

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge Commodore Art Dionne



By the time this gets to print the first of August will be just around the corner. Unfortunately, that means that our 121st season at PYC is essentially half over; however, the optimist in me tells me that we have almost three months of great times to look forward to. I hope that the first half of our season was kind to all members. I am sure the last half will be great.

According to many reports our Social Events have done quite well. This is due to V/C Pat Dowey's and Steward Frieda Kat's hard work and commitment. The same can be said with regard to our Clubhouse and grounds. Credit here goes to R/C Wes Smith and the many members who spend many hours making sure things look good and work well.

With reference to Steward Frieda Kat, on behalf of PYC I want to congratulate Frieda and her husband Erich on the birth of their new baby boy, Esben Pieter Kantz, who arrived at 4:50 am on July 15th weighing in at 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Art Dionne, Commodore
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Welcome Esben Pieter Kantz!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Savannah Fodero (reinstatement) has been offered Membership to Portsmouth Yacht Club.

We have received 2 new applications for membership:

Jeffrey and Barbara Hughes of New Castle, sponsored by Jonathan Holzaepfel and Laurie Clark. Jeffrey is Vice President of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and is a Board Member of the Dover Chamber of Commerce. Barbara is retired and is on the board of the Gundalow Company and active in the New Castle Historical Society. They have two children, Mara and Jonathan. They are active boaters and are looking forward to widening friendships in and around New Castle and fellowship with other boating people.

Sam and Jane Page of New Castle, sponsored by Elizabeth Stern and Zoi Diamond. Sam and Jane are active golfers at Wentworth Country Club. They lived in Geneva for 7 years and had a chalet in the French Alps for 16 years where they wintered, enjoying hiking and skiing. They are looking forward to knowing more New Castle residents and enjoying activities at PYC.



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

We wish only fair winds, clear skies and following seas for our members who are departing on the Club Cruise Thursday, August 1st, for part or all of the adventure. They are likely to return with some good stories on August 19th. If you would like more information, please contact Ken Jones or Roger Wells.

While the cruisers are away, a cocktail party on Friday, August 9th (6-8 PM) and Staff Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, August 14th are planned. Two more WND complete the social schedule this month, Movie Night & Pot Luck on August 21st and Mexican Dinner on August 28th. Sign-up at the Club, call or email to get on the list.

Did you know...? The last day for lunch will be Saturday, August 17th. Stop in and enjoy one of Will's delicious menu items. And, don't forget to wish him well on his impending move to the Windy City!

This month notes of gratitude go out to our July hosts: Soni Christensen, Maggie Fogel and Jerry Gulley. Major props to the hosts of the July specialty dinners; John & Nancy Pappas and John Samonas & Crew for the ever popular Greek Night Dinner, Andy & Julie Smith for Jazz Night, and Susan Hills and Michael Walzak for the Texas Trail Ride!

And last, but not least, welcome to Esben Pieter Kantz who was born July 15th at 4:50 AM, 7 lbs. 6oz. My personal thanks to everyone who has volunteered to lend a hand while Frieda is away tending to the new addition to her family. You are the reason PYC is such a great place to be!



PYC's Sprinkle for Freida



From the Rear Commodore | Wes Smith ([email Wes](mailto:Wes@portsmouthyc.org))



We are almost halfway through the season. Please find an update of the various projects accomplished or addressed during the month of July.

- *Kitchen Refrigerator:* New door gasket installed. The door remains closed.
- *Kitchen Stove Pilot light(s):* Pilot continues being a problem. There is no retrofit available to electronically ignite the stove. Staff is checking the pilot lights and lighting as required.
- *Timer for Propane Grills:* Not working. DF Richard preparing a proposal to address automatic shut offs for **All** grills. Eliminating the problem of grills being left on all night.
- *Office Door Electronic Lock:* Failed at the worst possible time, the day of the Greek Dinner. The lock bolt failed to release. Several locksmiths were called, no one was available. Our Dockmaster Matt Henck saved the day. He removed the canopy over the grills, removed the air conditioner from the window gaining access to the office, and removed the old lock and failed latch. New lock purchased, programmed, installed. Air Conditioner and canopy replaced all before noon. My thanks to Matt for his quick thinking and a job well done.
- *Club Curb Appeal:* My thanks to Mary Pat Gibson and Jim Rini for all their time and effort updating, planting shrubs, hydrangeas, maintaining and weeding the various beds in the front, and all the others maintaining the various flower beds and plants. Thank you all.
- *PYC Club Sign:* Sign reinstalled after blowing down during a recent windstorm. Three lag bolts were sheared off. Fortunately, no cars were near the sign. The signpost was repainted, sign rehung, this time using 5 lag bolts. My thanks to all the staff who helped with the project.

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From the Rear Commodore *continued*

- *Dock Flood Light:* Replaced. After years of wind, snow, and saltwater the Dock flood light failed. It has been replaced by a LED weatherproof light providing more light and reducing operating costs. My thanks to Keith Bridge for making the upgrade.
- *Timers for Lights, Heaters, Fans, etc:* Timers are being added to turn off lights, heaters, fans, etc. We are still experiencing problems with members not checking the club when leaving at night.
- *Gangway Surface:* Surface has been updated. Thank You to Mike Coffey, Ron George, and Andy Courteau for making this project happen. Thanks again for a job well done.
- *Pier Update:* Prock Marine has inquired about the possibility of doing a couple of test pilings in the beginning of September for embedment depth test prior to ordering the pier pilings. This process will take 3-4 hours. This request is contingent upon getting the barge close to the pier.
- *Housekeeping Reminders:*
 - Liquor / Wine bottles left at the bar will be removed. Before you leave, please check that you have removed your liquor, secured it in your locker, or have taken it home. Please do not expose the club to a possible liability by leaving liquor out.
 - Monday July 22st the Staff arrived to find an absolute mess, by member(s) of the club failing to clean up before they left Sunday evening - **WAS IT YOU?**
 - First thing Monday morning I received a call another member asking if I saw the mess left by member(s) using the club Sunday July 21st.

Please remember it is not the Staff's responsibility to clean up after members. These actions will not be tolerated.

Remember this is your club. Please take care of it and have respect for your fellow club members.

If you have questions and or concerns, please contact me, the Steward Frieda Kat, or any of the Board members.

SAIL PORTSMOUTH PARADE OF SAIL THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

The Parade of Sail, led by USCGC *Eagle*, will start at 2KR 18:30 and pass by PYC shortly thereafter.

Join the Parade in your own boat, or watch it from the club!



USCGC EAGLE

Sign up for Events in the book in the club ,
call 603.436.9877,
or contact V/C Pat Dowey at
ViceCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org

Timing for events unless otherwise noted:
6:00 BYOB Cocktails, 7:00 Dinner

Follow up-to-date information on the
[PYC Website Calendar](#)

Friday Night Cocktail Party

Friday, August 9; 6 PM-8 PM; \$25 pp

Catered by Great Circle Catering

With entertainment by keyboardist

Katherine Mayfield!

Wine and Cheese from Around the World
(and other goodies, too.)

France, New Zealand, Chile, Italy, USA,
Spain, South Africa

WND & Staff Appreciation Night
August 14 ~ \$22 per person

Ribeye Steak, Scalloped Potatoes,
Grilled Asparagus, Caesar Salad

Brownie Sundae

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING
CLEAN-UP IN THE KITCHEN
AS ONE WAY TO SHOW
YOUR APPRECIATION!

DATES TO REMEMBER

August hosts are:

Jackie Adams and Priscilla Lent

- 8/1 (TH) PARADE OF SAIL
*Leaves from 2KR at 18:30 and
passes shortly thereafter.*
- 8/1 (TH) Pre-Cruise to Rockland
- 8/9 (F) FRIDAY NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY
- 8/4 - 8/19 CLUB CRUISE out of Rockland
- 8/14 (W) STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT
- 8/17 (S) LAST DAY FOR LUNCH
- 8/21 (W) WND POT LUCK & MOVIE NIGHT
(AFRICAN QUEEN)
- 8/28 (W) WND MEXICAN NIGHT

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### Private Functions

8/14(TH) approved by BOD May 2019  
Members, please use outside walkway

## WND Pot Luck & Movie Night

August 21 ~ No charge

Hosted by Phyllis Breitman & Dan Gingras

Bring a dish to share and enjoy the movie!

“The African Queen”

Directed by John Huston

Starring Humphrey Bogart & Katherine Hepburn

## Mexican Night

Wed August 28 ~ \$22 per person

Catered by Las Olas Taqueria

Guacamole Bar with Mix-ins!

Taco Bar with chicken and steak!

Quesadillas!

Free Margaritas!

Dessert!