

From the Bridge Commodore Art Dionne



As we begin our 112th year, I want to take a minute to look back at our 111th year to express my gratitude to Past Commodore David Wajda and Past Rear Commodore Chris Clement, Sr. for their counsel and efforts in keeping the traditions of Portsmouth Yacht Club (PYC) alive. I also want to thank the Board of Directors for their counsel and support last season. The dedication exhibited by the Past Flags and the Board of Directors is one of the main reasons that PYC functions well.

In order for PYC to function as well as it does, it takes many Members to volunteer their time and effort on our behalf. In this regard, I am joining our Past Commodores in urging all Members to get involved in making PYC the best it can be. Without our volunteers PYC would not be the great Club that it is.

Thanks to the efforts of Capt. Joe Cunningham, we have been in contact with Kittery Point Yacht Club (KPYC) regarding Members of PYC being able to participate in the KPYC Sailing School Program at a reduced cost. The KPYC Sailing School has been teaching students the art and science of sailing for over 30 years. Your experience level does not matter. Participants will leave the school with a better understanding of sailing. The KPYC Sailing School Program provides instruction in small boats to junior (8 years and above) and adult sailors over a two week period.

We would like to assess the viability of PYC Member participation, so it is necessary that we are able to gauge Member interest in this opportunity. We would like to know how many Members and/or children of Members would be interested in taking advantage of the KPYC Sailing School Program.

To this end, I urge every interested Member to contact Capt. Joe Cunningham regarding participation in the program:

E-mail: jcunningham@cunninghaminsure.com

Telephone: 603-491-3083

Information about the program can be obtained online at <http://kpyc.net/>, just click on "Sailing School." The 2010 schedule is not yet posted, but there is basic information on this site which will help guide your decision.

A Rearview by R/C Chris Weller



The 2009 PYC social season ended on a high note with the annual Holiday Dinner Dance attended by 96 members. Many thanks to Glen and Mary Lou Graper and their hard working team for producing another outstanding evening. The New Year's Day Brunch started out the 2010 season equally well. The Breakfast Hill Golf Club provided a sumptuous buffet and plenty of Bloody Mary Mix to go around. Thanks go to Jackie Adams and Wayne Murray for hosting the event.

Your PYC social committee has been completing details for another enjoyable season. We will have the always popular Dinner Dances, Lobster Bakes, Southern Pulled Pork BBQ, Greek Night, Beef Tenderloin Dinner, Holiday Breakfasts, cocktail parties, and the 2nd annual Steward's Chicken Dinner. New this year will be the addition of a Steward's Italian Night, three nights of restaurant catering (Mexican, Italian, and Chinese), and the Ladies Committee fashion show in May (See enclosure). The dinghy safari to Chauncey Creek Lobster Pier is also back. P/C Frank Gage will be taking over as cruise director with a fun filled Maine cruise planned for early August. Capt. Joe Cunningham and the Race Committee have once again scheduled two annual races (Thornton Cup and Member's Regatta). Hope to see you at the Ashworth for our annual March dinner (See next page for details).

VICE Mail by: V/C Charles Leto



As winter drags on, there is still plenty of work going on behind the scenes. The Moorings Sub-Committee, headed by Chairman Ken Jones, has been hard at work dealing with a number of maintenance and regulatory issues. Thanks to P/C Jones and his able assistants, our moorings will be ready for use in the spring.

With the dance floor refinish complete, the focus is on replacement of the damaged first floor carpet. As Chairman of the Carpet and Interior Decorating Sub-Committee, P/C Jackie Adams has done a crackerjack job of leading her crew in reviewing numerous carpet samples and vendors. The Sub-Committee will be submitting recommendations to the Board of Directors (BOD) at the February meeting. The carpet replacement project is only one part of a multi-phased plan to improve the ambience of the clubhouse. We will keep you updated.

Staffing for next year is all set, with all but one of last year's staff expected to return. We have one new hire, for a total of eight employees, in addition to the Steward. We are looking forward to a great season.

The BOD is discussing the idea of round tables to replace the long, rectangular tables in the dining room. It is felt that this change would greatly facilitate conversation, and make a positive contribution to the general camaraderie at our Wednesday night dinners as well as other functions. Details will be provided when available.

We are hoping for a strong turnout of volunteers for our 8:30 am work parties on April 17 and April 24, and also for Docks In, which is scheduled for May 1. There are a wide variety of projects, and I can assure you that if you check in with D V/C John Kemen or P/C Jackie Adams, your skills will be put to good use. Remember, this is your club, and these work parties not only keep our costs down, but also offer a unique opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.



**Scuttle the winter blahs, dust off your name tag and join us at:
Portsmouth Yacht Club's Annual March Dinner-Speaker Event**

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Ashworth by the Sea

295 Ocean Boulevard

Hampton Beach, NH

(Valet parking available.)

Cocktails 6 PM-Cash Bar

Buffet Dinner 7 PM

Speaker David Buckman 8 PM

Menu:

Hors d'oeuvres: Crudités, Cheese, & Crackers

Salads: Garden, Potato, & Zucchini

Entrees: Cheese Ravioli, Roast Sirloin of Beef au jus, Boneless Breast of Chicken, Baked Stuffed Haddock, Seafood Newburg, & Poached Salmon

Rice Pilaf, Fresh Vegetable, Warm Rolls, & Butter

Assorted Desserts, Coffee, & Tea

Cost: \$38 per person

Reservations or Cancellations are required by March 19 to:

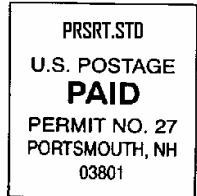
Jinny Burgess 603-692-2871 (Please leave a message.)

or

e-mail snibsey@comcast.net

Our Special Guest Speaker is author and sailor David Buckman. David is a regular contributor to Points East magazine with his "Fetching Away" column. David cruises from the Chesapeake to Newfoundland aboard the sloop LEIGHT which hails out of Round Pond, Maine. Capitalizing on his amazing talent with words and pictures he will tell us his story of cruising the coast of New England and Nova Scotia in an open day sailor that he purchased for \$400. David's wife Leigh will also join us for the evening for a wonderful entertaining tale after dinner .

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Membership Committee News

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

Jim and Carolyn Rini - Sponsored by Capt. Nancy Almgren and Capt. Kenneth Roberts, the Rinis live in New Castle. Jim is very active in the Portsmouth Rotary Club and is its primary photographer. He is also active in the town of New Castle, serving various committees and is a member of the Fire Department. Carolyn also serves on several committees and is an active member of the New Castle Church Guild and the Garden Club. Jim and Carolyn attended the New Members Cocktail Party and the New Year's Brunch with their sponsors. They look forward to meeting more Club Members and enjoying social and water activities with them.

Robert Viel - Sponsored by Capt. Daniel Gabriel and DV/C John Kemen, Bob Viel lives in Portsmouth. He has been on the ocean all of his life, fishing, scuba diving, and maintaining his cottage on Appledore. He is an experienced boater and has a 30 foot power boat named Serenity. Bob has attended the Labor Day Breakfast and a Wednesday Night Dinner with his sponsors and is looking forward to the opportunity to become a Member and participate in Club activities.