

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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From the Bridge
Commodore Dan Gingras



Casual and Inclusive

Most organizations usually have a “mission statement” which for the most part is crafted by marketing types in the hopes of codifying the values of the organization. Sometimes it’s true, and other times it’s aspirational. I think if someone was to ask me how I would describe what I hope for Portsmouth Yacht Club in 2015, I’d say I want the club to be both Casual and Inclusive.



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Casual in the sense that everyone pitches in to make things happen. We’re an organization of “doers” where the operations of the club are, for the most part, run by the members. In that spirit, I’d like to see more member run events and more events which are participatory. The breakfasts we run are a good example; cooking done by members and enjoyed by other members. One of the surprising results from the recent member survey was the fact that the two most important things that members wanted were – More Pot Luck dinners, and more Friday Night events. The Pot Luck idea is one I particularly like because it allows members to highlight their culinary talents (and I like food!!) to the other members. The Friday night events which have been run by P/C Paul Roy have been particularly fun, and successful. The Comedy Night, and his Fish Fry were real “out of the park” hits. So let me

encourage you to volunteer, particularly if you’re a new member. Don’t know how? Give me a call or email and we’ll find something for you to do.

Inclusive is also an important objective. We have lots of new members, and we are inclined to hang out with people we know, which makes the club seem “cliquish” and uninviting. We all know it’s not true, but it can seem that way when you’re new and everyone seems to be hanging out with people they know. Let’s all try to embrace the idea of inclusiveness this year by reaching out to people we don’t know, whether you’re an old member reaching out to a newer member, or a new member making an effort to get to know some of the people who have been around for a while.

Portsmouth Yacht Club is a wonderful organization of great people, and I’ve always been proud to be part of it, and prouder still to be named its Commodore. Let’s make 2015 the greatest year ever. ([Mail Dan](mailto:Dan@portsmouthyachtclub.com); 603-674-2244)

Membership News

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

This page also includes instructions on How to Sponsor a New Member, as well as a downloadable Membership Application including an explanation of the Application Process.



From the Vice Commodore ~ Bill Pelletier ~ ([Mail Bill](#))

It is only just a week into 2015 and I am sure that you, like me, can't wait for the beginning of the upcoming boating season. For the several decades that Arabica (our Catalina 25) has been in our lives, this time of year has traditionally been the "Crud. I should have done <insert boat project #1 here> and <insert boat project #2 here> before decommissioning in the fall" time of year. Needless to say, I have a list for Arabica, it is long, and most of it will roll over into 2016.

The list of projects for the PYC clubhouse and docks is always long, and this year is no exception. I should have a schedule and list of "need to do's" for the opening work parties in the near future. The one big date for planning, Docks In, is currently scheduled for April 18th.

Finally - one of the core truths in my Day Job line of work is "You can not manage that which you do not measure." It is no different with PYC. We absolutely rely on knowing what is on everyone's minds, as that is the only way we can help make this the club all want it to be. To that end, the feedback and comments many of you provided as part of the recent online Membership Survey were extremely helpful. If you were not able to respond before it was closed, we would love to know if there was any hesitation (or technical access issues) on your part. Getting participation on these as close to 100% as possible, is key to our being able to adequately "measure that which we manage".

In between surveys, please feel free to reach out to me at any time with your concerns, ideas, comments, or any questions you may have about – anything!

More to come.



PYC clubhouse in Winter

New England Boat Show
Boston Convention and Exhibitor Center
newenglandboatshow.com

Let's get a group together to go to the New England Boat Show!

We will leave by bus at 8:30am on Monday, Feb 16th (Presidents' Day) for the Show that opens at 10:00am on Monday only. (The rest of the week it does not open until 1:00pm).

The Boat Show will extend a thirty percent discount for the entrance fee. The total price is \$35 per person which includes the bus ride from Portsmouth to Boston and back, the entrance admission, and a snack for the ride.

Reservations must be made by January 31. We will need 50 members and guests in order to rent the bus.

Please contact Tony Young
typhoonyoung@comcast.net

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 16 (M) New England Boat Show Trip

March 28 (S) Dinner w/ Speaker
(see page 5)

PLANNING AHEAD

April 4 (S) Work Party

April 11 (S) Work Party

April 18 (S) Docks In followed by
Pot Luck Lunch

May 3 (SU) Cocktail Party hosted by the
Ladies Committee

May 16 (S) Opening Night Dinner Dance



From the Rear Commodore ~ Nancy Gulley ~ ([Mail Nancy](#))

It certainly is hard to believe that I am sitting here - the temperature outside is below zero and I am going to be sharing information on the upcoming 2015 season. Well, here it goes.

Before I can begin telling you about what is going to happen I am going to share with you what has happened in the past few months. December had an amazing Christmas Dinner Dance. Hosts were Jackie Adams and Elaine Perry. I am not sure how many years they have hosted this event, but I am happy to share with you they have complete job security if interested and a heartfelt thank you for all they have done for the club. The Portsmouth Country Club looked beautiful, everyone had on their best holiday outfits and the Jeanie Daniels Band had everyone up and dancing.

This year we had 6 raffle baskets and one surprise gift to get the evening and holiday season going. But, do you ever wonder where those beautiful baskets that we raffle off at the dances come from...hint....it isn't the basket fairies that leave them just in time for the event.

Answer...they are donated by our members who spend their time and money making those lovely "theme" baskets full of great food and wine. The basket raffle is fun, it helps keep the cost of the dinner dances a bit lower for all and if you are lucky enough to hold the winning tickets, there is something special to bring home.

Unfortunately, we are seeing the same people donate them year after year, so I am appealing to members who attend these events to consider donating one in the coming years. You can join together with other members to create something fun to share with your fellow members. Think about it – ok – just think about it.

January 1, 2015 – New Years Day Brunch

What a wonderful way to begin the New Year. Just short of 100 people celebrated the New Year at Grill 28 at the Pease Golf Club. The 2015 Board of Directors was introduced along with our new Flag Officers, Commodore Dan Gingras, Vice Commodore Bill Pelletier, and Rear Commodore Nancy Gulley. Commodore Dan Gingras thanked Past Commodore Paul Roy for all the time and energy he has put into the Portsmouth Yacht Club this past year and presented him with a gift. Steve and Barbara Armstrong were the hosts for the brunch – a special thank you goes out to them.



New Commodore Dan Gingras and Past Commodore Paul Roy

On Saturday, March 28th, our own Rod Watterson will be lecturing on "32 in 44; Building the Portsmouth Submarine Fleet in World War II". Dinner will be at the Portsmouth Country Club, cost \$39 per person with a cash bar (see flier on pg. 5). Please put it on your schedule and watch for more information coming soon.

Time is moving quickly and social plans for the upcoming season are underway. Your survey comments are seriously being looked at and hopefully you all will be happy during the new season and will find a way to enjoy the company of your fellow members and beauty of the seacoast and the Portsmouth Yacht Club. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to email or give me a call – or better yet if you want to volunteer your time, your cooking skills, or event planning I am now offering you an opportunity to step up and help make 2015 a great and exciting year at PYC.

See you soon!

CRUISE NEWS



Blue Hill, Maine

The 2015 Cruise will take place August 3rd through 16th out of Rockland, Maine.

There will be an early cruise to Harpswell, Boothbay and Rockland on July 31 through Aug 2.

Our Pre Cruise Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, June 7.

The Post Cruise Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, Sept 13.

To join the Cruise Group email list, please contact: webmaster@PortsmouthYC.org

Cruise Schedule:

- Cradle Cove (1 night)
- Castine (2 nights)
- Benjamin River (1 night)
- Blue Hill Bay (2 nights)
- Southwest Harbor (3 nights)
 - Possible trip via Ferry to the Cranberry Islands for lunch;*
 - Somes Sound or possible for members who want to visit Northeast Harbor to do so.*
- Frenchboro (1 night)
- Camp Island (1 night)
- Seal Bay, Vinalhaven (1 night)
- Rockland, Pulpit Harbor or start for Portsmouth.



Seals in Seal Bay, Vinalhaven, Maine

Ken Jones ([Mail Ken](mailto:Ken@PortsmouthYC.org))

Roger Wells ([Mail Roger](mailto:Roger@PortsmouthYC.org))

Cruise Directors

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB'S ANNUAL DINNER/SPEAKER EVENT

Saturday, March 28, 2015

at the PORTSMOUTH COUNTRY CLUB, 80 COUNTRY CLUB LANE, GREENLAND, NH

6 PM Cocktails (Cash Bar); 7 PM Dinner;

8 PM Guest Speaker: PYC member Capt. Rod Watterson, USN (Ret)

Cost: \$39.00 per person

Cheese, Fruit and Cracker Tray

BUFFET DINNER:

Caesar Salad

Spinach Salad w/ grilled onions and dried cranberries

Ricotta Stuffed Shells Marinara

Sole Florentine w/citrus butter sauce

Carved Marinated Frank Steak au jus

Duchess potatoes; Vegetable

Rolls and Butter

Chef's Dessert

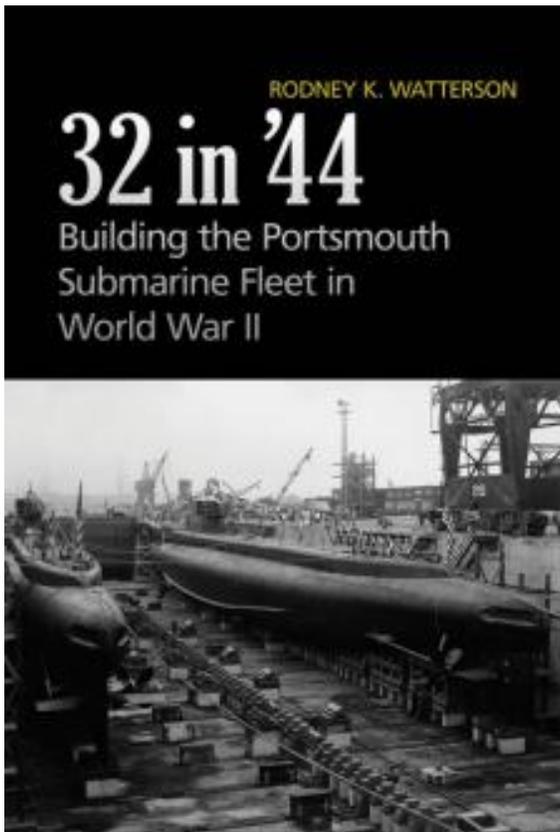
Please sign up by March 21.

Contact: Paul and Mary Beth Goldberg

603-645-1351 (after Jan 25) or levanter2@msn.com (anytime)

Rod Watterson presents:

32 in '44: Building the Portsmouth Submarine Fleet in World War II



Our speaker for the March dinner is PYC member Capt. Rod Watterson, USN (Ret) who will draw from his book **32 in '44: Building the Portsmouth Submarine Fleet in World War II** to present the factors behind Portsmouth Navy Yard's record-setting production during the war. In the 1930's the Portsmouth Navy Yard built fewer than two submarines a year, yet in 1944 it completed an astonishing 32 submarines. Few industrial facilities contributed more to winning the war than the navy yard across the river from Portsmouth Yacht Club.
