

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge Commodore David Wajda



It is difficult to believe that the PYC season has entered the midpoint. The May, June and July months have been full of scheduled activities that were well attended by our members. It is also great to see the number of members who have used the club for lunch, dinner and just getting together to have fun with friends and family. We all hope this trend will continue.

I hope all of you are enjoying our new porch – what an improvement both functionally and visibly. Also, I would like to thank the Ladies Committee for purchasing two new round tables for the deck. This will help provide additional outdoor seating for members to enjoy our tremendous views of the river.

The Club has a long history dating back to 1898. Does anyone know where any of the paperwork is located? At the July 2017 Board meeting, our secretary presented the Board with information of “Record Books on Deposit by the PYC at the Portsmouth Athenaeum – June 1993”. They have Record Books of our annual meetings from 1898 to 1988 as well as Record Books of Officers & Directors meetings from 1911 – to 1992.

Speaking of history, Capt. Laurie Clark gave me a box that was used to vote to blackball or approve a new member. She happened to bring it home when the storage area upstairs was being purged. A message was written in the back of the drawer that said “The wood of which this box is made was part of the engine bed of the U.S.S. Kearsarge at the time of her encounter with rebel steamer Alabama. It is white oak, stained to its present color by the iron of the engine, and was taken from the Kearsarge while that ship was being repaired at the U.S. Navy Yard at Portsmouth, NH, 1887 and 1888. Presented to the PYC, September 1898, on the occasion of the dedication of its new club house. Daniel M. Trefethen.” Perhaps it would be fitting to bring it to the Athenaeum for safe keeping.

I want to thank my Flags Officers, Glenn Michael and Mike Coffee, who continue to do an outstanding job in keeping the club running smoothly. The Board continues to provide strong support and guidance to keep the Club on an even keel and dealing effectively with issues and operational concerns.

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SHIPS STORE

Thanks to all members for supporting the Ships Store. It is great to see the new clothes being worn at the club and downtown. Burgees are due this week, before the cruise. A final line of jackets vs. vests has just arrived. We have been selling every Wed nite, however, help is needed to keep this going. The staff will bring the clothes down, you smile, show the items and collect. 💰 Please put your name and phone in writing...any help is greatly appreciated. Have a great summer.

Paulette Semprini
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DATES TO REMEMBER

YOUR HOSTS FOR AUGUST ARE:

*Pat and Jim Dowe,
Jackie Adams and Wayne Murray,
Kay and Bill Wagner*

- 8/2 (W) GREEK NIGHT
- 8/9 (W) WND POT LUCK DINNER
- 8/16 (W) STAFF APPRECIATION & STEAK DINNER
- 8/26(S) SOCK HOP (see pg. 7)
- 8/30(W) Catered WND & Presentation (WOOD ISLAND LIFE SAVING STATION RESTORATION)



Private Functions
Aug 7 (M), Aug 14 (M)

Members, please use outside walkway



PLANNING AHEAD

- 9/10 (SU) CHALLENGERS CUP REGATTA (see pg. 6)
- 9/17 (SU) PAST COMMODORES COCKTAIL PARTY



From the Vice Commodore

I want to thank the hosts for June, Lois Lawrence, Priscilla Lent and Ann Mowers, for the great job that they did during the month. They were creative with some schedule changes and always there when needed.

The July 4th barbecue was a wonderful event with a capacity crowd. My thanks to the Steward and the Staff, and the many members who worked that day. The Pulled Pork Dinner and French Dinner were excellent as well. "Shuck's it's Friday" is yet to come at the time of this writing, but promises to be a great night.

August is shaping up to be a busy month at the club. August 2 is Greek Night, August 9 will be a pot luck, the 16th will be Staff Appreciation Night, August 26 is the Sock Hop, and on August 30 we will have a catered dinner with a guest speaker. Sam Reid from the Wood Island restoration project will give a presentation on the work that has been done so far. It should be very interesting so sign up early for this one.



French Bastille Day plus 5 Dinner Crew

I just want to take a moment to echo the comments of the Commodore contained in the July newsletter concerning the reservation of tables for events. The procedure is contained in the Clubhouse and Dock Rules on page 59, Section 1, paragraph 2. Please follow the clubhouse guidelines if you would like to reserve seating prior to an event. You also may want to take a look at the rest of it as well. There is some good information in that little book. Thanks to all of you in advance for digging out your clubhouse rules.

Your club is doing well this year and one of the reasons is member participation. If you have not been to the club in a while, come on down. Great people, great facility, and lots of fun. The season is short, so please make the most of it.

Glenn Michael | ViceCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org



From the Rear Commodore



Staff CPR Training with Maggie Jones

It's hard to believe that August is right around the corner! As summer continues to cruise along, the House and Docks Committee members continue to work hard on improvements to the club!

The new Yamaha motor for the fast launch was recently installed. I believe the timing was right for the replacement. The power tilt was shot and not working. A constant vibration and rattling noise from the lower unit and a possible problem with the fiber balancer, and the motor had logged over 2400 hours of operation. After considering the cost to repair, and the age (7years), a new motor was the best option. I spoke to area dealers, and I am confident I was able to get the best price and warranty available.

I have heard excellent feedback from the membership regarding the new porch enclosures and the newly installed flag pole! Thank you, Capt. Greg Gebow and Capt. Ken Jones for your help and expertise installing the pole. Great job!

Please be mindful about parking in our lot. The lot is for members only. Also, one car per family is encouraged at any given time. If you are parking overnight let the staff know and leave your keys with them in case the vehicle needs to be moved. If you need a PYC parking sticker see the Steward.

The Staff has been working diligently to make your time at the club enjoyable. They have been serving up some great lunches, and I hope you have had the chance to sample them! The sandwiches are delicious.

As always, please feel free to contact me with questions or concern.

Mike Coffey | RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org

Special Greek Night Dinner

Prepared by John & Nancy Pappas and Crew

Wed, Aug 3 ~ \$21 pp

Extensive Greek Appetizers

Greek Tomato Salad

Marinated & Grilled Beef & Lamb Kabobs

Greek Style Green Beans

Pastichio (Greek Style Lasagna)

Rice Pilaf

Baklava



WOOD ISLAND

LIFE SAVING STATION ASSOCIATION

WND Pot Luck Dinner

Wed, Aug 9 | no charge

Bring a dish to share
and enjoy a night at
the club with your PYC friends

WND Dinner

Wed, Aug 30 ~ \$25 pp

Catered by Mezzanine Catering,
with Presentation by

Sam Reid, President of the
Wood Island Life Saving
Station Association.

woodislandlifesaving.org

Staff Appreciation Night and Steak Dinner

Prepared by Scott Blidberg & Crew

Wed, Aug 16 | \$21 pp

Ribeye Steak

Scalloped Potatoes;

Grilled Asparagus; Caesar Salad

Brownie Sundae

Please consider helping
Scott and Jerry in the kitchen!

Potato Skins w/ Bacon
& Chives, Sour Cream

Fruit Kabob

Spreadable Cheese w/
Crackers & Vegetables

Watermelon Orange and Feta Salad

Artisan Bread and Butter

Low Country Boil (Corn on the Cob, Red
Potatoes, Shrimp, Kielbasa)

Chocolate Cake Roll

CHALLENGERS CUP REGATTA

Hosted by Portsmouth Yacht Club and One Sky Community Services
Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017

The 24th Challengers Cup Regatta will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10. This event is open to power and sail boats 16' or longer. (Power boats do a "Poker Run", sail boats go out for a short sail). Every participating boat has a guest with a disability on board (assigned by One Sky). If you do not have a boat to enter, please consider providing shoreside assistance. We look for help docking boats and escorting the guests to their assigned boats.

Our guests look forward to this event all year and it is a great cause to support!

To enter your boat, sign up in the book or contact Roy Briscoe ([Mail Roy](mailto:Roy@portsmouthyc.org), 603-312-1756)

To sign up to provide shoreside assistance, sign up in the book or contact Christina Weller ([Mail Christina](mailto:Christina@portsmouthyc.org), 603-772-8455).

Find out more about the Challengers Cup and One Sky Community Services, click [Here](#).

(Please, NO PARKING IN PYC LOT on Sunday, Sept 10, and NO OVERNIGHT PARKING IN PYC LOT on Saturday, Sept 9 in order to accommodate handicap vans.)

**SAVE THE DATE...Christmas Gala December 9, 2017**

Even though this is the middle of summer, your Christmas Gala Team is hard at work preparing the new poster and gathering ideas to AGAIN make this event the most successful ever!

This year we want to involve everyone who is a Portsmouth Yacht Club member or on the Wait List. If you have a boat that you would like to take people out for an afternoon to the Isles of Shoals; or perhaps a deep sea fishing excursion; or a landscape business and could donate some mosquito control or spraying of bushes; or a skilled tennis player who could give lessons; or an artist with a painting or interesting piece of jewelry or pottery; and you would like to contribute to the Gala, we need you!

We know we have a lot of talented and successful people among us, so don't be shy. Reach out to Team Members, Darleen Chadwick, Pat DuBois, Nancy Grimes, Nancy Gulley, Lois Laurence, and Susan Heckaman, and become involved.

In October, we will have a very exciting surprise to announce. Watch for it!

Join us for a Sock Hop!

Saturday, August 26

6:00 Cocktails | 7:00 Dinner | 8:00 Dancing!

Dinner will be a blast from the past!

Our DJ will take us down memory lane!

(Dinner details and price will be available shortly)

Dress: 50's, 60's Dress or Casual Attire

