

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB



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From the Bridge
Commodore Dan Gingras



Volunteer Heroes

The Labor Day Breakfast was fantastic, and there were a great number of people who participated including a number of people on the waiting list. A special thanks to my wife Phyllis Breitman and R/C Nancy Gully for managing a lot of work in the days before the breakfast including shopping, cooking and managing the entire process.

Changes proposed at the Annual Meeting

The PYC Board has proposed several very important changes to the PYC Constitution this year, and I urge every member to support them. In summary they are:

• Change to the Term Limits of Officers

Each year we struggle to find board members willing to accept the responsibility of being an Officer. Once we find a really qualified officer and the Board elects them to a position, they just about learn the job, and it's time for someone else to do it. We've tried to circumvent the situation by changing the role of Rear and Vice commodore so they can do the previous job, but that's not a real solution. We've had some exceptionally talented Officers, but they had to move on because of the constitutional limit. This limit has not always been in effect. We believe it makes more sense to allow the Board of Directors to re-elect an officer if he is doing a great job for several terms. This is NOT automatic, and the Board can choose to have an officer only in a position for one year if they so desire, but it gives them the flexibility to keep great people and let them do a job for more than one year. I really think this is a VERY IMPORTANT change, and urge members to support it.

• Redefining Family Members

A family member is currently defined as a Member and their spouse. Today, many people choose not to get married, and this means that one of the couple cannot technically be considered a member. This change allows for couples living together in a "marriage like" relationship to both be considered members.

• Changes in how Members are Proposed

Currently a member may propose 2 members every 12 months. Since we now have an almost 5 year waiting list, this would allow someone to have 10 proposed members on the waiting list. This change would allow a member to propose 2 members... and no more until at least one of their proposed members joins.

• Dues

We have not had a dues increase in 10 years, and our costs continue to rise to the point where we are losing money this year. In addition, we have not made contributions to our capital improvement fund for several years, and this is essential to keeping the club operating. The building needs a certain amount of maintenance and improvements each year, and the Capital improvement fund is where this money is held. We've proposed a VERY MODEST \$100 increase in dues. The only other option (which was NOT proposed) would be an increase in the number of members from 250 to perhaps 275. We felt that this required a much more in-depth analysis, so it was not proposed.

Nominees for Board of Directors and Membership Committee

Board of Directors

(3) Nominees for (3) 4-year Terms

- *Jude Blake*
- *Roy Briscoe*
- *Glenn Michael*

(1) Nominee for (1) 3-year Term

- *Ron Laurence*

Membership Committee

(1) Nominees for (2) 2-year Terms

- *Jean Richard*
- *Martha Roy*

(1) Nominee for (1) 1-year Term, should

- Roy Briscoe be elected to BOD
- *Pat Dowey*

The Annual Meeting Notice and Nominee Biographies may be found on our website:

PortsmouthYC.org:Member Area:2015 Annual Meeting

Security

We have added an electronic lock to the Stewards office to insure that this office is kept secure. Some recent issues with items missing from the shed refrigerator may necessitate adding locks to the refrigerator and freezer. Just a reminder that these two areas are reserved for the club use, and NOT for member use without notifying the Steward. Unfortunately we have reviewed the security video and could not solve our mysterious disappearances.

A further reminder that club property CANNOT be "borrowed". If there is some compelling reason that club property is needed, application can be made to the officers or board and an exemption could be made, but this is a formal process.

See you at the Annual Meeting. (Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org; 603-674-2244)



From the Vice Commodore ~ Dick Blidberg ~ ([Mail Dick](mailto:dick@portsmouth.yc.org))



Gosport Harbor Sunset

Time to think about the final tasks of the 2015 season at PYC. It's been a good year after a bit of a slow start weather wise. Some great sailing this year, but also some of the quietest seas I have ever seen. Time to enjoy the fine Fall weather just ahead and to take advantage of the constant winds and clear days that always are part of the late boating season.

As you know, the Commodore asked me to help with the House and Docks. I have been spending some time finding out what has and hasn't been accomplished to come up with a plan for the remainder of the season. The following summary identifies some of the things that are going on so you can see what is happening in the remaining weeks of the 2015 season.

As is always the case, our dock staff has shrunk due to the return of many back to school. This will have an impact on the launch schedule but Jerry has assured me that he has made plans to keep the launch running as much as possible. For the remainder of September, the launch schedule has been changed to provide

service from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays, and 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on weekends. During October, service will be 9:00 am to 5 pm on weekdays, and 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on weekends. If you have a special need, try giving Jerry a call beforehand to see if he can accommodate your plans.

We still have some work at the PYC that we plan to complete this season. The Dock house is in dire need of some long put off repairs and maintenance. You may see some activity to eliminate some of these shortcomings during the remainder of the season. Once completed, I am sure you will see the difference.

As all of you have noticed, the PYC sign in the parking lot never got up this season. What was to be a simple task turned into a bit more complicated issue but we think we have it resolved so the sign will go back to its designated place either later this season or in time for the opening next year.

Docks Out is planned for October 24th. The end of the season does demand we deal with the docks and other facilities at the PYC. On October 24th the docks will come out. As is always the case, your help in completing all that has to be done to close the club for the season is important. High tide is at 9:00 am on the 24th so the "Docks Out" activity will start early this year. We will begin the taking the docks out at 7:30 am. This is an early start but it will also make for an early completion and allow us to get some of the other "end of year" tasks done that day. We will provide some warm coffee and munchies, early, as always.

A follow-on **Work Party on the 31st** has been scheduled to allow us to complete the tasks associated with closing the clubhouse that we do not complete on the 24th after "Docks Out". Last year was fantastic as we had enough people at Docks Out to get everything almost done such that we could cancel the follow-on **Work Party**. Please put the 24th on your calendar. If you show up there will be work to do. Let's try to get everything done on the 24th!

It has been a good year at the PYC as far as the facility is concerned. Among the many things that were accomplished the Capstone achievement of the season is the new Bar and the repairs done to the area around it. I hope you all have recognized and thanked the group of people who put a great deal of time and effort into making this happen. A resounding "**well done**" is in order.

Last year a number of you talked with me about problems that arose and ideas for new tasks that should be accomplished around the PYC. Thanks for giving me the feedback. I hope you will continue to let me know your thoughts for making the PYC docks and clubhouse and services better.

LAUNCH HOURS

Rest of September:

Weekdays: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Weekends: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

October:

Weekdays: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Weekends: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

DOCKS OUT

Saturday, Oct. 24 starting at 7:30 am

Followed by Pot Luck Brunch

Please remove all boats from Slips and Moorings, and dinghies from the Dinghy Dock by Thurs, Oct 22.

Please empty lockers of all perishable items or liquids that will freeze (wine freezes too!)



From the Rear Commodore ~ Nancy Gulley

Sad but true – we are heading into the end of the PYC season. The days are shorter, the weather is beginning to cool down, and finally the jogger and bikers are disappearing in New Castle. September has begun as a great month of activities beginning with a “Friday Night at the Club” with a DJ, a wonderful Labor Day Breakfast cooked by the Board of Directors, a catered dinner by Mezzanine Catering, and soon a catered dinner by Ri Ra with music provided by Oran Mar, a wonderful Irish Band. There are so many events to continue looking forward to – including a Lobster Bake on the 25th, and a Lasagna Dinner on the 30th.

October will begin with a Commodore’s Chowder on the 3rd, a Mezzanine Catering dinner on the 7th, the Annual Meeting on October 8th, a Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner provided by Gray and Kitty Cornwell on the 14th (turkey’s are coming from their farm in Madbury with all the fixings being grown locally), and of course our closing Dinner Dance on the 17th. I know – how can that be all there is going on in October – but remember no heat in the building – just our wonderful body heat to keep us warm!

Please remember to mark your calendars for “Docks Out” on October 24th. We will be having a pot luck brunch/lunch since the docks will be coming out early in the morning. Watch for more information concerning “Docks Out” and the brunch/lunch.

A special thanks to all who have helped over the last few months keeping all our events running smoothly. You all know we are a little short on staff as we close out the season and can always use your help in the kitchen, cleaning up, and even planning events.

Events to remember for the future – the “Christmas Dinner Dance” on December 12th at the Portsmouth Country Club, the “New Years Day Breakfast” on January 1, 2016 at Grill 28 at the Pease Golf Course, and of course, our 2nd event for the season – our Speaker/Dinner at the Portsmouth Country Club on March 19, 2016.

See you around,

RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org 603-431-9252)



Dan Gingras, Phyllis Breitman and the Board of Directors prepared our Labor Day Breakfast

DATES TO REMEMBER

Hosts for October:

Soni Christensen, Jack & Lynn Joslyn

Oct 3 (S) Commodore’s Chowder

Oct 7 (W) WND

catered by Mezzanine Catering

Oct 8 (TH) ANNUAL MEETING

Oct 14(W) Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner

Oct 17(S) Closing Dinner Dance

“Under a Harvest Moon” (see pg 5)

Oct 24 (S) Docks Out - 7:30 am

followed by Pot Luck Brunch

Oct 31 (S) Work Party - if necessary

Private Function: October 1 (TH)

Members, please use outside walkway.

PLANNING AHEAD

Dec 12 (S) Christmas Dinner Dance

Jan 1, 2016 (SU) New Year’s Day Brunch

March 19, 2016 (S) Dinner w/ Speaker

COMMODORE'S "THANK YOU" CHOWDER

hosted by
Dan Gingras & Phyllis Breitman

SAT, OCT 3, 12:00 pm



Come enjoy some Chowder
as a thank you to another
great PYC season!

No Charge. Please sign up by
October 1 so that we will know
how much "Chowdah" to have!

For members and those on the waiting list only.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DINNER

provided by Gray and Kitty Cornwell
Wed, October 14th - \$22 pp

Join us for a Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner,
with the turkey's coming from
Gray and Kitty's farm in Madbury,
and all the fixings being grown locally!

Wednesday Night Dinner

catered by Mezzanine Catering

Wed, October 7 - \$24 pp

Crab Cakes, Remoulade;
Egg Rolls, Sweet and Sour Sauce;
Cheeses and Crackers
Wedge Salad with Bacon, Blue Cheese Dressing
Breads and Butter

Baked Stuffed Haddock

Pork Roast

Royal Rice Blend

Roasted Squash and Apples

Carrot Cake; Fresh Fruit



LAST CALL FOR THE SHIP'S STORE

The Ship's store will be open for the LAST time
this season on Wed. October 14th. That's the
night of the Turkey Dinner!! This would be a
great time to pick up sweatshirts for those cool
Fall days. We have several styles including one
that has a pocket to hold a "beverage"!!! Or,
maybe you'd like to pick up a Christmas gift or
two!!!!!!

I'd like to mention that Judy and I are looking for
a couple of people to take over the store next
year! If you're interested, let us know. We'd be
happy to help you get started on this fun job!!!

Ellen and Judy

Plan to attend the PYC Annual Meeting

7:00 pm, Thursday Oct. 8

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Member Area: 2015 Annual Meeting

Docks Out

Saturday, Oct. 24 starting at 7:30 am

Followed by a Pot Luck Brunch!

Under a Harvest Moon!

Portsmouth Yacht Club's Closing Night Dinner Dance
Saturday, October 17, 2015

6:00 pm Cocktails (open bar)

7:00 pm Dinner

Catered by Sally Cobb & Mezzanine Catering

8:00 pm Dance to Music provided by
DJ Robert McCombie!



Dinner Choice of:

★ *Petite Sirloin Persillade* (Garlic, Parsley and Olive Oil sauce)

★ *Filet of Sole* w/ almonds, capers and lemon

\$55 per person

Dress: Black Tie Optional

Advance Reservation only by Tuesday, Oct 13, 2015

RSVP on the signup sheet at the club,

or contact the Steward

(603-436-9877, Steward@PortsmouthYC.org)

For Table Seating Requests please contact:

Ann Mowers 603-436-0066

*Hosted by: Pat Daly and Roy Briscoe,
Phyllis and Doug Joyce,
Priscilla Lent, Ann Mowers,
Chris and Whit Weller*