

From the Helm Commodore David Wajda



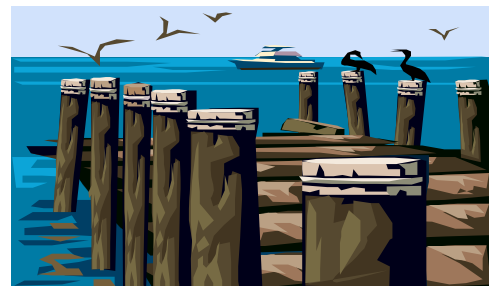
First of all, I want to thank all the members and guests that attended our "first" event of the new season - the New Years Day Brunch. The atmosphere was warming (I think it may have been the Bloody Marys), the meal was tasty and plentiful and most importantly we were all able to get together and enjoy PYC friendships.

As we begin this season, I want to express my gratitude to my fellow Flag Officers and the Board of Directors - they all have willingly accepted the responsibilities associated with their positions. I believe we have a mixture of experiences, talents, and personalities that will serve the best interests of the Club and our members.

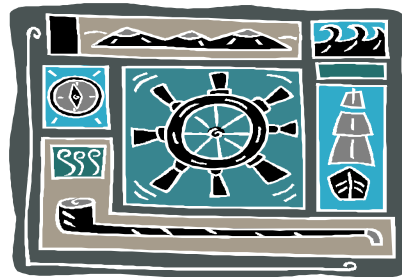
There is a great deal of activity already happening behind the scenes. We have a Search Committee for our new Steward that is progressing well and will keep you updated on the progress. The Schedule of Events has been printed (included in this newsletter) that includes all the members on the various committees. The caterer, Stan Shaw, has been hired for the year and new menus have been in discussion. The bands, for the opening and closing dinner dances, have been secured and are set to go.

That brings up another issue - our members. Last year an attempt was made to get more members involved in the various activities at the Club. We run on volunteer participation, unfortunately, we rely on a small group of experienced members and we need more members to volunteer their time - no matter how small they think it may be. We have to begin adding to the numbers or our events might be jeopardized. So, old or new, contact any Flag Officer or Board Member and they will get you involved at whatever level or experience you wish. Thank you for volunteering - it makes the club stronger.

I am looking forward to a "great" season for all the above mentioned reasons. I am hoping "for fair winds and flowing seas" where we have already had a tough winter season and a cancelled Christmas Party. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the March 28th Dinner at Breakfast Hill and eventually "Docks In".



Words from the Vice by: V/C Art Dionne



The 2009 Season at PYC got off to a good start with 87 Members and Guests attending our New Year's Day Brunch at the Breakfast Hill Country Club. Those present got the opportunity to meet our new Flag Officers and say "thank you" to now Past Commodore Jackie Adams. An unexpected highlight of the Brunch was the raffle of baskets of good things to eat and drink that were originally scheduled to be raffled at our December Christmas Dinner/Dance. We all know what happened there.

The Schedule of Events for 2009 has been completed and a copy is enclosed with this Newsletter. While the monthly duties of the Social calendar, the special dinners and the lobster bakes have all been covered, we are in **great need** for Members to volunteer to chair our Opening Dinner/Dance and our Closing Dinner/Dance. We have many Members of the Social Committee who are willing to help put each event together.

Anyone interested in volunteering **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** contact me or any of the other Flag Officers.

One special note regarding our Schedule of Events: this year our 2 Lobster Bakes put on by the Propeller Club will be held on Wednesday nights rather than Friday nights.

Chef Stan Shaw will again return to PYC as our caterer for the 2009 Season. This will be Chef Stan's eleventh Season at PYC and we expect that this Season will be his best.

A date to keep in mind: March 28 is the date of our Dinner/Speaker Event that will be hosted by Jinny and Mal Burgess at the Breakfast Hill Country Club. Thanks to Capt. Charlie Leto our Speaker will be Mr. George Daughan the author of the work *If By Sea* which is a history of the birth and maturation of the embryonic U.S. Navy of the American Revolution. Further information about this Event is included in the Newsletter.

Finally, I wish to thank the Members of the Social Committee for their help and understanding in preparing the Schedule of Events for this Season. If any other Members would like to get involved in making our Club work please contact me.

A Rearview by R/C Chris Clement



Even though the weather outside is cold and snowy, Spring is a short eight weeks away. It won't be long before the club is open and the warm sun shines down upon us.

The Search Committee for our new Steward / Club Manager has been busy reviewing the resumes of the applicants and has three strong candidates. The goal is to have this position filled by late February.

In addition, the House and Docks Committee convened last month and compiled a comprehensive list of projects for completion during the upcoming season.

Please join us for the following events:

April 25th - Work Party starts at 9.00 AM

May 2nd - Work Party starts at 9.00 AM

May 9th - Docks In



Portsmouth Yacht Club's Annual March Dinner-Speaker Event

March 28, 2009

Breakfast Hill Golf Club

339 Breakfast Hill Road, Greenland, NH 03840

Cocktails 6 PM-Cash Bar

Buffet Dinner 7 PM

Caesar Salad with Ciabatta Croutons and Fresh Parmesan

Pork Tenderloin Carving Station

Tuscan chicken-seared chicken breast with artichokes, wild mushrooms, garlic, herbs, and white wine

garlic mashed potatoes

Crisp Green Beans and Butternut Squash, Rolls, Butter & Condiments

Strawberry Shortcake

Reservations are required by March 21 to:

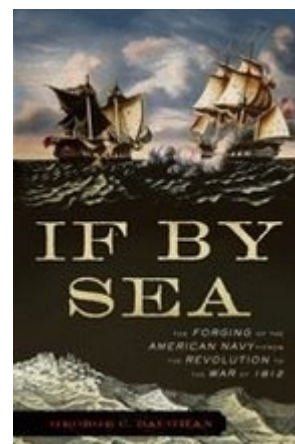
Jinny Burgess 603-692-2871 or e-mail snibsey@comcast.net

Art Dionne 603-431-8128

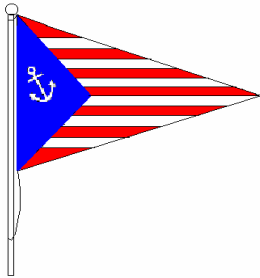
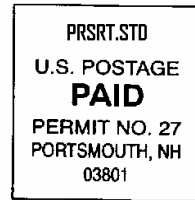
cost: \$36 per person

Our Special Guest Speaker, George Daughan from Portland, Maine, is the author of IF BY SEA which is the definitive history of the founding of the United States Navy. It charts forty tumultuous years of false starts, failures and triumphs, as the fledgling republic sought to establish its place in the world. From the Battle of Lexington and Concord in 1775 to Yorktown in 1781; from the Quasi-War with France and the War with Tripoli, and from the great naval battles of the War of 1812 to New Orleans, the need for and prospects of an American navy were very much in question.

IF BY SEA received the Samuel Eliot Morison Award from the New York Commandery of the Naval Order of the U.S. in New York City on November 3, 2008. The award is given every year to an "American author, who by his published writings shall have made a substantial contribution to the preservation of the history and traditions of the US Navy".



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Membership Committee News:

We have received two requests for membership in the month of January:

Stephen and Anne Marion reside in Newcastle, NH. They have two children Lilly (10) and Josie (8) and all enjoy boating. They own a 21' powerboat. Stephen and Marion have attended several PYC functions with their sponsors Brooks Stevens and Donna Levenson. They look forward to participating in all club functions.

Stan and Stella Smith reside in New Castle NH. Both have many years of experience in boating. They own and sail a C&C 27. Stan has been involved in the CG Auxiliary in Newburyport, MA. They look forward to participating in Club and community volunteer efforts. They are sponsored by Marina Meade and Gail Spivey.

