

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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From the Bridge Commodore Dan Gingras

Well we're finally opening!! Yippee! It was an interesting spring to say the least, and there were lots of surprises. One of the most unpleasant was the state of the structure of the club we found when we removed the bar and its floor. We removed 7 layers of various combinations of rotten wet wood, tile and more wood. Although we got most of the rotten wood out, the state of the structure was much worse than many of us thought, including substantial water damage and dry rot. We are going to commission an engineering study to get a sense of exactly how bad the structure is, and what needs to be done to get it into a better shape. We are planning to present the findings of any engineering studies completed to the membership so they understand the condition of the building.

I hope the membership appreciates the new bar. It was a significant effort by a number of members including Paul Roy, Paul Goldberg, Craig Strehl, Bill Pelletier, and Greg Gebow.

Jerry has been very busy sprucing up the office area, and we're confident that this newer, cleaner office will make a difference. Check it out when you get a chance.

If you missed the March Dinner/Speaker event, the speaker, our own Capt Rod Watterson, gave an absolutely fantastic presentation. I can highly recommend his book: [32 in 44- Building the Portsmouth Submarine Fleet in World War II](#), which is available at Amazon by clicking this link. I'm always amazed at the talent we have within our membership, and this is yet another example.

I want to remind members that it's your responsibility to insure that the clubhouse is secure when you leave the building, and that the grills are off, lights out and the building locked. Safety and security is the responsibility of all.



Installing the PYC Plaque over the front door

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IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences go to Tony Young for the loss of his mother. Evelyn Louise Young passed away recently at the age of 100. Louise and her late husband Gordan had been long time PYC members in the past, joining the club in 1973.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to PYC:

- Robert & Carlene Baime
- Jonathan & Amy Gworek
- Brian & Tiffany Semprini
- Paul & Chris Neville
- Winthrop & Claire DeTarr Smith
- Chris Strong & David Murphy
- Derrick & Heidi Hill
- Cheryle St. Onge & Vince Todd
- Eleanor Sinkler & James McHutchison
- Douglas & Phyllis Joyce
- VJ & Craig Strehl
- Everett & Carol Eaton
- Keven & Karen Niland
- Thomas & Barbara Sedoric
- Clarke & Laurie Chandler
- Mitchell & Kathryn Drew

Welcome aboard!



Prepping the kitchen for the season!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5/3(SU) Cocktail Party (see pg.5).....\$5
Sponsored by the Ladies Committee
- 5/6(W) WND - Cinco de Mayo catered by Margaritas Restaurant, followed by a 1 hour Salsa Dance Class provided by the Portsmouth Ballroom.
- 5/13(W)WND - New Members Orientation and Pot Luck Dinner
- 5/16(S) Opening Night Dinner Dance (see pg. 7)
- 5/20(W) WND - Catered by Mezzanine Catering...\$24
Buffet: Baked Fried Chicken & Beef Kabobs
- 5/25(M) Memorial Day Breakfast (see pg. 5)
- 5/27(W) Open Wednesday Night
Hot Dog Safari.....\$8

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 Private Functions: Thur May 21, Thur May 28  
*Members please use outside walkway.*  
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PLANNING AHEAD

- 6/5 (F) Shucks It's Friday (see p.g 5)
- 6/7 (SU) Pre-Cruise Dinner (see p.6)
- 6/12/(F) Lobster Bake



From the Vice Commodore ~ Bill Pelletier

Repairs and upgrades are proceeding nicely at the clubhouse. You can see the building permits posted in the window for the changes we're making, which include 4 new doors on the building. The front door will be delayed until mid May due to the fact that the building is in the Historic district, and we need to apply for a permit to change it's style. Although the new door looks "almost" like the old door, it has 4 windows at the top instead of the two windows the current door has, so there is a change. Ironically, it's exactly like the door on the house across the street. We are expecting that this will not be a problem, but we must follow the rules.

There is a bit of concern about Docks In as the wind has been howling most days at the club, blowing between 20 and 30 knots, even causing whitecaps on the river! Obviously the crane cannot hoist the docks in that sort of blow, so it will be interesting to see how it plays out. If it is necessary to move Docks In to Sunday, a decision will be made by Friday at 6:00 pm.

The refurbishment of the bar is coming along thanks to P/C Paul Roy and his crew of talented helpers. The new bar area has been set up to prevent water ingress into the subfloor, so we expect that this will extend the life of this area for a while, but there are still areas that need attention due to water damage.

It's been a long hard winter, and as the days begin to warm it has been nice to be at the club again and watch the normal life on the river into the ocean.



A previous Docks In!

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From the Rear Commodore ~ Nancy Gulley

I don't know about you, but I am very impressed with the weather of the past few days. The snow stopped, the water looks blue, and the birds are chirping. That means that it is time to start thinking about seeing all your old and new friends at the Portsmouth Yacht Club.

On March 28th, we had a wonderful evening at the Portsmouth Country Club. Dinner was delicious and Rod Watterson shared wonderful stories about the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in 1943. If you have not had the opportunity to read Rod's books please give him a call and get a copy, I promise you will not be disappointed. Thank you Mary Beth and Paul Goldberg for all your hard work in making the evening perfect.

May is staring right at us. Events are about to begin. Your friends are waiting to eat a meal with you or share a cocktail on the outside deck. Plan, plan, plan. – get out your calendars and fill in the dates with events coming up at the club. Here we go. Sunday, May 3rd – the Ladies Committee Cocktail Party, bring your best appetizer to share – cocktails provided by the club. Wednesday, May 6, Margarita's catered dinner with a "Salsa" dancing class taught by the Portsmouth Ball Room immediately following dinner. Wednesday, May 13th our New Members Orientation Pot Luck Dinner. Make sure you attend and meet all the new members and show them how friendly we are and how delicious our Pot Luck Dinners are. Saturday, May 16 we have the Black Tie optional dinner dance "Come Dance With Me"; Wednesday May 20th, our first catered dinner by Mezzanine Catering; and Monday, May 25th, the Memorial Day Breakfast. And wait, there's more. On Friday, June 5th, we have our first Friday event of the year. "Shucks its Friday" will be an excellent dinner of oysters, clams, shrimp, a seafood pasta station and chicken. How could you possibly ask for more? Well, there is even more – a Steel Pan Band will be performing right after dinner.

The year is right in front of us – volunteer to help out at the dinners. Volunteer to help cook a dinner. Volunteer to help with the beautiful flowers on the decks. Volunteer to help new members navigate their way through their first year at PYC. Remember, this is your club, your events, your place to shine. Help make this a perfect season.

See you soon, Nancy (RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org 603-431-9252)

QUICK REMINDERS:

If you are an interviewed "Waitlist" applicant you may attend ANY event with your sponsor or as a guest of a current active member of the Portsmouth Yacht Club. If you have submitted your application for membership but have not yet been interviewed you must attend with your sponsors.

Please wear your name tags as much as possible around the club. We absolutely know your name, but sometimes the beauty of the day takes over and we need a little help. Also, if you need a new name tag, there is a signup sheet in the back of the events signup book. New members receive a name tag at the New Member Orientation.

No bare feet in the club, no dogs in the clubhouse, and no passing through the clubhouse on Monday or Thursdays if the club is rented for a Private Function.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the Steward, Flag Officers or a Board Member.

LADIES COMMITTEE NEWS**COCKTAIL PARTY Sun, May 3, 1700 to 1900**

Join us in celebrating the 2015 season of the Portsmouth Yacht Club by attending our Opening Cocktail party sponsored by the Ladies Committee on Sunday, May 3rd from 1700 to 1900. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre and hear the tales of winter woes or escapes from your new and old friends. Find out or tell plans for what is sure to be a great summer.

All female members of the Club are automatically part of the Ladies Committee, so please join in! Over the years we have held various events to raise funds which purchase items not covered by the budget for the improvement of the Club. Recently, they have included the defibrillator, wine glasses for special events, a share of the outside tables and umbrellas, to mention a few. Anyone who wishes to attend meetings, usually held on a Wednesday night prior to dinner, is welcome. Meetings will be announced in the Newsletter and at the top of the sign-up sheet at the Club. Our first meeting will on Wed, May 20 at 1800. We hope to see you there!

Cinco de Mayo

Wed, May 6, \$25

Catered by Margaritas Restaurant
featuring Jerry's original Margaritas

followed by a
**1 hour SALSA
DANCE CLASS**
provided by the
Portsmouth Ballroom

**SHUCKS IT'S FRIDAY!**

Friday, June 5; \$25

by Paul Roy and Crew

Dinner featuring Oysters, Clams, Shrimp,
a Seafood Pasta Station, and Chicken.

Followed by music from the
Mango Groove Steel Band!

[Click Here](#) and enjoy some of their music!



Monday, May 25, 2015
9:00AM to 10:30AM

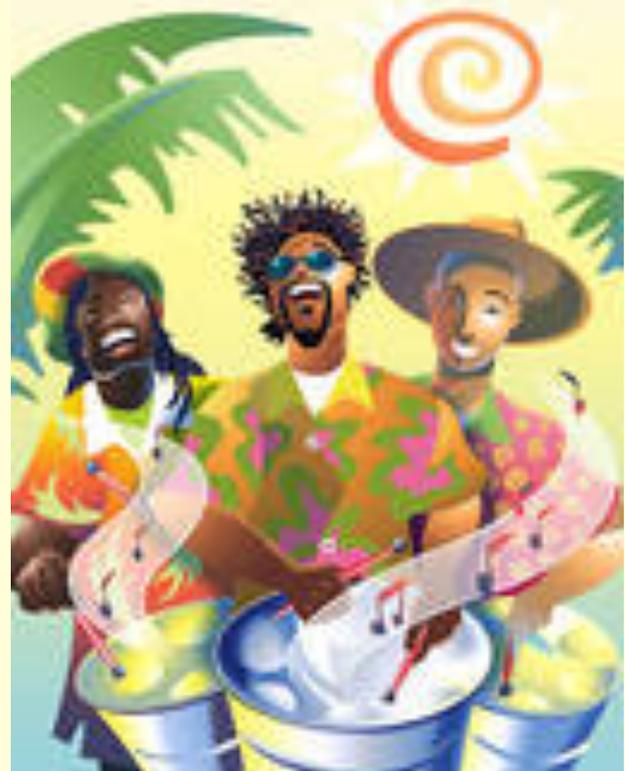
Join us for breakfast

prepared by Phyllis Breitman,
Dan Gingras and their Crew.

Blueberry French Toast Casserole,
Biscuits and Gravy,
Scrambled Eggs, Tater Tots,
Assorted Fruit
Bloody Marys, Juice, Coffee, Tea

Adults \$8, children under 10 free
Sign up by Friday, May 22

*A donation jar will be available for
the Wounded Warrior Project.*



CRUISE NEWS

Cruising Pennants and PYC Cruising Guides will be available at the June 7 Pre-Cruise Dinner. Please let me know ASAP, if you are actually committed to joining the Cruise in August and plan to purchase a PYC CRUISING GUIDE. Your reply will set the number printed. (*Pennants will be \$10.50, Guides will be \$10*).

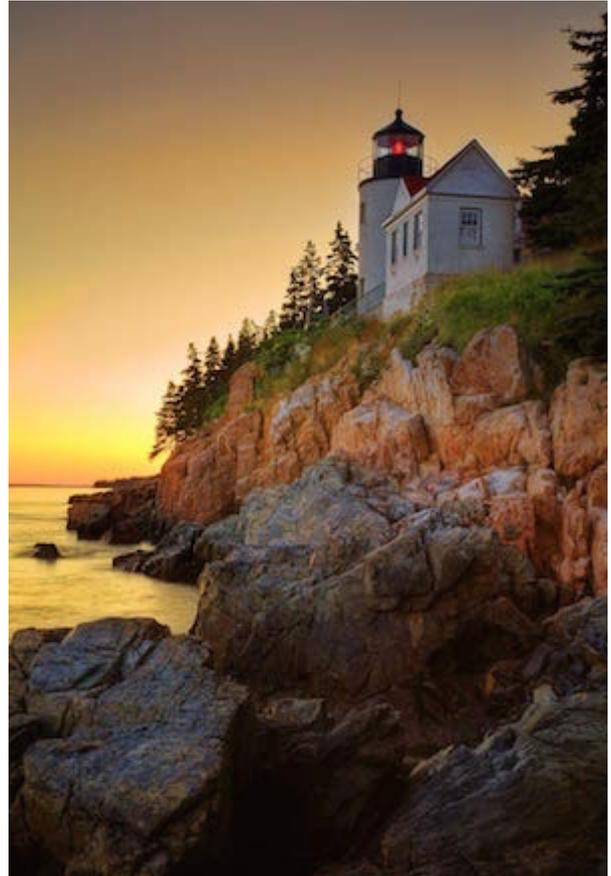
PRE-CRUISE DINNER: June 7, 1700 hours. Crew members of the cruise fleet and all others who may be interested in this upcoming annual adventure, please plan on attending. The meal will be potluck; please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert as well as a main serving for yourself or to share.

Please inform us of your plans on attendance and potluck contribution.

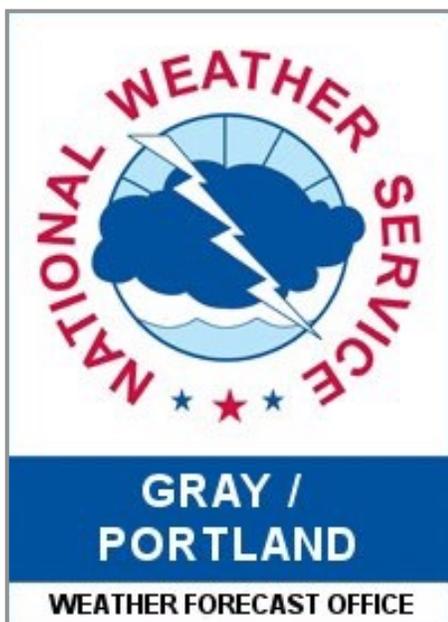
REMINDER: Anyone interested in the cruise should be making their reservations for the ports of call on our schedule. Members who do not have our reservation list may obtain one from me or find it on the PYC website [Here](#).

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Roger Wells roger.wells@unh.edu

Cruise Directors



Bass Harbor Head Light



TRIP TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN GRAY, MAINE

Anyone who missed signing up for the March 26 tour of the National Weather Service in Gray, Maine, a second trip has been scheduled, with a second chance to launch a weather balloon!

When: May 12

Meet at NWS Parking lot in Gray Maine at 5:45.

Please RSVP to Shaye Robbins shayemr@gwi.net as space is limited!! All emails will be answered and an email will go out when tour is full.

*Portsmouth Yacht Club's
Opening Night Dinner Dance
Come Dance With Me
Saturday, May 16, 2015*

6:00 pm Cocktails (Open Bar)

7:00 pm Dinner catered by Mezzanine Catering

8:00 pm Music provided by the Jeannie Daniel's Band

Dinner Choice of:

★ Beef Tenderloin

★ Chicken Piccata

\$55 per person

Dress: Black Tie Optional

*Advanced Reservation only by
Tuesday, May 12, 2015*

*RSVP to Laurie Clark (603) 436-3642,
lauriec15@comcast.net, in the sign up book at
the club, or call the Steward at (603) 436-9877*

*For table seating requests
please contact Laurie Clark.*

*Hosted by: E Blanchard, P Breitman,
S Christensen, L Clark, M Fogel,
N Gulley, M Roy*

