



Minutes of Portsmouth Yacht Club Annual Meeting Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the Portsmouth Yacht Club

To be presented to the Membership at the 2017 Annual Meeting for final approval.

Available at the registration desk were the Voting Member Registration Sheet and copies of the following documents:

Voter Card for each registered voting membership

Balance Sheet and Income Statement January - October 2016

Ballot for the election of the following:

- Election of three members to Life Membership
- Three members to Four-Year Terms on the Board of Directors
- One member to Three-Year Term on the Board of Directors
- Two members to Two-Year Terms on the Membership Committee

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The secretary reported that 83 memberships had signed the registration sheet, in excess of the minimum of 15% of voting membership (41 memberships) that is required for a quorum.

Commodore Gulley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Allegiance to the Flag.

Commodore Gulley led the Pledge to the Flag and asked for a moment of silence to remember the following members who passed away since the last Annual Meeting:

P/C William Fleming
Capt. John Kemen
P/C James LaBrie
Capt. James McCarthy
Capt. Kenneth Roberts
Capt. Whitney Saidla
P/C Ed Wright

2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2015, Comm. Nancy Gulley

Commodore Gulley referred to the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting and asked whether anyone had questions or concerns. None were expressed, and the Commodore made a motion to accept the minutes for the record. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT, Richard Blidberg, Rear Commodore

The following is a quick summary of the year's efforts. It lacks a lot of detail, but if any of you wish to find out more about those details, just ask or let me know via email and I can fill you in. This was a busy year.

Clubhouse A number of major projects were accomplished by both members and staff this season. The kitchen project which was supposed to consist of a small number of changes grew into a rather significant effort. You all have seen the changes and can understand how much effort went into bringing this updated facility into being. The decking and fences were repaired and painted. The

parking lot was given a new look with a new coating of stone. The grill area required some changes “suggested” by the building inspector and those changes are underway. We have agreed with Riverside / Pickering to repair the east riprap retaining wall. This will be completed later this year or during the early part of 2017.

Docks As all of you know, this was a year when we have a major turnover in dock staff. As is always the case, this means we go through a learning process. Jerry worked hard to make this happen and we now have a more experienced staff and can build on this base in 2017. The dock house was repaired and updated significantly. Safety ladders were installed on the docks to increase the safety of members using the docks. A new dinghy dock extension was added. The fuel system was upgraded with new hoses and reels. We now have a contract in place to complete the replacement of the remaining pilings that support the dock system. This work will be accomplished early in the 2017 season.

Moorings This year was a major year for mooring maintenance. A number of chains and floats were scheduled for replacement. We also evaluated a new mooring ball style for our moorings. This year we will also bring all of our mooring balls in and repaint the balls over the winter so they are ready for an early installation in the spring.

Docks Out 2016 Docks Out last year and Docks In this year had fantastic participation by the members. Because of this, we were able to get most of the tasks for closing and opening the club accomplished easily. Most importantly, the events were enjoyed by all. This year Docks Out is scheduled for the 29th. I will get an email out to all of you this coming week which describes what has to be done so you can plan where you might help. Please find some time to join everyone in this final event of the year.

Summary The year started by defining a number of tasks to be completed during this season. This came about as a result of the House & Docks Committee meeting held in January of this year. Over 35 different tasks were defined. Over the year almost all of those original tasks were completed because of the effort of many club members. Members like Craig Strehl, Mike Coffey, Tim Maglaras, Dan Gingras, and Paul Roy to name only a very few among so many others who volunteered their time and resources to get so much done. **Thank You** to all who put out so much effort to make the PYC what it is, especially the members of the House & Docks Committee whose members accomplish so much every year. I also want to thank Jerry for his indispensable help and understanding about the club, its people, and its traditions. He is always a valuable resource.

Respectfully submitted
Dick Blidberg, Rear Commodore

It was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to approve the report of the Rear Commodore.

4. VICE COMMODORE’S REPORT, Dan Gingras, Vice Commodore

Well, as I look back over the 2016 season and the 45 events we've enjoyed this season, I'm proud to count myself among the small group of volunteers who keep this club a great place to spend the summer. We tried to create events for every taste this season, varying the schedule from pot lucks, restaurant catered meals, and member catered meals.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve the membership again this year, and I hope you all had a great and fun season. I can only offer my sincere appreciation and a hearty THANK YOU to all those who helped.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Gingras, Vice Commodore

It was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to approve the report of the Vice Commodore.

5. COMMODORE'S REPORT, Nancy Gulley, Commodore

There always comes a time when you have to say "thank you" or "it's been fun". Well, I guess this is my time. This past season for me has been one of learning and entertainment. Learning in that there is so much more that needs to be done by the Commodore, and the entertainment comes when everything is going smoothly and you become a little complacent and someone taps you on the shoulder and whispers "can I please have 10 minutes of your time." YIKES! Those sometimes are the hardest 10 minutes.

The Portsmouth Yacht club is a wonderful place to be. I have watched so many projects planned and completed this year. Members have stepped up and said "how can I help"? I would have to stand up here for a long time to actually name everyone, but, hopefully, you know who you are and know how much I have appreciated your help and how wonderful it has been for me to get to know you all better and work alongside you throughout the past year.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Jerry Goldfarb for being there every minute of the year guiding me through this learning experience. PYC would not be the club it is today without Jerry. Thank you, Jerry. Now to the Flag Officers. Thank you, Dan Gingras, for planning and executing so many great events this year. Dick Blidberg, the projects just keep moving along, right down to the new gravel in the parking lot. Thank you.

The Board of Directors work very hard on your behalf all year long. This year, we are losing three members and picking up four board members. Leaving are Jim McAdams, Bud Myles, and Dick Blidberg. Carole Cartnick, the Board secretary, has skills like no one I have ever known before. Whenever there was a question, a concern, or, in my case, just a panic moment, she was right there with the information and a soft spoken "it will be ok, Nancy." Thank you, Carole. Now to the one who handles the money, Doyle Skeels, you are the best. What can I say - you know where the money is, you know how we spend it, and, when you see something going in the wrong direction, you help us get it fixed. Thank you.

So, to sum it all up - it has been a great year for the Portsmouth Yacht Club, and a great year for me. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead this wonderful organization, and I wish you nothing but smooth sailing from today on out.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Gulley, Commodore

It was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to approve the report of the Commodore.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT, Doyle Skeels, Treasurer

Handouts:

2016 vs. 2015 September 30 Financial Statements

Statement of Activities (Income Statement)

We are current with all bills and bank deposits.

We are on course for a good fiscal year. The dues increase voted on last year added \$25,000 to our bottom line. Our activities, including functions, fuel sales, moorings, and merchandise sales have all made good contributions this year. Overall, expenses are tracking quite closely to last year with some items up a little and some down a bit. A few numbers on the Statement stand out. After last year's issue with a mooring, we did inspections and upgrades to the moorings which cost about \$17,000. The total of Repairs and Maintenance (excluding moorings) is about \$6,000 less than last year. Another item that stands out is a credit in Miscellaneous Expenses; we received a rebate check from our insurance company for part of the deductible we paid last year for damage to two yachts done by our launch.

In addition to the usual operating expenses for the last three months of the year, there are still several large expenses left to come in 2016. Property taxes will be about \$17,000; depreciation will be about

\$21,000; payroll will be about \$12,000; repairs done after the season to prepare for winter are typically about \$5,000. Bottom line, I expect our net income from activities for 2016 to be about \$25,000 compared to last year's net loss of a few hundred dollars.

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

The Federal Savings Bank savings account and the checking accounts for the Federal Savings Bank, Citizen's Bank, and Kennebunk Savings Bank are all reconciled as of September 30. Among all those accounts, we have about \$43,000 more in the bank than last year. Any excess funds in the checking account at the end of the year will be moved to the Capital Improvements savings accounts.

We budgeted \$45,000 for capital improvements for 2016, but, so far this year, we have spend only about \$19,000. That includes about \$5,000 in remodeling the kitchen, about \$5,000 to rebuild the dock house, about \$4,000 for a new float for the dinghy dock, and about \$4,000 for a new ice machine.

On the liabilities side, our mortgage loan principal is down to about \$14,000. That loan will be completely paid off in December of 2017.

Point of Sale System

At the beginning of the year, we implemented a new Point of Sale system called Square to replace QuickBooks Point of Sale, which had always been problematic. Square runs on an iPad, and you may have seen it in use in the dock house. The dockhands, our Steward, and your Treasurer all find Square easy to use and quite capable of doing almost all that we want our Point of Sale system to do. We will continue to use Square going forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle Skeels, Treasurer

It was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to approve the report of the Treasurer.

7. AUDIT REPORT, Timothy Driscoll, Chairperson

The Audit Committee consisting of Captain Timothy Driscoll, Captain David McArdle and Captain Elaine Syracuse met to review the financial information presented to you at this annual meeting. We also reviewed the procedures by which funds are handled and accounted for, and examined Expense and Income Reports to confirm balances against actual bank statements. Beyond that, we tested a number of randomly-selected transactions. To the best of our ability, we found the information as reported on the financial statements to be true and accurate. Since the financial activities of the club will continue until the end of the year, the Audit Committee will do a final review of the year-end financial statements at that time, to confirm the year-end balances and carryovers. The Audit Committee will then present a final report to the Board of Directors, and include additional recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Captain Timothy Driscoll, Audit Committee Chair, Capt. Elaine Syracuse, Capt. David McArdle

It was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to accept the Audit Report.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, Commodore Nancy Gulley

PYC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017 - 2025										
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL
BUILDING										
Replace windows and 2 doors	10,000									10,000
Heating and air conditioning	20,000									20,000
Replace roof									35,000	35,000
Plumbing replacement							10,000			10,000
Replace wooden walkway		15,000								15,000
Replace siding & remaining windows			50,000							50,000
Porch enclosure				15,000						15,000
New freezer unit for shed		1,000								1,000
Kitchen rehab								15,000		15,000
LANDSIDE										
New crushed stone parking lot		7,500								7,500
DOCK SYSTEM										
Pier - walkway		7,500								7,500
Replace pilings	14,000									14,000
Electrical work - docks		1,000	1,000							2,000
Floats and hardware				8,000						8,000
FUEL SYSTEM										
Pumps and fuel lines			7,500							7,500
Fuel monitoring equipment							5,000			5,000
LAUNCHES										
Both launches and power	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	45,000
TOTAL	49,000	37,000	63,500	28,000	5,000	5,000	20,000	20,000	40,000	267,500

Rear Commodore Richard Blidberg mentioned that crushed stone had been added to the parking lot two days ago by Capt. Jim Gailey for the cost of material, which was \$600, so this would not be an expense in 2018. A member asked whether the heating and air conditioning will be done. P/C Gebow said the request came to the Board from several members and the CIP is compiled by a Committee. R/C Blidberg said he did not know why that item was put on the CIP because he was not at the meeting where the CIP was discussed.

It was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to accept the Capital Improvement Committee report.

LADIES COMMITTEE, Capt. Laurie Clark

We started the year with a Kentucky Derby Party as our fund raiser in May. We had a great turnout of over 100 members, and we made close to \$400 on the event.

Some of the ladies volunteered their time to provide chips, etc., on the bar for a minimal fee of \$.50. We made over \$100 on that as the ladies all donated the delicious snacks.

We did not meet during our busy summer, but did meet a few weeks ago in a virtual meeting with the help of Chris Weller. I was pleased by the many responses in favor of buying more wine glasses.

Respectfully submitted,
Capt. Laurie Clark, Chair

It was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to accept the report of the Ladies Committee.

REGATTA AND RACE COMMITTEE, Capt. Roy Briscoe

Dave Mowers Memorial Race

We had one race this year - the annual Dave Mowers Memorial Race. Ann Mowers was the race sponsor and provided the chowder. Race Committee and chefs were Chris and Whit Weller along with Bill Gosselin.

14 boats attended the 7.3 mile course, same course as last year, in 5-10 knots of wind after a 30 minute delay. The wind finally filled in by the time the race started and we all had a great race and the tides were favorable in both directions. And we had a downwind finish so many spinnakers were flying.

Racing Fleet awards:

1. Defiant, Sean McKenna
2. Crazy Horse, Dave Severance
3. Vox, Vicki Janousek
4. Veladare, Bud Myles
5. Brigadoon, Michael Williamson
6. Palangi, Dave Sherman
7. Aracati, Tom Schladenauffen

Cruising Fleet awards:

1. Airtha, George Spiecker
2. Valkryie, Tom King
3. Panic, John O'Brien
4. Racing Daylight, Dick Hamor
5. Heron, Rick Vaillancourt
6. Kokopelli, Terry Coyle
7. Tranquility, Mark Crotty

Gosport Regatta

We did not have our normal September winds for this race. The wind pretty much quit once the boats got out to the IOS and was very variable and spotty. The format was a bit different this year with the boats having to decide which path to take to round the marks set at either end of the Islands. Only 10 of the 33 boats finished.

The Oceanic Cup went KYPC this year, PYC had it for 2015.

The six PYC boats attending the race were:

Heron, Valkyrie, Wild Hunter, Veladare, Jump and Thora

Race Chair

Rick Vaillancourt has stepped up to the PYC Race chair for 2017.

Respectfully submitted, Roy Briscoe, Chairman, Regatta and Race Committee

It was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to accept the report of the Regatta and Race Committee Chairperson.

CRUISE REPORT, P/C Ken Jones and Capt. Roger Wells, presented by P/C Weller

The PYC Cruise had four boats leaving Portsmouth Thursday August 4 for GLOUCESTER and four boats leaving on Friday August 5 directly to SCITUATE. Cruisers moored at Scituate Boat Club. Spare Time, located in Boston, planned to meet up with the Cruise in Onset. Cruisers from six boats enjoyed a dinner out at BARKERS TAVERN, a short walk from the Scituate Boat Club.

Leaving Scituate on Saturday August 6, the cruising group made their way to the East entrance of the Cape Cod Canal. The current was favorable, but the opposing wind made for some chop by the Mass Maritime School. We continued into ONSET, where moorings were secured at Brewers Onset Marina or Point Independence Yacht Club. Lionheart and Spare Time joined up with us in Onset.

The cruising group departed early the next day, Sunday August 7, for CUTTYHUNK ISLAND. All boats managed to find a mooring in the inside harbor. The Courteaus and McArdles scoped out the island for a suitable cocktail party location. An area by the harbor with picnic tables was secured, and, for two evenings, we got together there for drinks and snacks.

On Tuesday, August 9, we left CUTTYHUNK, entering VINEYARD SOUND via QUICKS HOLE for about 20 miles to VINEYARD HAVEN for one night. Our moorings were on the outside harbor, provided by Gannon and Benjamin. We enjoyed dinner at the BLACK DOG restaurant and did a little shopping in town.

On Wednesday, August 10, we are off to NANTUCKET in 20/25 plus wind and rather large seas. All boats made the trip successfully and were settled on Nantucket moorings. In Nantucket, we had two lay days. On one of the days, some cruisers enjoyed a bus trip to SCONSET while others spent time in town or visited with friends in the area. Some visited the whaling museum and library, both of which have been updated over the years. There is always a lot to see and do on NANTUCKET.

On Saturday, August 13, we left Nantucket and went to VINEYARD HAVEN for one night and a return to our favorite restaurant, the BLACK DOG! Moorings at Gannon and Benjamin.

On Sunday, August 14, our cruise plan was to go to Red Brook Harbor. Three boats, Semper Fi Barefoot Children, and Sea Quest are heading back to the mainland via WOODS HOLE, at 0800. There was fog in the sound and WOODS HOLE, but our timing for a favorable current was right on. At this time schedule, we would be entering RED BROOK HARBOR with an out-going tide, so we decided to wait a few hours in HADLEY HARBOR for the tide change at noon. We rafted up on the only available mooring in Hadley Harbor. The fog cleared, and we spent an enjoyable few hours in Hadley. Other PYC boats entered WOODS HOLE a little later in the day with no problems; all six cruising boats meeting in RED BROOK HARBOR. Fourteen of us enjoyed a great dinner at CHART ROOM restaurant, located right at the marina.

On Monday, August 15, six boats enjoyed a picturesque ride through the CAPE COD CANAL to the EAST ENTRANCE and onto PROVINCETOWN for a three day stay at PROVINCETOWN MARINA. The Provincetown Marina is under new ownership, and the docks and marina have been significantly upgraded. The Buys and Joneses hosted a cocktail hour at the marina's new deck area, complete with fire pit! Some cruisers went to the beach. Twelve of us enjoyed dinner out at the restaurant SAGE. The stay in Provincetown was enjoyable. We met up with Reliance while we were here.

Boats on the PYC Cruise were as follows:

Sea Quest, Barefoot Children, Rockabuy, Spare Time, Sea Legs, Running Spirit, Semper Fi, Returnagain, Reliance, and Lion Heart.

Respectfully Submitted
Ken Jones, Cruise Director, *PYC Cruise 2016*

It was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to accept the report of the Cruise Director.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE, Capt. Joseph Nadeau

This year, the constitution and By-Law Committee was requested to draft four proposed amendments to the constitution by the Board of Directors for action at the annual meeting. As requested, the Committee drafted the proposals and sent them to the Board without substantive change, editorial comment, or recommendations.

The proposals relate to Article XI, Membership. Amendment of Section 4 redefines family membership. Amendment of Section 5 requires sponsors to have known the applicant for at least two years. Amendment of Section 6 defines reinstatement and the application process. Amendment of Section 17 is deleted to conform to the changes in Section 6.

Respectfully submitted,
Capt. Joseph Nadeau for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

9. **AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:** TO ACT UPON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, BY ALTERING THE TEXT AS FOLLOWS: remove text crossed out and add text in bold type.

ARTICLE III - Election of **Flag Officers and Selection of Appointed Officers**

The ~~Flag Officers~~ **Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore** shall be elected by the Board of Directors after the seating of the new Directors to be held at the first meeting of the Board after the Annual Meeting and not later than November 30. ~~Those so selected serve for ONE year only in the office to which elected and may not be elected to the same office for a second consecutive year.~~ **The Commodore shall serve for one year only and shall not be elected to the same office for a second consecutive year. The Vice Commodore and the Rear Commodore may be elected to the same office for a second consecutive year.** The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed to office by the Board of Directors as deemed necessary and may serve consecutive terms.

So that ARTICLE III reads as follows

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Explanation: This proposed amendment allows the Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore to serve two consecutive years.

RECOMMENDED by the Board of Directors.

Commodore Gulley asked whether there was discussion. P/C Gebow asked for clarification about the terms allowed for the Commodore. He asked whether the Commodore can be elected again if there is a year gap between service. Commodore Gulley said the same person can be elected Commodore again as long as the person is still on the Board and has not been Commodore for the previous year. P/C Gebow said the text should be clarified.

Capt. Blanchard asked for clarification about whether the Commodore must have previously held positions as Rear and Vice Commodore. Capt. Deb Gebow offered that this progression through the Flag offices is not identified in the Constitution. P/C Wajda and Commodore Gulley both explained that there is an issue with getting people who have the corresponding skills required for each Flag position who also want to perform responsibilities for each. P/C Dionne further explained this as it relates to the amendment, which he wrote and proposed. R/C Blidberg added that the Flag positions are much more complex than they used to be in the past. Many yacht clubs assign these responsibilities for up to five years.

Capt. Smith asked whether the intent is to restrict the Vice and Rear Commodore positions to two years only. He suggested that the article be amended again to add the word "only" to indicate that the Vice and Rear Commodores may be elected to the same office for only two consecutive years."

Capt. Joe Nadeau made a motion to alter the amendment to take out the words "shall serve for one year only" so that the sentence reads as follows: "The Commodore shall not be elected to the same office for a second consecutive year." Capt. Nadeau read the entire amendment as originally proposed with the additional amendment included, so that the article would read as follows:

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Comm. Gulley asked for a vote on calling the question to amend the amendment. V/C Gingras made a motion to call the question.. The motion was passed by voice. A motion was then made by P/C Gingras to amend the amendment as read by Capt. Nadeau. **The motion was seconded and passed with 65 votes (54 votes required to pass).**

- 10. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION:** TO ACT UPON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 4 BY ALTERING THE TEXT AS FOLLOWS: remove text crossed out and add text in bold type.

ARTICLE XI SECTION 4

Active membership includes individuals or families. Family is defined as two individuals living at the same address in a marriage or marital-type relationship. ~~on the date they become members. To remain members in the event the relationship is dissolved, each individual shall pay separate dues beginning the next dues period.~~

Definition: Whenever the word member, members, or membership is used throughout this entire document, it shall be construed to be gender neutral and is applied to individuals or families as set out in Article XI, Section 4.

So that ARTICLE XI Section 4 reads as follows

Active membership includes individuals or families. Family is defined as two individuals living at the same address in a marriage or marital-type relationship.

Definition: Whenever the word member, members, or membership is used throughout this entire document, it shall be construed to be gender neutral and is applied to individuals or families as set out in Article XI, Section 4.

Explanation: This amendment is intended to enable Family Membership to members living at the same address in a marriage or marital-type relationship regardless of when one or both of them became a member(s). If the relationship is dissolved, the reinstatement (of the former member of the relationship) is covered under item 12, amendment to ARTICLE XI, Section 6.

RECOMMENDED by the Board of Directors.

Commodore Gulley asked if there was any discussion. Capt. Leto asked what the procedure will be for members to secure membership for someone living at the same address in a marital-type relationship. P/C Gingras responded by clarifying the amendment and said that notification to the Secretary will result in the automatic addition of the other person and the membership will be changed to a Family Membership.

Commodore Gulley asked for a motion to vote on the amendment. A count of the card vote was in excess of 54 votes, which are required to pass the amendment.

11. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION: TO ACT UPON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI SECTION 5 BY ALTERING THE TEXT AS FOLLOWS: add text in bold type.

ARTICLE XI Section 5

All applications for membership shall be made on the approved application form, obtainable from a sponsor, which shall be properly filled out and delivered to the Secretary accompanied by the current application fee. Any applicant must attend at least two regularly scheduled PYC events including, but not limited to, dinners, breakfasts, pre- and post-season work parties or docks-in or docks-out with one or both sponsors with the object of meeting as many of the Membership Committee, Flag Officers, and members of the Board of Directors as possible before an application for membership may be submitted. Only a member in "Good Standing" who has been a member of the Club for two or more years is qualified to sponsor a new member. **The sponsoring member must have known the applicant for at least two (2) years.** A member may only act as a sponsor for two applicants at a time and may not sponsor another applicant until at least one of the sponsored applicants becomes a member, is rejected for membership, or withdraws his/her application. NOTE: Two sponsors are necessary in order for the application to be valid.

So that ARTICLE XI Section 5 reads as follows:

All applications for membership shall be made on the approved application form, obtainable from a sponsor, which shall be properly filled out and delivered to the Secretary accompanied by the current application fee. Any applicant must attend at least two regularly scheduled PYC events including, but not limited to, dinners, breakfasts, pre- and post-season work parties or docks-in or docks-out with one or both sponsors with the object of meeting as many of the Membership Committee, Flag Officers, and members of the Board of Directors as possible before an application for membership may be submitted. Only a member in "Good Standing" who has been a member of the Club for two or more years is qualified to sponsor a new member. The sponsoring member must have known the applicant for at least two (2) years. A member may only act as a sponsor for two applicants at a time and may not sponsor another applicant until at least one of the sponsored applicants becomes a member, is rejected for membership, or withdraws his/her application. NOTE: Two sponsors are necessary in order for the application to be valid.

Explanation: The intent of this change is to ensure that members who are sponsors have known the applicant(s) for at least two (2) years.

RECOMMENDED by the Board of Directors.

Commodore Gulley asked whether there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion was made and seconded to approve this amendment. A card vote indicated that more than 54 members voted to accept the amendment and it was, therefore, passed.

12. **AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION:** TO ACT UPON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 6 BY ALTERING THE TEXT AS FOLLOWS: remove text crossed out and add text in bold type.

ARTICLE XI Section 6

The Membership Committee shall consider applications in the order of receipt by the Secretary of the Club who shall mark the date and time of receipt on the application. ~~Exception: Applications by resigned members in good standing and family members converting to active membership shall be considered before new applications.~~ **Applications for reinstatement will be processed prior to other applications and require completion of a reinstatement application and payment of the current application fee. Only two (2) reinstatements will be allowed in a 12-month period unless there are no other applicants on the wait list.**

The following may apply for reinstatement:

- a. Former members who resigned in good standing less than five (5) years before receipt of the application by the Secretary.
- b. A former member of a marital or marital-like relationship which has dissolved. If the relationship has dissolved, one individual shall retain membership, and the other member must resign. As a former member, the resigned individual may apply for reinstatement up to five (5) years from the dissolution of the relationship.
- c. A child who is under the age of twenty-six (26) who was under the age of twenty-one (21) when his/her parents were active members and whose parents still are active members.

So that ARTICLE XI Section 6 reads as follows:

The Membership Committee shall consider applications in the order of receipt by the Secretary of the Club who shall mark the date and time of receipt on the application. **Applications for reinstatement will be processed prior to other applications and require completion of a reinstatement application and payment of the current application fee (equal to annual dues). Only two (2) reinstatements will be allowed in a 12-month period unless there are no other applicants on the wait list.**

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- b. A former member of a marital or marital-like relationship which has dissolved. If the relationship has dissolved, one individual shall retain membership, and the other member must resign. As a former member, the resigned individual may apply for reinstatement up to five (5) years from the dissolution of the relationship.
- c. A child who is under the age of twenty-six (26) who was under the age of twenty-one (21) when his or her parents were active members and whose parents still are active members.

Explanation: These changes would simplify and standardize the reinstatement process to avoid special handling of various situations. It would limit the number of reinstatements in order to enable membership for people who have been on the wait list for several years. Reinstatement privileges are still extended to adult children of members and members who resigned less than 5 years prior to receipt of a reinstatement application by the Secretary.

RECOMMENDED by the Board of Directors.

Commodore Gulley asked whether there was any discussion. A member said that children should always be given priority, no matter who is waiting for membership. Another member said people on the wait list have complained that they have been "pushed down" on the wait list because of reinstatements. R/C Blidberg said that, recently, there have been a lot of reinstatements, but, in past years, the average number of reinstatements have been about two. Commodore Gulley said that in the last couple of years, there have been so many reinstatements, that people waiting for membership have been moved to a position where they will wait 4 or 5 years. Capt. Meyers said that the requirement for 2 reinstatements a year will go a long way toward solving the problem. P/C Gebow asked whether the limit of 2 reinstatements per year applies to children of members. Commodore Gulley responded that, yes, it applies to children of members also. P/C Gebow feels that is wrong because he said we owe everything to our families. Commodore Gulley told members that the Board has spent an enormous amount of time considering this change and trying to make the process fair for everyone. Capt. Deb Gebow said she wants reinstatement for children, even if they are 35 or 40 years old. They are the people who should be members. Capt. Syracuse countered that her two children applied normally and waited 2 years for membership. The topic of increasing the membership numbers was brought up, but that idea has come up many times and was not favored. New member Capt. Ted Mottola said he waited almost 4 years because others jumped ahead of him. He recognized that as part of the rules. He said that a legacy membership of families is not a good direction. He said that, based on his experience at other clubs and at PYC, this rule is an extremely well thought out compromise for the issue that all clubs face.

A motion was made to call the question. The motion was seconded and passed by voice. Commodore Gulley made a motion to approve the amendment change. A card vote indicated more 59 members approved the amendment, and it was, therefore, passed.

13. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION: TO ACT UPON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 17 BY ALTERING THE TEXT AS FOLLOWS: remove text crossed out.

ARTICLE XI Section 17

~~Any member who resigned in good standing may, at the discretion of the Membership Committee, be reelected to membership upon payment of current dues and reinstatement fee. The application fee shall be waived.~~

So that the article is deleted entirely.

RECOMMENDED by the Board of Directors.

Explanation: The process described in this section has been replaced by the process described above in the proposed amendment to ARTICLE XI Section 6.

Commodore Gulley asked whether there was discussion. Since there was not, Commodore Gulley made a motion to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded, and a card vote indicated that the amendment passed unanimously.

14. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION: TO ACT UPON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII, DUES AND FEES, BY ALTERING THE TEXT AS FOLLOWS: remove text crossed out and add text in bold type.

ARTICLE XII, DUES AND FEES

The following is a schedule of the dues and fees currently in effect. These may be changed by an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the members present at an Annual Meeting. **The application fee or reinstatement fee (\$500.00) will be equal to the annual dues and** must accompany the

application for membership. **The fee will be returned if the application or reinstatement is not accepted. The application fee is to be refunded only if the application is rejected.**

Annual dues (\$650.00) shall be payable on the first day of January. Any member whose dues remain unpaid on March 1 shall be expelled without further notice. Dues shall be prorated by fifty percent when an applicant is accepted for membership after 1 August of the current year.

~~Reinstatement Fee (\$250.00) is to be paid by former members who resigned in good standing and are seeking reelection to membership. Current dues must be paid, but the application fee will be waived upon reinstatement.~~

ALL OTHER fees, assessments or bills rendered by the Club for goods or services shall be due and payable when rendered, and any member failing to pay such a bill within 30 days shall be subject to suspension at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

So that Article XII will read as follows:

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RECOMMENDED by the Board of Directors.

Commodore Gulley asked whether there was discussion. Capt. Laurie Clark said that her daughter resigned and may want to rejoin. If she had known that the cost of reinstatement would rise to \$650 from \$250, she may not have resigned. A member asked about prorated dues after August 1 and was told that the dues are prorated because the season is half over by August 1.

There being no further discussion, Commodore Gulley made a motion to accept the amendment. The motion was accepted. A vote count indicated that 57 members voted for the amendment, so it was passed.

At this point in the meeting, Commodore Gulley instructed members to consider items 15 through 19 by writing their vote on the ballot provided at the sign-in desk. She asked each member running for the Board of Directors and Membership Committee to stand. She asked if there were any nominees from the floor, and there were not.

- 15. PROPOSAL FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP: TO ACT UPON THE PROPOSED ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBER TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP AFTER HAVING BEEN NOMINATED BY TWO OR MORE MEMBERS AND HAVING BEEN UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THEIR MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2015:**

PAST COMMODORE GREG GEBOW

Nominated by Capt. George Almgren and Capt. Andrew Courteau

- 16. PROPOSAL FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** TO ACT UPON THE PROPOSED ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBER TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP AFTER HAVING BEEN NOMINATED BY TWO OR MORE MEMBERS AND HAVING BEEN UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THEIR MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2016:

CAPTAIN RON GEORGE

Nominated by Capt. Roy Alonzo and Capt. Ron Laurence

- 17. PROPOSAL FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** TO ACT UPON THE PROPOSED ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBER TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP AFTER HAVING BEEN NOMINATED BY TWO OR MORE MEMBERS AND HAVING BEEN UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THEIR MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2016:

CAPTAIN TONY YOUNG

Nominated by Capts. George & Nancy Almgren, Capt. Wayne Murray & P/C Jaclyn Adams

- 18. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** TO ACT UPON THE ELECTION OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS AND ONE MEMBER FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM (to complete the remaining 3 years of the Board position vacated by Capt. Blake).

The following members have been nominated by the Nominating Committee and have been approved by the Board of Directors:

Capt. Sandra Bissett	Capt. Daniel Morrison
P/C Michael Coffey	Capt. Jeremy Small
P/C Arthur Dionne	Capt. Donna Vittand
Capt. Stephen Knollmeyer	Capt. Tony Young

- 19. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** TO ACT UPON THE ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS.

The following members have been nominated by the Nominating Committee and have been approved by the Board of Directors:

P/C Jaclyn Adams	Capt. Daniel Gabriel
Capt. Patricia Dowey	Capt. Susan Mitchell
	Capt. Paulette Semprini

Commodore Gulley instructed members to mark their ballots for their vote on items 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

RESULTS OF VOTING - A count of ballot votes indicated the following:

Life Memberships were approved for

**P/C Greg Gebow
Capt. Ron George
Capt. Tony Young**

Board of Director positions were approved for

P/C Mike Coffey - 4 years
P/C Art Dionne - 4 years
Capt. Jeremy Small - 4 years
Capt. Tony Young - 3 years

Membership Committee positions were approved for

P/C Jaclyn Adams
Capt. Pat Dowey

20. PROPOSAL TO ELECT PERSONS TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2017 SEASON

Commander of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Commanding Officer of U.S. Coast Guard Station, Portsmouth Harbor
Portsmouth Harbormaster
Kittery Harbormaster
Captains of each of the Coast Guard Cutters stationed in Portsmouth.

RECOMMENDED by the Board of Directors.

P/C Gebow mentioned that, in the past, Commanders of the submarines in Portsmouth for overhaul are offered honorary memberships and asked for their inclusion.

Commodore Gulley asked to call the question to amend the list of Honorary Members to include Commanders of submarines in Portsmouth for overhaul. The question was approved.

Commodore Gulley read the proposal above for election to Honorary Membership, including Commanders of submarines in Portsmouth for overhaul, then asked for a vote. The vote from the floor was unanimously in favor of all Honorary Memberships proposed, including Commanders of submarines at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for overhaul.

21. GENERAL DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

The idea of enabling members who are not able to attend the meeting to vote was expressed by a member. P/C Gingras said the question has been discussed and not resolved yet. He said there are members who do not participate in the club and do not vote. A member said that, in order to vote, people should have the benefit of conversation and debate at the meeting. The number of memberships represented at this meeting is 83. A member said perhaps all members should be invited to vote on Board and Membership Committee members. P/C Gingras said there are 76 members who have not been seen at the club. P/C Dionne said he had kept a list of everyone who came to any event at the club over a two year period when he was on the Board and found that there were 151 people who never came to an event during that time. This would indicate that "absentee members" are not qualified to vote for these positions.

P/C Russell Roth addressed another topic which he felt could address the large wait list. He proposed that members who have paid dues for 30 years are often not active members. They could

be moved into another type of membership category and use the memberships to offer to people on the wait list who would be active in the club. He said he will be proposing this to the Board of Directors. Commodore Gulley said this is a recurring topic at the Board of Directors. She offered that any member who has a proposal for the Board to consider should document the proposal and send it to the Board .

22. ADJOURNMENT

Commodore Gulley thanked members for attending the meeting and made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by all. Commodore Gulley adjourned the PYC 2016 Annual Meeting at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Cartnick

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Secretary

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Capt. Glenn Graper

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

P/C Dan Gingras
P/C Paul Roy
P/C Paul Goldberg
