

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge Commodore Art Dionne



The Bad news is that our Season is coming to an end and so must the 121st Season of PYC. The Good news is that we have had terrific summer and the Board of Directors and the Flags are already planning for the 122nd Season of PYC.

Speaking of planning, please plan to attend this year's Annual Meeting that will be held on October 10, 2019 at 7 pm at PYC. We will be voting for:

- Three new members to the Board of Directors
- Two members to the Membership Committee
- Constitution and By-Laws Amendments
- Two Life Memberships
- An increase in our Dues

The following members will be running for the Board of Directors:

- Capt. Peter Dawson
- Capt. Maggie Fogel
- Capt. David McArdle

The following members will be running for the Membership Committee:

- P/C Jackie Adams
- Capt. Elaine Perry

The following members are up for Life Membership:

- P/C Michael Coffey
- Capt. Glenn Graper

All things considered it will be an important and exciting evening.

As this is one of my last Newsletter contributions, I want to take this opportunity to thank all Members who have volunteered time and effort to PYC this season. Your involvement is greatly appreciated. I also want to thank the Board of Directors for their advice and diligence to PYC's purpose. Finally I want to thank V/C Pat Dowey, R/C Wes Smith, Treasurer Doyle Skeels, Secretary Carole Carnick and Media Controller P/C Christina Weller for their dedication and support.

Docks Out – October 26, 2019 – Save the date!

IN MEMORIAM



D. Richard "Dick" Blidberg, 74, passed away on September 1 after a brief but tough battle with cancer. Dick had been a member of Portsmouth Yacht Club since 1978. He served on the Board of Directors, and was Rear Commodore for 2 years. He enjoyed sailing and cruising on *Mischief*. There will be a "Celebration of Life" at PYC on Saturday, October 12, 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Our condolences to his son, PYC Board member Scott, daughter-in-law Rachel, and grandson Alex.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Membership Committee has interviewed and approved the following candidates to the PYC Waitlist:

- Casey and Rhea Snyder
- Morgan Dudley and Ted Naughton
- Holly and Loren Tennent
- Toby and Nancy Clarke

PYC Holiday Gala News

Your Holiday Gala team has acquired a lot of exciting raffle baskets and five silent auction items for the, not to be missed, December 14 event at the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club. They include a safari for two in Southern Africa, golf at Pebble Beach, condo for a week in Tucson. Be sure to secure your place by signing up. It will even be better than last year!
Darleen and team

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



Rainbow over Cedar Island

PYC's active social schedule is wrapping up with some terrific events and of course, the business end of the season's activities. And, sadly, I am coming to the end of my second term as your Vice Commodore. Let me say unequivocally that it has been my pleasure! I know the membership will give the next V/C the same generous support that I've enjoyed. Thank you, one & all!

October starts off with a Traditional Turkey Dinner on October 2nd. This is the last Club sponsored Wednesday night dinner. Hosted by Joe and Kirsten Cunningham, this autumn feast will feature all the regular fixin's as well as a family recipe for the stuffing and homemade pumpkin pies!

Don't miss a chance to thank Commodore Art Dionne for his leadership and many hours of work on behalf of the Club by attending the Commodore's Chowder on Sunday October 6th from 12:00-1:00. Be sure to sign up so we know how much chowder to have on hand. After the Annual Meeting on October 10, its on to the closing social party.

On October 19, back by popular demand, the Jazz Group with John Hunter and Charlie Jennison will play for our Closing Night Cocktail Party (see details pg 7). It will be a more formal event than earlier cocktail parties, but don't forget to wear your dancing shoes! The Closing Night Committee has spared no detail in selecting a wide range of delicious food from the *Take Away Café* and planning decorations with a shimmer of silver. It promises to be a lovely evening celebrating another season of boating, friends, and good times at PYC!

Closing the clubhouse does not mean the social activity is over! The Christmas Gala (details pg. 8) on Saturday, December 14, will carry-on the tradition of a holiday event at the Wentworth Country Club, with valuable raffle prizes, good music, and the warm company of friends. We will ring in the New Year on January 1st with brunch! Please plan to join us for both holiday parties!

As we look ahead to PYC's 122nd season, please think about what you can do for the Club. What event could you organize? Host? What events did you like best? Least?

Member meals are some of our best attended events! Think about it, where can you lend a hand?

Join me in a big round of applause to the many who volunteered during the month of September. The Labor Day Breakfast Crew; Dave & Marilyn Wajda and the Half St. Patrick's Day Crew; Dave Kenep and Ellen Keefe for hosting the Pulled Pork Dinner; and The Propeller club for putting on another great Lobster Bake. All of these events were enhanced by the careful planning and generous contributions of the September hosts, Greg & Debby Gebow, Paul & Mary Beth Goldberg and Pepper Sinkler.



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



It's that time of year again!! We must begin preparing the club for old man Winter. The seasons appear to be getting shorter each year. It seems just like yesterday we were preparing for "Docks In".

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – OCTOBER 26, 2019 “DOCKS OUT” HIGH TIDE 10:18

We will begin moving docks at @08:00. Please plan to arrive by 07:30. We will have donuts and coffee. This year we will have additional work securing the club as the pier will be replaced.

A word of caution: The pier railing by the dock house, is beginning to deteriorate. Caution tape has been placed around it. DO NOT LEAN ON THE RAILING - Thanks Mike Coffey – Good catch!

CLUB UPDATES / REPAIR

- West Gate – Combination lock has been repaired. Corrosion of wiring and battery contributed to lock failure. Thanks to Jim Dowey for repairing the lock.
- Outside Grill gas lines and timer have been upgraded.
- Parking lot flood light replaced with LED light. Please remember last person out turn off flood light (if on) and turn porch light on.
- Porch ceiling fan burned out; new fan installed – Thanks Keith Bridge.
- Automatic timer added to heater in men's room and shed lights. New heater timer scheduled for ladies' room.
- Screen door latches thanks to Roy Briscoe. Door closures purchased waiting for installation.

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From the Rear Commodore *continued*

- Ladies' shower room exhaust fan light and shower handle have been repaired.
- New Tool Cabinet donated to the club for better organization of PYC tools. Thank you, Debby and Greg Gebow.

PIER UPDATE

- Dock House plans and layout are beginning. Charlie Griffiths offered to spear head the project. First meeting will be 9/13 establishing goals. Thanks to Nancy McArdle for developing preliminary plans for the structure.
- Test pier pilings delayed by weather.
- Logistic phase: The pier project contract starts November 1st and ends March 1, 2020. Demolition will take three days, construction 7-10 days weather dependent. The initial phase will be removal utilities, followed by transitioning fuel lines to temporary pilings, pier deck demo, and bents (framework supporting the deck's lateral and vertical loads). The critical phase will be the transferring the fuel lines to the temporary pilings and reattaching to the new pier. Our fuel company will work directly with pier contractor.

CLUB HOUSE STRUCTURE INSPECTION

Properties in or around water require inspection on a regular basis. The club structure is subject to wave and tide activity as is the pier, to a lesser degree. To that, end Roy Briscoe and I met with a marine structural engineer specializing in structures like ours exposed to constant tide and wave exposure. The preliminary assessment of club's understructure is due in a couple of weeks.

OTHER ITEMS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF PYC DIRTY DISHES – We may have a nomenclature confusion. PYC doesn't have a dishwasher (or for that matter a maid). We have a **DISH SANITIZER**. The operation of a home dishwasher and **DISH SANITIZER** are different. With the home dish washer, you put dirty dishes in, push a button, and 2 ½ hours clean dishes come out dry. **Not** the case for a sanitizer. The sanitizer has a defined set of procedures which need to be followed:

- All food **must** be scrapped from the plates into a garbage can.
- At the right side of the sanitizer is a rinse station. Place dishes into a dish rack and use the sprayer to rinse the plates.
- Move the plate rack into the sanitizer, close the door, the system will start; rinsing the plates with soap solution and then rinsing with 180-degree water. When the cycle is done the system stops. Remove the rack from the left side of the machine, dry any wet plates with a towel, and put the plates away where you found them.
- Use the same process for silverware and utensils.

If the process is too much DON'T use China plates, use paper and plastic silverware and throw them away.

Please remember if you use China plates or paper plates please remove the garbage bag, tie it and put it into the dumpster.

Remember we don't have a maid. This is a working club; there is no one to clean up after you and your guests. Please do remember to leave the club cleaner than you found it.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Sign up for Events in the book in the club ,
call 603.436.9877,
or email our Steward Frieda Kat
Steward@PortsmouthYC.org

LADIES COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 ~ 6:00

Meeting will be outside if weather
is good, upstairs if not.

All PYC Ladies are welcome to attend!

DATES TO REMEMBER

10/2(W) WND - TURKEY DINNER
LADIES COMMITTEE AT 6:00

10/6(SU) COMMODORE'S CHOWDER
and ICE CREAM SOCIAL

10/10(TH) ANNUAL MEETING

10/19(S) CLOSING NIGHT
COCKTAIL PARTY (details pg 7)

10/26 (S) DOCKS OUT

12/14(S) HOLIDAY PARTY
(details pg 8)

1/1/20(W) NEW YEARS DAY BRUNCH

TURKEY DINNER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 ~ \$19 PP

Hosted by

Joe & Kirsten Cunningham and Crew

- Roasted Turkey
- Stuffing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Veggie, Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Pie & Ice Cream

PYC ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 ~ 7:00 PM

PLAN TO ATTEND AND VOTE!

click below to view:

[ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE,](#)
[NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES,](#) and
[RELATED DOCUMENTS](#)

COMMODORE'S CHOWDER AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 ~ 12:00 - 1:00

Hosted by

Commodore Art & Jud Dionne

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

No Charge, but please sign up so that we
know how much Chowdah to have!

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at @ 08:00. Please plan to arrive by 07:30.

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Bring a dish to share for a
Pot Luck Lunch!

All That Jazz

*Closing Night Cocktail Party
Saturday, October 19, 6:00-9:00PM*

\$50 pp ~ Black Tie Optional

Please sign up by October 14 at noon

Wine and Cocktails

Hors d'oeuvres by 'Take Away Cafe'

Back by popular demand!

The John Hunter Trio with Charlie Jennison.

Passed and stationed hors d'oeuvres:

Crab cakes with coconut ginger remoulade;

Shrimp wrapped with prosciutto and basil;

Wild mushroom crostini.

Vegetable dumplings;

Caramelized onion tarts with gorgonzola;

Asparagus wrapped with capicola;

Teriyaki beef skewers;

Asian chicken tarts;

Assorted mini desserts



Celebrate
The Holiday Season!

Annual PYC Holiday Party

Saturday, December 14, 2019

6:00 – 10:00 pm

Wentworth By the Sea Country Club
60 Wentworth Road, Rye, NH

Members, Wait List & Guests Welcome

\$65 per person

**Delicious Appetizers, Complementary
Champagne, Drink Coupon
Gourmet Desserts & Coffee
Dancing & Raffle**

Please mail a check to Darleen Chadwick

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Checks must be received by December 7, 2019

