

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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From the Bridge Commodore Nancy Gulley



Isn't it hard to believe that we are already in the downward swing of summer? Some of you are heading off on the cruise, some are heading up the mountains to cool off, and the rest of us are staying put and enjoying the wonders of the NH seacoast.

A lot is happening at the club this month. Two events organized by Paul Roy and you all know what that means. Great food and fun entertainment. I personally recommend Scott Kirby at the end of August. Jerry and I have seen him (if you are a Jimmy Buffet fan Scott and Jimmy perform a lot together). He is so much fun, so make sure your reservation gets in quickly. Take a few minutes and look over the schedule as changes happen and I am sure you will not want to miss a fun event. Check the [Club Calendar](#) on our website to keep up with the latest details.

This month we will be saying goodbye to a number of our staff as they all head off to college. The Staff Appreciation dinner is this month, so plan on a great dinner by Scott Blidberg and his crew and remember the gift box will be on the bar for all your generous gifts for the staff.

You all know what that means when we start losing staff...help in the kitchen, help on the docks and cooperation all around. We have done this before but this year my hope is that we all can offer to help where you see a need.



Enjoying the Deck

I could go on and on in this report but I know if you have any questions you can give me a call, send an email, or chat at the club.

Happy summer, Nanc | Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org |

In Memoriam

Whit Saidla passed away on June 23, 2016. Whit was a member of the Portsmouth Yacht Club since 1978. Sailing meant the world to Whit, having raced numerous times to Bermuda and spending many months sailing *Pyewacket* in the Caribbean with his family. Whether it be traveling to his favorite spots in France, applying his scientific mind in the kitchen or the laboratory, or pursuing his passion for sailing, Whit lived his life to the fullest!

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM Sunday, July 31, 2016 at the South Church, 292 State Street, Portsmouth. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have received 1 new application for membership:

Kathleen and Daniel Casperson, sponsored by Joan Nickell and Leonard Seagren, have lived in Portsmouth for the last 27 years and have three grown boys. Kathleen grew up in Portsmouth and Daniel is from San Francisco. Daniel is an avid fisherman and they both enjoy being on the water. Daniel is CTO of a Portsmouth technology company and Kathleen, a nurse, is in the Medical arena in the Portsmouth area. They have a Boston Whaler, and look forward to celebrating and entertaining on the PYC deck.

The latest Wait List may be found on our website:

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Your hosts for August are
Kay & Bill Wagner, Ellen Blanchard, Priscilla Lent

Aug 3 (W) Special Greek Night Dinner.....\$25
(see pg 5)

Aug 12 (F) Friday Night at the Club\$25
(see pg. 5)

Aug 17 (W) Staff Appreciation Night
Steak Dinner.....\$25
(see pg 5)

Aug 26 (F) Friday Caribbean Night.....\$30
(see pg. 6)

Aug 28 (SU) Past Commodores Cocktail Party
Appetizers and Open Bar....\$25
(see pg.6)

Aug 31 (W) Pizza Party....\$10

Sept 2 (F) Friday Night at the Club
Pot Luck w/ DJ entertainment...\$15
(see pg 6)

LOCAL ACTIVITES OF INTEREST

July 31 (S) ROUND ISLAND REGATTA
www.roundislandregatta.com

Aug 10 - 14 SAIL PORTSMOUTH

Aug 10 (W) PARADE of SAIL
Join the Parade on your own boat or
watch it from the club
www.sailportsmouth.org

PLANNING AHEAD

Sept 5 (M) Labor Day Breakfast

LUNCH IS SERVED

Lunches are available at the club
on Wednesday thru Saturday.

Breakfast is available on Saturdays.

(Donation to the club)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is seeking members interested in being nominated for a Board of Directors position, particularly anyone interested in serving as a Flag Officer. You must be a member for at least 2 years, and it will require you to commit to AT LEAST one Thursday night per month for board meetings.

If you are interested please contact Dan Gingras (dan@dangingras.net), Chairman of the nominating committee.

Don't forget to check out the PYC website! PortsmouthYC.org

Some of the things you may find are:

- The latest [Newsletter](#), as well as past issues.
- Check the [Calendar](#) for up to date information: click on an event and find out more details.
- [Photos](#) of events.
- The 2016 Staff on the [Staff](#) page



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

WOW... where is the summer going. We've only spent one night on LIONHEART, going to York for July 3rd! It just seems to be speeding by.

June was another GREAT month with a fantastic pot luck dinner on the 15th and a great lobster bake. Shucks it's Friday by Paul Roy was another great event and I particularly enjoyed the lasagna dinner and the Nadeau's pulled pork dinner. All of these events exemplify the great inclusive spirit of our great members, who worked hard to provide great events for the rest of the members. This is a great club where members work hard to make things great. Speaking of great, I'm pleased to say that my MAYDAY of last month for the closing dinner touched Kathleen Drew, who's agreed to head the event. Thank you!

This month looks like it will be equally fantastic, with a number of great events scheduled including Bastille Day dinner on the 20th of July, COMEDY NIGHT on the 22nd of July (a fun week!) with Jackie Flynn, with Paul Roy doing his wonderful stuff in the kitchen with Ribs, Brisket and Beer Can Chicken. August has some great events as well, with John Pappas' GREEK NIGHT on the 3rd (oooh, baklava!!) and the singer Lisa Guyer (*from the band **Mama Kicks** - the #1 Party band according to NH Magazine*) on Friday August 12th with Paul Roy cooking again. The 17th is Staff appreciation night, and I'm hoping that we'll all be there to express our thanks to the wonderful staff we've had this year. I'm amazed at all the hard work I see every day from them, and it's only right to thank them appropriately, plus it will be a great steak dinner

The month finishes with Scott Kirby, who often opens for Jimmy Buffet and promises to be really exciting on the 26th with another Paul Roy meal. And the Past Commodore's Cocktail Party will take place on the 28th. The month closes with another Pizza Party (change from the original schedule) on the 31st of August.

I also want to thank my wife Phyllis Breitman for the donation of the wonderful DORY flower box mounted on the dock house. It's the perfect nautical accent and fits beautifully.

Thanks to all of you who have made PYC a great place this year, helping with events, fixing things, improving the facilities and generally making PYC the wonderful place it is.

A couple of reminders---

- **TABLE RESERVATIONS:** Table reservations cannot be made until NOON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. **This is a long standing club rule.**
- **PARKING LOT:** Members should only park ONE CAR WITH A STICKER in the parking lot. If you have two cars, please PARK ONE ON THE STREET. If you have any suggestions about making the place better, please feel free to seek me out and let me know.



Bastille Day Decorations

Save the Date

December 10th 2016

Formal Christmas Gala

This year at

The Wentworth Country Club





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

Hi all. I hope you have been taking advantage of the PYC activities and facilities during this wonderful season. Clearly, summer is here. Not much to report this month as a lot of the planned changes to the club have been completed but there are still a few things you will notice over the next few weeks. The long awaited Dinghy Dock extension is being completed and we expect delivery by the end of July. This is a necessary addition to the float system at PYC as the number of dinghies at the current dock has grown to a point where crowding is inevitable. This new float should alleviate that problem.

Along with the Dinghy Dock extension, the Board has approved the replacement of the final nine pilings which support the dock floats at PYC. This is to be completed early in 2017. As you have seen, the piling replacement has been underway for a number of years. These last nine pilings will complete the planned process of upgrading the piling system which started quite a few years ago. The new pilings will be around for many years ahead and provide a robust dock system for PYC boats.

Also on the docks, new Emergency Safety Ladders have been purchased. These ladders are not to be used on a regular basis but will be available for those times when we must have a way to get someone out of the water. Two of these ladders have been ordered and are expected to arrive at PYC on or about July 18th. Once here, we will install them. One will be on the face of the dock. The other on the inside of the finger slips.

The staff has been working to make your time at the club more enjoyable. As you can see, the new staff members are quickly becoming quite skilled with the launches. I hope you all are making sure you thank them for their services to you and the club.



Another beautiful sunset at PYC

Beyond these activities, there are still a number of things that were planned to be finished this summer. We will continue to work on the list but right now, I hope you are all enjoying the Clubhouse and Docks. The weather has certainly cooperated of late and it looks like it will continue. Have fun this season and enjoy the PYC.

Special Greek Night Dinner

Prepared by John & Nancy Pappas and Crew

Wednesday, August 3; \$25 pp

Extensive Greek Appetizers

Greek Tomato Salad

Marinated & Grilled Beef & Lamb Kabobs

Spanakopita (Spinach Pie)

Greek Style Green Beans

Pastichio (Greek Style Lasagna)

Roasted Potatoes w/ oil & lemon

Rice Pilaf

Baklava



Sign up at the club or contact Jerry :

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Friday Night at the Club

Friday, August 12; \$30 pp

Prepared by Paul & Martha Roy and Crew

Featuring entertainment by
Singer Lisa Guyer,
from the band Mama Kicks,
the #1 Party Band according
to NH Magazine!

Appetizers

Roast Beef

Baked Potato

Vegetable Lasagna

Apple Pie and Ice Cream

Staff Appreciation Night

Prepared by Scott Blidberg and Crew

Wednesday, August 17; \$25 pp

Join us to celebrate
our great PYC Staff!

Green Salad

Steak

Baked Potato

Asparagus

Brownie Sundae

Caribbean Night

Friday, August 26; \$25 pp

Seafood Casserole,
Pork Roast,
Shrimp, Mussels
Artichoke Parmesan
Pecan Pie & Ice Cream

Featuring Scott Kirby,
who often performs with Jimmy Buffet!
Click here to listen to Scott singing
"Lucky Enough"

Skott Kirby



PAST COMMODORES COCKTAIL PARTY

Sunday, August 28; 5 - 7 pm; \$25 pp

Delicious Appetizers, Open Bar!

Join us to welcome our
Past Commodores!

Coat and Tie for Gentlemen, please!



Pizza Party

Wednesday, August 31; \$10 pp
Pizza and Fresh Salad!

Friday Night at the Club

Pot Luck w/ DJ Rob McCombie

hosted by Kay and Bill Wagner

Friday, Sept. 2 \$15 pp

Begin the Labor Day Weekend
with your friends at PYC! Bring a dish
to share and your dancing shoes!