

# PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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## From the Bridge Commodore Dan Gingras

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Well the weather is finally turning, and things at PYC are starting to pop. The new bar is finished, and absolutely beautiful. We're still waiting for the prison industries to finish the rear cabinet, but once done, it will be installed and topped with the same granite that covers the bar. Four of the exterior doors have been replaced with new fiberglass doors and are also a substantial upgrade.

The social schedule has been great fun, and I've particularly enjoyed the pot luck dinners, which have been phenomenal. The new members orientation pot luck was particularly fun!! Welcome to all the new members. I have found that the grills have been left on a couple of times, and not only is this extremely dangerous, but also very expensive since they're connected to very large propane tanks. This has been an ongoing problem, so we are going to install timers on all the grills which will need to be "wound up" before using the grills to prevent them being left on. They will run for an hour but can be reset as long as you need to use the grill, however if you walk off, they will turn the gas off after a maximum of an hour.

A reminder to make sure that you wash all of your dishes before you leave the club. We don't pay the staff to wash dishes, and it's every member's responsibility to leave the kitchen clean for the next group of members.

I'm looking forward to our annual Memorial day breakfast, where Phyllis and I and our wonderful crew get to cook breakfast for all of you. We're going to solicit donations for The Wounded Warrior Project again this year, so please attend, and bring your generosity. If you're a new member and want to volunteer we'd love to add you to our team. It's great fun, and a wonderful way to get to know other members. Volunteering is really the backbone of our organization, and I encourage all of the new members to "raise their hands" and participate. Not only does it give you a sense of belonging, but it brings you closer to the other members. I can't think of a better way to become part of the PYC community than to help out.

There have been moorings in Pepperrell Cove as part of the Pepperrell Cove Yacht Club since the 1960's, and in 1997 Pepperrell Cove Yacht Club became a subsidiary of PYC, and as such we obtained control of the moorings. In 2011 we were advised by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that we would have to remove the moorings because they were "rental moorings" in a Federal Navigation Project Area. After extensive discussions and submission of substantial documentation, it was ruled that our moorings were "grandfathered" because they were there before 1968. Somehow the Kittery Port Authority never received the letter sent to them by the Corps of Engineers, and consequently there was a discussion recently about the legality of our moorings by the Port Authority. P/C Goldberg and I attended the May Port Authority meeting to update them on the legality of our moorings. Unfortunately there continues to be some concern by the Port Authority about the moorings, and the PYC Board of Directors has requested that our previous legal counsel in this matter inform the Port Authority that our moorings are legal and approved by the Corps of Engineers, and that we will take whatever legal actions necessary to preserve the moorings which we provide as service to visiting boaters. We're hoping that this will be put to rest once and for all in the near future.

Tipping - All of the PYC staff work very hard to insure that the members are well pampered, and although we do have a staff appreciation day at the end of the season, I've started to tip the staff as they provide service to insure they associate good service with a "thanks" from the member. The year end appreciation night is great, but I think that an immediate reward for services well rendered sets a more appropriate tone of appreciation. I encourage members to tip our staff and compliment them for services that are well done.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me.  
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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

We have received 3 new applications for membership:

**Craig and Marcia Steidle** of Kittery Point ME, sponsored by John Carson and Susan Watterson. Craig has extensive marine and aerospace experience. He is a retired Rear Admiral and was a naval aviator. Their boat is a 40' 1953 Concordia Yawl named SAXON. He is looking forward to sharing interests with PYC members and being part of the "civilian navy".

**Douglas and Anna Carrie Ash** of East Kingston, NH, sponsored by Suzanne Bresette and Vanda Moore. Doug is a retired Coast Guard Captain. He and Anna Carrie have just moved to New Hampshire and are looking forward to connecting with the community and maintaining their connection with the marine community. Doug has raced for years as a member of the Hobie Fleet 187, and has many certifications from the Coast Guard, including marine navigator and firefighter, and is a USCG Eagle qualified master diver.

**Todd and Julie Black** of Dover, NH, also sponsored by Suzanne Bresette and Vanda Moore. Todd is an energy executive and Julie is an IT professional. They have enjoyed meeting PYC members and look forward to participating in and contributing to club activities.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

5/25(M) Memorial Day Breakfast (see pg. 5)...\$8

5/27(W) WND - Hot Dog Safari (see pg. 5)...\$8

Hosts for June are: *Ellen Blanchard, Debby Gebow, Priscilla Lent, Judi O'Brien*

6/5 (F) Shucks It's Friday! (see pg. 5) - P Roy

6/7 (SU) Pre-Cruise Dinner (see pg. 6)

6/9 ((T) After Race Social  
(Club house open to members)

6/10 (W) Open Wed. Night, Pot Luck.....\$5

6/12 (F) Lobster Dinner - \$TBA

6/17(W) Music Night and Pot Luck.....\$15

6/21 (SU) Thornton Cup Raft Up (see pg. 6)

6/24(W) WND Steward's Italian Dinner  
*Jerry Goldfarb and crew*

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Private Functions: June 4(TH), June 25 (TH)  
*Members please use outside walkway.*  
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**Planning Ahead**

7/1 Chinese Restaurant, 7/4 July 4th BBQ,

7/8 \*new\* Hand's French Bastille Day,

7/15 Nadeau's Southern Pulled Pork



Monday, May 25, 2015  
9:00AM to 10:30AM

Join us for breakfast  
prepared by Phyllis  
Breitman, Dan Gingras and  
their Crew.

Blueberry French Toast Casserole,  
Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Tater Tots,  
Assorted Fruit.

Bloody Marys, Juice, Coffee, Tea

Adults \$8, children under 10 free  
Sign up by Fri., May 22

*A donation jar will be available for  
the Wounded Warrior Project.*

**SHIPS STORE NEWS**

The Ships Store will open for the season  
with the Memorial Day Breakfast!!! We have  
some new great items...like....

- two styles of dry bags for your boating excursions
- hooded zippered sweatshirts
- v-neck t-shirts for the ladies
- and a great soft-shell jacket!!!!!!

Plus, if you missed out on the great hats and bags from last year, you're in luck because we still have them.

Ellen and Judy



From the Vice Commodore ~ Bill Pelletier

Looking at the calendar, it is now officially the middle of spring, the docks are in, the clubhouse is open. As each day passes, I notice a few more boats swinging around on their moorings in the Piscataqua. I am sure that many of you, like myself are either in full commissioning mode or seriously thinking about thinking about it...

So - while you are busily scraping, painting, varnishing, or just hosing off the winter dust, please take a few minutes to go over these few notes regarding parking, the club house, docks, and moorings.

### Parking

**Stickers** - Each member who wants to park their vehicle in the club lot must display a PYC parking sticker in the left (driver's side) rear side window. Please note that you may only have one vehicle in the lot at one time, even if you have multiple cars each with a sticker. Space is limited, and this helps ensure that as many members can park close to the building as space allows. If you need a new or replacement sticker please see Jerry or myself.

**Alignment** - When parking in the middle two rows, please keep within the orange lines, and when parking along the side, be sure to park parallel to the vehicle next to you. IN both cases, please leave an appropriate amount of space to the vehicle next to yours so that the other member does not need a can opener to get into his / her car. This also means that if your vehicle exceeds the space allocated for one spot, then you may want to find another spot.

**Fuel Deliveries** - If you should see orange cones placed in the lot, it means that we are expecting a fuel delivery. If you move the cones, or otherwise ignore them, we reserve the right to tow any vehicle preventing our delivery. (HINT: We really, really do not want to have to exercise that option.)

**New Castle Roads** - PYC is a Good Neighbor to others in New Castle, and paying attention to where we park when not in the club lot is very important in maintaining good relationships. Do not block driveways, pay attention to "do not park between" signage, and when doubt - find another spot.

### Securing the Club House

**Doors** - It is extremely important that if you are the last ones out in the evening that you properly secure the doors and windows. If you are not familiar with the operation of any of the door locks (especially the front door and side deck door with "crash bars"), please ask Jerry or myself about how to trigger the lock.

**Grills** - Even though the season has just started, we unfortunately have already had an incident where someone left a grill running. This is not only a serious risk, but also a huge waste of very expensive propane. We will be installing several mechanical timers on the propane lines which will run for an hour at a time. These are meant only a safety mechanism, and must not be used as the primary gas shutoff. Everyone is still required to properly secure the grills and their gas supply when done cooking.

### Slips & Moorings

**Insurance certificates** - It is a requirement that we have on file current insurance certificates listing a minimum of \$300,000 in liability coverage for your vessel. Even if you have provided this in the past, and have not changed insurers, we do need to have one which covers your vessel during the dates in which you occupy your slip or mooring.

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From the Rear Commodore ~ Nancy Gulley

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Well, we have successfully made it through the worst winter I can ever remember and now are experiencing the wonders of cool mornings, foggy days, and water finally warming up!

May has been a fun filled month at PYC. We have had the Ladies Cocktail Party, a dinner catered by Margarita's, a dance lesson from the Portsmouth Ballroom, the New Members Orientation Pot Luck, and the very beautiful "Come Dance With Me" black tie dinner dance catered by Mezzanine Catering, with music provided by "The Jeannie Daniels Band. We had our first catered WND dinner by Mezzanine Catering, followed by the Memorial Day Breakfast, and we end the month with something new this year, "The Hot Dog Safari" – a dinner offering 30 different toppings for the hot dog or sausage of your choice cooked by our Steward Jerry Goldfarb and his team.



A very special thank you goes out to everyone who has helped make all the events this month a success. Hosts for the month of May have been Laurie Clark, Maggie Kennedy, and Elaine Syracuse. A sincere thanks to the dinner dance team who transformed the club into a truly magical space: Maggie Fogel, Laurie Clark, Mary Beth Goldberg, Phyllis Breitman, Soni Christensen, Martha Roy and Gail Spivey.

June is coming on with a vengeance. We begin the month with a Friday night event on June 5<sup>th</sup>. "Shucks it's

Friday" is an evening with fresh oysters, clams, shrimp, a few hot pasta seafood entrees all created by Paul Roy and his crew followed by a Steel Pan Band entertaining right after dinner. You really should plan on attending this event – and quickly get your reservation in the book. June 10<sup>th</sup> is a Pot Luck Dinner, Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, is the 1<sup>st</sup> Lobster Dinner of the year, Wed., June 17<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year Music Night and Pot Luck Dinner being hosted by Kay Wagner, and June 24<sup>th</sup> is the Steward's Italian Dinner. Remember you can always sign up at the club or call the Steward and have your name added to the event.

Hosts for the month of June are Ellen Blanchard, Debby Gebow, Priscilla Lent and Judi O'Brien.

So, the next few months are full – if you cannot find something to do at PYC it is your own fault. Enjoy the weather, enjoy the deck, introduce yourselves to the new members, and remember you can always volunteer to help with the events just by a calling me a letting me know you would like to be involved.

Happy summer! Nancy ([RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org](mailto:RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org) 603-431-9252)

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### Hot Dog Safari

Wed, May 27 ~ \$8 pp  
Prepared by Jerry and crew!

Hot Dogs and Sausages  
w/ 30 different toppings  
Potato Salad, Beans, Pasta Salad  
Klondike Bars for Dessert!

### SHUCKS IT'S FRIDAY!

Friday, June 5; \$25 pp  
by Paul Roy and Crew

Dinner featuring Oysters, Clams, Shrimp,  
a Seafood Pasta Station, and Chicken.

Followed by music from the  
Mango Groove Steel Band!

Go to:

[ajajamusic.com/mp3s/Toucans.mp3](http://ajajamusic.com/mp3s/Toucans.mp3)

to enjoy some of their music!



### Pot Luck Dinner Wed, June 10; \$5

Please join us for a casual evening with  
wonderful food brought from your kitchens to share.

### Lobster Bake ~ Friday, June 12 \$TBA



Prepared by the Propellor Club

2 Lobsters with all  
the trimmings.



### Music Night and Pot Luck Dinner

Wed, June 17; \$15 pp

Bring a pot luck dish  
to share and your  
dancing shoes!

### Steward's Italian Dinner Wed, June 24 ~ \$20 pp Prepared by Jerry and crew!



Antipasto;  
Cocktail Meatballs  
Lasagna Rollus;  
Linguine w/ White  
Clam Sauce;  
Italian Sausage &  
Potatoes  
Caesar Salad;  
Garlic Bread  
Cannelloni &  
Neapolitan Ice  
Cream

## CRUISE NEWS

The traditional pre-cruise dinner for the 2015 PYC Cruise will be held on Sunday, 7 of June, at 1700 hours.

Guide books are half completed. Will meet the dead-line! Cruising pennants are made. All will be available at our Pre-Cruise Pot Luck Dinner on June 7, 1700 at PYC.

This year we have 13 boats that have committed to the cruise plus 2 maybe and 1 to meet us in Southwest Harbor area.

This year we also have the possibility of 3 boats as guest of members joining us.

Shaping up to be a busy fun cruise!

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View of Mount Desert Island from Islesford

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## THORNTON CUP RAFT UP Sunday, June 21



We are going to try something different this year, a raft up out in Gosport Harbor.

Open to all PYC boats, sail and power. Bring food, beverages and lots and lots of ice to share. Boat pool with other boats or non-boat owning members.

Plan to meet at the Shoals by 11:30. More details to follow.

No losers and all winners!

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