

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge Commodore Wes Smith



It's hard to believe the 2021 season has ended. The docks are neatly stacked in the parking lot, the water system winterized, the outdoor table and chairs stacked inside, the lockers are empty, and the winter lock is on.

With the club's closing my tenure as Commodore and term on the Board of Directors has come to an end. Upon leaving I want to extend my thanks and gratitude to the 2018 – 2021 Board of Directors for all their advice and support, without it we couldn't have accomplished the number of capital improvement we have.

I want to especially thank PC Pat Dowey, who shared the bridge with me, for her advice, support, and in depth knowledge of our constitution.

Retiring from the Board are PC Pat Dowey and Captain Laurie Clark. Secretary Carole Cartnick, who faithfully served 13 years of dedicated service and has a wealth of knowledge and total recall, is also retiring.

The 2021 season began with uncertainty due to Covid 19. With a positive can-do attitude, we forged ahead under the guidance and direction from VC Whit Weller and RC Roger Wells, who orchestrated an aggressive social calendar and supported PC David Wajda upgrading the kitchen appliances to coincide with the planned social events. It was very clear: no kitchen, no events. To add to the pressure, the foundation was being repaired, with two access holes cut in the floor, and NHDES application was submitted for the exterior portion of the foundation. All completed on time just like nothing ever happened.

At this time, I would like to welcome our three new Board members and our new Secretary:

*Board Members: Clarissa (Soni) Christensen, Robert (Demo) DeMaria, and Elaine Perry
Secretary Sharon Parker*

The Board of Directors met on Nov. 11, 2021 and elected the Flag Officers for the 2022 season:

- *Commodore Whit Weller*
- *Vice Commodore Soni Christensen*
- *Rear Commodore Roger Wells*

Finally, I would like to thank all the members who put endless hours in making PYC a friendly welcoming Club.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

[\(View the Applicant Wait List and member changes on the PYC website.\)](#)

The Membership Committee has interviewed and approved the following candidates to the Wait List:

- Thomas & Kathleen Conneen
- Robert Martin & Wendy Keeler
- Karen Fay

We have received 4 applications for membership:

- **Daniel & Xanthi Gray** of Portsmouth, sponsored by Porter Davis and Stephen Falzone. Some of Daniel and Xanthi's most enjoyable summer evenings have been spent at PYC as guests of family and friends who are current, active members. Daniel's father, Doug Gray, was long-term member (step-mother Neelie Gray still is), and finds it heart-warming to visit PYC and see the wooden eagle that Doug carved for the club hanging on the wall. They have lived in Portsmouth Most of their lives (Daniel raised in Rye and Xanthi originally from Concord). They are recent "empty nesters", having raised daughters, two of whom are in college away from home. With this newfound freedom, they would love to expand their social activities. The feel that PYC is a beautiful place, with a vibrant membership and that it would be a privilege to be part of it.
- **Jason Goodrich** of Portsmouth, sponsored by Jude Blake and Julie Black. Jason sixth generation Portsmouth native and father of 2 young boys. He is am a realtor with the Dow Realty Group and serves as a trustee for the Seacoast Rep. Theater. He also serves on the Portsmouth Blue Ribbon committee for the Arts. He is an avid outdoorsman and loves the ocean. He enjoys fishing, paddle boarding, sailing, and cruising along the beautiful coastline. He would love to join PYC for the friendship, networking, and camaraderie. He grew up around boats and has spent a great deal of time on the ocean. He learned to sail at the community boating center in Boston and worked at the Wentworth Marina the first year it opened.
- **Ron & Suzanne King** of Kittery, sponsored by Jane Finn and Laurie Clark. Ron and Suzanne moved to New Castle in January 2001 and happily lived on island for 20 years. They raised our 3 boys in New Castle. They attended MHT, ran in the Columbus Day road race, played t-ball on the school field, and spent hours skating when the rink was in the Common. New Castle – and it's beautiful beaches, marshes, houses, and water – will always have a special place in their hearts. But as beautiful as New Castle is, they feel it's the people who make it such a special place. They recently relocated to Kittery and want to be sure that they don't lose touch with the people they have known for 20 years. They are applying for membership in the Portsmouth Yacht Club so that they can spend many more years enjoying the beauty of the Great Island as well as the people who call it home. Now that they are empty-nesters, they look forward to having an opportunity to volunteer in support of the many activities at PYC and to being active members.
- **Betsy & Carl Stevens** of Exeter, sponsored by Steve King and Kathleen Mahoney & Ozzie Ayscue. Betsy and Carl feel that the most important reason for joining PYC is their interest in connecting with other boaters. They've sailed out of the Piscataqua for 20+ years yet know very few people with whom they can share this passion. With around 15 years on a rental mooring at KPYY, and the last few on a Hart's Cove mooring, there weren't opportunities to spend with the boating community onshore. The camaraderie of the Club is something Carl, in particular, looks forward to. Betsy's long career at Phillips Exeter Academy has generated numerous friendships and given her a sense of belonging. As a remote employee for a Seattle based ocean engineering firm, Carl filled that void with volunteer work in local organizations mostly around our boys' schooling. The possibility of pursuing his enjoyment of boating and his capacity for marine engineering in the company of volunteers who share similar interests is compelling. Betsy and Carl have the 50' sailboat, *Mistral*.
- **Dan Gosselin & Ellen Manero-Earley** of Kittery, sponsored by Bud Myles and Steve Knollmeyer. Dan and Ellen are lifelong boaters primarily along the NE coast with several years' experience on Lake Michigan. They have several years' experience with off-shore racing as well as several years racing in the Chicago-Mackinac on Lake Michigan. Dan has a 100 ton vessel Captain's license and Ellen is a graduate of Maritime. There interest in joining PYC is to participate in events with friends and family who are already members and continue to grow their boating network and meet new friends to cruise with. Dan and Ellen have the 49' sailboat, *Amnesia*.



From the Vice Commodore

REFLECTING BACK: Whit Weller, Vice Commodore, 2021

Season's greetings to all. This is a fantastic way to end our very successful 2021 season. Our key director positions have been filled, and we have great things we want to accomplish in 2022. I am pleased to express our great appreciation to Frieda Kat, our Steward, for her excellent work over the past 3 seasons. She will be moving on to pursue her career in new directions. I'm sure she is aware, but we all support her as she begins a new chapter.

The PYC membership should be very proud of our tradition of wonderful fellowship and caring for our members and visitors. We have a really wonderful core team of dedicated people who are really trying to make the club activities a rewarding and fun experience. For 2022 we will get to know each other, new and old members can enjoy the warmth of the season together.

I personally want to welcome the new Directors and our new Secretary Sharon Parker. I will enjoy working with them throughout the new year. We have a tall order this year, in that we must do a search for a new Steward, do some rebuilding of our dock staff and ensure that we are organized for 2022. We are fortunate to have our slate of Flag Officers lined up and are already making plans for the upcoming season.

Hope to see you all soon, Whit



PLANNING AHEAD: Soni Christensen, Vice Commodore, 2022

2022 is fast approaching and hopefully it will be an active year for the yacht club. To begin the year, we are bringing back our New Years Day Brunch at Grill 28, Portsmouth, NH. The cost is \$32.00 per person beginning at 10:30am. Bring your hats and horns and let's celebrate together.

A short time ago, we had a small meeting to start the planning process for next year's events, but the big and so important planning meeting is December 5, at 11:00 am at Laurie Clark's home, 50 Laurel Lane, New Castle, NH. At this event, the year's Social Calendar is planned and volunteers appointed to help with the very huge job of executing all the dinners, dances, cocktail parties, and fashion show for 2022.

Volunteering to help is a perfect way for all our members to get to know their fellow PYC members. Seven years ago, this is how I met and became friends with so many members. Please volunteer, there are so many ways we need your help. It's always fun and rewarding. Please e-mail me if you would like to volunteer. Thanks so much. Sonichristensen@Gmail.com.

My thanks to: Elaine Perry, Mary Pat Gibson, Laurie Clark, Maggie Fogel and Ruth Zikaras for their help with the initial planning process.

Warm regards, Soni Christensen



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



The 2021 season is over. We had a great season with the new pier, new dock house, and new galley equipment including a high temperature dishwasher, stove/oven range, and refrigerator. The Board of Directors is now planning for the 2022 season for the Portsmouth Yacht Club. This includes the election of new Flag Officers, planning next year's activities and events, working on 2022 budgets, and work involving the house and docks. I wish to once again thank all the members who helped with various house and docks projects and events during the season. This is a hands on or working club and without the volunteer help not much work would be done. The diligent efforts of club members range from the intensive care of attractive greenery and flowers around the outside of the clubhouse to the constant upkeep of the clubhouse and docks.

The Docks Out event took place on Saturday October 23rd and was very successful thanks to all the volunteers. The morning started off with donuts and coffee and later, hotdogs. This was first "open invitation" for volunteers since Docks In/Docks Out in the spring of 2020. The docks were dismantled and hauled/floated to the crane on shore by brave float crews and then stacked in the parking lot by hearty workers. Special thanks go to the "float boss" Keith Bridges and "yard boss" Art Dionne. More volunteers filled the house with dock hoses, chairs, and tables. The dirty grills were scrubbed for hours until shiny by two members and then carried into the house. After all the work was done, we enjoyed a great potluck luncheon. It was hard work but great fun. Launches were winterized and covered. This was done with the help of Mike Coffey and Steve Jefferson. The house was winterized to prevent frozen water pipes by a group of members under the direction of Ken Jones and Mike Coffey.

The House and Docks Committee has a growing list of large and small projects for 2022 now that the club is back in full use and function.

The winter lock is now in use.

Cruise News | Cruise Director Ken Jones | kmjdory@comcast.net

I asked Russ Roth about going further Down East, as he had made this voyage many times. Russ has suggested the number of boats the areas could accommodate as 6-10. Note that you would, at times, be anchoring in 30 feet of water.

Russ also points out that cruisers will have to be self-sufficient. Not many opportunities for fuel and water.

I wanted to present this information to all of you for your input to me. I need your feed back if I am to include this in the 2022 Cruise program

Anyone interested?

There could also be a number of boats going further East and another group cruising as we have in the past years with all of us meeting back at SWH for the final week returning to Rockland.

We plan to have our standard PYC Cruise Down East, probably in August

Thank you Russ!

From Russ: "In the past I have gone from Rockland to Camp on the 1st night. Then Camp to Little Cranberry the next day. This gives you a good shot to Mistake Harbor roughly 40 miles.

Looking at the tide chart my preference would be to leave the Cranberry Islands very early (5:00am) on August 1st.

Mistake to Roque is a short distance. It's up to you how you want to enter. I would recommend 2 days here. The white sandy beach is great for cocktails.

If the wind is wrong for Roque Harbor go around to Shorey Cove.

It's another short hop to Jonesport. The shipyard is very accommodating. They have hosted PYC twice before. From Jonesport, I would go back to Mistake for another night or go on to Trafton Island. Then it is an easy day from Trafton to Southwest Harbor. The ideal number of boats is 6 to 10. 10 will be pushing it for Jonesport. Any boat that is not comfortable with anchoring in 30' of water should not go. Everyone will need to be flexible and self-sufficient. Not many opportunities for fuel and water.



Moose Peak Lighthouse on Mistake Island



Great Beach on Roque Island

Suggested Harbors

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| 1. Mistake Island | 4. Shorey Cove / Roque Island |
| 2. Cows Yard / Head Harbor | 5. Jonesport / Jonesport Shipyard |
| 3. Roque Island Harbor | 6. Trafton Island / Narraguagus Bay |
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Come One Come All

to the annual

Portsmouth Yacht Club Holiday Gala

At the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club Pavilion Room

December 11, 2021 | 6pm ~ 10 pm.

Cost is \$70 per person

***Champagne,
Appetizers,
Tenderloin Station,
Raffles,
Gourmet Coffees
Desserts***

Dancing to the Pork Low Mainers!

Checks may be made to PYC and mailed to

Darleen Chadwick, 163 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870

Telephone 603. 379.2147

All Members and Guests must be vaccinated.



Happy New Year

Portsmouth Yacht Club's New Years Day Brunch
January 1, 2022 | 10:30 am to 1:00 pm
Grill 28 | 200 Grafton Rd | Portsmouth, NH
Price: \$32 pp at the door | Cash Bar

Ring in the New Year with your PYC friends and
welcome the 2022 Flag Officers and Directors

Homemade fruited Muffins
Bagels, English muffins with spreads
Cheese Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Sausage & Crispy Bacon
Potato Home Fries
Classic Eggs Benedict
Belgian Waffles w/ strawberries, whipped cream & maple syrup
House Made Quiche w/ an assortment of Fresh Ingredients

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RESERVATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 24, 2021

