

# PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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From the Bridge  
Commodore David Wajda



I want to thank all the members and guests who attended the first event of the 2017 season: the New Year's Day Brunch. The meal was tasty and bountiful and Grill 28 provided the best Bloody Mary's to warm our spirits. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying PYC friendships and camaraderie. I hope we will be able to carry this enthusiasm and participation at all our planned events.

As the season begins, I want to thank the Board of Directors for their trust and support this season as your Commodore. I wish to express my gratitude to my fellow Flag Officers, Glenn Michael and PC Mike Coffey, who have willingly accepted the responsibilities associated with their positions of Vice and Rear Commodores. I believe we have a great mixture of talents, experiences and personalities that will continue to serve the best interests of our members and PYC.



There has been a lot of activity going on behind the scenes that is important to the maintenance and operation of the Club. We distributed a tentative Schedule of Events at the Brunch and the final version is almost complete. There is an ongoing float repair project being conducted by the Rear as well as discussions regarding the repairs for the screen porch, window replacement on the upper windows of the function room and discussions regarding the launch. A comprehensive mooring study has been conducted by Board member Roy Briscoe for the 2017 season, with repair recommendations and cost associated with those repairs. I will leave staffing for next month.

It seems the next topic is an ongoing issue every year – our member's participation. It is twofold: volunteering to organize and help at an event and attending an event. Last year there was an improvement in the volunteering but a drop off in attendance. I hope that the volunteers keep on coming – just check with a Flag Officer or Board Member and they will assist you getting involved at any level or experience you wish. Our Club is run by volunteerism – so get involved, it makes PYC stronger.

We are all hoping for a great 2017 season – we have a wonderful Schedule of Events and all I ask is that you take part and enjoy what PYC has to offer. See you at the March Dinner!

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have received 2 new applications for membership or reinstatement:

- ★ **Paul and Donna Urbanek** of Concord, NH, sponsored by Randy and Ellen Bryan and Gordon Hand. Paul and Donna have three children. Paul is an Orthopedic Surgeon. Donna is a Nurse Anesthetist. They own a home in New Castle and have enjoyed sailing for over 30 years. They are avid sailors and currently have a 35' sailboat named Celerity, moored in Little Harbor. They have already co-hosted one event at PYC, have attended several other events, and are looking forward to contributing to PYC events and enjoying the casual nature of the club.
  
- ★ **Alexander Choquette and Claudia Bedoya** of North Hampton, NH, sponsored by Mark Fodero and John Samonas. Alexander is President of Anchor Management in North Hampton. Alexander has been an avid boater for over 35 years. Both he and Claudia enjoy boating and the water. They have been to PYC several times as guests and are looking forward to helping wherever possible.

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## IN MEMORIAM



PYC Life Member Barbara Wright passed away on Friday, December 30, 2016. Barbie and her husband, P/C Art Wright, have been PYC members since 1978. She was also the sister of former member P/C Fred Pettigrew. Barbie was sweet, kind, gentle and always had a smile for others. She very much enjoyed sitting at the club reading while Art worked on club projects. Our condolences to Art and their family.



Former member and Past Commodore Jeff Marple passed away on Friday, January 20, 2017. Jeff and his wife Sylvia have been New Castle residents since 1966. He was an avid fisherman and loved to chase tuna at Jeffrey's Ledge, troll for bluefish or find Stripers chasing bait. Our condolences to Sylvia and their family.

Simeon Peter "Sam" Jarvis, father of PYC member Jill Jarvis, passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2017. Sam lived and worked his whole life in Portsmouth in the family's restaurant business. Our condolences to the Jarvis family.

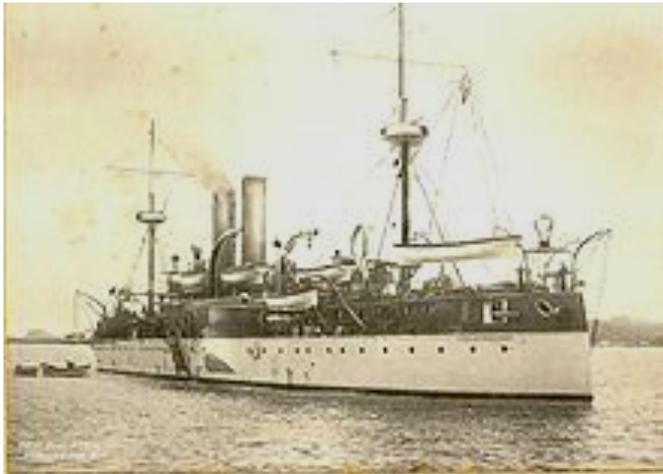
Pauline Tucker, mother of PYC member Anne Coffey and mother-in-law of Rear Commodore Mike Coffey, passed away on Sunday February 12, 2017. Our condolences to the Anne, Mike and their family.

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From the Vice Commodore | Glenn Michael | [Mail Glenn](#)

Welcome to 2017 and to another great year at the Portsmouth Yacht Club! The officers and your Board of Directors are working hard during the off season to ensure a fantastic and fun summer that is ahead of us.



*USS Maine*

Since this is our 119<sup>th</sup> year, I thought I would look back a bit. In 1898 William McKinley was the President and Garret Hobart was the Vice President. This is the year that the USS Maine blew up in Havana Harbor, an event which precipitated the start of the Spanish American War. In July Teddy Roosevelt led the charge up San Juan Hill, capturing the San Juan Heights near Santiago de Cuba. This is also the year when the City of New York made a massive land grab and divided the now bigger city into the boroughs of Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx, and Staten Island.

Planning is complete for our March event with speaker to be held at the Portsmouth Country Club. The date is March 25, 2017 and the speaker is Capt. Laurel Seaborn, a maritime archaeologist and sailing ship captain. Her presentation will be "Captains' Wives: Women At Sea in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century" (see page 6 for details).

I want to thank our hosts, the Goldbergs and the Wellers, for all of their work to plan this event. It should be a wonderful evening and as a bonus, winter will be over!

On May 6 we are planning another Kentucky Derby Cocktail Party at the club. It will be hosted by the Ladies Committee, and I have to say that last year was GREAT, so please get over to the club for the Derby...post time is about 6:30 PM (1830), but the fun starts well before that. Also, the opening dinner dance will be on May 13, so plan your calendars accordingly.

I want to thank all of the members who have provided me with valuable input concerning the club and how to make it the best that we can be. As we embark into the year of 2017 I wish everyone the best, and after surviving the winter, please think about being active in YOUR yacht club.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- MARCH**     **SPRING DINNER/SPEAKER EVENT**  
*(see pg 6)*
- APRIL 8 (S)**     **DOCKS IN and POT LUCK LUNCH**
- MAY 6 (S)**     **KENTUCKY DERBY COCKTAIL PARTY**  
*Sponsored by the Ladies Committee*
- MAY 13 (S)**     **OPENING DINNER DANCE**  
*Details to come!*

Don't forget to check out the PYC website!  
[PortsmouthYC.org](http://PortsmouthYC.org)

Some of the things you will find are:

- [Contact email for Flag Officers and Directors](#)
- [PYC Calendar with latest event news](#)



From the Rear Commodore | Mike Coffey | ([Mail Mike](mailto:Mike@PortsmouthYC.org))

The beginning of the new year brings new projects and lots of work to get the club up and running. I have been busy getting a handle on what needs to be done before we open this spring. The House and Docks crew have completed many projects, and we all thank them for their hard work. I will work towards defining future projects and maintenance plans with the help from our Past Rear Commodore, Dick Blidberg. We have a great group of volunteers that works tirelessly to keep the club running, and I sincerely hope they all are willing to continue serving. I will be scheduling a meeting shortly. The club is always looking for volunteers. If you would like to join the House and Docks Crew, please let me know. Docks In is scheduled for April 8, stay tuned for more information.

I have proposed the following projects for the upcoming year:

- Replace the fence around the dumpster. The fencing is in bad shape and needs to be replaced which will require town approval. My vision is to use a fencing material that complements the building and the neighborhood.
- The flag pole is in need of repair.
- Install new railing caps on pier railing.
- The siding near the kitchen door and grilling area is damaged and needs to be replaced.
- Complete the siding work on the dock house.
- Replace or repair the front porch screen enclosure.
- Upgrade the propane supply system to the grills and lobster cooker.
- Install new heat shields in the grilling area.
- Fuel system maintenance.
- Complete the piling replacements.



*R/C Mike Coffey at work.*

These are just a few of the projects we need to address.

The first order of business is to replace the badly worn hardware on the docks. I have begun this work and may be calling on the H&D crew members to assist. Please keep in mind that all projects will require my approval. The more extensive projects will need the Board of Directors approval.

I am looking forward to the upcoming season and serving as your Rear Commodore. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, feel free to contact me at

[RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org](mailto:RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org)

## SAVE THE DATE

*The Ladies Committee is planning our  
2nd Kentucky Derby Cocktail Party on Saturday, May 6th at 5pm.*



*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!*

### CRUISE NEWS | Ken Jones

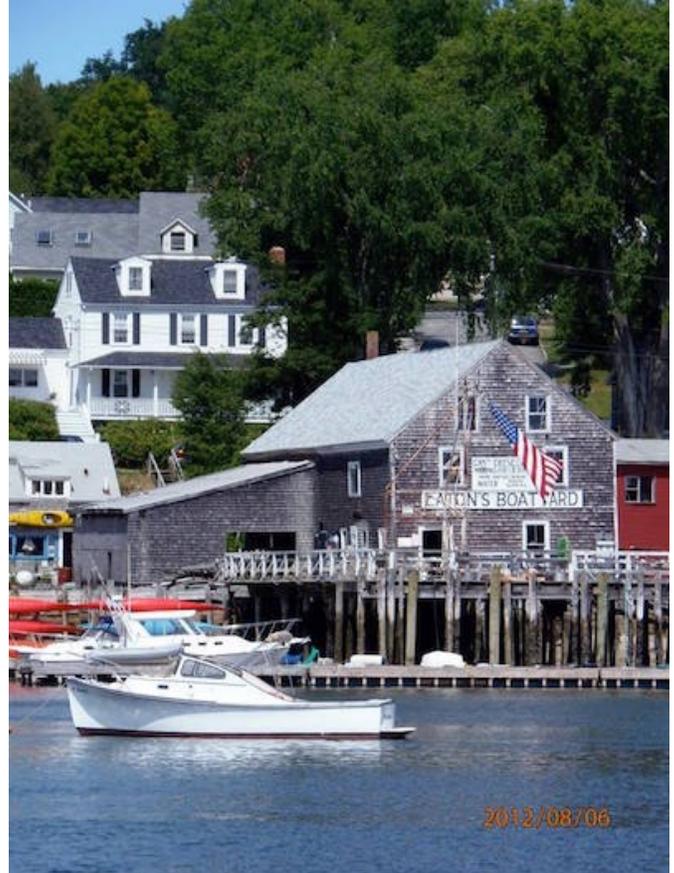
The 2017 Cruise Schedule can be found below. Members, friends, and wait list are all welcome to join the cruise.

If you are interested in joining the cruise, please contact me at:

[kmjdory@comcast.net](mailto:kmjdory@comcast.net) or 603-868-1770

#### Ports of Call - 2017 Cruise

8/4 (F)	Orrs-Bailey Yacht Club	53.9 nm
8/5 (S)	Boothbay Harbor	30.0 nm
8/6 (SU)	Rockland Harbor	24.7 nm
8/7-8/8 (M/T)	Belfast Harbor	18.9 nm
8/9-8/10 (W/TH)	Castine	10.0 nm
8/11 (F)	Bucks Harbor	18.9 nm
8/12 (S)	Mackerel Cove	13.6 nm
8/13-8/15 (SU/M/T)	Southwest Harbor	12.0 nm
8/16 (W)	Frenchboro, Lunt Hbr	10.9 nm
8/17 (TH)	Camp Island	12.4 nm
8/18 (F)	Pulpit Harbor	13.8 nm
8/19 (S)	Rockland Harbor	8.7 nm



Eaton's Boat Yard, Castine, ME



## PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB'S SPRING DINNER/SPEAKER EVENT Saturday, March 25, 2017

at the PORTSMOUTH COUNTRY CLUB, 80 COUNTRY CLUB LANE, GREENLAND, NH  
6 PM Cocktails (Cash Bar); 7 PM Dinner; 8 PM Guest Speaker: Capt. Laurel Seaborn

Buffet Dinner includes:

Tortellini a La Vodka with Baby Spinach; Sole Oscar with Asparagus and Crab Meat;  
Carved Roast Tenderloin Au Jus; (more details to come!)

*Hosted by Paul & Mary Beth Goldberg, Whit & Chris Weller*

Cost: \$39 per person. To sign up, please contact  
Chris Weller | [cyweller@comcast.net](mailto:cyweller@comcast.net) (preferred) | 603.772.8455

*Our Speaker will be Captain Laurel Seaborn, presenting:  
**Captains Wives: Women at Sea in the 19th Century,**  
an in-depth look at the women who went to sea in the  
nineteenth century.*

During the 19th century, when women chose to go to sea in sailing ships, they contributed as nurses, nannies and navigators, and in extreme cases took command of the ship. Their journals describe the objects built or brought on board specifically for them. Besides the beds, chairs, and parlor organs that might be found during an archaeological excavation of a shipwreck, their personal possessions such as jewelry, sewing kits and children's toys would also convey evidence of how the culture on ships changed with a woman's presence. The investigation of these artifacts, as clues into the lives of these seafaring women, is part of Captain Seaborn's ongoing PhD research at the University of New Hampshire.

*To find out more about Laurel [click here](#).*

