

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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From the Bridge Commodore Nancy Gulley

I don't know how your winter has been going – but I am really having a hard time getting my mind around the fact that it is the middle of February and in less than two months the docks will be in the water. Yes, I am excited to be your new Commodore – but it sure is a little scary when I look at the calendar and realize all that needs to be done by May 1st.

There is so much to do and so little time. Let me begin with what is currently being worked on. R/C Dick Blidberg and the House and Docks Committee have created an enormous list – moorings need attention, the dock house needs attention, the dinghy dock needs attention, and on and on. My personal concern out of all their to-do lists is the kitchen. There has been a conversation for a very long time about how to make the kitchen more work efficient, easier to keep clean, and most importantly find a way for all of us using the kitchen at one time to not bump into each other. Well, here is the scoop. The kitchen will receive a face lift. We are keeping all of the kitchen cabinets; they will get a nice coat of paint and new hardware. All the existing Formica counters are going to be removed and stainless steel counters will be installed along with a chopping block on one side of the kitchen. The stainless steel counter in the center of the kitchen is going to be replaced with a smaller stainless island making it easier for all of us to be in the kitchen at one time. To some it will sound like a lot of work but trust me, there is a committee, and by May the kitchen will look great and be an inviting spot to come make lunch or dinner with your friends.



*High water during a December 1959 snow storm!
Photo by Charlie Clark, Sr.*

The Social Committee has had their meeting along with V/C Dan Gingras and the season looks great. We are starting off in March with a great speaker and wonderful evening at the Portsmouth Country Club. The March event is one of my favorite events as we get to see all the people we have been missing for months. The official start of the 2016 season begins with a Kentucky Derby Party on May 7th hosted by the Ladies Committee. So mark your calendar for a great cocktail party followed just a week later by the Opening Dinner Dance which is going to be a 50's Sock Hop, and that is just the beginning. Watch your newsletter for all the great events that you will want to attend.

Well you now have heard a little of what has been going on the last few months. Our Wait List is growing by the day...so, we must be doing something right. If you have any ideas or questions please feel free to give me a call or send me an email. Get ready for a great season of friendship, fun and laughter.

See you soon, Nanc

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

Well it felt like spring yesterday, and today it is snowing, so welcome to New England weather. I'm sure we're all looking forward to starting the season and getting back together with all of our PYC friends, and sitting on the deck enjoying the wonderful view from our beautiful spot on the river. Our event calendar is shaping up well, and we will build off the enthusiasm of last year with more pot luck Wednesdays and more Friday evening events. I've heard from a handful of people with suggestions for events, and I've incorporated as many as possible into the calendar.

Our theme continues to be *Casual and Inclusive*, which means that we're focused on less
"Less Formal and More Fun".

I'm encouraging all of our members to provide suggestions for events, and particularly encouraging some of our newer members to step up and volunteer to run or help with some of the events. It's a great way to integrate into the fabric of the club, and get to know other members.

Again, PLEASE let me know how we can make Portsmouth Yacht Club a better place.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 19 (S) Dinner w/ Speaker
(see page 5)

April 9 (S) Docks In and Work Party
Followed by a Pot Luck Lunch

PLANNING AHEAD

May 7 (S) Kentucky Derby Cocktail Party
*Sponsored by the Ladies Committee
(see page 4)*

May 14 (S) Opening Night Dinner Dance

Membership News

We have received 1 new application for membership:

Andrew and Barbara Moore, sponsored by Laurie Clark and Nancy Jackson. Andrew and Barbara have lived in New Castle for four years, drawn here by a love of the sea. They continue to be engaged professionally, Andrew as an archaeologist and Barbara as a museum consultant. They have enjoyed making new friends in the area, and they delight in welcoming their children and grandchildren from Boston and from London for holidays on the seacoast. They look forward to being active members of the Portsmouth Yacht Club community.

*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.](#)*

In Memoriam

PYC life member Ken Roberts passed away Jan. 24, 2016. Ken and his wife Norma joined PYC in 1988. Ken served as Club Secretary, Photographer, and a member of the Board of Directors. He was also a lifelong member of the Power Squadron, Past President of the Propeller Club, and Past Commodore of Pepperrell Cove Yacht Club. Our condolences to Norma and their family.

Dr. Jules Blake, father of PYC member Jude Blake, passed away in December at his home in New Jersey. Our condolences to Jude and her family.



Kenneth P Roberts



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

Someone say snow? Not me; but finally we have active ski slopes in NH. OK, so now it's almost time for those of us who boat. Just another month or so.... and our world begins for 2016. Meanwhile it is time to consider the tasks that need to be accomplished at PYC before the new season begins. As usual, the House and Docks Committee volunteers are ahead of the game. On January 27th, the first H&DC meeting was held to identify the tasks for the season. This will be an ambitious year but the response of the committee was up to the challenge with 22 people attending the meeting

This meeting was the first of two planning meetings which will be held before the season begins. The goal of this first meeting was to identify tasks that were to be accomplished during this 2016 season. A second meeting in early March will detail how and when the tasks will get completed. There are quite a few activities that have been considered. The following summary is meant to give you some idea of what is happening. If you would like to get involved in any of the work groups, please email me.

First of all, mark your calendars for April 9th as "**Docks In**" will be held on that date. The tides have forced us to be a bit early this year but I was told that the weather is going to cooperate on that day so no worries about the early date. Mark your calendar. The tide is a bit later than this past year so we will have time to get some of the opening tasks done on the same day. I will get you more information as the date gets closer but I really hope you all can help. Prior to Docks In we will have a group **replace some of the "linking" hardware** on a few of the floats making up the face of the dock.

This is clearly not the only thing to be done. The following is a summary of some of the tasks that have been planned this year. We have some **renovations planned for the dock house**. These are clearly needed and will make the dock experience even better than it has been. We will also work on the deck to replace some of the **bad decking planks** as well as prepare it for a coat of stain. The **fuel dispenser, hoses and reels** will be replaced as they are showing their age and need to be upgraded. We are also working to find a screen system that will replace the current screens on the porch. An effort is underway to **investigate a new type of mooring** ball for our moorings. An evaluation mooring ball will be placed on one or two of our moorings to allow us to evaluate their performance in our unique conditions. Nancy Gulley has taken over the effort to make some minor **changes to the kitchen** that she says will provide more space and an "easier to clean" environment for all of us. She has assured me that this would be the last of the changes necessary to complete all of the kitchen modifications. Take a look at her section of the newsletter to see what is planned. **Safety ladders** on the docks, **caps placed on the pilings**, and **flower boxes** to protect the screens on the front windows will also add to the changes planned for the front deck area. The **sign in the parking** lot that was taken down a couple of years ago will be put back up this year and the **sign on the river side** of the PYC will be repaired or replaced before the summer season. There are some **repairs to the flagpole** that have to be completed this year and we will complete this after Docks In. We are still waiting on state approval of the **dinghy dock extension** but once obtained, we will try hard to get this installed as soon as possible thereafter.

There are a few other tasks that are being considered and as they are "flushed out" I will let you know what is planned. As you can see, this will be a full year for the volunteers who make up the House and Docks Committee. Enjoy the remaining days of the winter as the spring is fast approaching and with that, the joys of summer in New England and the activities at the Portsmouth Yacht Club.



A summer day at PYC!

CRUISE NEWS

The PYC Cruise 2016 schedules were sent to all PYC members with my request to return to me your preference of sailing DOWN EAST or sailing SOUTH (NANTUCKET area).

The results are in! Based on interest, ***the cruise is going SOUTH this year.*** Members who selected DOWN EAST will have a Cruising Guide available to them, if they so desire, and Reservation contact information, or they are welcome to join the group going SOUTH. Thank you all for your prompt response.

Boats Joining Cruise

<i>Barefoot Children</i>	<i>Sea Quest</i>
<i>Levanter</i>	<i>Semper Fi</i>
<i>Peter Rabbit</i>	<i>Spare Time</i>
<i>Returnagain</i>	<i>Sea Legs</i>
<i>Rockabuy</i>	<i>Therapy</i>
<i>Running Spirit</i>	

Cruise Schedule

8/5 Scituate	8/13 Vineyard Haven
8/6 Onset	8/14 Red Brook Harbor
8/7-8 Cuttyhunk Island	8/15,16,17 Provincetown
8/9 Vineyard Haven	8/18 Gloucester
8/10,11,12 Nantucket	Eastern Point YC



Brant Point Light, Nantucket

See you at the pre-cruise dinner in June.
Ken Jones, PC, Cruise Director kmjdory@comcast.net

Save the Date!!!!



The Ladies Committee is planning a Kentucky Derby Cocktail Party on Saturday, May 7th at 5pm for our 1st club event of the season.

Please come for Mint Juleps, great prizes for best dressed and best hat (men and women), and cocktail party fare.

Pick your favorite horse, make your bids with play money, and root on the winners with your friends.

You will be able to watch the Derby on a big screen and enjoy being at PYC again with this great start to the season. The club will be transformed into an atmosphere of elegance and excitement!

Watch for more details in the next Newsletter!



PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB'S ANNUAL DINNER/SPEAKER EVENT

Saturday, March 19, 2016

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

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

8 PM Guest Speaker:

Jennifer Seavey, Ph.D, Kingsbury Director of the Shoals Marine Laboratory

Cost: \$39 per person

Cheese, Fruit and Vegetable Crudit  Platter

BUFFET DINNER

Tossed Garden Salad

Spinach Salad with Goat Cheese & Dried Cranberries

Green Beans Almandine

Mashed Potatoes

Ricotta Stuffed Shells with Marinara Sauce

Baked Haddock with Lemon Crumb Topping

Carved Top Round au jus

Rolls and Butter

Chefs Dessert

Please sign up by March 12

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Our speaker is Jennifer Seavey, Ph.D,
Kingsbury Director of the Shoals Marine Laboratory.

The Isles of Shoals, located 8-miles off the New Hampshire & Maine coast, are steeped in maritime history and lore. For centuries, Shoalers have been students of the natural world- studying the bounty of the sea for the sustenance of human settlements and later for the sustaining the bounty itself for future generations to enjoy. This tradition continues at Shoals Marine Laboratory on Appledore Island. As Shoals Marine Laboratory celebrates its 50th year, we invite you to come dive in and learn about what we do, how we do it, and how we Shoalers are still contributing to and protecting our rich maritime culture.

