

From the Bridge Commodore David Wajda



I want to thank all of you for your support this past year, it was an honor and pleasure to serve as the Commodore for the past season. To my fellow Flags, Art and Chris, I appreciated the dedication and energy you gave to ensure the well being of the Club. To the Board, without your time and effort, the Club would not be as successful or vibrant an organization we all enjoy.

I wish to welcome our new board members P/C Andy Courteau, Capt. John Kemen and Capt. Christina Weller. They bring diverse knowledge and backgrounds that will add support and direction of the PYC.

Your new Flag Officers are Commodore Art Dionne, Vice Commodore Charlie Leto and Rear Commodore Christina Weller. The job descriptions were changed for this coming season only - the Vice will be doing the Rear responsibilities and the Rear the Vice.

The Board also appointed the following: Capt. Bill Rushforth - Treasurer, Capt. Tony Young - Asst. Treasurer and Capt. Carole Cartnick - Secretary and Capt. John Kemen as the Assistant to the Vice Commodore.

I want to wish all Members a Happy Holiday Season and to extend best wishes to retiring Secretary Capt. Ken Roberts. His many years of Service to the Portsmouth Yacht Club have been greatly appreciated.

Membership Committee News

We are pleased to announce that we have received four new applications for membership, as follows:

James McAdams and Carolyn Jones-McAdams Sponsored by Cpts. Marina Meade and Bill Kennedy, the McAdams live in Rye Beach. James is an airline pilot, and before that spent many years in the boatbuilding business. They have attended a number of PYC affairs as guests, and look forward to joining PYC to share their love of boats and the sea with people of like interests.

Roger Rivers and Melissa Raffoni-Rivers The Rivers live in Rye Beach with their two children, Graham (6) and Tatum (4). Sponsored by Cpts. Porter Davis and Joe Nadeau, they have owned a number of different boats, both power and sail, and currently have a 24 ft power boat. They have good friends in PYC with whom they wish to socialize, as well as to meet new friends who are interested in boating and the boating community.

John and Caroline Barrie The Barrie's live in Rye, and have two children, Catherine (8) and James (11). They are sponsored by Cpts. Del Palmer and Brooks Kennedy. They are experienced ocean sailors and currently belong to the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, of Cowes, Isle of Wight. They sail extensively both in the USA and the United Kingdom. They have always enjoyed the family-friendly atmosphere of PYC as guests of the Palmers and would like to continue to enjoy the facilities and the welcoming members of PYC, as A Family Membership.

Alexander and Katherine Dittami Sponsored by Cpts. Dale Coggins and Charlie Leto, and by Capt. Ron Laurence, the Dittami's live in Hampton Falls. They have a 17 ft power boat. They have enjoyed boating aboard the Leto's boat out of PYC, and the friendly members they have met at their several dinners at PYC, including the Steward's Chicken Dinner, where he assisted with the grilling and she made and served the salad. They look forward to assisting with PYC projects and activities, and generally getting involved here.

Attention Snowbirds:

Secretary Carole Cartnick would like to again remind all members going away for an extended period to notify her (cccartnick@comcast.net) as to when you will be going and returning from the winter addresses shown in the 2009 Member Directory to ensure timely delivery of any winter mailings.

A Rearview by R/C Chris Clement



Many thanks to all who participated in the two work parties, the Club house has been shut down and all is in good shape.

The last official club gathering for the 2009 season, "Docks Out", was held on October 31, 2009. The weather and conditions were nearly perfect for all the participants who turned out that day to put the Club to rest for the long winter months. For the most part, the docks out event was uneventful, except for the great food, and that combination made the day a success.

Thanks to all of you who contributed.

The NH Port Authority purchased two of the old finger docks and Member Zeb White also purchased two.

Docks In for the 2010 season is scheduled for May 1. Only 5 1/2 months to go!

VICE Mail by: V/C Art Dionne



The 2009 Social Season at PYC is coming to a close. The only event remaining on our Social events calendar is the annual Christmas Dinner Dance to be hosted by Glen and Mary Lou Graper at the Portsmouth Country Club on December 12, 2009.

From my point of view the 2009 Social Season at PYC was very successful. Our 16 Wednesday Night Dinners averaged just under 80 members and guests per night. Our Special Wednesday Night Dinners averaged 111 members and guests; the two Lobster Bakes also averaged 111 members and guests; our Breakfast/Brunch events averaged 113 members and guests; our Opening and Closing Dinner Dances averaged 87 members and guests and our Cocktail parties averaged 116 members and guests. Total attendance at all of our paid Social events was approximately 2897 members and guests.

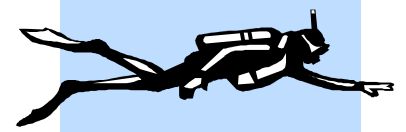
Of our 276 membership units, 169 attended at least one paid Social event. Unfortunately, this means that 107 membership units (approximately 214 members) were not involved in any of our paid Social events. If anyone has any suggestions as to how we can get any of those 107 membership units involved in our Social events please give us your comments.

As this is my last Report as V/C I wish to thank Comm. Wajda, R/C Clement and all other members who helped me with the varied aspects of being Vice Commodore. Their help and encouragement made my job easier, and more often than not, fun.

From the Family of Henry Marcuri

We want to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and visits with Hank while he was sick and for the support during a very difficult year. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Priscilla Lent



Seas the Spirit of the Season

Saturday, December 12, 2009

*Portsmouth Country Club
Greenland, New Hampshire*

*Cocktails 6 to 7 p.m.
Dinner served at 7 p.m.*

*Choice of
Beef Medallions Marinated in Garlic and Herbs
Or
Baked Stuffed Shrimp with Lobster Sauce
Served with Caesar Salad, Red Potatoes, Chef's Vegetables
Dinner Rolls, Coffee, Tea
Dessert – Fresh Fruit Tart*

Dance the night away to the sound of Baby Grand

\$50 per person

Holiday Gift Baskets Raffle

*Reservations and Table Requests must be made no
Later than Friday, December 4, 2009*

*For Reservations call Glen and Mary Lou Graper
(603) 436-0231 or (603) 539-5726*



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New Year's Day Brunch
Breakfast Hill Country Club

January 1, 2010

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Menu:

Fresh fruit and berries, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage and Bacon, Eggs Benedict with Warm Hollandaise, Pork Tenderloin Carving Station, Pasta Primavera, Green Beans with Butternut Squash, Home Fries, Caesar Salad with Ciabatta Croutons and Fresh Parmesan, Rolls and Butter, Apple Crisp, Coffee Station

Price: \$29.00 per person

RSVP by December 24, 2009:

Chris Weller: (603) 772-8455

or

Jackie Adams: (603) 436-2407