

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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From the Helm

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After Sunset

Earlier and earlier sunsets at the Club, while signaling a winding down of the 2007 season, should not obscure the fact that there will be rising suns in following days. With those rising suns come hopes of continued sunsets that optimistically document the fulfillment of preceding days' expectations. I hope that some of those expectations have been met by your membership in PYC this past season, and the impressive participation in scheduled and other events leaves me confident that the Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, and Staff have contributed positively to that end. Be reminded that the last sunset over the open-clubhouse has not occurred, and there is still opportunity to participate and contribute. I especially encourage our newest members to join our faithful, continuing, and supporting members in squeezing in a few more memories. It is fitting that the Closing Dinner Dance theme, "Sunset Soirée," invites us to rendezvous for fun and camaraderie and to set our sights on a rewarding future, not extinguished after sunset.

Membership Committee



Applications for membership have been received from the following:

Christine McGill is a local retailer from Rye, NH. She is an avid kayaker with a lifetime of boating experience. She is sponsored by **Capt. Jeff Gordon and Phillip Crawford**.

Elizabeth Stern is a nurse at Portsmouth Regional Hospital and lives in Hampton, NH. Although presently a non-owner, she has owned a boat for 40 years. She is sponsored by **Capt. George Sigalos and Thomas Hackett**. **Donald L. Stevens** is a Scuba Diver from Rye, NH. He has spent the

last 45 years on and under the ocean, and owns a 44' classic powerboat. He is sponsored by **P/C George Kinser and Capt. Henry Marcuri**.

Ladies Committee

Thanks so much to **Charlie Clark** for his superb role as auctioneer at the Club Auction after the Wed. night dinner on August 29. His gift for convincing folks to bid on things they didn't necessarily want, yielded a profit of \$3002.50. And, thanks to **Lynn Joslyn** for her skills in organizing the auction and soliciting many of the items up for bid. The Ladies Committee is most appreciative of the many donations from Club Members that made this event a success. Also, many thanks to **Jinny Burgess** for hosting the Club Card Party, which yielded a profit of \$303. Another successful event that will help the Ladies Committee contribute to material support of the Club. The last (wrap-up) meeting of the Ladies Committee will be held Wednesday, October 2nd, at 6:15 pm. Bring your cocktails. - **Ellen Blanchard**

PYC Annual Meeting - Thursday, 18 October

The meeting will be held at the PYC Clubhouse, commencing at **7pm**. As with past meetings, Roberts Rules of Order will be implemented. Please observe the following procedures:

- One vote per membership.
- Voting member must sign in** at the front table on the sheet provided by the secretary
- Each voting member will **pick up a voting card from the Secretary** at check-in. Non-ballot votes will be made using this card. There will be no segregation of voting vs. non-voting members.
- When making a comment or motion, having been recognized by the Commodore, **please stand, and give your name** before commenting/making a motion. This will help the secretary maintain the accuracy of the annual report.





A few words from the Vice: by V/C Jackie Adams

As the season winds to a close & I look back at all the wonderful events we've had this summer, I want to remind everyone that our staff members have helped make all these events a success. Please come, join us and show your appreciation for the work they have done at the "Employee's Night" dinner on Oct 10th

In the last newsletter I asked for member thoughts on announcements & 'colors'. There was one comment about announcements & twelve about colors. Some were very definitive, but most contained a good range of suggestions. It has led to a slight change: **we have begun to signal colors by sounding 4 bells at 6:50 pm**, just prior to beginning dinner, the cannon is fired at far end of dock & the flag is respectfully lowered. The added benefit has been that without any further announcements members are then coming in and sitting for dinner. I think despite some rather intense emails and comments, members were listened to & a good compromise was reached.

Thanks to those members & their teams who cooked us some great dinners last month & early this month: **Ed Wright** leading the Hamburger Grilling Team, **Roy Alonzo's** Amazing Chicken BBQ, the **Kinser's** "Real" Southern Pork BBQ, **John Pappas'** "Terrific" Labor Day Breakfast and the **Almgren's** "Incomparably Delicious" Tenderloin Dinner

Thanks also to our hosts this month **Earldean & Roger Wells** and **Becky & Mark Roy**. A BIG thanks to **Dan & Barb Nicholson** for helping out in a very busy month & a special "Thanks" to our **1st Lady Ellen Blanchard** for her lovely flower arrangements.

Ramblings from the Rear by R/C Dave Wajda



Well, it is that time where we start winding down for the year. We have all survived another season safely – no injuries or accidents. Many staff members have returned to college or high school but we are still open and operating. **Our hours are now Monday thru Thursday (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and Friday through Sunday (8:00 a.m. to sunset).**

The launches had a tough season – both required major work. The fast launch had its steering hydraulics replaced this past week – cost of the part was \$500.00 and the bill for labor hasn't been received. The slow launch had its transmission rebuilt – cost for machining (Mack Boring) was \$1155 – Great Bay provided the service. Thanks to **Capt Steve Jefferson** for removing and replacing the unit that saved the PYC some money. Please note – our launches receive more usage in a month than some boats do in their lifetime so maintenance is extremely important.

The House and Docks Committee will be meeting soon to plan for Docks Out. **If anyone has interest in becoming a member of the H&D committee, please call either Art Dionne or me.** A meeting has been scheduled with Custom Floats (Thursday, 9/13) to help plan for new floats for the coming years. A determination will be made as to the best course of action and then brought to the BOD for discussion. I have received two bids to have a new roof put on PYC – this could be accomplished prior to Docks Out or after according to both companies. Both also anticipated 4-5 days to accomplish stripping the roof and applying new 30 year shingles and a rubber roof (right side of the main building and the boiler room).

A reminder to start cleaning out your lockers – otherwise, at seasons end, all lockers will be opened and cleaned for you.

I have had a positive and interesting time serving as Rear Commodore – so far – this year. **My thanks goes to the staff – from the Steward, Dockmasters, & the deck hands** – all displayed a positive & professional attitude that made it a "Summer to Remember". They helped make the atmosphere at PYC a happy and fun place to be, whether boating or socializing. **Remember, Appreciation Night will be coming soon.**

I hope all the members enjoyed themselves so far this year. I feel we have all benefited by having a wonderful place to go and enjoy - either by ourselves or with friends.

DOCKS-OUT & WORK-PARTY .. Oct 20th & 27th .. In preparation for pulling our docks, floats, and winterizing the clubhouse, we will hold a **Work-Party on Saturday Oct 20th beginning at 8:00 AM.** Coffee, soft drinks, donuts, and the traditional PYC steamed hot dogs will be provided .. **DOCKS-OUT** begins the following **Saturday, Oct 27th also around 8:00 AM** with the usual fare of coffee, donuts, and hot-dogs followed at noon by the always bountiful Pot Luck Luncheon of delicious treats prepared by our talented members and their spouses. Hope to see many of you there.



Your hosts for the month are Nancy Jackson, Priscilla Lent & Henry Marcuri..

Weds Nite Dinner ..Oct 3rd

SERVED MEAL: Choice of Haddock Florentine or Stan's Fabulous Steak Tips .. \$16 per person

Friday Evening Oct 5th

The Annual Post-Cruise Pot-Luck Dinner .. Please notify Paul or Jerry Young if you plan to attend ..

Sunday Oct 7th Autumn Foliage River Cruise

Leave the docks at 10:00 a.m., weather permitting. We would like as many boats as possible to join the fleet & invite all captains to welcome aboard other members & friends as we cruise up the Piscataqua River to Dover & Little/Great Bays followed by CHOWDUH back at the Club at approximately 12:30 PM, a true culinary treat provided by our Commodore & Mommadore but PLEASE sign-up at club in advance so they know how much CHOWDUH to fix .. THANKS .

Weds Oct 10th ... Employee Appreciation Nite

SERVED BUFFETT STYLE featuring Baked Stuffed Scallops & Stuffed Italian Shells

Come out & show your support & appreciation to our hardworking staff. Name & address rosters are available from the Steward if you wish to personally send a thank-you note to any of our staff who have already gone back to college.



Sunset Soiree

Closing Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 13, 2007

- 6:00 pm** *Cocktails/hors d'oeuvres*
 Open Bar
- 7:00 pm** *Dinner: Choice of*
 Roast Prime Rib
 of Beef au jus or
 Fresh Filet of Sole
 Stuffed with Lobster.
 "Special Dessert"
- 8-11 pm** *Dancing to the Vic Paul Trio.*
 Black Tie Optional.



Fabulous Raffle
Baskets

Hosted by the Courteaus
and the Blanchards

\$45.00 per person.

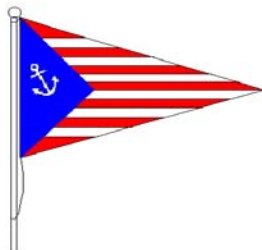
Limited to 120 by Advanced Registration
Only by Monday, October 8th.

Guest waiting list per Club Policy.

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LOOKING AHEAD

THE ANNUAL PYC CHRISTMAS DINNER-DANCE
SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH

Hosted by the Grapers (of course)

At the Portsmouth Country Club

Cocktails & Hors`d'oeuvres at 6 pm

Dinner Served at 7pm

Black Tie optional .. Fancy Gift Baskets .. Live Music .. Lotsa FUN !!

Watch the Club Website and the next Newsletter for details



NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

TUESDAY JANUARY 1ST

At the BREAKFAST HILL GOLF CLUB

"eye-openers" & a sumptuous breakfast/brunch buffet

Presentation of Flags to our newly elected Officers

Expressions of Appreciation to our Immediate Past Commodore and 1st Lady

Details to follow on the Website and in the next Newsletter

