

OBYC

Happenings

September, 2023

Commodore's Letter

Fellow Members,

September is a time of transitions. Children are returning to school, boats are getting prepped for their winter homes, cottages are being closed, and the list goes on.

The club is also transitioning. At the annual meeting we voted in new board members. Our committees are documenting procedures for easy future reference, and QuickBooks financial procedures are being upgraded. Importantly this will enable the ability to make payments electronically. Finally, planning for the closure of the clubhouse has begun.

Transitions also provide opportunities. Our club is an attractive consideration for our community, as seen by a healthy waiting list. In addition, 15% of our membership is new to the club in the last three years. It is an opportune moment to conduct a survey amongst all members to gather feedback and insights on what is important for the club in the future. Your input will assist the board in making informed decisions that align with your interests and aspirations.

We are beginning to construct the survey now and expect to send it electronically to all members in mid-October. If you would like to help with the creation of the survey, please let me know.

Enjoy the fall,

Liz

Reminder

***Floats Out, Oct. 10
Docks must be clear by
Oct. 8***

Incze Reelected Commodore

By Bill Bulkeley

The Orr's Bailey Yacht Club's newly constituted board of directors reelected Liz Incze as Commodore for a second one-year term at a special meeting following the annual meeting.

Andy Rusczek was elected vice commodore and Dawn Kalmar was reelected as secretary. Sue Baker agreed to continue serving as treasurer, although she isn't on the board any more due to having reached her two-term limit as a director. Peter Taylor will serve as assistant treasurer.

At the meeting, which was chaired by vice-commodore Nick Nichols, since Liz was unavoidably absent, committee chairs reported on the broad range of club activities.

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OBYC Annual Meeting

Club members and directors approved the minutes from 2022.

Directors from left: Kim Cournoyer, Bunny Siegel, vice commodore Nick Nichols, who chaired the meeting, Andy Rusczech, Howard Levitan, Bob Seaman and Secretary Dawn Kalmar.

Annual Meeting

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Nick Nichols, one of multiple chairs of the sailing school committee reported on the summer session. He said the school ended up in the black even though it got only 69 students, rather than the 78 called for in the budget.

The summer was somewhat challenging because one instructor moved to Florida. But head Erin Kenyon xxx kept operations going. Fund-raisers, including the pancake breakfast, run by George and Nancy Kinser for the tenth straight year, and the auction helped balance the budget.

Sandy Nelson reported membership is full at 260, with 21 people on the waiting list including three singles and nine couples. The club welcomed 17 new regular members in the past year, up from 11 the year before.

Membership inquiries have been scant recently, and only seven new applicants joined the waiting list this past year. Sandy said prospective members often have trouble finding two unrelated sponsors among current members. Sponsors have to have been members for a year, and they can sponsor one person or couple annually.

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Annual Meeting

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Kristin Fletcher reported for the reorganized Finance Committee, which has ten members and has an ambitious agenda to update the Club's long-term budgeting process and modernize its accounting.

Howard Levitan is leading a transition to Online QuickBooks from the outdated PC-based software the club has been using. One goal is to be able to make and receive payments electronically. The club is using a consultant to aid in the move.

Bob Seaman reported for the Building & Grounds Committee that the club has ordered a new AED defibrillator for the clubhouse.

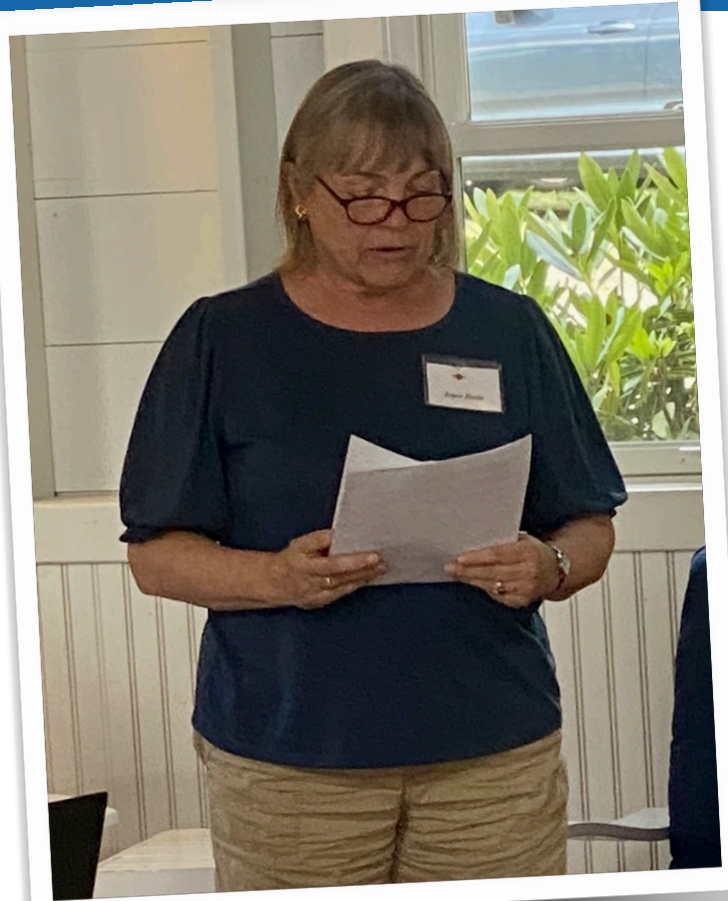
Paul Cournoyer, reporting for the Waterfront Committee said that floats will be removed Oct. 10, so all dinghies should be off the floats by Oct. 8.

He said that the club has replaced all its floats over the last three years, and said "we estimate they should be good for 20 years."

Dinghy-master Tim Vail reminded members with dinghies or kayaks to put names and cell-phone numbers on them in case they go adrift.

Joyce Duda, who is retiring after many years as Social Committee chair, said that some new events this year had been very successful, including the sail day on the schooner Alert, donated by the Davises, and the new monthly Casual Friday.

She said the Italian Dinner was the most heavily attended event, but the Lobster Bake attendance was down sharply from past years.



Joyce Duda and Paul Cournoyer gave reports.



Social Calendar

2023 OBYC CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Updated 8/9/23)

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 at 5:00 pm for all Saturday events and the day before at 5:00 pm for all other events, unless noted otherwise.****

Until Tues, 9/26 @ 1:30-4 pm - **MAHJONGG**

Fri, 9/8 @ 5:00-? pm – **SEPTEMBER CASUAL FRIDAY** – Social hour (bring an appetizer), Lawn games. If you'd like to stay for supper, bring your own entrée (may use the grill) and a dish to share with others! NO sign up.

Tues, 9/12** @ 7-8:00 pm - **BOOK GROUP #4 – The Midcoast** by Adam White; moderated by Bobbi Robertson

Thurs, 9/14** @ 7:00 pm - **LECTURE SERIES #4 – “A Sail Across the Drake Passage to Antarctica”** by OBYC Member Max Fletcher, Come early at 6:30 for coffee and dessert. Please sign up so planners know how many chairs to set up.

Sat, 9/16** @ 5:00 pm - **SOUTHERN PULLED PORK DINNER** – Catered by the 2023 Social Committee & Volunteers; Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm and Dinner begins at 6:00 pm. — pulled pork on a roll, corn bread Cole slaw, baked beans and pecan pie with whipped cream.

Sign-up deadline Sunday, Sept. 10. This event is limited to the first 80 people signed up. No walk-ins or add ons. The cost is \$15 per person.

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Thurs, 9/21** @ 7:00 pm - **LECTURE SERIES #5 – "Mishoonash in Maine: Remnants of Old Native Canoe Travels in the Pejepscot (Brunswick, Topsham and Harpswell) Region"** by OBYC Member John Goff. Come early at 6:30 pm for dessert and coffee. Please sign up!

Sat, 10/7** @ 5:00 pm - **CHILI AND CHOWDER FALL POTLUCK** – Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm, then dinner at 6:00 pm. Bring an appetizer, chili, chowder, salad, bread, or dessert to share. Please sign up!

Sat, 12/2 @ 5-7:00 pm - **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY** - Bring hearty appetizers, NO sign up, if weather forecast looks threatening, we will email you in the morning.

Board of Directors

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Newsletter

This is the fifth Newsletter of 2023. 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.