

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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From the Bridge Commodore Nancy Gulley



This past month has been filled with a lot of activity at PYC. There have been volunteers everywhere and anyplace you could possibly imagine. The kitchen project is nearing completion with all the amazing help from soooooo many people. In the next few weeks the project will be totally completed and you will all be surprised to see how great it looks when you attend your first event of the year. The dock house is getting a facelift – the moorings are getting a facelift – the staff is coming back, and the list goes on and on.

I am so excited that we are finally going to have the opportunity to put away our winter clothes and look forward to seeing one another really soon. There are great social events coming up the first 2 weeks in May. The first is the Ladies Committee Cocktail Party which this year is a “Kentucky Derby Party”. Ladies put on your prettiest hat and dress, guys your handsomest suit and hat, create your best appetizer, and join us as we eat, drink, and watch the horses run for the roses on Saturday, May 7th. A special thanks to Laurie Clark for chairing the Ladies Committee this year as my husband Jerry somehow thought he would prefer being the BBQ Master vs. Chair of the Ladies Committee.

Saturday, May 14th, is the Opening Dinner Dance, which this year has a theme of “Sock Hop”. Put on your dancing shoes, your poodle skirts, dungarees and t-shirts, or your beautiful prom dress and tux and be the Queen and King of the dance. PYC will look like a diner from the 50’s, the food will remind some of us of dinners with our families, dance the night away to the music of the 50’s and 60’s, and try to guess what the late night snacks could possibly be. I hope to see all of you there as I honestly believe this will be a really fun evening.

Here are a couple of reminders for the year. This is your club. Treat it like your home which means we **ALL** take care of it. If you think there is a problem, please do not try to correct it by yourself. Please contact me, Dick Blidberg, the Rear Commodore, Dan Gingras, the Vice Commodore, or Jerry Goldfarb, our excellent Steward.

To all of our new members this year – WELCOME! I hope to see you all at many of the events this year. Don’t forget we have a New Members Orientation Pot Luck Dinner on May 11th - watch for your invitation and make plans to attend. A reminder to everyone else, please attend the Pot Luck and help welcome all our new members. For the past few years we have put a little dot on the new members name tags so you will know to introduce yourself and welcome them, offer to assist if they appear to be confused, and of course, help all our new members comfortable and at home at the club.

See you all in a couple of weeks, if not sooner. Nanc

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are pleased to welcome the following new and returning members for the 2016 season:

- John & Maureen Dubois
- Jay & Mary Pat Gibson
- Charles & Carrie Griffiths
- Jim & Wendy Haslam
- P/C James Labrie
- Chris & Sarah Lund
- Laura Montville
- Peter Paul
- David & Judee Ryan

A complete list of applicants, resignations and new members may be found on our website:

[Member Area: Member Changes and How to Sponsor a New Member](#)



From the Vice Commodore | Dan Gingras | ViceCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org

I continue to be amazed at the spirit of participation and volunteerism within PYC. There are great people who do not hesitate to step up to make PYC the great place it is. I'd like to thank a few of them this month, and I know this does not include everyone, but if you volunteered, you know who you are, and I will assiduously try to acknowledge people throughout the year.

I spent much of March and April working with a select group of talented volunteers demolishing and rebuilding the kitchen under the direction of Paul Roy. Assisting were Frank Limoncelli (waiting list member and professional cabinet maker), Craig Strehl (carpenter par excellence!), P/C Mike Coffee who worked to fix the damaged walls, P/C Paul Goldberg and Mary Beth Goldberg, who assembled the cabinets along with myself and Frank. Thanks also to Commodore Nancy Gulley and my wife Phyllis Breitman who helped manage all the stuff in the kitchen, and Pat Dowey who cleaned and painted. The new cabinets certainly look cleaner than the old cabinets, and we realize that the kitchen still needs more work including a reconfiguration of the center island and some more paint and lights. The work continues.



A Summer day at Portsmouth Yacht Club!

May will soon be upon us, and that marks the beginning of the functions at the club, and I'm particularly looking forward to the Kentucky Derby Party on May 7th which sounds like a hoot. The Opening dinner dance will be a great "sock hop" on May 14th which should be lots of fun. I hope lots of members will attend the pot luck New Members Orientation on Wednesday May 11th to welcome our new and returning members. It's really important to create a warm and welcoming environment for the new guys and gals so they feel part of the group. May 18th is Mexican night, and we're changing the caterer this year to Los Olas, which has great fresh fare, so that should be a great night. The 25th is another wonderful pot luck dinner and I'm going to make something really special, and of course, there is our traditional Memorial Day Breakfast which is being hosted by the Pappas and Wajda families. This has traditionally been one of our very popular events, so I'm looking forward to it (particularly since it's the first time in many years that I'm not cooking!)

I continue to solicit additional input from the membership, so if you have ideas, suggestions or just want to chat, drop me a line.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Your hosts for May are
Elaine Syracuse and Laurie Clark

May 7 (S) Kentucky Derby Cocktail Party
Sponsored by the Ladies Committee
(see page 8)

May 11 (W) Pot Luck Dinner and
New Member Orientation
.....\$ no charge

May 14 (S) Opening Night Dinner Dance
A 1950's/60s Sock Hop!
(see page 7)

May 18 (W) Mexican Night
Catered by Las Olas Taqueria
.....\$TBA

May 25 (W) Open Pot Luck Dinner
.....\$ no charge

May 30 (M) Memorial Day Breakfast
Details to come.....\$TBA

PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

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

Members, please use outside walkways



From the Rear Commodore | Dick Blidberg | RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org

The docks are in, the doors are open, the tables are out, the chairs are waiting for you. Welcome to the 2016 season at the PYC. As many of you saw, the attendance at the **Docks In event** was exceptional. The weather cooperated to a great extent although it could have been a touch warmer. Nonetheless the participation was great and we were not only able to get the docks in but we were also able to complete almost all of the "Docks In" tasks that were planned for this season. There will be no need for the work party on the 16th. Once again all of you who participated should be pleased with what we accomplished. It is the Members' support of activities like this that allows the PYC to be what it is. WELL DONE!

The **dock staff** is in place. You will see a number of new faces this summer as a lot of last year's dock staff are not returning this year. Jerry has done a great job in finding a number of new recruits who will become additions to the PYC team this summer. Make sure you say "Hi" to them and have patience as they go thru the process of learning the ropes and fine tuning their skills with the launches while getting to know all of you. We continue to fill any empty slots that we recognize or make any changes that become necessary.

As many of you now have seen, there have been **major changes to the kitchen**. Nancy will update you on the reasons and what has actually been completed. Bottom line is the new kitchen is up and functioning for the season. Thanks to all who worked on this effort. Make sure you take a look at the results when you visit the club.



Docks In 2016

We have a number of other things that are going to be accomplished early this season. The **dock house** is in the process of being updated and should be completed by early May. If you are at the club early this season, you may see some ongoing work to make the dock house better able to serve the members.

The moorings, including **newly designed mooring balls** that we are considering for the future, have been installed in front of the PYC and the remaining moorings will be installed later this week or shortly thereafter.

The **rails and decking at the club will get a new coat of stain** this year. If you have any free time to help us in accomplishing this task, please drop me an **email and let me know that you can help**. We will try to keep these activities from effecting the operations of the club but we may have to close down the upriver walkway for a day or two to get this done.

The **hose and reels** at the fuel dock have been replaced. The old hoses and reels had served us well but would not have made it through the 2016 season. We have set a date of May 1st to start providing fuel.

We continue to wait for written approval which will allow us to add an **extension to the existing dinghy dock**. Paul Roy has been talking to state officials but the final resolution still is not in place. Once we hear that it has been approved, we will order the new section and have it installed. This extension is sorely needed as the number of dinghies tied up at PYC grows.

A House & Docks Committee (H&DC) meeting will be organized for late April or Early May to organize and plan the remaining projects for this year. Some of the tasks are underway but there are still a number of others to be completed. Primary among the list is the staining to the rails and decking at the PYC. If you have an interest in becoming part of this team, send me an email and I will add you to the list. It is a great group of people who have had a huge impact on maintaining the PYC over the years. Come help us and increase your ownership in what happens at PYC.

The flowers at PYC have been a great addition over the past few years. Jacqui Spinney has been making this happen, to the enjoyment of all. She needs some help from the rest of us to continue to make this happen. Please take a look at her message on page 5 of this newsletter and consider taking on the task of maintaining the flowers for a week during the summer season. Its always rewarding to see the beauty of well maintained gardens. Feel rewarded and help add to everyone's experience at the PYC this season.

I hope you all have had fun this past winter but now it is time to enjoy all that PYC has to offer.

New Member Orientation
and Pot Luck Dinner
Wednesday, May 11
Bring a dish to share and welcome
our new members to the club!
(no charge)

To attend an event
sign up at the club
or contact Jerry
603.436.9877

Steward@PortsmouthYC.org



WND catered by
Las Olas Taqueria!
Wednesday, May 18
Details to come!

Memorial Day Breakfast
Monday, May 30
Prepared by
Nancy and John Pappas &
Marilyn and David Wajda
Details to come!



Pot Luck Dinner
Wednesday, May 25
Please join us for a casual evening with
wonderful food brought from your kitchens to share.
(no charge)

LOOKING FOR HELP WITH OUR CLUB FLOWERS

This year we are looking to make some changes in how we organize the gardening tasks. In order to plant and maintain vibrant flowers we need more help from club volunteers. Please sign up for one of the following maintenance and flower options:

1. Memorial Day Hanging Basket donation (red/white/blue).
2. Memorial Day Flowers in a Small or Medium Pot (red/white/blue).
3. Small Tarp donation - to keep the dirt on the tarp and not on the deck.
4. Maintenance of flowers for one week blocks:

JUNE/JULY

- June 26-July 2nd
- July 3-July 9th
- July 10-July 16th
- July 17-23rd
- July 24-July 30th

AUGUST

- July 31-August 6
- August 7-August 13
- August 14-August 20
- August 21-August 27
- August 28-September 3

The goal is to enjoy the flowers as they flourish and grow. In order to do this we need weekly gardeners to deadhead and water.

Please sign up to volunteer by emailing me:
Jacqui VH Spinney | jvhspin@gmail.com



Save the Date

for another fun

PYC Dinghy Safari

hosted by

Jean and Dave Richard.

Saturday, June 18

Details are still being worked out. We will let you know when the destination is finalized!



**2nd ANNUAL
THORNTON CUP RAFT UP
Sunday, June 26**

Time: Meet at the Shoals about 11:00 am to whenever!

Raft up in Gosport Harbor and have potluck onboard or lunch at the Star Island Grill. Bring a dinghy to visit the other raft ups, use the Star Island launch, the *Tom Dudley*, to visit the island.

Roy Briscoe | roysail@hotmail.com



**Save the Date
for the 24th Annual
CHALLENGERS CUP REGATTA
Sunday, September 18**

Hosted by Portsmouth Yacht Club and
One Sky Community Services.

Our guests look forward to this event
all year and it is a great cause to support!

More details will be in future newsletters.

Find out more on our website [Here](#).

**BoatUS
Membership
Renewals:**

PYC is a Group Member of BoatUS, Group Number GA81490Y. Any PYC member planning to join for the first time or renewing a membership in BoatUS may obtain a 50% discount by referencing this Group Number on the application or renewal form.



PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB'S
OPENING NIGHT DINNER DANCE
JOIN US FOR A
SOCK HOP!

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

6:00 PM COCKTAILS
7:00 PM DINNER

FOLLOWED BY MUSIC AND
SPECIAL TREATS!

\$ 50 PER PERSON

DINNER:

- ICEBERG LETTUCE WEDGES WITH THOUSAND ISLAND OR BLUE CHEESE/BACON DRESSING

CHOICE OF:

- BEEF MEATLOAF WITH MAC & CHEESE
- CHICKEN CROQUETTES WITH GRAVY AND MASHED POTATOES

BOTH SERVED WITH GREEN BEANS

DESSERT:

**STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE
WITH REAL WHIPPED CREAM AND POUND CAKE**

**COME IN YOUR FAVORITE SOCK HOP CLOTHES OR YOUR
BEST PROM KING AND QUEEN ATTIRE!**

**SIGN UP BY MAY 7TH - AT THE CLUB OR
CONTACT JERRY | 603.436.9877
STEWARD@PORTSMOUTHYC.ORG**

**FOR SEATING REQUESTS, PLEASE CONTACT:
ANN MOWERS | 603.436.0066**

**HOSTED BY: ELLEN BLANCHARD, SONI CHRISTENSEN,
LAURIE CLARK, MAGGIE FOGEL, NANCY GULLEY,
NANCY JACKSON, VANDA MOORE AND ANN MOWERS**





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