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Commodore's Letter

I hope that this message finds all of you well and ready to enjoy another summer season at the OBYC.

Our Social Committee is kicking off the season with the Welcome Back Social Gathering on Saturday, June 13th and this will be followed by the Blessing of the Fleet and New Members Introduction on Saturday, June 27th. Two events to get you into the swing of the 2026 season.

As you've all read in a recent broadcast email, our gasoline service is back up and operating after the section of the delivery line that runs from the shore, down the pier and out to the pump was replaced due to safety concerns. Gas delivery operation is similar to what it was last year; just be sure and push the slider on the left side of the pump up to deliver gas and down to stop the flow after you've finished pumping. We're pricing gas at market value this year and the price will be adjusted during the season if the cost of gas to the Club rises.

We've also installed a lock on the fresh water hose bib at the float. The same key that operates the gas pump also operates the water bib lock. If you do not have a gas/water key and plan to use the Club's fresh water at the float, then contact Liz Incze to get one. Please replace the bib lock when you're finished. Remember the Club's fresh water is for its members, not for those outside our membership.

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New Members Joining

By Bill Bulkeley

Membership chair Sandy Nelson reports that with various comings and goings, the membership total is now 259, one less than the maximum level targeted by the board.

There are currently 18 people on the waiting list — about a two-year wait— but most are couples who will come in together as two members.

Eight members recently resigned for various reasons. They include: Bruce Langford, Vinny and Shawn George, Kim Stewart, Ben and Amber Skinner and Tom and Michele Himes. As previously reported, 10 members resigned over the winter, and two others passed away.

The 18 new members being added will be welcomed at the annual Blessing of the Fleet on June 27. Contact information for all of them is available in the Club Directory, which is posted online for members.

Annie Gott, a former junior member and the daughter of Meg Edwards converted to regular membership. Annie lives and works in New York City in music publicity. When in Maine, she enjoys kayaking and paddle-boarding from the club.

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Commodore's Letter

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Also coming up is our annual Abbot Fletcher Sailing School Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction. The auction kicks off on June 20th and concludes on July 9th. The Pancake Breakfast takes place on Saturday, July 4th. Always a great time and a very successful fundraiser for the sailing school. Come and enjoy yourself and bring your friends!

I recently sent around an email message that had the 2026 membership directory, the social calendar and the Volunteer sheet attached to it. If there are any changes that need to be made to the directory, please let us know. I have not had a chance to hear back from any of you yet regarding the Volunteer sheet. I'll take this opportunity to remind you that volunteering to help out at the Club is a big part of membership in the OBYC. We are a volunteer-based organization.

Many hands make light work for everyone, whereas fewer hands make it more difficult and run the risk of putting us in a position that will eventually prove financially costly to the Club's membership. So, please help out and have some fun in the process!

I look forward to seeing you all around the Club and on the water this season.

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Work Party

*Getting the club ready.
(Above) Teena Patton and
Diana Kenyon grill burgers.*

*(Left) Putting up the
sunshades takes teamwork.*

Photos by Allan Jarvis



New Members

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Jeff and Lisa Sumner recently retired after careers in the Cincinnati area, Jeff as a wine importer and Lisa as a schools advocate. They spent much of their lives in the wine regions of the world. Jeff is the son of former club members and brother of Phil Sumner, Jr. His ancestors have been coming to Orr's Island since 1885.

Eric Thielscher and Betsy Nicholson, daughter of club members Tom and Cathy Nicholson, live outside of Boston with a home in Harpswell. Their son Whitford and daughter Sayles, sailed in the sailing school. Betsy served as the North region director for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, overseeing waterways from the Great Lakes to the North Atlantic. Eric works in investments in Boston, after growing up in Gloucester and working on tuna boats as an adolescent. They cruise the Maine and Canadian waters in their boat "Privateer," built by Wesmac, the custom lobster-boat and cruiser shipyard in Surry, Maine.

Sarah Jackman and James Hueston live in New York City, where Sarah works in private equity. Sarah is the daughter of Tom and Pat Jackman. She started sailing at AFSS and sailed competitively while in college at Fordham. James founded and heads an AI start-up advising regulated industries, after working as a venture capitalist with investments focused on the aging population.

Eric Reardon, a former member is rejoining. His grandfather was founding member Malcolm Dodge, and his mother is club-member Martha Love. Currently working as a developer in the Florida Keys, he expects to spend increasing amounts of time at the family home on Orr's Island.

Lillian Goldenthal and Josh Ho-Walker, live in Brooklyn with their children: Colton (7), Brody (5) and Alden (3). Lillian is the daughter of Lance and Jann Goldenthal, and the whole family enjoys summering and sailing at her parents' home on Orr's Island. Josh works at finance and Lillian is active in volunteer activities.

Margaret Rudman, an Arkansas native who moved to Washington DC to work on Capitol Hill for legislators and later in consulting, recently retired. She is spending increasing amounts of time at her home on Bailey island, and enjoys the club's social activities.

Bob and Lorrie Cooney live on Orr's Island. He is a retired surgeon from Boston.

Tom Vogt grew up working in his father's boatyard in North Carolina and now lives in Brunswick where he works as a bridge inspector and structural engineer. He has a 22-foot restored lobster boat and two children, Charlotte 14 and Tessa, 12.

Bebe and Jim O'Neil are retired airline pilots who met in the Air Force. They live in Aurora, CO, where they raised four children, and have a summer house on Bailey Island, near where Bebe came as a small child to spend time with her grandparents.

Margaret Groban and Larry Fischman, have a summer home on Mackerel Cove and live in South Portland. Larry is a retired psychiatrist and Margaret is a retired federal prosecutor.



Waterfront and Anchorage crew members launched the club's 3,000 lb. Floats, aided by a 257-foot crane and a professional crew from Redfin Marine. Below, experienced volunteers from the club were led by Paul Cournoyer and Tim Vail.

Photos by Bill Bulkeley



Social Calendar

Here is the 2026 OBYC Social Event Calendar! In addition to the social events listed below, please make use of the facilities to gather at other times as well. Remember all events on the calendar are BYO beverages.

The Social Committee encourages informal sunset gatherings on Friday nights, socializing on the porch. Bring an appetizer to share; barbecue supper if you wish. No sign up, no set up; just show up, but don't forget to clean up and lock up.

PLEASE NOTE: Sign-up for events is only necessary where stated. 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, please offer assistance.

Weekly events:

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| July 1 thru Aug. 26 | Bingo on Wednesdays - 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. This year's bingo games will be drop-in style (i.e, no designated host, so please show up, but don't forget to pick up, clean up & lock up.) For questions contact: Teena Patton [Christine.Patton48@yahoo.com] |
| June 29 thru Aug 7 | Abbot Fletcher Sailing School is in session 9 am to 4 pm |
| June 16 thru Sept 15 | Tuesday Yoga with Kara Douglas - 7:30am to 8:30am – These Gentle Yoga classes are for everyone, including those who have not participated in yoga before. Please bring your own yoga mat. Classes start promptly at 7:30 – please arrive 10 minutes early to settle in. \$15 per class. For questions contact: Charlie Johnson [charlie-j@outlook.com] |
| June 16 thru mid-Oct | Tuesday Mah Jongg - Come and join our Mah Jongg group for an afternoon of fun. All you need is a 2026 Card. We meet at the club on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 and play until 4:00-4:30. We will start on June 16th and play through mid-October or until it gets too cold. For questions or if you are interested in learning how to play, contact Linda Kittle at 913-306-2986. |

June 12, Fri, 8am-10pm	Barker private family event.
June 13, Sat, 5pm	Welcome back social gathering – Join us to open the OBYC summer season! Bring an appetizer to share. Arrive 30 minutes early if you can help set up. For questions contact: Bunny Siegel [blackdog5070@yahoo.com]
June 20 thru July 16	AFSS Auction - Online bidding opens June 20 and ends July 16 th at 9pm. View auction items and place bids on the OBYC Web site. Pick up your purchased items on July 18 th 9 to 10 am. Details to follow at a later date. For questions contact: Sue Baker [stbaker42@comcast.net]
June 27, Sat, 5pm	Blessing of the Fleet and New Member Introductions – Gather at 5pm for cocktails. The Blessing will be at 5:45pm. Bring an appetizer to share. Arrive 30 minutes early if you can help set up. For questions contact: Lynn Knight [lynnknight@oldecove.com]
July TBD	Overnight Cruise with OBYC Friends – Cruise your own boat to a nearby anchorage. Meet at 5 pm to socialize with friends. Specific dates and destinations will be announced at a later date. For questions contact: Chris Nichols [nicholodeoncreative@gmail.com]
July 4, Sat, 8–10am	AFSS Pancake Breakfast -- Open to public. Organized and staffed by AFSS. \$12/adult, \$6/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 Sue & Jeff Slocum (jasslocum@gmail.com).
July 18, Sat, 9am – 10am	Pick up purchased AFSS online auction items at the club.
July 18, Sat, 5pm	Pot Luck Dinner and Trivia Night – Bring a dish to share. Trivia games commence at 6:00. Arrive 30 minutes early if you can help set up. For questions contact: Jill Olausson [jillmarieo@gmail.com]
July 23, Thurs, 7:00pm	Book Group – The book selection for discussion is “The Weir,” by Ruth Moore (1943). For questions contact: Alice Hootsmans [alicehootsmans@gmail.com]

- July 30, Thurs, 6:30pm Lecture – Gather for refreshments and then enjoy this interesting presentation. OBYC's Lew Incze, who studied lobsters during his career as a marine biologist, will inform us about the early life of lobsters in a dynamic coastal ecosystem. For questions contact: Cathy Kelley [ckelley0506@gmail.com]
- Aug TBD Overnight Cruise with OBYC Friends – Cruise your own boat to a nearby anchorage. Meet at 5 pm to socialize with friends. Specific dates and destinations will be announced at a later date. For questions contact: Chris Nichols [nicholodeoncreative@gmail.com]
- Aug 2, Sun, 10am – 9pm Kitchel private family event
- Aug 8, Sat, 7pm Dessert Pot Luck and Trivia Night – Bring your favorite dessert to share as we enjoy a fun competition. Arrive 30 minutes early if you can help set up. For questions contact: Cindy Burroughs [cindy.burroughs@gmail.com]
- Aug 13, Thurs, 7:00pm Book Group – The book selection for discussion is “The Berry Pickers,” by Amanda Peters (2023). For questions contact: Alice Hootsmans [alicehootsmans@gmail.com]
- Aug 15, Sat, 4pm Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Picnic – Please come to the annual meeting and at its conclusion, stay to socialize and enjoy a picnic supper provided by OBYC. This is a members-only event. Please sign up if you are planning to stay for the picnic so we can plan accordingly. For questions contact: Margie Rusczek [rusczek@comcast.net]
- Aug 27, Thurs, 6:30pm Lecture – Gather for refreshments and then enjoy Cook, will talk about his experience publishing the independent news report, “The Cook Political Report.” For questions contact: Cathy Kelley [ckelley0506@gmail.com]
- Sept 12, Sat, 5pm Chili/Chowder Potluck – Bring an appetizer, chili, salad, bread, or dessert to share. Please let us know what type of dish you are planning to bring on the sign-up sheets at the club. Arrive 30 minutes early if you can help set up. For questions contact: Judi Hartman [judiandsam123@gmail.com]
- Oct 3, Sat, 5pm Cocktail Social – Bring an appetizer to share. Arrive 30 minutes early if you can help set up. For questions contact: Lucy Cook [lucycook56@gmail.com]
- Dec 5, 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.



Garden Committee members gathered one afternoon to weed, mulch, trim and plant. Volunteers included, from left, Bill Snelling, Paul Kittle, Eric Jones, Linda Kittle, Nancy Kinser, Ann Gulesian, Margie Ruscsek.
Photo by Liz Incze

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Sailing School Fund Raisers

Abbot Fletcher Sailing School relies on fund-raising activities to supplement tuition payments. Members of the Sailing Committee will be hosting the annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, July 4 from 8 to 10 a.m. Sue and Jeff Slocum have joined Cathy and Tom Nicholson to chair this event. Tuition covers only a portion of the operational expenses so this is an important fundraiser for AFSS.

Also on the schedule is the Online Silent Auction that provides funds for capital needs of AFSS such as replacement of sailboats and motors. Traditionally, area businesses in Harpswell, Bath, and Brunswick have generously offered gift certificates or merchandise, and many OBYC members have also donated items to this event. Items will be added to the website as they become available. Bidding will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 16.

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.

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