

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge Commodore David Wajda



This is my last *View from the Bridge* and I am using my closing remarks from the annual meeting once again to express my thanks to all our volunteers this year.

This past season has gone by rather quickly. I must admit, however, there were a times that it seemed it would never end. It was those times that my fellow Flags and our Board of Directors worked together to resolve issues that always had the best interest of the Portsmouth Yacht Club in their decisions and direction. We did have a great season and we will continue to have many more if we all continue to work together.

I want to give special thanks to my Vice Commodore Glenn Michael and Rear Commodore Michael Coffey for their support this season. They both did a wonderful job in handling their assigned duties that required many thankless hours behind the scenes. To the Board of Directors, especially those who will be leaving – PC Nancy Gulley, Captains Justin Gray and C. Anthony Young who resigned, for their time and service to the operation and oversight of our Club.

There are many Committees that the Club depends on for assistance. For brevity, I will only name a few but I want to thank them all for their support. The Social Committee chaired by VC Glenn Michael was responsible for establishing our social calendar for the season including monthly sponsors and member run dinners. The House and Docks Committee chaired by RC Michael Coffee for completing various projects that helped with updating and maintaining our facility. The Nominating Committee chaired by PC Nancy Gulley who are responsible to provide potential candidates to fill positions on the Board of Directors and Membership Committee that are the mainstays of our management and control. The Chandlery Team, namely the “Ship’s Store” was managed by Capt. Paulette Semprini and did a tremendous job bringing in new items for purchase which brought outstanding sales for the season. Next year, tracking the inventory will be easier once items are placed in our computer payment system. I would be remiss if I did not mention the Ladies Committee for their continuous and energetic service and support to the club.

A special thanks to PC Christina Weller for her tireless effort and dedication to the monthly newsletter and all the “E-Mail” notices and reminders, as well as keeping the PYC website current with up to the minute information. Not only does she have to track down the Flag Officers for input, which is a task, but all the various events and updates that are important to the members.

It was an honor and pleasure to serve as your Commodore for the 2017. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Holiday Season - plus a Happy New Year!!

David Wajda | 603.501.0858 ([email David](mailto:David@portsmouthyachtclub.com))

PYC 2018 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Flag Officers

Commodore..... Glenn Michael
 Vice Commodore..... Pat Dowey**
 Rear Commodore..... Wes Smith**
 Treasurer (appointed) Doyle Skeels
 Secretary (appointed) Carole Cartnick

Board of Directors

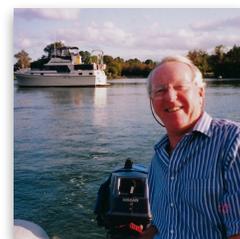
Scott Blidberg**
 Roy Briscoe
 Laurie Clark**
 Wendy Clement
 P/C Mike Coffey
 P/C Art Dionne
 P/C Dan Gingras
 Ron Laurence
 Jeremy Small

**2018 New Board Member

[The 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes, including voting results, can be found on our website HERE.](#)

IN MEMORIAM

Wayne Murray passed away on Wednesday, September 27, after a battle with cancer that he fought with courage and grace. Wayne and his partner, Past Commodore Jackie Adams, have been active supporters of the Portsmouth Yacht Club. Wayne lived life with gusto, with a love for the sea and endless aquatic adventures. He loved skiing, traveling, art, gardening, dogs and reading. Our condolences to Jackie, his children Brian and Brigid, and their families.



Wayne Murray

Michael Dingman, passed away on October 3 at his home in Lyford Cay, The Bahamas. Michael had been a member of the PYC since 1975, and has lived in the Bahamas since 1995. Our condolences to his wife Betsy and their family.



Michael Dingman

Our sympathies go out to our Steward Jerry Goldfarb and his family at the loss of his mother, Toby Stern, who passed away on October 24 at the age of 100.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

We have received 3 new applications for membership:

- ★ **Tom and Patience Chamberlin**, of New Castle, NH, sponsored by Tom & Barbara Sedoric and Whit & Chris Weller. Tom and Patience are both lifelong sailors. They have sailed extensively in New England, chartered in the USVI, and Tom has worked as a paid deckhand. They have owned and sailed a Beetle Cat, 42' Alden yawl, 23' Sekonnet, and Peapod, and now own a 35' Duffy powerboat, the *Mary L*, as well as a 20' Eastern. They look forward to sharing their love of boats and boating, and becoming part of the PYC community.
- ★ **Timothy Neihart**, of Portsmouth NH, sponsored by Richard Yeaton and Allen Chadwick. Tim has been at the club many times and knows several members. He is part owner of a power boat named *Sea N Isle*, which is moored near PYC.
- ★ **William and Patricia Lenz**, of New Castle, NH, formerly of Bedford and Rye, sponsored by Jane Finn and James Rini. Bill and Pat have been married for 36 years and have 2 grown daughters. Pat retired after a career with the New Hampshire Judicial Branch as a court administrator. Bill is retired following a career at BAE Systems and Elbit Systems of America, serving as vice-president of engineering for each. They are thoroughly enjoying retirement and becoming increasingly more involved in community and recreational activities. They feel that membership at the PYC would provide them with an opportunity to further contribute to the community, socialize with friends, explore and learn more about boating, and be a part of a what they consider to be "a very special seacoast gem."

The complete Wait List, as well as instructions as to how to sponsor a member, can be found on our website here:

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



From the Vice Commodore



PYC Closing Dinner Dance

What a season!! I enjoyed myself at the club this year and I hope that you did as well. I only got out in my boat four times (let me see...the cost per trip was more than a Princess Cruise...please do not tell my wife), but going to the club more than made up for my lack of boating. The end of the year events were great. Thanks to the Mallon's for German night and to Glen and Mary Lou Graper for the closing dinner dance. The members who did not attend these functions really missed out on some good times.

I may have omitted some of our fantastic volunteers during the year, so I would like to mention all of the monthly hosts one more time. These are the people that really make each month run at the club. If you have never been a host for the month, please consider it for next season.

May: Laurie Clark, Elaine Perry, Elaine Syracuse

June: Lois Lawrence, Priscilla Lent, Ann Mowers

July: Nancy Gulley, Maggie Fogel

August: P/C Jaclyn Adams & Wayne Murray, Jim & Pat Dowey

September: Greg & Debbie Gebow, Judi O'Brien, Doyle & Karen Skeels

October: Greg & Debbie Gebow

In addition to the hosts, my sincere thanks to the members who put on many of the events. I cannot thank these great people enough for their commitment and time that they give to the Portsmouth Yacht Club.

Serving as your Vice Commodore has been a fantastic experience for me and I consider it an honor and a privilege to have been able to do it. Thanks to all of the club members and the staff for your support during 2017, I really appreciate it. I want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable 2018, and let's get ready for our next summer season.

Glenn Michael ([email Glenn](mailto:Glenn))

DATES TO REMEMBER

12/9 (S) CHRISTMAS GALA
(See pg. 6)

1/1/18 (M) NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH
(See pg. 5)

PLANNING AHEAD

3/24/18 (S) Spring Dinner w/ Speaker
4/28/18 (S) Docks In

Details to Come!



From the Rear Commodore

As we closed the club for the season, my first and foremost thoughts are to thank the House & Docks Crew, the Members and the Staff for their help and support this year. We were able to get some much-needed maintenance work done as well as a few upgrades to the house and docks. The yearly ritual of "Docks Out" went well. Fewer members than past years turned out, but we had ample able hands to get the work done. It was a beautiful Fall day! Thank you all who showed up for the much appreciated help and the great potluck lunch following the work.

I have already started a work list for next year. After the elections of the new bridge officers, I will work closely with the newly elected Rear Commodore to ensure we move forward with new and existing maintenance projects. I want to make sure there is continuity and follow through on needed maintenance projects.

We had a great staff this year. They were knowledgeable, courteous and above all we had more licensed launch operators, enabling us to keep up with the growing launch demands.

And finally, "Elvis has left the building!" The club is winterized, and the winter lock is now in place. I hope to see you at future events during the offseason.

Thank you for a terrific 2017 season!

Best wishes to all!

Thank you, Mike Coffey ([email Mike](mailto:mike@portsmouthyc.org))



Docks Out 2017

PYC New Weather Station

PYC now has an online weather station. Go to the right side of the PYC website, portsmouthyc.org, and you will see a "widget" that shows the current temperature, wind speed and wind direction.

Click on the widget (*try it on the widget to the right*) and it will take you to the Weather Underground website and show you a lot more information that the weather station is collecting including precipitation, dew point, humidity and barometric pressure.

PYC Weather Station





Join us for PYC's
New Year's Day Brunch
 at "Grill 28", the Pease Golf Course
 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth
 Monday, January 1, 2018, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 Welcome our 2018 Flag Officers and Directors!

MENU:

*Omelet Station, Cheese Scrambled Eggs, Eggs Benedict
 Belgian Waffles, Sausage, Bacon & Home Fries
 Assortment of Homemade Muffins, Bagels & English
 House Made Zucche with an assortment of Fresh Ingredients.
 Juice Bar with Chilled Orange, Cranberry & Tomato juices.
 Fresh Brewed Rao's Coffee, Decaf Coffee and Hot Teas*

\$27 PP ~ Cash Bar ~ Home of the delicious Grill 28 Bloody Mary!

RSVP by December 24, 2017

*To sign up contact our Steward, Jerry Goldfarb
Steward@PortsmouthYC.org | 603 512 1178*

DON'T BE OUT IN THE COLD!

Send in your money now for the Yuletide Gala to be held Saturday, December 9 at the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club. \$60 per person is the cost for this wonderful evening of complimentary champagne, delicious food, one drink coupon, dancing, and wonderful raffle baskets. We also will have three silent auction items...a weeks stay at a members condo in Tucson, AZ, and a sailing experience on America's Cup Yacht on San Francisco Bay for either 2 or 4 in 2018. Be sure to bring cash for the raffle tickets which are 10 for \$25. ALL members, wait list, and friends are invited, so make your reservation now and send me the money.

Darleen Chadwick
 163 Central Road
 Rye, NH 03870



SHIPS CHANDLERY

Thanks to all of the members for making the Ships Chandlery a tremendous success in 2017 !!

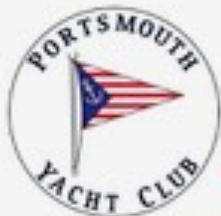
We already have requests for some new PYC items. Please remember special orders for a burgee take time. Several members have or have ordered the 24" x 36". We discontinued the small this past summer and the standard burgee offered was the medium, about 12" x 15".

Remember the PYC Christmas Gala at the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club on Dec. 9th. The Chandlery has donated a \$100.00 gift.

Have a wonderful winter!!

Paulette Semprini

Ships-Store@PortsmouthYC.org



Come All Ye Joyful
Members, Guests, & Wait-List Members
to

The Portsmouth Yacht Club's Annual Yuletide Gala!

Saturday, December 9th 2017
6 - 10 pm
Black Tie (Optional)

Wentworth By The Sea Country Club
60 Wentworth Road Rye, NH

Join in the Fun of a Spirited Evening



Reservations Open Friday, September 1st.

Space is limited. Buy Your Tickets Early!!
\$60 per person

Payment by Check Only to Portsmouth Yacht Club (PYC)



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Payments Must Be Received - No Later - Than December 2nd

