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Commodore's Letter

September 2019

Dear Members,

Hi everyone! I have to say that I love this weather as we start to feel the cool air of fall. September is such a lovely month in Maine. Boating season is not over yet!

Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting. We focused this year's meeting and the picnic dinner afterwards on all of our Volunteers. Committee Chairs presented their updates and honored those who help each group complete the necessary tasks. We also acknowledged numerous others who volunteer in quiet ways
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Fletcher ReElected

by Bill Bulkeley

The OBYC board of directors reelected Kristin Fletcher as Commodore, Randy Nelson as vice-commodore and Sue Baker as Treasurer. Holly Lusk was elected as secretary, succeeding Teena Patton whose term on the board had ended.

At a well-attended annual meeting, OBYC members heard presentations on the condition of the floats, docks and buildings and the strong financial condition of the club.

Membership committee chair Sandy Nelson reported the club has expanded to 260 members from 250 by adding five new couples. He said there are currently 21 people on the waiting list.

In response to questions at the meeting, Commodore Fletcher said that the town has informed the board that the club could accommodate as many as 300 members. Membership is limited by the amount of parking the club can provide. She said that the board is contemplating expanding by another 10 members in January. The board wants to expand gradually in order to evaluate the impact on the mooring field, dinghy dockage, float availability and water usage.

Nick Nichols reported that the Abbot Fletcher Sailing School served 77 students including 55 beginners this
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to the successful functioning of our Club. We acknowledged the work of the Board. We discussed the need for every member to find ways to contribute – there are literally hundreds of tasks to be done, and we all need to pitch in. The Social Committee arranged for a lovely and delicious meal, including dessert featuring a cake decorated to thank all of our volunteers – it was devoured!

The season is not over yet – there are several fun social events yet to be enjoyed, and September will bring many more great boating days. I hope you enjoy it all! Lastly, please come help out with *“floats out” and club shut down on Saturday, October 12th*. I look forward to seeing you there!

See you at the Club, and Happy Sailing, everyone!

-Kristin



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Annual Meeting

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year. he said that the annual fund-raiser, the Pancake Breakfast, drew 240 attendees. He said the biggest challenge for the school is replacing instructors who won't be returning, but leadership is intact with Erin Kenyon returning as school head for a third year.

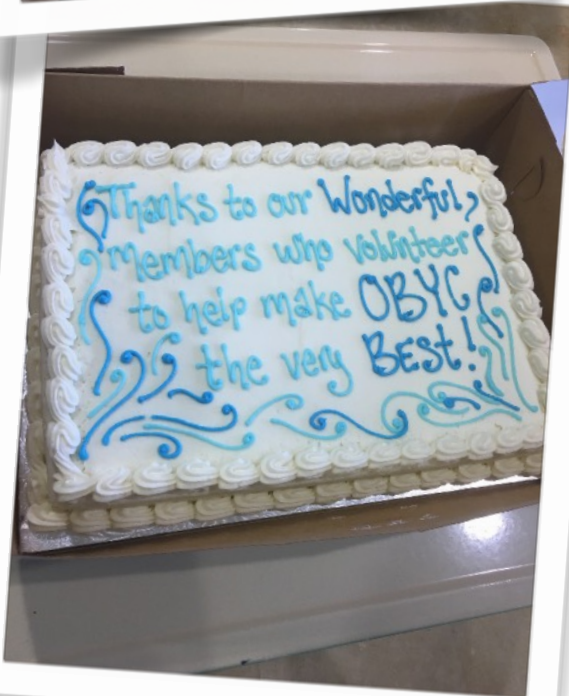
Dick Stevens, building and grounds chair, reported that the club replaced its refrigerator, installed electric stairs to the attic, replaced the well pump and fixed the gas pump, where 40 gallons of fuel were stolen. He said he is keeping a close eye on the well level because of worries about overuse leading to salt-water intrusion.

Waterfront Committee co-chair Paul Cournoyer reported that the three new floats cost \$8,000 a piece, but the club defrayed the cost by selling the old ones for \$1,100 each. The remaining floats have 3-6 years of life and the pier has “a couple of decades” he said. He said he and co-chair Bruce MacLeod work with the harbor-master to manage the mooring field, but it is close to capacity.

Commodore Fletcher also named and thanked the many volunteers who head committees including Ellen Shillinglaw, audit committee; Holly Lusk, Bylaws committee; Eric Lusk, Insurance committee; Fred Ruszcek, adult sailing committee; Susu McIlvane and Helen Kitchel, merchandise committee, and Sue Baker and Mark Tubunis, web services.

Annual Meeting

(clockwise from right) Teena Patton and Don Robertson are leaving the board; Charlene Post tosses salad for the evening dinner; a cake celebrated volunteerism at OBYC; Lee Slap, finance committee co-chair, reported to the membership.



2019 Social Calendar

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 Thursday for all Saturday events.

Mondays	5/13-10/7 1:30-4:00 pm	Mah-Jongg
Mon-Wed-Fri	6/24-9/20 7:30-8:30 am	YOGA CLASSES by Instructor Omkara Kevin Wicks Drop-in classes by donation M-F Classes are traditional Hatha Yoga W Classes are Qigong (movement) Please bring your own mat and arrive 5-10 minutes early. Classes start promptly at 7:30.
Sat	9/7*	"TRIVIA NIGHT AROUND THE WORLD" 5:00 pm Social Hour 6:00 pm Bring your favorite international dish to share! 7:00 pm Trivia begins
Sat	9/14*	SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER 5:00 pm Social Hour 6:00 pm Dinner Cost: \$15 each; Limited to 90 people.
Sat	10/5*	CHILI AND CHOWDER FALL POTLUCK 5:00 pm Social Hour 6:00 pm Bring chili, chowder, salad, bread, or dessert to share
Sat	10/12 9:00 am	FLOAT REMOVAL and CLUBHOUSE CLOSURE *** <i>Volunteers Needed!</i> *** Hosts: Waterfront and Building & Grounds Committees **Coffee and Donuts Provided**
Sat	12/7 4-6:00 pm	ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY Bring a hearty appetizer. No water in clubhouse

Boat Shoe Dinner

The social committee inaugurated a new type of members-only event this year. The Boatshoe dinner featured appetizers at the club. Then attendees split up, with six people, drawn by lot, driving off to the homes of eight couples who had volunteered to host the dinner at their homes.

The Social Committee provided the ingredients for a gourmet dinner including tenderloin steak, twice-baked potatoes and asparagus, followed by blueberries and homemade sauce on pound cake. Delicious.



Clockwise from above:

SuSu McIlvane, Nancy Kinser, Ellen Shillinglaw and Marnie McFarland

Debra Bulkeley talks with Jeff Stann.

Dinner hosts Charlie and Jean Johnson chat with Bobbi Robertson on left.

Dogs in Boats



Rich and Bunny Siegel's Lab Callie takes a boat break after resting under a picnic table.

Switch (with owner Heather Collins) is right at home aboard the OBYC launch being driven by Rich Siegel.





Gizmo
disembarks from
the Bella Debra,
after cruising with
the Bulkeleys.

Help Wanted!

Floats will be pulled Saturday, Oct. 12 at 8 a.m. The club building also will be readied for winter.

All are welcome. Many hands make light work.

Book Club Review, by Teena Patton

The last OBYC book club presentation was on August 29 to discuss the mystery selection, “Beneath the Depths”, by Maine author Bruce Robert Coffin. The second of a series featuring Detective Sergeant John Byron, this novel is classified as a police procedural with a detective squad of various areas of expertise that are repeated characters throughout the series.

This novel begins with the introduction of prominent Portland attorney, Paul Ramsey, and early on his body turns up in the bottom of Casco Bay, following his loss of a multi-million dollar civil trial. Byron soon finds out it’s no accidental drowning, and that Ramsey had a dark side. He believes the key to solving his murder lies in uncovering secrets someone wanted buried along with the body. Teaming up with Detective Diane Joyner (a love interest) the novel proceeds painstakingly, as a step by step procedural, into Ramsey’s troubled past that only lengthens the list of suspects. As with a lot of mysteries, the last chapters have the most action as the surprise murderer is revealed.

Author Bruce Robert Coffin is the bestselling author (Maine Sunday Telegram) of the Detective Byron mystery series. A former detective sergeant himself with more than 27 years in law enforcement, he supervised homicide and violent crime investigations for the Portland, Maine police department. Following the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, he spent four years investigating counter-terrorism cases for the FBI, earning the Director’s Award, the highest award a non-agent can receive. He lives and writes in Maine

Flare Disposal

The Town of Harpswell Fire Department will accept unwanted and expired marine flares on three consecutive Saturdays in October from 3pm to 6 pm each day.

Oct. 2, Harpswell Neck FD; Oct. 9, Orr’s-Bailey Island FD; Oct. 16, Cundy’s Harbor FD

Board of Directors

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