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## Commodore's Letter

It's wonderful to be starting another OBYC season. Over the winter, your board has been busy with budgets, capital planning, and refining our volunteer needs to ensure the club's smooth functioning. Thank you to everyone who completed their volunteer interest forms. If you haven't had a chance, please click on the link in the newsletter and submit your information.

### [OBYC Volunteering Interests 2025](#)

One significant focus of the board this winter has been defining roles and responsibilities for a part-time bookkeeper to support our treasurer. Sue Baker, our treasurer for many years, will be stepping down in August. To facilitate a smooth transition, the board has redistributed some of Sue's duties to existing committees. Additionally, we plan to appoint a new treasurer and hire a bookkeeper in the near future. If you're interested in learning more about these roles, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

As a reminder of the process we started last year, we'll continue to prioritize electronic communications as our primary means of reaching out to our membership. Please ensure that your email address is up-to-date in the directory, which can be found under the "Members" tab on our website.

I eagerly anticipate seeing everyone at the Blessing of the Fleet June 28 and welcoming our new members to the club.

Liz

## Launching Docks May 7

*By Paul Cournoyer*

The Waterfront and Anchorage Committee has scheduled Wednesday May 7th for launching the club floats, attaching the runway and commissioning the waterfront for another summer of boating activity.

A small number of experienced and knowledgeable members will aid a crew from Redfish Marine and the operator of the giant crane. Other members should stay clear of the club grounds on this day as the crane crew and contractors launch the floats.

In preparation for the upcoming commissioning of the waterfront, a spring work party was held on Saturday, May 3rd when Committee members gathered at the club to perform general maintenance and preparatory tasks for a seamless commissioning and problem-free season on the waterfront. Committee co-chairs, Paul Cournoyer and Ed Kenyon offered "A big thanks to all of those Committee members who helped with this effort."

The chairs said that the mooring service providers are still commissioning moorings in the field. Boat owners should check that their mooring is ready before bringing a boat over.

The committee plans to apply non-skid paint to portions of the two piers that have become slippery with use — especially in rainy weather. Other dinghy and waterfront information is elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Work Party May 10!

Building & Grounds Chair Bob Seaman is seeking volunteers to help reopen the club house on Saturday, May 10 from 9 to noon.

Volunteers will tidy up, place furniture in the clubhouse and chairs on the porch and turn on appliances. Other tasks include getting the grills placed and ready; hanging sun-shades, dock signs and the bell; raising the flags and preparing the garden area.

There's no deep cleaning involved (we have a service for that).

Bob reminds members that voluntarism is an important part of club membership and is a fun way to get to know other members as well.

Building and Grounds is also looking for any members with carpentry or painting skills for potential future activities.

## Club Buys New Dinghies

The club has purchased two brand new 10' Puffin dinghies for club members to use to get to their boats. They will be outfitted with new oars and life jackets. In addition to the two 10-footers, the remaining 8' Puffin will be available, as well as a very stable West Marine Tender.

Only one of the Puffins will be available for members to sign out and leave on a mooring or use for day-trips to islands or area beaches. In total there will be four dinghies available for club member use.

For members who have their own dinghies and keep them at the club float, please ensure that that your last name and phone number is identified on the dinghy, preferably on the transom. This helps us identify a member if there's any issue with the dinghy. Dinghies must also have a club sticker.

Dinghy owners have a responsibility to make sure their dinghy is bailed of water after a rainfall. Dinghies with excess water in them add unnecessary weight on the float system and create a hazard to other nearby dinghies.

Tim Vail, dinghy master, and Ed Kenyon and Paul Cournoyer of the Waterfront and Anchorage Committee thank you for your cooperation.



## *Mooring Space Limited*

The mooring field continues to be tight with limited space for new moorings. Each year, the Waterfront and Anchorage Committee reviews the field with the Harpswell Harbormaster to identify new mooring locations. OBYC does not own the mooring field, but the Waterfront and Anchorage Committee acts as stewards of the area and makes recommendations to the Harbormaster to accommodate OBYC Members' new mooring and/or mooring location change requests.

If you desire a mooring in the mooring field, please submit a request to the Waterfront and Anchorage Committee which will try to accommodate your request.

Mooring locations belong to the Town of Harpswell. As an OBYC Member, you are entitled to request a mooring location from the Town's Harbormaster. Only then can you place mooring gear in the approved location. You can sell your mooring gear to another member (or non-member, if they have separate access to Merriconeag Sound), but you cannot sell the mooring location. The new owner of your mooring gear must apply for a mooring from the Harbormaster, and the location may change per his authority. If you are no longer using your mooring, please advise the W&A Committee Co-Chairs Paul Cournoyer and Ed Kenyon at ([obycanchorage@gmail.com](mailto:obycanchorage@gmail.com)).

The final disposition of unwanted mooring gear is the OBYC Member's responsibility. Your help with allowing your fellow club members the opportunity to obtain a place a mooring in the field is greatly appreciated.

### *Mooring Inspections Required by Town*

Just a reminder that the Town of Harpswell Harbormaster requires mooring inspections every three years. Due to the amount of current in the club's mooring field, it's typical for mooring chains to deteriorate over just a few years. Play it safe and schedule an inspection.

Weakened chains, like the one below, can break when surface winds push a boat to the limits of its bow rope. Loose boats can damage vessels of other members and club docks as well as being damaged if





# 2025 OBYC SOCIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome to the 2025 OBYC Social Event Calendar! In addition to the social events listed below, please make use of our wonderful facilities to gather at times other than the scheduled events. Remember all events on the calendar are BYO beverages.

The Social Committee would like to encourage informal gatherings on Friday nights. We'd like to continue impromptu socializing on the porch as we tried last summer with the "Do-Drop-In" casual events. These are do-it-yourself events. Bring an appetizer to share; bring your own dinner to throw on the grill if you wish. Take a little time for socializing with whoever shows up 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.

**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.**

<b>May 8, Sat, 9am</b>	<b>Waterfront commissioning complete. Floats ready for use.</b>
<b>May 10, Sat, 9am</b>	<b>Clubhouse opening work day</b> – Contact Bob Seaman [rovernd@hotmail.com] if you can help.
<b>June 21 thru July 10</b>	<b>AFSS Auction</b> - Online bidding opens today and ends July 10 <sup>th</sup> View auction items and place bids on the OBYC Web site. Pick up your purchased items on July 12 <sup>th</sup> 9 am to 11 am. Details to follow at a later date. For questions contact: Sue Baker [stbaker42@comcast.net]
<b>June 28, Sat, 5pm</b>	<b>Blessing of the Fleet</b> –5pm (Blessing at 5:45pm) Bring appetizer to share. No sign-up needed. For questions and/or if you can help contact: Lynn Knight [lynnknight@oldecove.com]
<b>June 30 thru Aug 8</b>	<b>Abbot Fletcher Sailing School is in session 9 am to 4 pm</b>
<b>July 5, Sat, 8–10am</b>	<b>AFSS Pancake Breakfast</b> -- Open to public. Organized and staffed by AFSS. \$12/ adult, \$10/child ages 2-10, kids under 2 free. Breakfast 8 am to 10 am. 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]
<b>July 9, Wed, 5:30pm</b>	<b>Bingo</b> - Great fun for all ages! Social/dinner hour begins at 5:30pm. 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]
<b>July 11/12, Fri/Sat</b>	<b>Overnight Cruise with OBYC Friends</b> – Cruise your own boat to a nearby anchorage to meet up at 5 pm and socialize with friends. Anchorages will be announced at a later date. For questions contact: Chris Nichols [nicholodeoncreative@gmail.com]



- July 12, Sat, 2pm – 6pm**      **Robertson private family event.**
- July 19, 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 24, Thurs, 7:00pm**      **Book Group** – The group will discuss “Hatchet Island” by Paul Doiron. For questions contact: Alice Hootsmans [alicehootsmans@gmail.com]
- July 25/26, Fri/Sat**      **Overnight Cruise with OBYC Friends** – Cruise your own boat to a nearby anchorage to meet up at 5 pm and socialize with friends. Anchorages will be announced at a later date. For questions contact: Chris Nichols [nicholodeoncreative@gmail.com]
- July 31, Thurs, 10am-2pm** **Arndt private family event.**
- Aug 13, Wed, 5:30pm**      **Bingo** - Great fun for all ages! Social/dinner hour begins at 5:30pm. 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]
- Aug 14, Thurs, 7:00pm**      **Book Group** – The group will discuss “Moirá’s Crossing” by Christina Shea. For questions contact: Alice Hootsmans [alicehootsmans@gmail.com]
- Aug 17/18, Sun/Mon**      **Overnight Cruise with OBYC Friends** – Cruise your own boat to a nearby anchorage to meet up at 5 pm and socialize with friends. Anchorages will be announced at a later date. For questions contact: Chris Nichols [nicholodeoncreative@gmail.com]
- Aug 16, Sat, 4pm**      **Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Picnic** – Please come to the annual meeting and stay afterwards to relax and enjoy a picnic supper provided by OBYC. This is a members-only event. Please sign up if you are planning to stay so we can do our food planning. For questions contact: Margie Ruscsek [rusczek@comcast.net]
- Sept 13, 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: Lucy Cook [lucycook56@gmail.com]
- Sept 27, 7am-10pm**      **Kitchel private family event.**
- Oct 4, Sat, 5pm**      **Pulled Pork Dinner** -- 5pm Social Hour, 6pm Dinner. Enjoy a delicious pulled pork dinner and dessert. \$15/person **SIGN-UP REQUIRED.** For info contact: Lynn Knight [Lynnknight@oldecove.com]
- Dec 6, 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]



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