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I hope this message finds you well and excited for the upcoming season. An especially warm welcome to our new members - you can read about them in this month's newsletter and you can identify them during events by the color of their name tags.

I also want to thank those of you who filled out your volunteer skills and interest forms - we look forward to hearing from everyone, and will have paper copies available at the club for those who would prefer to fill out the form on paper.

One of the important changes and opportunities the board worked on this winter is related to the roles and responsibilities for our treasurer. As many of you know, Sue Baker has been our Treasurer for the past 15 years, and we are incredibly grateful for her years of dedicated service. She has decided to retire from this role and will be turning over the reins in August.

The board reviewed all that Sue does for the club and looked for ways to make the Treasurer role more focused and manageable while still ensuring proper governance and oversight. The end result is that we are going to be contracting with a Bookkeeper to support the Treasurer and the club. This position will be crucial in maintaining our financial records and continuing the smooth operation of our financial processes.

While adding the Bookkeeper, we are also actively seeking a member who will become our new Treasurer. We have outlined the duties for this role in addition to
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Club Adding 16 New Members

By Bill Bulkeley

The Club is welcoming 16 new members this year, filling spaces caused by resignations and departures. Five of them are adult children or spouses of existing members.

There are currently 262 members in the club and 15 people on the waiting list, including six couples and three singles.

Contact information for these new members can be found in the membership directory on the Website.

Anne and Ken Keyes are both accountants who live in Wayland, MA, work in Boston's suburbs and spend summers on Lowell's Cove where they own a commercial wharf. Anne is the daughter of Nancy Bennett who is her sponsor along with Kathy Kelley. Ken's parents were club members in the past.

Chris Free is the husband of club-member Zoe Kitchel, a former sailing school instructor and dock attendant. The couple, who are both oceans and fisheries researchers and professors, lives in Los Angeles where Chris is a professor at University of California at Santa Barbara and Zoe is a professor at Occidental College.

Bill and Julie Obreiter Jr. were sponsored by Bill's parents and Sam and Judi Hartman. Living in Bedford, NH, with their four children, they are both involved in the travel industry. Bill is an executive with a software company that manages some operations for destinations, including the Maine Tourism office, and *Cont. Pg. 3*



OBYC member Jack Evjy (age 91) painted this from a photo of Erin Deschesne, former Head Instructor. He has donated it to OBYC.

Tuesday Morning Yoga

Kara Douglas will be leading Yoga classes every Tuesday from July 1 to Sept. 16.

The classes start promptly at 7:30 at a cost of \$15 a class. It's important to arrive early and set up as a courtesy to others in the class. You must bring your own mat.

These gentle yoga classes are a blend of active and restorative practices, with attention to alignment and anatomy. You will keep your body safe while your mind lets go.

The classes focus on building and maintaining balance, keeping the immune system strong and creating a foundation for further learning.

AFSS Starts June 30 With New Head Instructor

By Max Fletcher

The AFSS season kicks off June 30. Our new head instructor, Pete Worthington, was OBYC's very first sailing instructor back in the early 1990s. Please introduce yourselves to Pete and lend him your support as he gets ready to fill the large shoes left by our retiring instructor, Erin Deschesne.

There are still places available in all sessions for those who may have children or grandchildren in the area or know a young person who might like to participate.

The AFSS Pancake Breakfast will take place Saturday, July 5. The breakfast is the sailing school's major fund raiser and is highly popular due to real maple syrup.

Last year's online silent auction was a tremendous success. Thanks to the support of many generous donors and bidders, we were able to purchase a new, badly-needed chase-boat outboard. We hope to build on those results with the 2025 auction which will run from June 21 through July 10.

We have a growing list of items and welcome any contributions members might like to make - whether a gift card, experience, or quality merchandise (no flea market items please). Please contact Max Fletcher (juanona40@hotmail.com or 207-319-3536) if you would like to make a donation. All donors will be acknowledged on the auction website.

The link to the auction website is below. Please take a look at the growing list of items and get ready to place your bids starting June 21!

<https://givebutter.com/c/afss2025/auction>

New Members Added

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Julie works for the Cayman Islands department of tourism. They own a 24-foot Grady-White.

Meg Edwards, daughter of the late member, Bud Edwards, lives in Falmouth where she runs a personal-productivity coaching business. She was sponsored by Phil Sumner and Max Fletcher.

Joining as a junior associate with Meg is her adult daughter, Annie Gott who works in New York City as a publicist in the music industry.

Paddy and Stephanie Mills live in Brunswick with their four children, two of whom attended AFSS. Paddy is a folk-singer and Stephanie is legal and compliance officer for InterMed, a Portland medical practice. They are veteran sailors and own a motorboat. They were sponsored by Holly Lusk and Jen Nelson.

John and Nancy Lyman have been coming to Orr's Island since 1978 and moved here in 2020. John chairs a family heating business, and Nancy runs the Diamond Empowerment Fund, a New York-based not-for-profit that is funded by the diamond industry. They sail a 47-foot

Bristol, the *Orion*. They were sponsored by Bill Snelling and Lew Incze.

Ryan and Caroline Loyas live on Orr's Island with their 13 year old daughter, Evelyn. Ryan owns Midcoast Maine Plumbing and Caroline works in fund-raising for a Wisconsin-based organization. They were sponsored by John and Margo Almeida and Tim Vail.

Jon Skinner and Martha McLafferty are residents of Hanover, NH, where Martha runs a restorative justice project helping people return to the community. Jon is an economics professor at Dartmouth, specializing in health care. They have a house on Lowell's Cove. They were sponsored by Sue Baker and Nancy Bennett.

Jeff and Sue Slocum live on Orr's Island. They retired from careers in computer industry management and teaching, respectively. Jeff is a boat-builder and woodworker who drives the rescue truck for the Orr's and Bailey Island Fire Department. They are competitive sailors and own a 33-foot Island Packet. They were sponsored by Malcolm McFarland and Paul Kittle.

Commodore's Letter

the duties of the bookkeeper. If you possess financial skills we would love to discuss how you might contribute to our club in this capacity. Please reach out to me or Sue Baker for more information.

We appreciate your continuing support and enthusiasm for the club and look forward to seeing you at the club or out on the water very soon.

Best,

Liz Incze

Commodore



The New Gas Pump

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.

Tuesdays — July 1-Sept. 16. 7:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga with Kara Douglas. \$15 per class for members and guests.

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| June 21 thru July 10 | AFSS Auction - Online bidding opens today and ends July 10 th View auction items and place bids on the OBYC Web site. Pick up your purchased items on July 12 th 9 am to 11 am. Details to follow at a later date. For questions contact: Sue Baker [stbaker42@comcast.net] |
| June 28, Sat, 5pm | Blessing of the Fleet –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] |
| June 30 thru Aug 8 | Abbot Fletcher Sailing School is in session 9 am to 4 pm |
| July 5, Sat, 8–10am | AFSS Pancake Breakfast -- 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] |
| July 9, 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] |
| July 11/12, 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 12, Sat, 9am – 11am **Pick up purchased AFSS online auction items at the club.**

- 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 “Moir’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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Club Newsletter

OBYC Happenings comes out monthly from May to October.

Member contributions and photos are always welcome. Bill Bulkeley is the editor. Reachable at bill.bulkeley@gmail.com.