company.

He said that the rocks we see today in Casco Bay are mostly sedimentary rocks that were once 15 miles beneath the surface. They are exposed today because of the forces that shift tectonic plates and fold surface rocks "like an accordion" he said. The oldest rocks in the area are the white granite of Ragged Island. The youngest are volcanic forms like the basalt dike that forms the giant stairs.

Despite all the shale in the area, there isn't enough oil in the shale to make fracking profitable, he said.



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Newsletter

This is the fifth 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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