



# OBYC

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## Commodore's Letter

Hello to everyone!

I'm Allan Jarvis, your newly elected Commodore. My wife, Marty, and I have been members of the OBYC since 1995, we're both active boaters; former sailors turned power boaters, and we have been fortunate enough to be able to enjoy the Club and its members for the past several decades.

As you all know, this is a wonderful organization and I look forward to working with the Board, the various Club Committees and each of you to help make it the best that it can be for our members.

I'd like to start by thanking Past Commodore, Liz Incze, for her many contributions to the Club over the past 3 years. Liz focused the Club on the needs of the membership and emphasized the importance of volunteerism as the primary vehicle that allows the Club to offer the activities that it does to its membership. She also introduced several operational benefits to the Club, including an online billing process for dues; one that we will be working to expand to both the AFSS and our social calendar events for the coming season.

Coming up on the Social Calendar we have the Chili/Chowder party on *(Cont. Pg. 2)*

## Commodore Picked After Annual Meeting

*By Bill Bulkeley*

The club's board of directors elected Allan Jarvis as the new Commodore, replacing Liz Incze who had served three years.

The choice followed the annual meeting Saturday, Aug. 16 when 69 voting members heard committee reports and elected four board members.

David Hamilton was named as the new treasurer, succeeding Sue Baker who has handled the job for many years. Earlier this year, the board hired a bookkeeper to handle the nuts and bolts of the job and activated electronic receipt of many club payments, reducing the paperwork involved.

The meeting was followed by a social hour and picnic supper.

During the meeting, Sue Baker reported that financially, "we're in wonderful shape." She pointed to the balance sheet, which had been circulated to all members before the meeting. It shows the club has almost \$250,000 in cash and current assets at the end of 2024, up 12% from \$220,000 the year before. Fixed assets are valued at \$671,000, principally \$257,000 for the land, \$258,000 for the buildings and \$101,000 for pier, ramp and floats.

So far this year, operations are within a few thousand dollars of budget, with income of \$150,000 and costs of \$100,000. *(Cont. Pg. 4)*

# Commodore's Letter

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Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM and the Pulled Pork Dinner on Saturday October 4<sup>rd</sup>, also at 5:00PM, both fun events that provide great opportunities for the members to enjoy each other's company.

We also have the floats being hauled on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and a Waterfront Fall Work Party to decommission them, on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00AM. There's always lots to do to help our Waterfront & Anchorage Committee at the decommissioning, so we're hoping for a big turn-out on that day.

As you've heard at various times during this season, we continue to monitor our freshwater situation at the Club; both the quantity that we have to provide to our members and the quality of the water provided. I think it's likely that we may want to take water conservation measures in the future, so be on the lookout for any notices that may come to you with regards to such measures for the 2026 season.

If you have any comments or questions about the Club, please feel free to reach out to me at the Club email address: [commodore@oby.org](mailto:commodore@oby.org), my personal email address: [apjarvis@aol.com](mailto:apjarvis@aol.com), or text to my phone at: (570) 269-6364.

Thanks for everything that you do for the Club and I look forward to a great 2025/2026 season with all of you.

Allan



*Commodore Allan Jarvis*



*Outgoing Commodore  
Liz Incze*





## *AFSS Honors Sue Baker*

*The Abbot Fletcher Sailing School honored Sue Baker for many years of handling the organization's recruitment and finances by naming one of its chase boats for her: The Suzanne B.*

*OBYC cruisers enjoying a meal at Ports of Italy in Boothbay Harbor after a lumpy ride up Casco Bay! Pictured from L to R, Chris Nichols, Lew Incze, Liz Incze, Paul Cournoyer, Kym Cournoyer, Diana Kenyon, Ed Kenyon, Kim Gilpatrick, Bob Gill, and Maggie Gill (photo by Ed Kenyon)*



## Annual Meeting

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Reporting for the finance committee, Kristin Fletcher said the audit committee found the books to be “complete and appropriate.”

Kristin said the transition to QuickBooks online has “had some growing pains, but we’re working through it.” She said that longer term, the committee is working on a schedule of long term capital needs for major repair or replacement of roofs, floats and pier.

Bob Seaman, reporting for the building and grounds committee, said “everything is running smoothly.” He said the club has formed a water and sewage subcommittee led by Lee McIlvaine and Mark Tubinis because of continuing concerns about groundwater on Orr’s Island. He noted that the nearby Merritt House has to buy water and store it in tanks because its well “went salty” a few years ago.

Bob said the club tests our well for salt and sulfur four times a year and hasn’t seen any problems. However, the committee is concerned that large draws on the well for boat-washing or filling big tanks could cause problems. Several members have reported seeing non-member boats docked at the floats and using the water hose. Bob said the board will evaluate locking the hose so only members can use it.

Ed Kenyon of the waterfront and anchorage committee said that “we’re in good repair” with no major expenses anticipated in the next 4-6 years.

The social committee said its two biggest events were the Blessing of the Fleet, which attracted 60 people and the Italian Dinner which hosted 80 people. Bunny Siegel said the committee is eager for any comments from members about events they would like to see for 2026.

Traci Sumner said the merchandise committee has had representatives at most events. She said sales at events have been \$571 so far this year, which is above budget. However, online sales of \$225 have been “frankly, disappointing.”

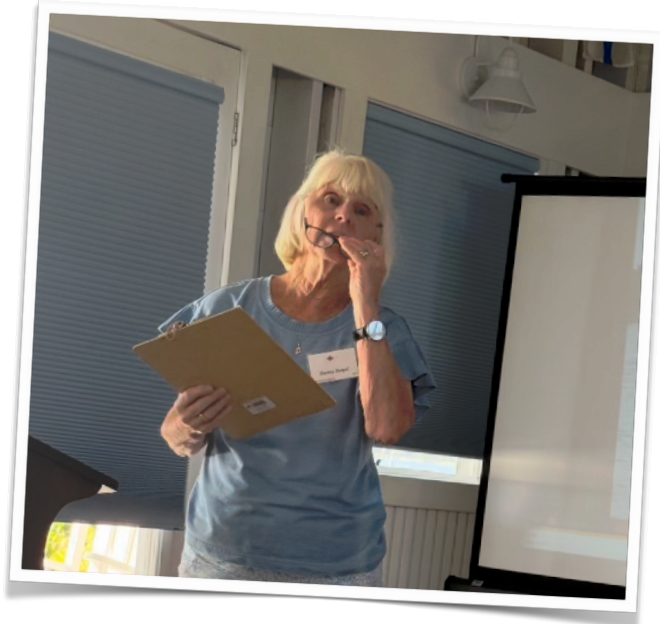
Liz Incze reflected on her term in office, saying that the 71-year old club is increasingly doing operations on line rather than in person or by snail mail. She said we plan to move to an online application process to simplify entering and sharing information.

She said that the club has handled the transition in finances from Sue Baker with the addition of an outside bookkeeper.

Board Member Jan Skillings-Goff hailed Liz’s term: “Liz has been an extraordinary commodore,” she said.



*Kristin Fletcher*



*Bunny Siegel*



## 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. 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.

**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]

*Possum, the Labrador, prepares to go boating with Tessa Wing and her parents Miles and Kate*





*Enjoying snacks on the porch R to L were Miles Wing, Rick Patton, Jay McGowen, Sue Baker and Tessa Wing. Photos by Teena Patton*

## Help Wanted

Lucy Cook is still seeking volunteers for set up and clean up for the Chili Chowder potluck Saturday, Sept. 13.

She also requests that people who attend please sign up in advance so she can balance the food options and appetizers.

Contact her at [lucycook56@gmail.com](mailto:lucycook56@gmail.com)

*Bingo players enjoy dinner after the games. R to L are a guest, SuSu McIlvane, Ginny Coble with daughters Kathy and Vicky, Kate Wing, Beth McFarland Strickland, Helen Kitchel, Barbara McGowen, and John Henning.*



## Weekly Mahjong Games

Some club members gather every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4 to play the ancient Chinese game of Mahjong.

Linda Kittle, who spearheads the activity can answer any questions. If you want to learn to play, contact her to arrange a time to learn the basics of the game. Linda's contact information is in the club members directory.



## Membership Rolls Full

The club currently has 262 members, two above the desired limit of 260 set by the board, Sandy Nelson, membership chair, reported at the annual meeting. When a member marries, their spouse automatically joins, explaining why totals sometimes exceed planned levels.

Sandy said the club currently has 26 people on the waiting list — 11 couples and four singles. He said six new applications arrived in the past six weeks, resulting in the current level.

During the current year, 10 members resigned, and two members passed away. Members who have moved or lost interest usually resign in February when dues notices are sent out.

Normally, the club experiences 9-11 departures each year, but last year only five members left, and the wait list got longer. The time on the waiting list is usually two-to-three years, he said.

Sandy reminded members that if they have children over age 22 but under 26, they should be encouraged to join as junior associates. They don't have to pay an initiation fee and they go to the top of the waiting list when they turn 26.

He said the policy of requiring two sponsors for each new member has been working well. Members can sponsor one new member each year. After they join, sponsors are encouraged to keep in touch with them and help them join in volunteer activities.

## 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](mailto:bill.bulkeley@gmail.com).

## In Memoriam

Malcolm McFarland, a longtime club member and a former member of the board of directors, passed away July 31.

Malcolm was 84 years old and lived on Orr's Island with his wife Marnie.

He had a long career in Ohio with Eaton Corp. from which he retired in 2010. He was always active in the communities where he lived.

In Harpswell, besides many volunteer services with the Club, he was a board member and sometime auctioneer for the Orr's and Bailey Island Fire Department and a driver for Harpswell Aging at Home.

## Orr's-Bailey Yacht Club

### Officers

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