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Commodore's Letter

I've got some exciting news to share. We've hired a bookkeeper, Sarah Cunningham, to help us manage our finances. After a thorough search and several interviews, the board decided to bring Sarah on board. She's got a lot of experience with QuickBooks Online and works mostly with non-profit organizations. She'll start on July 14th, so she can work with Sue Baker before Sue retires as Treasurer.

With Sarah on board, we'll be able to streamline our financial processes and continue to make sure everything is in order. This also means that Sue's other non-treasurer duties will be shared with existing committees, so the role of our Treasurer will be more focused on governance and traditional Treasurer responsibilities. That means it should be both manageable and rewarding for the next Treasurer.

If you're interested in finance and want to get more involved in the leadership of the club, the Treasurer role might be just what you're looking for. Please consider it and reach out to me if you have any questions.

On a different note, we had a fantastic turnout for the Blessing of the Fleet and the AFSS pancake breakfast. You might have noticed that a lecture was added to this month's calendar. If you have an idea for a lecture you'd like to organize, the social committee would love to hear from you.

The nominating committee has been busy finding recommended board members for two vacancies we'll have on the board. Our buildings and grounds committee has the grounds in great shape - feel free to use the grill
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Sailing School Holds Breakfast

By Sue Baker

The Abbot Fletcher Sailing School held its annual Independence Day weekend Pancake Breakfast Saturday July 5, attracting a hungry crowd of members and neighbors.

AFSS classes began on June 30 with 68 students currently enrolled with 38 attending for the first time.

Peter Worthington is the new Head Instructor. A former physical science teacher, Peter taught sailing at OBYC in the mid-1990's in the predecessor program to AFSS. He also served as Assistant Sailing Coach at Bowdoin College under Abbot Fletcher. Pete has extensive lake and ocean sailing experience. He recently recertified as US Sailing Level 1 and also passed his Level 2 certification.

Assisting Pete will be Chloe Filipowicz, in her third year as an instructor; she is a student at Middlebury College. Elena Rodriguez who was a volunteer the past two years, is also an instructor. AFSS is fortunate to have three returning volunteers this season: Ellis Taylor, Claire Filipowicz, and Sundari von Wentzel. Instructors are US Sailing Level 1 certified. Instructors and volunteers are all First Aid and CPR certified as well.

The AFSS Online Silent Auction continues until 6 PM on July 10. The auction features more than



Pancake Breakfast

AFSS students make pancakes led by Instructors Claire and Chloe Filipowicz.

Below: Jean Johnson, Charlie Johnson and Lynn Knight.

Above: Thompson Lusk and Eric Lusk enjoy pancakes.

Max Fletcher consults with Lew Incze on griddle technique.



OBYC Hires New Bookkeeper

The OBYC Board hired Sarah Cunningham, co-owner of Bookkeeping207, to take over financial management.

After many years of relying on member volunteers — principally Sue Baker — to handle the club's numerous financial details, the board decided to outsource the task. The club is currently seeking a member to serve as treasurer. The board has said it hopes having a bookkeeper will make the job more attractive for a volunteer.

Cunningham, who is based in Poland, Maine, has run the company since 2013, after leaving her nursing career in search of a more predictable schedule. It now has a staff of five and 92 clients, mostly Maine-based non-profits.

She and her husband have two sons, one of whom is still in high school, and one granddaughter. They also have two dogs and one cat, and spend lots of time on the sidelines of athletic fields watching their younger son.



Bookkeeper Sarah Cunningham

AFSS Auction Link

The link to the auction website is below. Please take a look at the list of items and place your bids by Friday July 10.

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

Commodore's Letter

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whenever you want to come hang out on the porch. The new gas pump is working well, and Waterfront and Anchorage have the dinghies and docks in great order.

Lastly, our water comes from a well, and we've increased our monitoring capabilities to keep an eye on the health of the system. So far, it's looking good. Please be mindful of water usage and only use what is essential.

Hoping to see you at the club soon.

Best,

Liz Incze

Commodore



*Chris Nichols and new head instructor
Pete Worthington*

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.

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| June 30 thru Aug 8 | Abbot Fletcher Sailing School is in session 9 am to 4 pm |
| Tuesdays —July 1-Sept. 16. 7:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga with Kara Douglas. \$15 per class for members and guests. | |
| 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. For questions contact: Sue Baker [stbaker42@comcast.net] |
| 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 16, Weds. 6 pm | Lecture. Carol Gardner, author of " <i>The Divided North</i> ", a dual biography of a black Portland abolitionist and a white Portland slave-ship captain. |

- 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 “Moira’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 Rusczek [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]

Blessing of the Fleet



Rev. Kitty Babson delivers the blessing as members listen. Tina Millner in foreground.

Erin Deschene hugs Jack Eyjy after seeing his painting of her as head instructor, which Sue Baker is holding.

Below: Cathy Kelly, Dick Stevens and Gail Stevens.

(Photos by Teena Patton and Dawn Kalmar)





Pancake Breakfast Crew: front row: Barbara Messamore, Marty Jarvis, Sheila Evjy and her sister Margaret, Bobbi Robertson. Back Row: Jack Evjy, Chris Nichols, Ed Kenyon, Bruce Lanford Photo: Liz Incze

New Member Added

Allyson (Ally) Barker became the club's newest member, following her marriage to Jake Barker in May.

Membership chair Sandy Nelson said her addition brings the membership rolls to 263, with 17 people currently on the waiting list. Spouses of current members are automatically eligible for membership, even if their addition exceeds the board's goal of a 260 member limit.

Ally works at Northeastern University's Roux Institute in Portland where she manages a healthcare technology accelerator program. She is a dietetics professional with international experience with the Peace Corps in Nepal and an education non-profit in Haiti, Malawi and Senegal

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.

Navigation Aids Needed

AFSS Head Pete Worthington is in search of instructional navigation materials to be used on rainy days.

He requests that anyone who has an unused compass — either handheld or binnacle — or old navigation charts, consider donating them for the edification of young mariners.

Orr's-Bailey Yacht Club

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