

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge Commodore Wes Smith



Thank you for your participation in the re-scheduled continuation of the 2020 annual meeting. The voting results can be found on our website on the [“2020 PYC Annual Meeting”](#) page.

This has been an eventful Spring; During the winter hibernation the club house was inspected by CivilWorks New England. Their findings are available on our website on the [“Club Facility Improvements”](#) page. Based on their input a flaw in the club floor joists and support was uncovered. As a result the club has expended Capital Improvement funds to ensure the club will remain standing for the next 100 years. This is great news for our social event planners in that the floor will not risk failure during events.

CivilWorks and our contractor have finished the first half of Phase 1. This entailed lifting the floor and pouring concrete footings to support the floor beams. We are now finished with that and ready to support our summer activities. The second half of Phase 1 includes work on the outer edge of the floor structure. This work will wait until DES permits have been approved, perhaps next fall. We plan to rebuild the Sea Wall in Spring 2022 or 2023.

Commodore Wes Smith, Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have received one new application for membership:

Nancy and Chris Stevens of Dover, NH, sponsored by Thomas & Amy McClellan and Roger Wells. Both Chris and Nancy have always loved boating and the ocean. Nancy grew up here, then moved to San Diego, where she enjoyed boating at the San Diego Yacht Club. Chris spent every summer boating on Lovell Lake. Chris now works for Brunswick Marine, and Nancy is a realtor. They go boating to Portsmouth, the Isles of Shoals, or York Harbor with friends. They own a 30' Cape Dory Lobster Cruiser. They have admired PYC for many years and have heard of the PYC Summer Cruise from Roger Wells. They are looking forward to sharing their boating passion for our beautiful coast with other members of PYC and participating in club social and volunteer opportunities.

Welcome New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members, both for the 2020 and the 2021 season. The Chair of the Orientation Committee, Debby Gebow, will be reaching out to arrange for your orientation, and provide you with your keys to the club.

2020

- Timothy & Cheryl Mardin
- Richard Sullivan & Rosalie Andrews
- Christopher Lara & Leigh-Anne Sapienza
- William & Shellie Driscoll
- Brad & Kate Helm
- Paul & Donna Urbanek
- Claudia Bedoya & Alexander Choquette
- Kristen McCormack
- Terri Lareau (Reinstatement)
- Richard Horan & Linda Monica
- Aaron & Stephanie Caswell
- Tom & Patience Chamberlin
- William and Patricia Lenz

2021

- Christopher Meyer (Reinstatement)
- James & Claudia Wilbur
- Donald & Gwendolyn Blouin
- Michael Danielski & Kathy Hollister
- D. Casey & Rhea Snyder
- Emmet Todd
- Lillian Manion
- David & Tricia Mansfield
- Toby & Nancy Clarke
- Grant & Darlene Cumming
- David & Nancy MacDonald
- Morgan Dudley & Ted Naughton
- Holly & Loren Tennent
- Jeffrey & Barbara Hughes
- David & Judy Hajjar
- Timothy & Donna MacDonald
- Sam & Jane Page



From the Vice Commodore | Whit Weller

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It's time to put away the parkas and put on the life jackets.... Spring has arrived at PYC!

We can put 2020 behind us and get ready for a wonderful 2021 season. There are new opportunities to socialize and use our facilities for member fellowship. I speak from personal experience when I say how much I missed our social calendar and impromptu gatherings on the deck. The results of the April, 2021 member survey is available for your review on our website: ([Member Area: Documents and Lists](#)).

The docks are in, but the club is not yet officially open. Member volunteers are working to complete kitchen improvements, which include new high capacity in-line dish washer and sink equipment. The Ladies Committee has offered to buy a new refrigerator for the kitchen and PYC has accepted their generous gift. Thank you goes out to the Ladies Committee, chaired by Laurie Clark! Member volunteers are also working to finish the docks' electrical wiring, fuel and plumbing hookups. All this activity must be completed before we can fully open the club. I expect, the clubhouse and docks will be open for use in early to mid May. I will send out a communique when Commodore Smith officially opens the club to member impromptu gatherings. This season is, like all, a season where we have to balance our activities to provide a safe and wholesome environment for our members, their families, as well as the Flag Officers and club staff.

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PYC will follow both State and CDC guidance with respect to masking and social distancing. “Best Practices” suggest that members who are not feeling well use masking and social distancing to protect the health and safety of members using the club facilities. I recommend that each member be personally “aware” of your own actions to protect the health and safety of others while using the club facilities. If you are “not feeling up to snuff” please use caution in attending events. Those who must cancel attendance at an event with less than 24 hour notice will have their event fee cheerfully forgiven in light of safety concerns.

The event calendar, available online, and published in PYC directory, is a draft to be finalized as the situation on the ground is determined. The first PYC member social event is scheduled for Saturday July 3rd which will be a late afternoon barbecue. Should members wish to stay late you are all welcome to watch the Portsmouth fireworks display from the deck, if the show is on schedule.

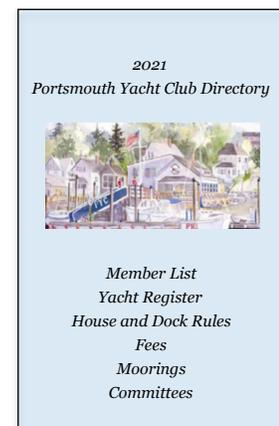
PYC Club Parking Lot for 2021: Each membership will be issued a new “dangling tag” for one vehicle. Members only who wish to park in the club lot shall display the club pass on the dashboard or hanging from the rear view mirror. As has been the case in past years the Town of New Castle allows for parking along Piscataqua Street for up to 72 hours. The Board has agreed with the police that members who need to park for more than 72 hours should park at New Castle commons. The Steward and staff can instruct you, should you need long term parking. (See House and Docks Rules below)

Members’ suggestions or concerns with respect to either member or staff activities at the club are welcomed by the Flag Officers. Please bring your concerns about club operations to the Flag Officers, not the staff. As with all club activities, we ask that all suggestions also come with a commitment to help implement them.

Let’s enjoy our club and we can all look forward to a wonderful, fulfilling 2021season.

From the 2021 House and Docks Rules: Rules Pertaining to Parking

1. Limited parking is available on club property for members only.
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 - b. No vehicle may be parked in the PYC parking lot without a valid permit. Only one membership vehicle is eligible to park in the lot at one time; therefore, one parking permit will be issued to each membership. The permit should hang from the windshield mirror or be placed visibly on top of the dashboard when a vehicle is parked in the club parking lot. The parking permit will be mailed annually to members with the directory in May.
 - c. No vehicle shall be parked in the parking lot in such a fashion as to impair other members’ use of the lot or in any way that interferes with the routine utility functions such as fuel delivery or trash removal.
 - d. Vehicles parked in the PYC parking lot shall not exceed length overall of 200 inches bumper to bumper. Larger vehicles are asked to park alongside the road, not in the PYC parking area.
 - e. Arrangements for overnight or extended parking must be made with the Steward. Keys must be left with the Steward.
 - f. The club assumes no liability for vehicles in the parking lot.
 - g. Vehicles in violation of these rules will be subject to towing at the expense of the owner.



The 2021 PYC Directory and Schedule of Events Flyer have been published. Members should be receiving them in the mail shortly.

As a reminder, please be sure to keep your contact information up to date by contacting our Secretary, Carole Carnick at Secretary@PortsmouthYC.org



A Rearview | Rear Commodore Roger Wells

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Docks In on Saturday, April 17, went smoothly, despite the weather. Thanks to all!

We have been busy preparing the club for the membership. We have accomplished a lot:

- We have completed planning and ordering equipment to refurbish our commercial kitchen facility for the new season. This includes new sinks, wash station and high temperature commercial dishwasher capable of doing a whole cycle in 1 minute. We have invested in a new gas stove and moved some of the plumbing and fire protection equipment to comply with current fire and building codes. Once complete, the kitchen will be fully compliant with all state and local health department codes.



Docks In 2021

- The Ladies committee has offered and we have agreed for them to provide a new refrigerator system for the kitchen. (Thank You!)
- We have competed many of the management activities to manage contracts for members to rent slips, manage dinghy space and moorings. There is one mooring available to be offered to a lottery winner. I will provide details in a separate email. For the 2022 season we will be migrating to use a waiting list assignment for moorings that become available much the same as we manage slips.
- The club will be installing dinghy pull-outs for the 2021 season and will be recovering a fee of \$25 additional fee for their use to cover club costs. A waiting list structure similar to the slip list will be set up for next season.



STEWARDS CORNER

Our Steward, Frieda Kat, will be holding specific office hours where members can schedule time to meet with her. Hours will be posted on our website and at the club. Contact Frieda at Steward@PortsmouthYC.org.



Portsmouth Yacht Club is BoatUS Cooperating Group, # GA81490Y.

Use our group number to receive discounts off water towing services.

CRUISE NEWS



SEAL BAY

PORTS OF CALL		
PYC DOWN EAST CRUISE 2021		
PRE CRUISE: Portsmouth to Rockland		
Fri 7/30	Orrs-Bailey Yacht Club	50 nm
Sat 7/31	Booth Bay	28 nm
Sun 8/1	Rockland	24.5nm
CRUISE		
Mon 8/2	Seal Bay	16.78 nm
Tues 8/3	Camp Island	10.0 nm
Wed, Thur, Fri 8/4,5,6	Southwest Harbor	19.6 nm
Sat 8/7	Bucks Harbor	27.4 nm
Sun, Mon 8/8,9	Castine	11.28 nm
Tues, Wed 8/10,11	Belfast	21.6nm
Thur 8/12	Cradle Cove	11.9 nm
Fri, Sat 8/13,15	Camden	16,4 nm
Sun 8/15	Rockland	19 nm

If you would like to join the PYC Cruise, please contact Cruise Director Ken Jones, kmjdory@comcast.net.



BASS HARBOR HEAD LIGHT