# PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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## From the Bridge
## Commodore Nancy Gulley

Can you believe it? This is the June newsletter and tonight we might have frost. Don't despair – I heard that we are going to have an unbelievably hot summer because of some change in El Niño – think positive.

A lot has been going on at the club the past month. The kitchen is done, the dock house is almost completed, the deck is stained, and the events have begun. I hope you have had the opportunity to attend some of the early events. The Kentucky Derby Party was amazing – take a minute and look at the pictures on our website. I bet you never knew so many women had beautiful hats and men had seersucker suits! Thank you so much Laurie Clark for spearheading the event and for taking over the position as the head of the Ladies Committee. What do you all think? Do it again next year????? Saturday night was the Opening Dinner Dance - something new and different a "Sock Hop" theme that was so much fun. The decorations were great, the food was 50's diner style, the music was amazing and the late evening snacks of "Twinkies", "HoHo's" and "Ding Dongs" ended the evening with a lot of nostalgia. A special thank you to the committee that put the Sock Hop together - Maggie Fogel, Soni Christensen, Laurie Clark, Nancy Jackson, Ann Mowers, Ellen Blanchard, and Maggie Kennedy.

Now let's take a minute to talk about **YOUR** club. There are always things that need to be done. Remember that this is a club with almost exclusive volunteer/member work. If you have a skill that could be used by the House and Docks Committee, contact R/C Dick Blidberg. If you like doing events, cooking, cleaning, working in the Ships Store, or hosting a dinner call V/C Dan Gingras. If you just are not sure what you can do, but know you would like to help in some way, please give me a call. I am sure we can find an area for you to work in.

We have a lot of new staff this year – take a minute and introduce yourself. Everyone is looking forward to a wonderful summer. Let's show them how lucky they are to be working at PYC.

There are a lot of great new events coming up in the next few weeks . Take a minute and look at the events page then call our Steward, Jerry Goldfarb at 603-436-9877 to sign up, or sign up at the club.

I cannot wait to see you all and start enjoying the summer.

See you soon, Nanc
Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org | 603.431.9252

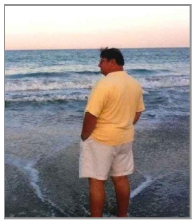
**Don't forget to check out the PYC website!**

**PortsmouthYC.org**

**Some of the things you will find are:**

- **Check the CALENDAR for up-to-date information. Click on an event for more details.**
- **See the 2016 Staff on the STAFF page**
- **Keep up with PHOTOS of events.**
- **Find any forms you need in DOCUMENTS and LISTS.**

### In Memoriam



Past Commodore and Life member Ed Wright, Jr passed away on April 21, 2016 at his home in Vero Beach, Florida. Ed and his wife Judy joined PYC in 1990. They moved to Florida in retirement. Our condolences to Judy and their family.

Past Commodore Jim Labrie passed away on April 30, 2016 in Portsmouth. Jim and his wife Ellen had recently rejoined PYC after and absence. Our condolences to Ellen and their family.

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

If you missed the opening "sock hop" you missed one of the best events at PYC in years. It was a blast, and people really rocked the night away. The decorations were absolutely amazing and the committee outdid itself with completely changing the way the club looked. Our open bar was a hit, and the music really brought back memories for a lot of people.

*The Ladies Committee hosted a Kentucky Derby Party on Sat, May 7!*

The season started with a bell, the bell of the opening of the Kentucky Derby, which attracted more than 100 people to the club for an afternoon of absolutely fabulous food and an exciting view of the horse-race. The Ladies Committee did an absolutely fantastic job of creating a wonderful, exciting event with everyone getting a random chance to have a horse in the race. Unfortunately I didn't win (although my wife Phyllis had the winning pick). The food was absolutely fantastic, highlighting the talents of many PYC members.

We had a very successful New Members Orientation pot luck dinner on the 11th, and Wednesday the 18th has us hosting a (late) Cinco de Mayo celebration with food provided by Los Olas, which should be fantastic since they use locally grown produce, including produce form Blueberry Bay Farms by our own Laurence family, and their focus on healthy should be very interesting.

The 25 is an open pot luck, and the month is finished off with the Memorial Day Breakfast by John & Nancy Pappas and David & Marilyn Wajda. We've got an exciting summer planned, and it's already off to a great start with several fabulous events which everyone enjoyed.

As always, please feel free to contact me with ideas… or even better VOLUNTEER!!!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 30 (M) Memorial Day Breakfast**

**Your hosts for June are**
**Lois Laurence and Beverly Conway**

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| **June 1 (W)** | **Pizza Party - *New this year!*** |
| **June 5 (SU)** | **Pre-Cruise Pot Luck Dinner** |
| **June 8 (W)** | **Steward's Chicken Dinner Plus a presentation by Dudley Dudley: *How Aristotle Onassis Lost the NH Seacoast*** |
| **June 17 (F)** | **Lobster Bake** |
| **June 18 (S)** | **Dinghy Safari to BG's Boat House** |
| **June 22 (W)** | **Hot Dog Safari** |
| **June 24 (F)** | **Shucks it's Friday** |
| **June 26 (SU)** | **Thornton Memorial Raft-Up at Isles of Shoals** |
| **June 29 (W)** | **Lasagna Dinner** |

### PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

**6/2 (TH), 6/6 (M), 6/16 (TH), 6/20 (M), 6/23 (TH), 6/30 (TH)**
***Members, please use outside walkway***

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

May is here and there already have been a number of events at the PYC. Jerry has done a great job getting the house looking great. The season is underway. A number of pre-season activities have allowed a number of changes to the club to be completed. We have finally given the decks a new look. Much thanks to Jerry & Mike as well as Mike Coffey and Dan Gingras who have helped to beautify the decking. We still need to complete the railings. If you have some time, let me know and we can put you to work. The dock house is on the verge of being completed. If you are at the club, go take a look at the changes. Craig Strehl as well as a number of other folks have done a great job to give the dock house a necessary uplift. The fuel dock is up and running and waiting for all of you to take advantage of the resource to fill your boats with fuel for the upcoming adventures you have planned.

*At the Hop! The PYC Opening Dinner Dance Sock Hop .*

There is still much to be done. Now that the weather is almost "summer-like" you should all be seeing activity around the house and docks. The staff is undertaking a number of training activities and will soon be "the best' in the area. All we need now is a bit of warmer weather to get the boating season underway.

I have had a number of questions about the slip waiting list and locker assignments. If you have any questions or concerns of your own, please email me directly and I will try to find answers for you.

## JUST IN CASE YOU FORGOT……

**Members and Guests**

**A member (includes family membership) may invite up to 6 additional guests to utilize the facilities of Portsmouth Yacht club. Members may not reserve tables or other areas prior to their arrival at the club except for club functions, and then only after noon on the day of the event. Use of the club facilities is strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. Members wanting to hold private events shall conform to the rules pertaining to the rental of the club for private parties.**

**Clubhouse Rental**

**When not being used for a club function or club sponsored function, the clubhouse is available for private parties on Mondays. It is also available on Thursdays except in July and August. Application by a member for such use shall be made on the official application form and presented together with the rental fee to the Vice Commodore for approval. In the absence of the Vice Commodore action shall be taken by the Board of Directors. Applications for times other than Mondays or Thursdays will require board approval. The application form lists current rental fees and regulations for the use of the clubhouse.**

## Memorial Day Breakfast

Monday, May 30

9:00 am to 10:15 am

Prepared by Nancy & John Pappas,
Marilyn & David Wajda and crew.

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Creamed Beef & Biscuits
Corned Beef, Hash, Granola Cereal, Yogurt,
Fresh Fruit, English Muffins
Bloody Marys, Juice, Coffee, Tea

$8 pp, children under 10 free

## Pizza Party!

Wednesday, June 1

New this year!

Join us for Pizza, Fresh Garden Salad, Beer and Ice Cream.

$10 pp

Sign up at the club
or contact Jerry
603.436.9877
Steward@PortsmouthYC.org

## Stewards Chicken Dinner

Prepared by Jerry and crew.
Wednesday, June 8; $23

Shrimp Cocktail, Cocktail Meatballs
Cheese & Crackers, Mini Rye w/ Smoked Salmon

Grilled Marinated Chicken Breast
Corn on the Cob, Watermelon
Avocado salad, Soba Noodle Salad
Ice Cream

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Followed by a presentation by Dudley Dudley:

## How Aristotle Onassis Lost the NH Seacoast

Supertankers that would dwarf Lunging Island? The world's largest oil refinery ever on Great Bay? Requirements of 6,000 gallons of fresh water a minute? All part of the plan of the world's richest man, NH's governor and the editor of NH's only statewide newspaper. But a band of Seacoast citizens thought differently. Hear the story from Dudley Dudley, state legislator at the time.

## Lobster Bake
Prepared by the Propellor Club
Friday, June 17; $ TBD

2 Lobsters with all the trimmings!

Sign up at the club
or contact Jerry
603.436.9877
Steward@PortsmouthYC.org

## Hot Dog Safari
Wednesday, June 22; $10
Hot Dogs and Sausages
w/ 30 different toppings.
Potato Salad, Beans, Pasta Salad
Klondike Bars for Dessert!

## Lasagna Dinner
Prepared by Jerry and crew
Wednesday, June 29 $20 pp
Appetizers
Salad
Lasagna
Dessert

## Shucks it's Friday!
Friday, June 24 $28 pp

Shrimp, Oysters and Cherrystones
Haddock au Gratin
Barbecued Pork Roast
Green Salad, Potato Salad
Blueberry Pie

## With Music by the Serfs!

A unique group which combines traditional world music with 50s/60s style instrumental rock.

Check out some of their music here:
The Serfs

*The Serfs*

*Wood End Light, Provincetown*

*Brant Point Light, Nantucket*

## Attention all Cruisers:

**The Pre Cruise Dinner will be held at PYC on Sunday June 5, 2016.**

**Cocktails and appetizers will be at 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm.**

**The dinner will be pot luck.**

**Please bring a dish to share – either an appetizer, main dish, salad, or dessert.**

**RSVP to Ken Jones @ kmjdory@comcast.net**

**Please also let me know whether you will be bringing an appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert.**

## DINGHY SAFARI to BG's Boat House

hosted by
Jean and Dave Richard.
Saturday, June 18

**Order lunch off the MENU.**

**We will leave the PYC Dock at noon.**

**PLEASE sign up by Thursday, June 16, so that we have a count for our reservation.**

## 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 Dates for Upcoming Events

**July 4 (M)** July 4th BBQ with music by the Mango Groove Steel Band

**July 14 (W)** Southern Pulled Pork Dinner Prepared by Joe & Cathy Nadeau and their crew.

**July 20 (W)** Bastille Day + 7 Prepared by Gordon & Patty Hand and their Crew.

**July 27 (W)** Asian Dinner | Restaurant TBA

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## Local Events of Interest

**July 3 (SU)** City of Portsmouth Fireworks

**Aug 10 (W)** Parade of Sail

**Aug 10 - 14** Sail Portsmouth
Find out more at SailPortsmouth.org