

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge
Commodore Glenn Michael



I hope that everyone is having a good winter. I am sure the members who are down south are doing great!!!

Your Officers and Board of Directors have been keeping busy during the off season. The social schedule for 2018 has been planned, required maintenance and upgrades at the club are being finalized, and staffing for 2018 is being addressed. We will be in good shape when the season opens at Docks In.

Please plan on attending the March 24 speaker event at the Portsmouth Country Club (more details on pg 5). It is always a great evening and I hope to see you there.

Please be safe and start getting the boats in shape for launch....we will have a wonderful 2018.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3/24 (S) Spring Dinner w/ Speaker
(See Page 5)
- 4/28 (S) Docks In
followed by Pot Luck Lunch
(Details to Come!)
- 5/5 (S) Cinco de Mayo
Cocktail Party
- 5/9 (W) WND Pot Luck &
New Member Orientation
- 5/12 (S) Opening Dinner Dance
(Details to Come)
- 5/16 (W) WND Chinese Dinner
- 5/23 (W) WND Pizza Party
- 5/28 (M) Memorial Day Breakfast

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

We have received 1 new application for membership:

★ **Peter and Nadine McGowan of New Castle, NH**, sponsored by Bruce Jewitt & Jennifer Gray and John McCormack. They have lived in New Castle for 10 years and are active in outdoor sports and community volunteering. They are in the process of purchasing a sailboat, and hope to meet other families who are passionate about sailing.

IN MEMORIAM

Ingvars Vittands died on Nov. 20, 2017 at the age of 83. Born in Riga, Latvia, his family emigrated to the US in 1950. He eventually settled in NH where he had a 38 yr. career as an orthopedic surgeon. Ingvars, along with his wife Donna, has been a PYC member since 1993. His love of boats and sailing was well-known by friends and family. Our condolences go to Donna and all of his family. ([Full Obituary](#))



Jimmy McHutchison passed away on Dec. 31, 2017, after surviving a 4+ yr battle with mesothelioma, against all odds! Jimmy was an avid sailor with many miles under his keel, and held a US Coast Guard Merchant Mariner 100 ton license. He has been a PYC members since 2015, a longtime member of the Cruising Club of America, and past member of the Ocean Cruising Club. Our sincere condolences go to his partner, Pepper, his children and grandchildren. ([Full Obituary](#))

**From the Vice Commodore | Pat Dowey ([mail Pat](#))**

Welcome to the 2018 season! The Social Committee and Board of Directors have been working behind the scenes this winter to insure the social calendar meets the member preferences identified in the online survey conducted in November. ([Click this link to see the survey results](#)) The Social Committee's work in early December resulted in a busy schedule of events that includes past favorites and new requests.

All planned events are posted on the Club calendar. ([See the PYC Calendar here](#))

Before we move onto coming events, I want to thank Darleen and Chad Chadwick for hosting the Holiday Party at the Wentworth Country Club. It was a festive event filled with good cheer. The New Year's Day Brunch was well attended and my thanks go out to Jerry Goldfarb who managed the sign-ups and other details to make the event a success.

Planning for the March 24th speaker dinner hosted by P/C Paul & Mary Beth Goldberg and P/C Chris & Whit Weller is well underway. Anthony Viola, an FCC licensed drone pilot, will be talking about his work mapping Smuttynose Island and the Isles of Shoals using drone technology. If you are interested in previewing this subject, more information can be found in the [ISHRA Newsletter](#). This promises to be a fascinating topic!

Staying optimistic that summer is on the way, here is a glimpse of things to come. The traditional cocktail parties and member dinners are scheduled throughout the calendar. The traditional lobster bake and a new Italian Dinner will balance the old and new in June. The Charlie Jennison trio is booked for a Jazz evening on July 28th in response to the member survey. Some old favorites are coming back, Cinco de Mayo cocktail party and the Fashion Show! Most of these events are well along in planning but some still need more volunteers. Please let me, or any of the monthly hosts or the Board of Directors, know if you can lend a hand to any event.

While we wait for the winter to melt away, mark these dates on your calendar: March 24 – Speaker Dinner; April 28 – Docks In; May 5 – Cinco de Mayo Cocktail Party; and May 12 – Opening Dinner Dance. More details to come on event notices.

It is my pleasure to serve as your ViceCommodore. I welcome your comments and suggestions on all matters that will make our Club better.



From the Rear Commodore | Wes Smith ([email Wes](mailto:wsmith@portsmouthyc.org))

It's hard to believe April is just around the corner. "Docks in" is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th. I look forward to meeting and working with members of the House & Docks Committee. I will be scheduling a meeting shortly.

The club is in good shape, surviving old man winter's ice, snow and high tides, sustaining little or no damage. Past R/C Mike Coffey and the House & Dock Crew have the club in good condition. Mike and I have been working together this winter on projects for the upcoming season.

A number of projects are currently under way:

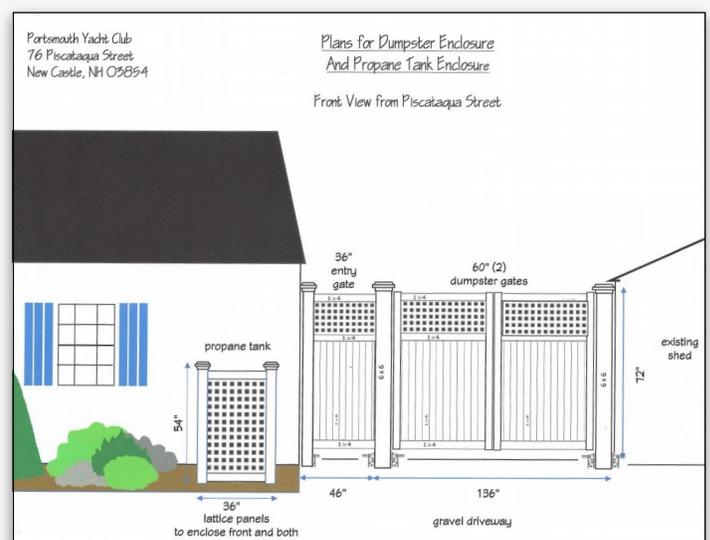
- **Sale of Small Launch Status:** The Launch has been sold, \$6,000.00 - \$300.00 Sales Commission, \$5,700.00 check sent to treasurer.
- **Face Lift to both Ladies and Men's bathroom:** The BOD approved a proposal presented by Mary Pat Gibson for a face lift to both bathrooms. Ladies room ceiling is being replaced, new lighting fixtures, new mirrors, new window treatments, two (2) water savings, chair height toilets, and completely repainted. Men's room new mirrors, new window treatments, new lighting fixtures, exhaust fan replaced, new door to shower area, completely repainted. Both tile floors professionally stippled and sealed. Mary Pat Gibson has volunteered to chair the committee and help paint.
- **Repair Sea Wall (Next to the shed):** The Sea Wall has been on the to-do list for several years. A Wet Lands Permit is required, for the repairs. Our current Wet Land permit expires 2/19/2019. Past R/C Mike Coffey has signed a contract with Pickering to repair the wall. Thank you Mike Coffey.
- **Piling Replacements:** The piling replacement project requires two piling installed and one reset. A quote received from Pickering is under review. Once the quote is finalized a contract will be signed. The pilings will be installed after docks are in.
- **Dumpster Enclosure:** The BOD approved the Dumpster Enclosure based upon drawing designed by PYC member Donna Kearns. The Fencing will be manufactured by Certaineed Corporation Malvern, PA (USA Manufactured). The enclosure will be white vinyl wood grain, with Lattice Accent and New England Caps. The fencing material meets high wind and hurricane conditions, dynamic wind loads up to 115 MPH, lifetime limited warranty, 5-year labor warranty, won't chip, peel, crack or splinter, won't rot or support mold growth, lead free, steel reinforced bottom rails, self extinguishing, class A rating for flame spread, meets ASTM standards. The enclosure will be installed this Spring.

Items needed to be addressed:

- Hand Rail for stairs to 2nd floor.
- Two (2) 30# Purple K fire extinguishers replacement.
- Review Noise Reduction in club...
- Chip and paint concrete on deck.



High tide in a January storm.
Photo by Soni Christensen



New Dumpster Enclosure design.

I look forward to the upcoming season and servicing you as your Rear Commodore. Please keep in mind that all projects, changes, etc. require my approval. If you have questions or suggestions please contact me.

CRUISE NEWS

Once again this summer, the PYC Cruise will be traveling Down East. The Pre Cruise will start from Portsmouth on Friday August 3rd and the Cruise itself will kick off with a cocktail party in Rockland on Sunday August 5th and then depart from Rockland to our first port, Camp Island, on Monday August 6th. As planned right now, we will travel to nine different ports during our two week cruise. Five lay days have been built into the cruise at Southwest Harbor, Castine, Belfast and Camden.

When we get together in June at the pre cruise dinner, we will plan the all important cocktail parties and who will host these events.

Those cruisers planning to join in on the cruise, please contact Ken Jones, P/C, Cruise Director at email address below. If you are joining the cruise for the first time, please contact Ken for further information about the cruise.

Mark your calendars – the Pre Cruise dinner will be held at the Yacht Club on Sunday June 10, 2018 at 5pm. It will be a pot luck dinner, appetizers and beverages from 5pm-6pm, dinner at approximately 6pm. More details will follow.

We are looking forward to another great cruise this summer!

Note: Some PYC members have travelled by land to join us in different ports – we would like to encourage other PYC members to consider joining us as well!

Ken Jones, P/C
PYC Cruise Director | kmjdory@comcast.net

CRUISE SCHEDULE

PRE-CRUISE 2018

8/3 (F) Orrs-Bailey Yacht Club
8/4 (S) Boothbay Harbor
8/5 (SU) Rockland

CRUISE 2018

8/6 (M) Camp Island
8/7 (T) Frenchboro
8/8 - 8/10 Southwest Harbor
8/11 (S) Pretty Marsh Harbor
8/12 (SU) Bucks Harbor
8/13, 14 Castine
8/15, 16 Belfast
8/17 (F) Cradle Cove
8/18, 19 Camden
8/20 (M) Rockland



The windjammer *Grace Bailey* enjoying a brisk afternoon sail.



PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB'S SPRING DINNER/SPEAKER EVENT Saturday, March 24, 2018

at the PORTSMOUTH COUNTRY CLUB, 80 COUNTRY CLUB LANE, GREENLAND, NH
6 PM Cocktails (Cash Bar); 7 PM Dinner; 8 PM Guest Speaker: Anthony J Viola, BA
Hosted by Paul & Mary Beth Goldberg, Whit & Chris Weller

Plated Dinner Choice of:

- (1) Roast Tenderloin Au Jus
- (2) Apple Cranberry Stuffed Chicken
w/ Tarragon Lemon Sauce
- (3) Baked Lemon Crumb Haddock

Green Beans

Roasted Red Potatoes

Dessert: Cheese Cake with Fresh Berries

Cost: \$39 per person. Please sign up by March 17.

Contact Chris Weller | cyweller@comcast.net (preferred) | 603.772.8455
(Please remember to indicate your meal choice)

*Our Speaker will be Anthony J. Viola, BA, Owner and Principal Investigator for Arcudigm, LLC presenting
**Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS) Data Collection, Manipulation, and Interpretation:
The Use of sUAS for Environmental, Prehistoric, and Historical Research at the Isles of Shoals***



Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS), also known as drones, offer a perspective that is seldom seen and provide various research opportunities through capturing high-resolution data of the cultural and physical landscape. The Isles of Shoals, located 8-miles off the New Hampshire and Maine coast, serves as a vital case study that demonstrates the diverse sUAS applications for environmental, prehistoric, and historical research. The Shoals case study provides a visual opportunity to discuss the data collection, manipulation, and interpretation of highly-realistic orthomosaics, point clouds, three-dimensional models, and the integration of other geospatial data. These developed products serve as a form of digital curation as well as provide research and educational opportunities.