

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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From the Bridge Commodore Nancy Gulley

Well, it is happening...the time has changed to Daylight Savings Time, Spring starts on Sunday, and "Docks In" is on April 9th. What more could possibly be expected except possibly a heavy March snow storm. We are on the right track to a beautiful Spring and a spectacular Summer.

A lot has started happening at PYC. We have been gifted two new mooring balls to test, and they are going to be placed out in the river to see how they perform for the next couple of weeks. The Dock House is about to experience a much needed face lift, and the kitchen project (although different then I described to you in last month's newsletter) is under way. Our Steward, Jerry Goldfarb is already on site almost every day, and soon the water will be turned on. Yep, we are getting ready to open for the season... really soon!

Our Vice Commodore has been busy and the social schedule for the season will be out very soon. I can give you a few fun events to put on your May calendar.

Saturday, May 7th, is our first Kentucky Derby Party, planned by the Ladies Committee. Ladies get out your beautiful hats and spring dresses and men get out those dapper hats and seersucker suits. May 14th is the Opening Dinner Dance and it is going to be a 50's/60's Sock Hop with a menu that will bring back memories (or something your Mom and Dad shared about their family dinners), a fun DJ, and even a late evening snack. Please watch for emails that will let you know everything that is going on month by month.



The Portsmouth Yacht Club on a summer day!

So here are a few things to remember. Dan Gingras, Vice Commodore, is the person you call if you would like to reserve the club for a party. Dick Blidberg, Rear Commodore, is the person you call if you have any questions about the club house, docks or moorings. I am the person you call when everything is perfect and you just want to make sure I know it!

See you soon...think warm weather and great seas.

See you soon, Nancy

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From the Vice Commodore ~ Dan Gingras (ViceCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org)

I've met with Nancy, Doyle, Jerry and a number of other people regarding the 2016 social calendar, and after what seems like a million revisions, it seems to have been settled. We are just a few weeks away for a really early opening this year, and it looks like it will be a great season.

I've changed things around a bit this year, so we have a better mix of pot luck dinners, catered dinners and Friday night events without stressing everyone about a multiple number of events in a single week. I think we've achieved a great balance based on the feedback from members about our original schedule. I want to thank everyone who offered feedback about the schedule.

There has been some confusion about private use of the club. I'd like to point out Article XIV in our Constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE XIV - Commercial Use of Club

Nothing in these By-Laws shall be construed as authorizing the Directors to permit any member to use any part of the Club property or facilities for commercial purposes and any member who so uses the Club property or facilities shall be suspended. Exception: duly authorized dances, lectures, entertainment or activities run for the benefit of the Club as a whole.

Unless Portsmouth Yacht Club is a co-sponsor of an event, there can be no charge for an event, nor can any fundraising be done by any member or member's organization using the club for a private event. The only exception is when the club as a whole benefits, and this is with the approval of the board of directors.

The forms for private use of the club are online in the members section of the PYC website: [Member Area: Documents and Lists - Private Function Application](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 9 (S) Docks In and Work Party
Followed by a Pot Luck Lunch
- April 16 (S) Work Party if necessary
- May 7 (S) Kentucky Derby Cocktail Party
*Sponsored by the Ladies Committee
(see page 5)*
- Your hosts for May are
Elaine Syracuse and Laurie Clark
*More details for these events will
be in the May Newsletter.*
- May 11 (W) Pot Luck Dinner and
New Member Orientation
- May 14 (S) Opening Night Dinner Dance
*A 1950's/60s Sock Hop!
Details to come!*
- May 18 (W) Mexican Night
- May 25 (W) Open Pot Luck Dinner
- May 30 (M) Memorial Day Breakfast

PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

5/12(TH), 5/19(TH)

Members, please use outside walkways

Membership News

The latest list of Applicants, Resignations and New Members may be found on the PYC website: [Member Area: Member Changes and How to Sponsor a New Member.](#)



From the Rear Commodore ~ Dick Blidberg (RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org)

Spring begins Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 12:30 AM EDT. Did you know this is the earliest spring of our lives thus far? It is the earliest spring since 1896. As a result, it is time to get your mind focused on the tasks ahead to prepare the PYC for the 2016 season.

Remember that "Docks In" is on April 9th. The tide will be high later than usual so we will be able to get a lot of the opening tasks done at the clubhouse before and during the "Docks In" activities. It is hoped that we can complete the opening tasks on that day but if necessary, we will schedule a "Work Party" on the following Saturday, April 16th. Set these dates aside and mark it on your calendar. There is much to be done and everyone can help. I will get an email out prior to Docks In with a list of what has to be done but. Most importantly, mark your calendar. We will start at 8:30. Coffee and donuts in the morning with a pot luck lunch somewhere around 12:30 or 1:00.

We have updated the inventory of available lockers. There are a few that are now empty. Let me know if you need a locker and I will set it aside for you. Allocation of lockers is on a first come first serve basis. Email me if you would like a locker. The cost is \$30 for the season.

There is a lot going on this season at the club, as I mentioned in the last newsletter. The dock house modifications will begin very early this season. It is hoped we can get started before Docks In but if not, the changes will be completed in April. Craig Strehl is heading up the effort and assures me that his team will have the changes completed soon. We will be trying out some new mooring buoys that we have received from Gillman Corp. Take a look at them as they will be installed on the moorings in front of the PYC. We are anxious to see how they perform in our unique mooring environment. New fuel hoses and reels are being ordered as they are sorely needed to maintain the reliability of the fueling system on the dock. Nancy and her team have begun working to improve the kitchen. She assures me that all of this will be done in time for the summer activities at the club.

There are a number of other changes and modifications that have been planned and should be completed early in the season. I will report on them as they are accomplished. Meanwhile, get working on your boats and get ready for the upcoming season at the PYC.



Scenes from Docks In 2015

SAVE THE DATE!

The PYC Opening Night Dinner Dance Saturday, May 14

Join us for a
1950's/60's SOCK HOP!

Look for details in the
May Newsletter



SAILING / KAYAKING LESSONS

UNH COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER

Located on Mendums Pond in Barrington, NH

Sailing Lessons

Ages 5 through Adult; 1 week sessions

Kayaking lessons

Ages 8 -18; 1 week sessions

MSST (Mendums Seacoast Sailing Team)

MSST is a spring sailing team open to any student gr. 7 - 12 from any school, regardless of sailing ability.

Radio Controlled Boat Building and Sailing

One 2 week session; Boats are 37" long, 5' high

Ultralight Canoe Building Class

One 2 week session

2016 schedule will be available shortly.

To find out more, contact Diana Weidenbacker
dianaw46@comcast.net or 207.752.1462

KITTERY POINT YACHT CLUB SAILING SCHOOL

KPYC, New Castle

Sailing Lessons for ages 8 through Adult,
2 week sessions.

Find out more at KPYC Sailing School or
contact sailingschoolKPYC@gmail.com

BOATING CLASSES

Given by Tom Brown, offered through
Kittery Adult Education.

Classes given at Traip Academy in Kittery

To register call 207-439-5896 or go to
kittery.maineadulted.com

Sailing - How and Why We Do it

Join Tom, the Principal Race Officer for Yacht Racing in the seacoast area, for an interactive discussion on sailing and how sails function. Tom will offer tips and tricks learned from 40+ years of sailing, racing, teaching and management. Stories and topics, both past and present, are welcome for analysis.

Mondays, April 4 - May 2, 6:30-8:30 pm,
4 sessions *no class 4/18

Sailboat Racing

Explore the basics of yacht racing including the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 and their application on the race course. New and seasoned racers alike will benefit from lively discussion and on-the-race-course examples. Basic Tactics, Starting, and Sail Handling are covered as well as the RRS. Geared to sailors new to the sport, though even the battle-scarred will find the discussions useful and fun.

Tuesdays, April 5 - May 3, 6:30-8:30 pm,
4 sessions *no class 4/19



Kentucky Derby

PARTY

hosted by the ladies committee

SATURDAY MAY 7TH

5PM AT THE YACHT CLUB

\$10 PER PERSON & BRING YOUR BEST APPETIZER

Mint Juleps, Wine & Big Screen Viewing

GAME: "WIN, PLACE, SHOW"

PRIZES: BEST HAT & BEST DRESSED

prizes available to men and women

Sign Up: Call Laurie Clark at 436-3642