

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge Commodore David Wajda



By the time you receive this issue, the May activities are still ongoing and it is hard to believe that June is just around the corner. We have had very good turnouts for the May events (Kentucky Derby, New Members Orientation Dinner and the Opening Dinner Dance) ensuring the theme of friendship and camaraderie are alive and well at PYC. We hope this trend continues throughout the season.

There are plenty of June activities scheduled for members to participate in. We are hoping to have children involved in some of the upcoming events. You can also do your own thing whenever you like; just make sure to clean up your area and dishes. If you are the last one out, please turn off the dishwasher. The most important thing is to have fun and enjoy your time at PYC.

I hope the volunteerism continues this month as well as it did last month. Thanks to the guidance of P/C now Rear Commodore Mike Coffey there will be some upgrades to the fuel system and porch enclosure that should be completed in June. He has been utilizing the veteran members of the House & Dock Committee plus the new members to have the Club spruced up and operational for all members to enjoy. Their time and experience has always been a major factor to the success of the Club. Kudos to the House & Docks members – a job well done!

To the Board of Directors, thank you, once again, for your guidance and support to ensure our ship is on an even keel and course. To my fellow Flags, you have done an outstanding job keeping PYC a great place.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have received 1 new application for membership:

Richard Horan and Linda Monica of Durham, sponsored by George & Nancy Almgren and Brooks Kennedy. Richard learned to sail at PYC in the 1960's and has loved sailing since. Trips include Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Bras d'Or Lake, the coast of Maine, and Newport to Bermuda. Richard and Linda are currently lawyers. They are looking forward to water activities at PYC and sharing their love of the ocean with PYC members.

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Can you believe it is already time to start thinking about the Board of Directors for the 2018 season? It is happening and we need your help. The only way PYC can move forward is with the total support of it's membership. A commitment of 4 years seems like a long time to offer your time and energy, but that is what a Board position requires, and during those 4 years you have to consider taking a Flag position as possibly the Commodore, Vice Commodore, or Rear Commodore. For next season we will have 4 new openings along with all the Flag positions open.

Seriously, we need your help. Offer up your time, knowledge and energy. If you have been a member for 2 years and think you would be interested in helping PYC continue to move forward please give one of us a call and let's talk.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5/24 (W) PIZZA NIGHT (note change!)
- 5/29 (M) MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST
Prepared by J&N Pappas, D&M Wajda

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YOUR HOSTS FOR JUNE ARE:  
*Lois Laurence, Priscilla Lent, and Ann Mowers*

- 6/3 (S) PRE CRUISE DINNER
- 6/4 (W) NEW MEMBER COCKTAIL PARTY
- 6/9 (F) LOBSTER BAKE
- 6/14 (W) STEWARD'S CHICKEN DINNER
- 6/21 (W) HOT DOG SAFARI
- 6/28 (W) ASIAN NIGHT (note change!)

### PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

6/1 (TH), 6/19 (M), 6/22 (TH), 6/ 29 (TH)  
*Members, please use outside walkway*

### PLANNING AHEAD

- 7/4 (T) 4TH OF JULY MEMBER BBQ
- 7/12 (W) PULLED PORK DINNER
- 7/19 (W) FRENCH BASTILLE DAY



## From the Vice Commodore



The docks are in and the Portsmouth Yacht Club is up and running for the 2017 season. Hopefully we will have great boating weather this year.

My sincere thanks go out to the Ladies Committee for a fantastic Kentucky Derby Party on May 6. Over 90 people attended and the food was beyond belief. Our club has enough culinary talent to staff a Michelin 3 star restaurant. The hats worn by the ladies were better than those that I saw at Churchill Downs on TV. Thanks also to P/C Dan Gingras for the use of his projector and setting up a big screen TV to watch the race. It was wet and muddy in Kentucky, but dry and fun at the club.

The Opening Dinner Dance was on Saturday, May 13. Pat Dowey and her team did a great job setting this up.....THANKS!! This is always a wonderful event, and over 90 people attended.

Wednesday May 17 is Mexican night catered by Las Olas. Wednesday, May 24, will be pizza night. The cost for pizza night will be only \$10.00, and children 12 and under will eat free. Also for your planning purposes, the Memorial Day breakfast will be on Monday, May 29. Sign up early, as these events can fill up quickly. You can always get a "square meal" at the club. This is actually a nautical term that originated by the square plates that were used on early ships.

More dates to keep in mind (more details on page 6):

- Sunday, June 4. The New Members Cocktail Party. Your chance to meet the new members who are now in the club. Please stop by and give them a great welcome. Price will be \$25.00.
- Friday, June 9. Lobster bake. The menu will be as usual, but to keep the cost within reason we will be serving only 1 lobster this year. The cost will be dependent on seafood market prices. As soon as we have a firm price, we will post it.
- Wednesday, June 14, is the Steward's Chicken Dinner. This is a great meal put on by Jerry and not to be missed.
- Wednesday, June 21, will be the Hot Dog Safari. This was popular last year and is back again.
- Wednesday, June 28, will be Asian Night, catered by Kim Lai. The French Dinner originally scheduled will now be on July 19.

Please check your written schedule or the website calendar for future club events.

Have a great summer.

Glenn Michael | [ViceCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org](mailto:ViceCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org)

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## From the Rear Commodore



On Saturday, April 29th, many members turned out to enjoy the yearly ritual of "Docks In." It was a perfect day! The weather was good, the food was delicious and above all the interaction among members was exciting. There was no confusion about what had to be done. Everyone worked hard to accomplish the ultimate goal. With that said, the club is now open for all to enjoy. Thank you all for your help.

The House & Docks crew have been busy getting some of the maintenance items done. Capt. Almgren and his crew have been working on replacing the railing caps on the pier. P/C Courteau and crew have been busy installing the power and water on the docks. Past R/C Blidberg has started installing the heat shields in the grill area. The grilling area will be ready soon. The staff have been busy painting and getting things in place.

We have a flag pole ordered as well as the screen enclosure for the porch. The fuel system repairs will be underway shortly. This work is needed to be in compliance with State and Federal regulations. Riverside Pickering Marine Services has completed the piling replacements, and Pepperrell Cove Marine Services is in the process of reinstalling the mooring buoys. Thank you to Capt. Briscoe and P/C Gingras for the hard work getting the gear ready for the season.

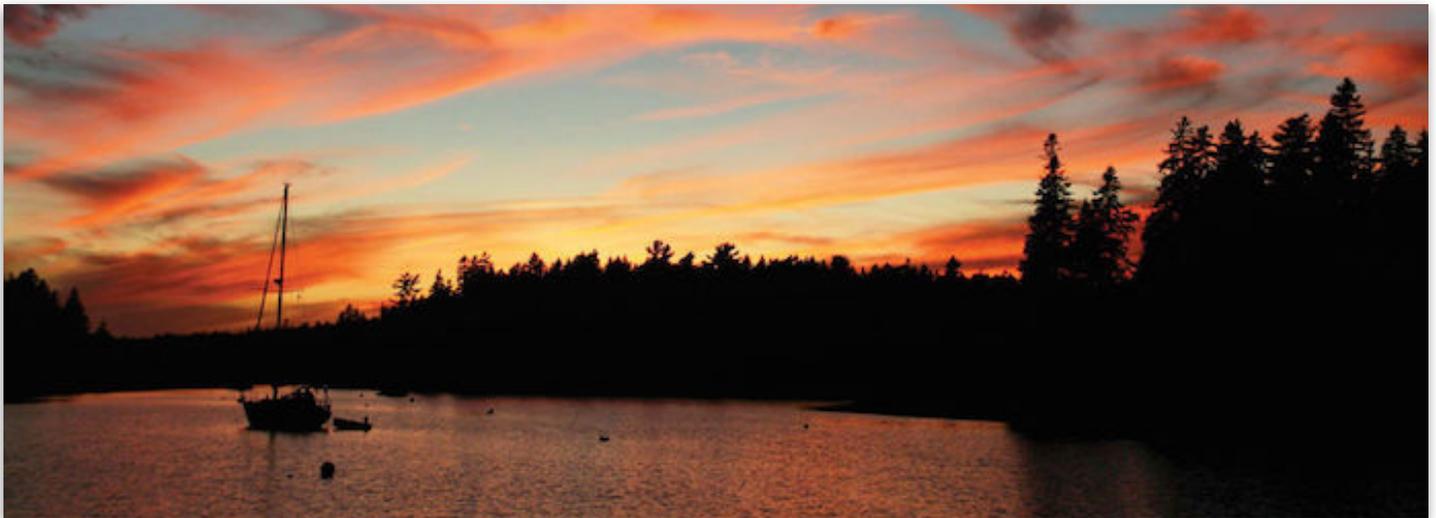
Capt. Donna Kearns has offered her expertise designing the new dumpster and propane tank enclosures. She has completed a preliminary plan, which looks great. A minor building permit and review by the New Castle HDC is needed. I feel confident the town will approve our request.

I am continually updating my wish list. My ultimate goal is to create a safe and pleasing environment for all members to enjoy. If you have suggestions or concerns, please let me know. For immediate safety or noted hazards, please let the staff know.

I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Mike Coffey | [RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org](mailto:RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org)

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## PRE-CRUISE DINNER

Saturday, June 3 ~ 1700 Cocktails ~ 1800 Dinner

Crew members of the cruise fleet and all others who may be interested in this upcoming annual adventure, please plan on attending.

The meal will be potluck; please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. Please let us know your plans on attendance and potluck contribution.

Ken Jones [kmjdory@comcast.net](mailto:kmjdory@comcast.net)



## RACE COMMITTEE NEWS

Registration for the PSA 2017 is open, for the 2017 calendar & regattas. Please refer to the Portsmouth Sailing Association website: [www.sailpsa.org](http://www.sailpsa.org)

For those who would like to crew, or, are looking for crew members please visit this site:  
[PSA:Want to Crew?](#)

If you cannot find what you are looking for on the website, contact information can be found here: [PSA Officers](#)

Happy sailing! Rick Vaillancourt [rick.vaillancourt@gmail.com](mailto:rick.vaillancourt@gmail.com)

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## Pizza Party

Wednesday, May 24

Pizza, Caesar Salad, Beer  
and Ice Cream

Adults \$10 ~ Children 12 & under: FREE

## Memorial Day Breakfast

Monday, May 29

9:00 am to 10:15 am

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

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

Adults: \$10

Children Under 12: \$5 ~ Under 6: Free



## NEW MEMBERS COCKTAIL PARTY

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

5:00 to 7:00 pm

All members, both old and new,  
are invited to attend!

Join us to welcome our  
New Members to the Club

Wine, Cocktails,  
Hors d'oeuvres by Mezzanine Catering

\$25 per person – please sign up  
by Tuesday, May 30th, 2017

*Jacket and Tie for Gentlemen, please!*

## Lobster Bake

Friday, June 9 ~ \$32 pp

Pound and a Quarter Lobster  
with all the trimmings!

## Steward's Chicken Dinner

Wednesday, June 14 ~ \$23 pp

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

## Hot Dog Safari

Wednesday, June 21

Hot Dogs and Sausages

w/ 30 different toppings.

Potato Salad, Beans, Pasta Salad

Klondike Bars for Dessert!

Adults \$10 ~ Children 12 & under FREE

## Asian Night

Wednesday, June 28

Catered by Kim Lai

Details to come!