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June, 2024

Commodore's Letter

Dear OBYC Members,

Happy June! Your club is ready for you to use and enjoy and the calendar is loaded with opportunities. I have three things I want to highlight.

The first, very important item is an open presentation on Saturday June 15th at 4 pm when the board will share the results of the all-member survey. We received an incredible amount of feedback including many concrete comments about what you value most about the club.

While 35% of you have been members for more than 15 years, we also have almost 15% of you who have been members for less than 5 years. You became club members because of water access as well as valuing the social aspect of the club and being with like-minded people. Please join us to learn more.

The second is to encourage everyone to gather informally on Friday evenings for laid-back social hours on the porch and lawn.

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Five New Members Join

Five new members have joined the club, filling vacancies caused by resignations during the winter, according to Sandy Nelson, membership chair.

There are currently 20 people on the waiting list — nine couples and two singles.

One of the new members is Haley Burroughs, a junior associate who joined as a full member before turning 27. She is the daughter of members Warren and Cindy Burroughs and sister of Lindsay Burroughs. Haley is a ceramicist who lives in Brooklyn and works in a gallery in Chelsea in New York City.

Peedie Ames is rejoining the club where she and her late husband Charles were active sailors for many years. Her son, Ted Acworth is a member.

John and Jane Tisdale, who retired to Harpswell in 2019 after careers in finance in Boston, have owned a summer home since 2007.

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*Lucy and
Charlie Cook
chat with Don
and Tuckie
Westfall.*



Welcome Back Social Potluck

*Left — Marnie McFarland and
Linda Kittle share a corner couch.
Below — Members test the porch
rockers.*



New Members

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The Tisdales were sponsored by Tuckie Westfall and Lynn Knight.

Libby Whittier, who runs a property management and real estate investment company in Portland, is a wooden boat enthusiast, including her own Beetle Cat named Lady's Slipper. She was sponsored by Kristin Fletcher and Lee McIlvaine.

Thomas Slap, son of Lee and Laurie Slap, is the club's newest junior associate member. He lives in Brooklyn, NY.



John and Jane Tisdale, new members

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Bring drinks and snacks or just yourselves. Don't forget the grill and full kitchen are at your disposal if you want to turn the occasion into a full meal.

Third, a group got together to schedule short local cruises throughout the summer. In recognition that the summer is busy, they spread the events over the season so even if you can't make one, you might be able to make another. Whether you are a seasoned sailor or a powerboater, all boats are welcome to join in. The first mini cruise is June 23rd at Snow Island. There will be two others later this summer, but why procrastinate?

We have a great location and I'm looking forward to seeing you at the club soon.

Liz

Topic: All member survey - open presentation

Time: Jun 15, 2024 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89495853745?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89495853745?pwd=HG09p3lrDv5FL4QQ6GfkujAbDDWyZe.1)

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Sailing School Kicks off with Pancakes!

The Abbot Fletcher Sailing School will kick off its summer season with the traditional Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 29. One and two-week classes start Monday July 1.

Erin Deschesne is returning as head instructor, joined by returning instructors Chloe Filipowicz and Karl Kreuze. Several volunteer instructors will join them.

There are still openings in all AFSS classes, except the beginner class starting July 8. About 30% of the enrolled students are children or grandchildren of OBYC members.

AFSS offers one and two-week classes for beginners and intermediate sailors finishing its season Aug. 9. There will be one racing program for advanced sailors.

AFSS operates separately from OBYC, while using club facilities and operational support. The club board has long supported AFSS as part of its mission to promote sailing and provide a high-quality sailing instruction program for the community.

The school relies on support from two fundraising events: the traditional Pancake breakfast welcomes all diners

for plain and blueberry pancakes, sausage, real maple syrup and orange juice and coffee. Price is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 10.

The breakfast also features a raffle for a gift basket featuring items donated by club members. Barbara Messamore coordinates donations which include things needed for summer cottage vacations like playing cards, board games and bottles of wine.

The school also has a silent online auction at <https://givebutter.com/c/afss2024> starting June 22 and extending to midnight July 11. The auction features gift certificates from numerous Bath, Brunswick and Harpswell merchants and restaurants as well as member donations.

Proceeds of the fundraisers are used by the school for operating expenses and replacement of boats, motors and other equipment as needed.

Lew Incze, one of the co-chairs of the sailing committee, reports that during the spring, committee members repainted the bottoms and touched up lettering of the three Boston Whalers used as coaching and safety boats by the program. The year before they sanded and sealed the woodwork.



Social Calendar

Welcome to the 2024 OBYC Social Event Calendar! In addition to the scheduled events listed below, please make use of our wonderful clubhouse/kitchen, deck, grill, picnic tables, and lawn to gather often! Check the listings for any scheduled private events, yoga, lectures, etc. as the indoor facilities may be occupied at those times. All events are BYO beverages.

PLEASE NOTE: For events where sign-up is required, please sign up on the OBYC Web site or on the sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. If there is a cost for an event, please pay with cash or check prior to, or at the event. Lastly, since pitching in is how OBYC functions, if you can lend a hand, get in touch with the contact person listed below for that particular event.

June 14, Fri, 5-ish “Do-Drop-In” Casual Friday – This is a DIY event. Bring an appetizer to share. BYO supper too if you wish. Join members for sunsets, conversation, and other spontaneous goings on like music jams or cornhole tossing. No sign up, no set up; just show up, but don’t forget to pick up, clean up & lock up. For questions contact: Lynn Knight [lynnknight@oldecove.com]

June 15, Sat, 4pm Presentation of Club Survey Results – Come to the club for an information and discussion session regarding the membership survey recently conducted. A Zoom link will be provided for those who cannot attend in person. For more information contact: Liz Incze [liz.incze@gmail.com]

June 20, Thurs, 7:00pm Book Group – The group will discuss “The Berry Pickers,” by Amanda Peters. For questions contact: Bobbi Robertson [bobbierobertson12@gmail.com]

June 22, Sat, 5pm Blessing of the Fleet –5pm (Blessing at 5:45pm) Bring appetizer to share. NO SIGN-UP NEEDED. Items for the AFSS Auction will be on display. For questions and/or if you can help contact: Margie Rusczek [rusczek@comcast.net]

June 23, Sun Overnight Cruise with OBYC Friends – Cruise your own boat to the nearby anchorage around Snow Island to meet up and socialize with friends. For questions contact: Bob Gill [bobgill1946@gmail.com]

June 27, Thurs, 6:30 **Lecture Series:** Artist, writer, Maine native, and OBYC member Kate Beck talks with us about her fascinations with painting, photography, and place through her *Will's Strait* series of overpainted photographs which reveal Maine to be the wellspring of so many of her abstractions. Coffee/tea/dessert gathering at 6:30; Presentation starts at 7:00pm For questions and/or if you can help contact: Cathy Kelley [ckelley0506@gmail.com]

June 29, Sat, 8–10am AFSS Pancake Breakfast -- Open to public. Organized and staffed by AFSS. \$10/adult, \$7/child ages 2-10, kids under 2 free. Breakfast 8am to 10am. Items for the AFSS Auction will be on display. For questions contact: Tom Nicholson [Thomas.nicholson@comcast.net] or Diana or Ed Kenyon [efkenyon@aol.com]

July 1 thru Aug 9 Abbot Fletcher Sailing School is in session.

July 13, Sat, 10 to 3 AFSS Auction - Items will be displayed at the Blessing of the Fleet and the Pancake Breakfast. Bidding can take place at these events and on-line (details regarding on-line bidding will be forthcoming). Final bidding and pick-up will take place this day from 10 to 3.

July 13, Sat, 5-ish “Do-Drop-In” Casual Saturday – This is a DIY event. Bring an appetizer to share. BYO supper too if you want. Join members for sunsets, conversation, and other spontaneous goings on like music jams or cornhole tossing. No sign up, no set up; just show up, but don’t forget to pick up, clean up & lock up. For questions and/or if you can help contact: Margie Rusczek [rusczek@comcast.net]

July 18, Thurs, 7:00pm Book Group – The group will discuss “This Other Eden,” by Paul Harding. For questions contact: Teena Patton [Christine.Patton48@yahoo.com] or Cathy Kelley [ckelley0506@gmail.com]

July 21, Sun, 5pm Sunday S’mores Casual Outdoor Gathering -- Finish your weekend with a sweet treat! Ingredients for s’mores will be provided. No sign up, no set up; just show up, but don’t forget to pick up, clean up & lock up. For questions and/or if you can help contact: Margie Rusczek [rusczek@comcast.net]

July 27, Sat, 5pm Italian Dinner with Rockweed Band -- 5pm Social hour, appetizers provided. 6pm Lasagna dinner with tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert provided. \$25/person. SIGN-UP REQUIRED. For questions and/or if you can help contact: Martha Tubinis [tubinis@comcast.net]

July 28, Sun Overnight Cruise with OBYC Friends – Cruise your own boat to the nearby anchorage at The Basin to meet up and socialize with friends. For questions contact: Bob Gill [bobgill1946@gmail.com]

Aug 1, Thurs, 6:30pm Lecture series: Joe Goldman presents his 90-minute documentary film: “The Fishermen of Mackerel Cove.” Through a series of interviews with Harpswell fishermen, the film examines the intense engagement with nature, and the independence, freedom, self-reliance of this livelihood central to the town’s heritage. Coffee/tea/dessert gathering at 6:30; Film starts at 7:00pm. For questions and/or if you can help contact: Cathy Kelley [ckelley0506@gmail.com]

Aug 2, Fri, 4:30pm Fun Sailing Race – AFSS Committee presents a fun race open to all. Sail whatever you want—dinghy, sunfish, big boat—no problem as long as it sails!! Surprise musical guests could make an appearance. BYO appetizers and drinks. All spectators welcome! For questions contact: Chris Nichols [nicholodeoncreative@gmail.com] or Bob Gill [bobgill1946@gmail.com]

Aug 10, Sat, 5-ish “Do-Drop-In” Casual Saturday – This is a DIY event. Bring an appetizer to share. BYO supper too if you want. Join members for sunsets, conversation, and other spontaneous goings on like music jams or cornhole tossing. No sign up, no set up; just show up, but don’t forget to pick up, clean up & lock up. For questions contact: Lucy Cook [lucycook56@gmail.com]

Aug 15, Thurs, 7:00pm Book Group – The group will discuss “Home Now: How 6000 Refugees Transformed an American Town” by Cynthia “CB” Anderson. For questions contact: Maggie Gill [maggie.gill55@gmail.com]

Aug 16, Fri Overnight Cruise with OBYC Friends – Cruise your own boat to the nearby anchorage at the Goslings to meet up and socialize with friends. For questions contact: Bob Gill [bobgill1946@gmail.com]

Aug 17, Sat, 4pm Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Picnic – Please come to the annual meeting and then stay, relax to enjoy a picnic supper provided by OBYC. Join in some friendly corn hole competition if you like. There’s a good chance our own OBYC fiddlers will make an appearance! SIGN-UP REQUIRED. For questions and/or if you can help contact: Lucy Cook [lucycook56@gmail.com]

Sept 21, Sat, 5pm Pulled Pork Dinner -- 5pm Social Hour, 6pm Dinner. Enjoy a delicious pulled pork dinner and dessert. \$20/person SIGN-UP REQUIRED. For info contact: Cathy Kelley [ckelley0506@gmail.com]

Oct 5, Sat, 5pm Chili/Chowder Potluck – Bring appetizer, chili, salad, bread, or dessert to share. Sign-up for specific type of dish is requested. For questions and/or if you can help contact: Cathy Kelley [ckelley0506@gmail.com]

Dec 7, Sat, 4pm Annual Holiday Party – Bring a hearty appetizer to share. Please remember the water has been shut off and the fireplace will provide the only heat. For questions and/or if you can help contact: Tim Vail or Joanne Urquhart [jurq.23@gmail.com]

Weekly events:

July 3 thru Aug 28 Wednesday Bingo – Great fun for all ages! Social/dinner hour begins at 6pm. Bring something to grill for yourself and an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. Bingo starts promptly at 7pm. For the games, bring a low/no-cost wrapped fun gift for prizes. For questions contact: Teena Patton [Christine.Patton48@yahoo.com]

June 18 thru Sept 10 Tuesday Yoga with Kara Douglas - 7:30 to 8:30 – Please bring your own yoga mat and arrive 10 minutes early to complete paperwork. \$15 per class. For questions contact: Charlie Johnson [charlie-j@outlook.com]

June 21 thru Sept 13 Friday Yoga with Hoa Tran - 7:30 to 8:30 – Please bring your own yoga mat and arrive 10 minutes early to complete paperwork. \$15 per class. For questions contact: Charlie Johnson [charlie-j@outlook.com]

June 25 thru mid-Oct Tuesday Mah Jongg - Come and join our Mah Jongg group for an afternoon of fun. All you need is a 2024 Card. We meet on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 at the club and play until 4:00-4:30. We will start on June 25th and play through mid-October or until it gets too cold. We are always looking for new players and are willing to teach you. For questions contact Linda Kittle at 913-306-2986.

OBYC Merch Online

The Merchandise Committee is excited to debut a fresh new look on our Club Store site! Log on to see and, of course, order a broad selection of colorful and exciting new apparel and accessories along with longtime favorites.

The committee has been working hard to expand our Club Store online, and plans more user-friendly improvements to the site, along with live and in-person sales at club events this summer. Show your support to the club and this hardworking committee by stocking up and wearing your OBYC Swag.

Remember to fly your OBYC Burgee! Burgees will be available for purchase at upcoming events.





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Green Thumbs Wanted

Nancy Kinser, who is responsible for the elegant look of the gardens next to the club is looking for additional volunteers.

Please call her at (207) 844-0473 or email nkdiet@gmail.com if you can aid in keeping the premises looking tidy and cared-for.

Newsletter

This is the second Newsletter of 2024. 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.