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Commodore's Letter

Thank you to so many of you for your outreach of support as I take on this role. I am grateful we have a strong board and an engaged group of talented volunteers, focused on keeping the club going and available to all of our members.

For those who don't know me, I grew up in Rochester NY and enjoyed spending summers at Hermit Island. I married into boating. Over the past 40+ years Lew and I raced sailboats, cruised both the San Juan's and the Gulf Islands when we lived in Seattle, and have enjoyed cruising the coast of Maine. Our two boys were raised sailing and our grandson is proving himself an eager boater as well.

As a club, we are in a good position financially and our facilities are in good shape. Your membership is important and appreciated. I encourage each of you to share your interests and skills when you renew your membership.

A volunteer does not need to be a committee member and many of you jump in when the need is identified. Please let us know what sparks your interest and energy so we can reach out if something comes up. And if you see something that needs doing, please jump in.

Finally, board meetings are planned for the third Wednesday of each month.

Here's to a beautiful fall.

Liz Incze
Commodore

Board Elects New Officers

The Club's board of directors elected Liz Incze as its new Commodore and Nick Nichols as vice commodore at a board meeting the morning after the club's annual meeting.

Sue Baker was reelected as Club Treasurer, and Kristin Fletcher was reelected assistant treasurer. Dawn Kalmar was reelected as Secretary.

At the Zoom-enabled virtual annual meeting on Aug. 20 officers and committee chairs reported on the state of the club and upcoming plans. Kym Cournoyer, commodore, who took over the role following the resignation of her predecessor, thanked club members for their support during "my 17-day reign." She said "We've had a couple of tough years. This one has been close to normal."

Waterfront and Anchorage chair Paul Cournoyer told the members that floats will be taken out of the water Oct. 7. The early date is dictated by the need for high tide early in the day when the water is calm. (Cont. pg. 3)

Picnic Table Assembly Work-Crew



Sitting (L to R): Jim Whalen, Harriet Whalen, Jill Olausson

Standing (L to R): Paul Kittle, Bob Seaman, Jake Barker, Max Fletcher.

photos by Lynn Bruce



Jake Barker disassembled old tables with a chain saw. Bob Seaman assembled new ones.

Officers Report at Annual Meeting

(Cont. from Pg. 1)

Paul reported that "Generally speaking, the waterfront is in very good condition." He said that floats generally last 20 years, and we have replaced 10 of the 13 floats in the last three years. The remaining floats will be evaluated this fall.

He reported the club currently has three guest moorings following the removal of one last spring. He said that vacant moorings that aren't used for a season are a concern. He continues to work to fulfill requests for moorings closer to the club docks.

The club plans to continue using Redfish & Associates with a small crew of experienced volunteers to remove and launch floats. Float in will be Tuesday, May 14. Paul also thanked Tim Vail for his work as dinghy master and Mark Tubinis and Jim Arndt for installing a Wifi extender that covers the entire mooring field.

Bob Seaman, reported for the the Building and Grounds Committee. He thanked past chair Dick Stevens for many years of work. Bob also cited current volunteers including Jennifer Gates, who organized a crew to clean out the shed; Max Fletcher and Lynnie Bruce for monitoring water usage and waste; Tom Jackman for clearing brush from the gas line; and Charlene Post who keeps track of kitchen supplies.

Nick Nichols reported for the Abbot Fletcher Sailing School Committee, that 88 sailors took lessons at the school this summer, well ahead of the 75 anticipated. Partly as a result, the school

anticipates being \$3,000 in the black for the season. The positive number also reflects raising \$3,800 at the annual silent auction, chaired by Karina Fletcher assisted by Amber Skinner;; \$300 at the Pancake Breakfast raffle, run by Barbara Messamore and \$1,600 from the breakfast, run by George Kinser.

Nick said the school season was helped by the adult monitor program headed by Diana Kenyon. He reported that school head Erin Kenyon plans to return next season.

Liz Incze, reporting for the Social Committee, said the social calendar was very active after two Covid-affected years. She said there was "great turnout for children's programs."

The lobster bake was also very successful, and the committee hopes to be able to use the same caterer next year. She also praised the quality of the Thursday night lectures, and the refreshments organized by SuSu McIlvaine.

Membership Levels

The club rolls are full at 260 members, following the recent age-related resignations of Ann and Bernie Jennett.

Sandy Nelson reported at the annual meeting that there are 29 people on the waiting list. With an average of 9-12 members leaving each year, the list amounts to three or four seasons wait for new applicants.



Thursday, Sept. 1, Max Fletcher provided commentary about offshore ocean racing following a screening of "Maiden." The film follows the first all-female crew competing in the round-the-world Whitbread sailing race in 1989. Their boat "Maiden" finished second in its class in the 33,000 mile, nine-month competition.

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, Sept 17 @ 5:00pm – **Southern Pulled Pork Dinner** organized by the Kinsers. \$12 per person and there is a limit of 90! The menu includes delicious hors d'oeuvres, southern pulled pork, baked beans, slaw, rolls and pecan pie for dessert. The deadline for signing is Sunday, Sept 11 @ 5:00 pm!

Sun, Sept 18 @ 7am-Noon – **Private Event** – Rusczech Brunch

Sat, Sept 24 @ 9am-10pm - **Private Event** – Kenyon Wedding

* Sat, Oct 1 @ 5:00 pm – **Fall Chili and Chowder Potluck Dinner** (our last event before the floats come out and the plumbing is drained!) Join in the camaraderie as we enjoy the colorful foliage, cooler temperatures and pumpkins! Please tell us what you plan to bring when you sign up. Choose between chili, chowder, salad, bread/rolls or dessert. The deadline for signing up online or at the club is Thurs, Sept 29 @ 5:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you in Oct!

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!

Children's Programs



Mad Science entertained OBYC children and grandchildren at the clubhouse. Left — Charlotte Himes watches liquid polymers solidify. Right — Landon and Kennedy Wilson, Barbara Messamore's grandchildren watch a hand being formed inside a latex glove. (Photos by Joyce Duda).



Adults and children were entranced watching Spark's Ark animals such as the barred owl at left. Other species included a chinchilla, a silver sugar glider, a hedgehog, a bearded dragon and a Russian tortoise.





Wednesday Night Bingo

by Teena Patton

A nice crowd of 16 participated in the last Wednesday Bingo game of 2022. Noel and her dad, Lee McIlvaine, called the numbers and many prizes were won.

Those participating were: Sam and Judi Hartman, Barbara and Jay McGowen, Susu, Noel and Lee McIlvaine, John and Jan Goff, Malcolm McFarland, John Henning, Eric Jones, and friend Jackie, Rick and Teena Patton. Overall, it was a fun season, although we could always have more kids.

Thanks, everyone for coming this year and we look forward to 2023!

Letter to the editor

In Appreciation....

During the summer several people have been instrumental in improving conditions here at the club. There are probably many more acts of kindness, but accolades are to be given to the following people for their willingness to take on recent projects.

.First, many thanks go to Simon Adams for his artful painting on the club's new corn hole game (picture on left). It is a wonderful rendition of the OBYC burgee. Please take a look sometime if you are in the clubhouse. The game is kept to the right of the fire place, and it is available for club members and guests. His beautiful work makes our game look outstanding. Thank you, Simon!

Also, thanks go to two members who provided a fix for the kayak dock gate. The gate was always swinging shut before paddlers could get their kayaks through. Malcolm McFarland provided hook-and-eye latches, and Rick Patton installed the hardware. The gate can now easily be propped open. It is the intention to always keep the kayak dock gate closed when not in use, and only propped open for bringing kayaks from the float to the kayak racks. Many thanks to Malcolm and Rick for making it easy!

And thanks to Bob Seaman for organizing the work party that assembled the new picnic tables.

Sincerely,

Teena Patton

Orr's-Bailey Yacht Club

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