

# PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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## View from the Bridge Commodore David Wajda



What an amazing summer we have been fortunate to enjoy. It is hard to believe our season is almost over – but we still have many events scheduled for all to enjoy. The major sign of the season coming to a close is the “Staff Appreciation Dinner” that was well attended by our members but signaled the start of our staff leaving for school. The staff has been a high point this year and we wish them all well and hopefully they will return next season.

I want to thank the following members for stepping up and volunteering to run a Wednesday Night Dinner for the first time. David Kenep and Ellen Keefe for the Pulled Pork Dinner, Will and Marjorie Smith for the French Dinner and Ed and Frances Mallon for the upcoming German Dinner in October. Having been involved in numerous breakfasts and dinners in the past, I know there is a great deal of planning and work that comes with that responsibility, plus the worry that everything goes well without any problems. Kudos to you and the others who took the helm this year!

I appreciate all the work my Vice and Rear Commodores have done this season as well as the Board. Glenn had scheduled numerous events and all have done very well with member participation. Mike has spruced up the House and worked to improve and update our fuel system for the docks as well as the grills. The Board has been supportive in the many changes that have occurred and continues to make decisions in the best interest of the club.

I want to also thank Paulette Semprini for her tireless effort in the management of the Ship’s Store. She has reorganized the operation and has added many new items and maintained the old reliable best sellers. If anyone would like to help the Ship’s Store, please let Paulette or a Board member know. As all of you know, we are a volunteer organization so help where you can.

We have many events still scheduled, so let’s continue to enjoy PYC

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**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Membership Committee has met and approved the following applicants to the Wait List:

*Linda Monica and Richard Horan  
Holly Lowe and Mark Adamy*

The complete Wait List, as well as instructions as to how to sponsor a member, can be found on our website at ["Member Area: Member Changes and How to Sponsor a New Member"](#).

**PISCATAQUA RIVER CLOSURE**

**The Piscataqua River will be closed to all boat traffic in the area of the Sarah Long Bridge during the following dates:**

**Wed. Sept 20 thru Fri. Sept 29**

**SAVE THE DATE  
CHRISTMAS GALA DEC 9, 2017**

As we get nearer to the end of Summer, your Christmas Gala Team is hard at work gathering ideas to AGAIN make this event the most successful ever.

The new beautiful poster is on display for all to see in the dining area and we again want to reach out to Portsmouth Yacht Club members and those on the Wait List to get involved in our raffle baskets by contributing a service you have...a piece of jewelry, a getaway at your winter condo, give some tennis lessons, or a talented artist with a painting. We need you!

We know we have a lot of talented and successful people among us, so don't be shy. Reach out to team members, Darleen Chadwick, Pat DuBois, Nancy Grimes, Lois Laurence, and Susan Heckaman, and become involved!

In October, we will announce a spectacular offer to be auctioned off. Watch for it!

**DATES TO REMEMBER  
YOUR HOSTS FOR SEPTEMBER ARE:**

*Debby & Greg Gebow, Judi O'Brien,  
Karen & Doyle Skeels*

- 9/4 (M) LABOR DAY BREAKFAST
- 9/8 (F) LOBSTER BAKE
- 9/10 (SU) POST CRUISE DINNER
- 9/13 (W) HALF ST. PADDY'S DAY
- 9/16 (S) DAVE MOWERS  
MEMORIAL PURSUIT RACE
- 9/17 (SU) PAST COMMODORES  
COCKTAIL PARTY
- 9/20 (W) LASAGNA DINNER
- 9/27 (W) WND
- 9/30 (S) COMMODORE'S CHOWDER  
*Hosted by David & Marilyn Wajda*

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**Private Functions**  
Sept 21 (TH); Sept 28 (TH)  
*Members, please use outside walkway*  
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- PLANNING AHEAD**
- 10/4 (W) GERMAN DINNER
  - 10/12 (TH) PYC ANNUAL MEETING
  - 10/14 (S) CLOSING DINNER DANCE
  - 10/21 (S) DOCKS OUT  
*(note date changed from original schedule)*
  - 10/28 (S) WORK PARTY



## From the Vice Commodore

The summer is speeding by...I wish winter would disappear this quickly! Many thanks to the hosts in July, Nancy Gulley and Maggie Fogel, who kept the month's activities running smoothly.

August started out with a fantastic Greek night put on by John and Nancy Pappas and John Samonas. This is always a night not to be missed and this year was no exception. Thanks to all of the people who made this a success. A pot luck dinner was held on August 9<sup>th</sup> and over forty people participated. The club had a wonderful turnout for Staff Appreciation Night on August 16. The food was great and it was nice to thank all of our staff for a fantastic season. The Sock Hop on August 26<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to a lack of sign ups. Thanks to those who signed up, but we need a



*PYC 2017 Staff*

minimum for food and to hire the musicians. Thank you for your understanding. An additional event has been added to the schedule for August 27<sup>th</sup>. It will be "Movie Night at the Club". *Blazing Saddles*, a Mel Brooks classic, will be shown. It will be a fun night so come on down and participate. The Wood Island presentation by Sam Reid will take place at the catered dinner on Wednesday on August 30. This should be a very interesting talk by Sam.

Moving into September, the Labor Day Breakfast will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the Lobster Bake is on September 8. The half St. Patrick's Day celebration will be on September 13 and the Steward's Lasagna dinner is on the 20<sup>th</sup>. A catered dinner will take place on September 27 and the Commodore's Chowder event will be on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

There are plenty of things to do at the club so please come out and enjoy the weather, the food and the people at all of the events.

I know that I mentioned this last month, but sometimes a little repetition is not a bad thing. Please take a moment to look over the House and Docks rules. We are still having a few minor issues with some of them and I know it is just a matter of not reading these over once in a while. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and compliance.

Please continue to have a safe and fun summer, and thanks for all of your support at the club.

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## From the Rear Commodore



*Enjoying the new porch enclosure during a storm*

It's hard to believe it is mid-August and the days are getting shorter! Summer sure flies when we are having fun!

The cruise has returned from a very successful trip down Maine with I am sure lots of stories and memories! I look forward to hearing about their journeys!

The maintenance projects are winding down, but there are some painting projects left to complete. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact me. Thank you all who have pitched in to help with the many projects we tackled this year! Thank you to Capt. Jim Rini for his help trimming back some of the bushes around the parking lot where the foliage was encroaching on several parking spaces.

Also, thank you to PC Art Dionne and Capt. Ron George for installing the tie rails on the new dinghy dock. Also, I would like to thank the Ladies Committee for the two new round patio tables. They look great. The Town of New Castle Recreation Dept. was pleased to receive the old picnic tables!

You might have noticed the NEW screen porch door is missing. High winds were ideal for sailing that day, but not for the door! A new one has been ordered and will now have a safety chain to prevent future problems. Also, a paddle handle opener will be installed to make opening the door easier.

Members turned out in force for Employee Appreciation Night giving thanks to an excellent 2017 staff! They have done a great job, and I am grateful for their hard work and dedication. It has been a pleasure working with everyone! Good luck to the kids this coming school year!

And lastly, "Docks Out" is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st. More information to follow.

As always, if you have comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email or hail me down at the club.

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## LABOR DAY BREAKFAST

Monday, Sept 4 ~ 9:00 to 10:15

Eggs, carved ham and melons, lemon ricotta pancakes with warm blueberry sauce, English muffin with corned beef hash.... Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers at the bar. \$10 pp, Children under 12 Free

## LASAGNA DINNER

Wednesday, Sept 20 ~ \$19 pp  
prepared by the Propellor Club

Appetizers  
Caesar Salad, Lasagna,  
and more!

## LOBSTER BAKE

Friday, Sept 8 ~ \$32 pp  
prepared by the Propellor Club

Pound and a Quarter Lobster  
with all the trimmings!

## HALF ST. PADDY'S DAY DINNER

Wednesday, Sept 13 ~ \$25 pp

House cured Gravlax with Crostini; Guinness Cheese Fondue; Veggies and Dip Garden Salad; Irish Soda Bread Irish Coddle with Sausage, Bacon, Onions and Boneless Chicken; Haddock Roasted Root Vegetables Mini Whoopie Pie with Bailey's filling

## PAST COMMODORES COCKTAIL PARTY

Sunday, Sept 17 ~ 5:00 to 7:00 ~ \$25 pp

Join us to welcome our Past Commodores!

Wine, Cocktails,  
Hors d'oeuvres by Mezzanine Catering.  
Please sign up by Tuesday, Sept 12, 2017

Jacket and Tie for Gentlemen, please!

## WND Dinner

Wed, Sept 27 ~ \$25 pp

Catered by Mezzanine Catering

### Appetizers:

Black Bean & Corn Salsa w/ Tomato,  
Avocado & Cilantro, Lime Juice  
Our own Tortilla Chips; Boursin Cheese, Crackers

### Salad:

Mixed Green Salad w/ Fennel, Pine Nuts & Citrus Vinaigrette

### Main:

Grilled, Seasoned Chicken; Baked Haddock  
Pasta Carbonara; Mixed Seasonal Vegetables

### Dessert:

Lemon Trifle, Strawberries

## COMMODORE'S CHOWDER

Saturday, Sept. 30 ~ 12:00 to 1:00

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

No Charge.

Please sign up by  
Wednesday, September 28 so that we will  
know how much "Chowdah" to prepare!

For members and those  
on the waiting list only