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September 2018

Commodore's Letter

Dear Members,

I am proud to be your Commodore. The Club has been an important part of my life since birth; I commit that I will work hard and do my best to sustain and enhance the achievement of the Club's mission. I'd like to focus this first letter of my tenure on appreciating all of you who make it possible. First, I'd like to thank Fred Rusczek for his tireless, patient and thoughtful two-year tenure as Commodore. Fred spent hundreds of hours over the past 24 months looking out for the Club and managing all issues. Thank you, Fred! I would also like to acknowledge the Directors who are leaving the Board – Ned Kitchel, Malcolm McFarland, and Jim Whalen. I can attest that all three of these gentlemen have committed significant personal time, effort and judgement to support the leadership of the club. I want to welcome Randy Nelson, Ellen Shillinglaw and Kimberly Stewart, as well as re-elected Holly Lusk, to the Board. Each of us brings a unique perspective and experience; I look forward to watching this Board form, adjust and gel.

I would be remiss if I did not also thank our outgoing Committee Chairs. Charlie Johnson has served as Finance Committee Chair for four years, and has brought the operations of that Committee to a new level of professionalism. And, Joyce Duda and Barbara McGowen have managed the activities of the Social Committee with great energy and creativity for many years. Thank you, Charlie, Joyce and Barbara!

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*Fred Rusczek
hands the gavel
to new
Commodore
Kristin Fletcher*



Commodore

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I appreciate all who have provided thoughtful input at or since the Annual Meeting. Activities for the next few months include establishing priorities and the budget for 2019 and understanding work that needs to be accomplished over the winter so that we are ready to roll by May.

As Paul Cournoyer mentioned at the Annual Meeting, we will also have the condition of the floats assessed this fall in order to understand when they will need to be replaced, and to inform decisions regarding the investment of our capital.

I hope that everyone is able enjoy these last few weeks of the boating season. We may need to bundle up a bit, but September can be a lovely month for boating! I look forward to seeing you on the floats or at one of the last few social events of the season.

Sincerely,

-Kristin Fletcher

-Commodore



Outgoing Directors, Ned Kitchel, Malcolm McFarland and Jim Whalen

New Officers Chosen

At the first meeting of the board of directors under new Commodore Kristin Fletcher, Randy Nelson was elected as the new vice commodore. Randy had been elected to the board for the first time at the annual meeting.

The board meeting occurred following the OBYC annual meeting Aug. 18. Among other officers, Teena Patten was reelected as secretary and Sue Baker was reelected as treasurer.



International Pot Luck

Saturday, Sept. 8

left: Lucy and Jamie Black,
rock it Baltic style.

below: Three generations
of Johnson men — Charlie,
left, Ian, center, and
David, right.

photos by Debra Bulkeley



Sailing School Finishes Strong

by Sue Baker

Abbot Fletcher Sailing School had 83 students during its 6-week program this year. 31 students were new to AFSS and 52 had sailed with us previously. 23% were related to OBYC members. Several students who registered for a single week returned for additional weeks when space was available. Additionally, several students advanced to the Intermediate level after spending a week in the Beginner class.

Our staff this year was headed by OBYC member Erin Kenyon and instructors Connor Dillon, Augie Lienert, and Ashley St. Louis. Erin is US Sailing Level 3 certified and the others are US Sailing Level 1 certified. Two volunteers were with us for all six weeks: Mitch Lienert, also US Sailing Level 1 certified, and Galen Bennie. Additional volunteers who spent 1-3 weeks with us included former students Kate Mason, Alex Sarna, and Jack Theberge.

The club owns an aging population of Hunter sailboats, a class that is no longer made. To augment student skills, the club added a used Rhodes19 to our fleet this year. Most of our boats were hauled and stored on August 10. The Rhodes as well as the Howmar12 and Laser remained in the water for use by Adult OBYC members who met the requirements developed by

the new Adult Sailing Committee.

We'd like to share some of the feedback we've received from parents:

•“Loved hearing about the strategy of keeping busy, staying safe and practicing skills in the fog. Such a wonderful program!” 😊
Corinna Roman-Kreuze –
7/24/18 Facebook

•“Highly recommend!”
Carrie Kei Heim Binas –
7/22/18 Facebook

•“Sue, I have to tell you, Grant took one week of sailing in Baltimore Harbor last summer and one week of sailing in Annapolis this summer, and his favorite BY FAR is AFSS!!!! We all thank you for putting together a fabulous sailing school with excellent instructors. They make it so much fun as well

•as teaching good and safe water skills to the students. It's truly a win-win in every way.”

Linda Hornbeck –
7/23/18

•“Congrats on another successful season, Sue. It was a highlight of the summer for my kids and we look forward to next year!”
Mark Zatylny (3 kids attended Beginner class)

Erin has committed to returning in 2019, which will be the 20th year of AFSS's existence. And the “Quad Chairs” (Sue Baker, Bob Gill, Chris Nichols & Nick Nichols) have signed on for another year of coordinating the program.

Our thanks to all members who helped support AFSS this year through our fundraising efforts, by serving as daily monitors, and by lending muscle power to launching and removing boats.



2018 Social Calendar

Items in italics are for general information only – not club functions

Members should bring their beverage of choice to ALL events.

*Members must sign up either online or at the club.

*Sign up must be completed by Wed evening for all Thursday events and Thursday for all Saturday events.

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| Mon-Wed-Fri | | | YOGA CLASSES by Instructor Kevin Wicks |
| 6/25-9/21 | 7:30-8:30 am | | <i>Come 5-10 mins early</i> to complete appropriate paperwork.
Drop-in classes, donations accepted. Classes start promptly at 7:30 am
– and bring a mat! |
| Fri | 10/5* | | CHILI AND CHOWDER FALL POTLUCK |
| | 5:00 pm | | Social Hour |
| | 6:00 pm | | Bring chili, chowder, salad, bread, or dessert to share
Please sign up by Wed, 10/3 @ 5:00 pm* |
| Sat | 10/6 | TBA am | WATERFRONT DECOMMISSIONING / FLOAT
REMOVAL / CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP
Volunteers Needed!
Hosts: Waterfront and Grounds & Building Committees
Coffee and Donuts Provided |
| Sat | 12/1 | 4-6:00 pm | ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
Bring a hearty appetizer |



Board of Directors

Commodore
Kristin Fletcher
Vice Commodore
Randy Nelson
Secretary
Teena Patton
Treasurer
Sue Baker

Board Members:

Holly Lusk
Richard Siegel
Don Robertson
Bill Bulkeley
Nick Nichols
Randy Nelson
Ellen Shillinglaw
Kimberly Stewart

Newsletter

This is the fifth 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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Classified Ads



Wilderness Systems Cape Lookout sea kayak with rudder, 13.5 feet, and comes with a manual. Asking \$400. If interested please contact Ginny at 207-833-5123.

