

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge Commodore Art Dionne



Spring has arrived and the opening of PYC for its 121st Season is just around the corner. As the Docks In date, April 20, gets closer, the activity of the Flags and the Board of Directors increases dramatically. Event scheduling, the hiring of staff, work party preparations, etc. all come to the forefront. These things don't happen automatically they take time and dedication by all involved.

I suspect that many Members are wondering about what is going on with our Pier Project! While I am sure that Rear Commodore Wes Smith will have a lot to report about the Project, I want you to know that the replacement of our Pier will not happen this spring. Our original plan was to have our pier replaced before the start of our season; however, due to time constraints, construction of a new pier before our season would have delayed the opening of our Club. Construction of our new pier will begin after our season ends.

I am looking forward to a great new season at PYC.

NEW MEMBERS

I am pleased to announce that the following have been offered Membership:

- *Craig & Marcia Steidle*
- *Todd & Julie Black*
- *Terry Anderton*
- *Gregory & Annie Lynch*
- *Kenneth Murphy & Allison Spahr*
- *Robert DeMaria & Heidi Conley*
- *Fernando & Nancy Oliveira*
- *Jack and Lynn Joslyn*
- *Peter & Lisa Amarosa*
- *George & Debra Page*
- *Kenneth & Theresa White*
- *Denis & Carolyn Cloutier*
- *Paul McKeon & Jessica Hulseman*
- *John & Joan Schorsch*
- *Paul Dubois & Sharon Griffin*
- *Michael (Kip) & Laurie LeBar*
- *Kathleen Mahoney & Ozzie Ayscue*

A short biography for each new member can be found on our website [HERE](#).

WELCOME ABOARD!

Art Dionne, Commodore ([email Art](#))

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

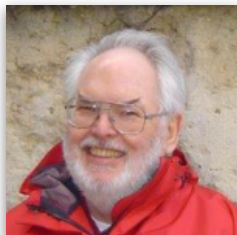
We have received 1 new application for membership:

Holland “Holly” and David “Loren” Tennant of North Hampton, sponsored by Carrie Griffiths and Stephen King. Holly and Loren are a young family of three with roots on the seacoast. They love the tradition and camaraderie the Portsmouth Yacht Club represents and are excited to teach their daughter to appreciate the ocean and the magic it brings. They are a community centered family who loves the outdoors and spending time with friends and family and are excited for the opportunity to meet many new friends within the PYC family.

IN MEMORIAM



Mark Connolly, 63: PYC member Mark Connolly passed away on April 13 while he and his partner Terri Lareau were in California. Mark, a 2016 Democratic candidate for governor and former state securities chief, had been a member of PYC since 2009. He was known as a man of the state of New Hampshire, dedicated to serving our state, a gentleman and a friend.



Jim McNally, 82: Former member Jim McNally passed away on Feb. 26, 2019 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Jim and his wife Nan were members from 1991 to 2016. They lived in Kittery and enjoyed sailing and cruising on *KATE* before moving to Scottsdale, Arizona to be closer to family. A Celebration of Life will be held at PYC on June 3.

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From the Vice Commodore | Pat Dowey ([mail Pat](mailto:Pat@portsmouth.yc.org))



It's May, my favorite month of the year! It's also my pleasure to announce the 2019 social calendar which celebrates traditions, continues with favorite events, and enthusiastically embraces the new: a new season, a new pier, a new Steward, and a few new events!

The Kentucky Derby Cocktail Party on May 4th is ready for the starting line. Laurie Clark and The Ladies Committee have done a wonderful job planning. Fashionable hats are still traditional for race day, even though there will not be a 'competition' this year. And, roses are always in style!

The Commodores Ball will formally open the season. The opening dinner and dance committee is planning to use the Club's nautical artifacts in creative decor. You may be contacted to look in your attic, barn or basement for a unique item! We will be entertained by The Crab Shack (a five piece band) and Mezzanine Catering will again be providing our meal.

Sign up early and often! All of the May events are ready for sign-ups at the Club. Look for specifics in the book at Docks-In. All events and dates are up to date on the Club's website calendar. Changes are made as soon as possible to keep members informed, but if in doubt, you can always give a call. First-up, the pot luck lunch after the docks are in on April 20th.

Club rentals are popular this year. The rental form has been reviewed and revised by the Board of Director's for 2019 and you will find it on the website in Member Area under Documents & Lists. Please contact me directly if you wish to rent the Club for a private party to reserve a date while you complete the paperwork.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve again this year as the Vice-Commodore. Let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions for our Club. Don't forget to volunteer often and join in on the fun!

DATES TO REMEMBER

May hosts are:

Laure Clark, Elaine Perry and Elaine Syracuse

4/20(S) DOCKS IN

5/4(S) KENTUCKY DERBY COCKTAIL PARTY (see pg 6)

5/8(W) WND POT LUCK and NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

5/18(S) OPENING NIGHT DINNER DANCE COMMODORES BALL (see pg 7)

5/22(W) WND PIZZA

5/27(M) MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST

5/31(F) NEW MEMBERS COCKTAIL PARTY

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Private Functions

5/9 (TH), 5/16(TH), 5/30

*Members, please use outside walkway*

**Check the PYC Calendar**  
to keep up with details





## From the Rear Commodore Wes Smith ([email Wes](#))

The 2019 PYC Yacht season is beginning to emerge from hibernation, and according to my calendar Spring began March 20<sup>th</sup> however, we are in New England. The club is coming alive.

### **DOCKS IN and Work Party – April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 08:00**

This season we are combining Docks In and Work Party – Please plan to arrive at 08:00. My goal is to have most of the projects completed. Don't forget to bring your rain gear and gloves in case mother nature didn't receive the Docks In notice.

Remember to bring a dish to share at Docks In.

**Steward Update:** Frieda Kat has been busy ordering supplies, hiring new staff, and bringing back former staff members: Mike Blake as Dockmaster, dock staff Matt, Maddie, Jake, Sam W and Zoe. She has interviewed hired new dock staff who currently have launch licenses.

**Pier Update:** Construction of the new pier has been rescheduled to November 2019 due to material deliveries, weather/ sea conditions.

**Slip Availability:** All slips have been rented for the 2019 season. My thanks to Art DionNe and Chris Weller for all their hard work and efforts.

**2019 SLIP/DINGHY AGREEMENTS are NOT COMPLETE without a certificate of insurance.**

Remember without proof of insurance you will not be able to use PYC slips, mooring, or dinghy dock storage.

### **Other items around the club:**

Dish Sanitizer rinse motor replaced, Kitchen Ceiling has been washed and painted, Mary Pat Gibson and Jim Rini cleaned out all the new beds planted last year, Hot and Cold water is working. Upgrades to camera system have been approved.



*Scenes from Dock In 2018*

Timing for events  
unless otherwise noted:  
*6:00 Cocktails, 7:00 Dinner*  
Follow up-to-date information on  
the [PYC Website Calendar](#)

**WND POT LUCK and  
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

Bring a dish to share and welcome  
our new members to the club!  
(no charge)

**WND PIZZA NIGHT  
Wednesday, May 22**  
Pizza, Caesar Salad,  
Beer and Ice Cream  
\$12 pp; Children: Free

**MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST  
MONDAY, MAY 27**

**9:15 to 10:30**

*Prepared by N & J Pappas,  
M & D Wajda, and L & R Laurence*

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes,  
Corned Beef Hash, Fruit, Muffins,  
Screw Drivers, Bloody Marys,  
Coffee, Orange Juice,  
English Muffins, Jam

**\$10 pp; Children under 12 Free**

**NEW MEMBERS  
COCKTAIL PARTY**

**FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2018  
6:00 to 8:00 pm \$25 pp**

*Menu:*

**Chinese Hot and Cold Appetizers**

*Music by:*

**Katherine Mayfield (keyboard)**

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

*Jacket and Tie for gentleman, please!*





*Kentucky Derby*

**PARTY**

*hosted by the ladies committee*

Saturday, May 4th

5 PM ~ \$15 per person

Please bring an appetizer to share.

*Wear your best hat!*

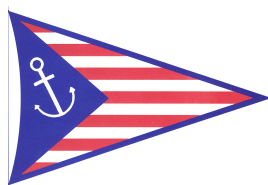
*Mint Juleps, Wine & Big Screen Viewing*

*Prizes for: Win, Place, Show*

To Sign Up Contact:

Laurie Clark ~ 603.988.7994

or  
Debby Gebow ~ 603.828.5591



*The Flag Officers and Steward of the Portsmouth Yacht Club Invite you to*

## *The Commodores Ball: Celebrating a New Season*

*Saturday, May 18 ~ \$60. pp*

*Dress: Black Tie Optional*

*Catered by: Mezzanine Catering*

*Sign in at the club or contact our Steward,*

*Freida, at [Steward@PortsmouthYC.org](mailto:Steward@PortsmouthYC.org)*

*For Table Seating Requests, please contact Ann Mowers 603.436.0066*

*6:00 PM Cocktails (full bar) and Appetizers*

*Cheese Board, Honey, Fruit Seasonal Crudite, House Dip*

*Passed:*

*Korean Style Meatball*

*Herbed Ricotta and Fig Crostini*

*7:00 PM Served Dinner*

*Romaine and Arugula Salad with Citrus,*

*Toasted Sesame Feta, Honey Vinaigrette*

*Choice of:*

- \* Tenderloin of Beef – pan seared & finished w/ a garlic and herb butter*
- \* Salmon – pan seared & finished w/ a garlic and herb butter*
- \* Vegetarian Option - Ancient grains Stuffed Squash*

*Duchess Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable*

*Lemon Cake, Chocolate Dipped Strawberry*

*8:00 PM*

*Dancing to Music by The Crab Shack*