

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge Commodore Whit Weller



August is usually one of the most interesting months at PYC. We are all able to sit back and enjoy, not only the fine weather, great views and wonderful meals at the club but also fellowship with PYC members. The club is most active at this time of year and it reminds me of one of my favorite quotes from Kenneth Grahame's "Wind in the Willows" as the Water Rat explains why he likes the river...

"Believe me my young friend," says the Water Rat solemnly. "There is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so worth doing as simply messing about in boats...simply messing...nothing seems really to matter, that's the charm of it..."

And that's the way many of us feel as we re-unite with friends and enjoy this wonderful setting.

The Portsmouth Yacht Club is a special place. As I reported in the July Newsletter, we have an opening to fill in the management team. Unlike board seats, committee members, and flag officers, the club Constitution allows for several key positions to be compensated. The Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Secretary are all special positions. These three positions create the fabric of the club. They are a great way to get to know your board and to meet many of our members. In addition they are compensated in two ways: One, they have their dues waved, and two, they are paid a stipend.

I am pleased to say we are beginning a search to find a new Secretary. All members are welcome to apply for the opening. Two of our former club secretaries and the entire management team are here to help the new secretary. The duties are as follows:

1. Maintain records, archive documents
2. Record and maintain membership records including attending and writing minutes for monthly board meetings
3. Once a year, prepare and communicate detailed agenda of annual meeting, issue minutes
4. Update the member directory annually
5. Support new member orientation with cards, member badges

Interested members should contact the Communications Secretary Christina Weller for details. We look forward to welcoming a new member to our management team. Please send email with any thoughts or suggestions to me.

Whit Weller, Commodore | Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

August hosts: Ellen Blanchard,
Maggie Fogel, and Priscilla Lent

8/1(M)	Cruise departs Rockland
8/5(F)	SPANISH DINNER
8/10(W)	GREEK NIGHT
8/17(W)	ITALIAN DINNER
8/17(W)	PYC Cruise ends
8/26(F)	STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT
8/31(W)	WINE TASTING NIGHT

PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

8/15 (M); 8/29

Members, please use outside walkway

LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

8/6(S) FIREWORKS & FOOD DRIVE
(Details on page 3)

PLANNING AHEAD

9/5(M) LABOR DAY BREAKFAST
9/11(SU) FASHION SHOW

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new members Barbara and Tom Archibald!

The Archibald's were offered membership after the publication of the Member Directory and the July Newsletter (see Directory insert below).

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Six (6) applicants have been interviewed and approved to the PYC Wait List:

- Joel and Donna Blumenthal
- Michael DeCristofaro
- Sean & Kerry Conner
- Daniel & Xanthi Gray
- Ron & Suzanne King
- Patrick & Linda Walsh

We have received one (1) new application for membership:

Owen and Molly Hyland of Rye Beach, sponsored by Jennifer Gray and Jennifer Madden. Owen and Molly ski every winter weekend, and their children race with the Gunstock Ski Club. Molly and Owen grew up in families that sailed regularly. They have take a couple of bareboat charters in the Virgin Islands.

They would like to start spending more time on the water here in Portsmouth and to offer their children greater exposure to boating. They feel joining PYC is attractive because of the beautiful location, the facilities, and social aspect. They look forward to spending time with people with similar interests and willing to share their knowledge.

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD DIRECTORY INSERT](#)

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Location Mud Cove

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Location Mud Cove

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From the Vice Commodore | Soni Christensen

Greetings!

We are almost halfway through our season for 2022. It's been a great year so far with many fun events.

One very important thing I would like to bring up is the need for volunteers for future events. On Labor Day, September 5th, we are having a brunch hosted by Paul and Donna Urbanek. We need several volunteers for that morning.

The Past Commodore's Cocktail Party is Sunday, Sept. 18, 5:00 to 7:00pm. It's a catered event but we need help passing appetizers, clean up and just helping the caterer. On Wed. Sept. 28 we are having a German dinner hosted by Ed and Fran Mallon. We need the entire team for this. Food prep, servers, and clean up. And finally, our Closing Dinner Dance October 8. We need the entire team. It's a catered event so no food preparation, but decorating, basket donations, runners in the kitchen and clean up.

Everyone should try to help out in some way for one of these events. Please send me an email or text to volunteer. It will be so appreciated. Soni Christensen text: 603-498-1747 or Sonicristensen@gmail.com

Here are the events for end of July and all of August: Wednesday, July 20 pulled pork dinner hosted by David Kenepp with special guest Jim Chase from the seacoast science center. On Monday, July 25 the yacht club will be closed for a private party from 2 PM to 7 PM. You are allowed to use the Whaleback Room or the outside patio during private parties. A reminder that the Wine Tasting event hosted by Jude Blake has been moved to Wed, Aug. 31. This is a reminder that anyone who previously signed up thinking it was in July please re-register and sign up for the 8/31 Wine Tasting Event. On Friday, Aug 5, Toby and Nancy Clarke are hosting a fabulous event. Dinner will be served family style, with only 6 people per table. Attendance is limited to 60 so please sign up as soon as you can.

Greek Night is on Wednesday, Aug 10, hosted by John Pappas. This is a new date for this event so please update your calendar. The club will be closed for private parties Aug 15 (4:30-8:30) and Aug 29 (time TBA).

The delicious Italian Night will be on Wednesday, Aug 17 hosted by Wayne and Paulette Semprini. Friday, August 26 is the new date for the Staff Appreciation Night. And again finally the famous Wine Tasting by Jude Blake will be Wednesday, August 31.

Thank you everyone for supporting the Yacht Club and I hope to get lots of texts and phone calls to volunteer so we can have all these wonderful events.

Soni Christensen, Vice Commodore

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS REMINDER

TABLE RESERVATIONS: *Members may not reserve tables or other areas prior to their arrival at the club except for Club functions, and then only after noon on the day of the event. Reservations indicated on tables/seats prior to noon on the day of an event will be removed by the staff. Members should sign up in person and not request Staff to put their names on table place settings.*

EVENT SIGN UP/ CANCELATIONS *The last day to sign up for events is also the last day to withdraw from events without being invoiced.*

Helping Others Through Fireworks!
August 6th, 2022 9pm

Food Drive and Fireworks!
Come see the fireworks and bring non-perishable food for those in need.
Sponsored by the Wood Island Life Saving Station Assoc.

Help Kittery, Maine Celebrate it's 375th Birthday!
Help The US Coast Guard Celebrate Their 232nd Birthday!

Prime Viewing Spots:
New Castle, Great Island Common
Kittery Point, Ft. McClary State Park
(featuring Piscataqua Rangers, Fife and Drum)

WOOD ISLAND
LIFE SAVING STATION ASSOCIATION
FOOD DRIVE AND FIREWORKS
AUGUST 6TH 9PM - 10:30PM
KITTERY POINT MAINE

Scan for more information!

gather
For a Larger Free Community

FOOTPRINTS
FOOD PANTRY
PRESERVING THE HERITAGE OF NEWCASTLE

Kittery
375th



From the Rear Commodore | Roger Wells

Hello from the Rear Commodore. I hope you are all enjoying the summer weather. The House, Docks, and Staff are doing well. People are buying fuel. PYC is very busy with official and unofficial events and gatherings. The new outside shutters are up and look great. The backordered dock waterlines have arrived and will soon be in place. We now have a portable access ramp for the downriver side doorway. Sinks, toilets, and door lock sets are fixed (fingers crossed). Several of the house remodeling efforts are still in the works. (To be done: kitchen painting, ship models repaired and mounted, and yacht club burgees hung). Happily, members are doing a better job of cleaning up after House use. Enjoy the summer and the PYC Clubhouse.

Roger Wells, Rear Commodore RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org

Portsmouth Yacht Club History

From the Portsmouth Athenaeum Newsletter



Portsmouth Yacht Club. circa 1900

We are looking at the old Portsmouth Yacht Club (PYC), which once stood opposite Point of Graves along Mechanic Street in the South End.

The PYC was formed in April 1898 with 55 members and 22 boats. That September, the organization dedicated its new clubhouse, built by founding member and trustee Charles S. Drowne (1858-1935). For 40 years, the PYC rented the building until the membership voted to buy land and build a new clubhouse in New Castle.

The new site offered better anchorage, proximity to the ocean, and no waiting for the tide to rise. The New Castle clubhouse opened in June 1938.

That same year, the old Mechanic Street clubhouse was sold presumably to Charlie Dale, the lawyer for the Prescott sisters who created Prescott Park. In the 1939 city directory, the Mechanic Street address no longer existed, which indicated its demolition. In 1958, the former site was the location of the new Peirce Island Bridge and a forgotten section of the park known as Spruce Grove.

SPANISH DINNER

Hosted by Nancy & Toby Clarke and Crew
Friday, Aug 5 | \$35 pp

6:00:

Charcuterie, Tapas and Sangria

7:00:

Mixed Paella w/ Chicken,
Chorizo and Seafood,
served family style at each table
w/ crusty bread & green salad.

Followed by Spanish Dessert
White & Red sangria included
and BYOB

Attendance limited to 60

Sign up/ Cancellation deadline: July 31

Please indicate if you are allergic to shellfish.

*Dinner will be serve Family style,
with only people per table.*

GREEK DINNER

Hosted by John & Nancy Pappas and crew
Wed, Aug. 10 ~ \$27 PP

6PM BYOB Cocktails ~ 7PM Dinner

(Sign up / Cancellation Deadline: Noon, Mon, Aug. 8)

Appetizers: Grape Leaves, Dolimathes,
Cheese, vegetables, Hummus Dip,
Tzatzki Dip, Greek Olives,
Pita Bread.

Main Course: Greek Salad, Rice,
Chicken Skewers, Spinach Pie,
Pasititsio, Pita Bread

Dessert : Greek Pastry, Cookies

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or

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Steward@PortsmouthYC.org
603.436.9877

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AUTHENTIC ITALIAN DINNER

Hosted by Wayne & Paulette Semprini and Crew

WED, AUG 17 ~ \$30 per person

6 PM BYOB Cocktails ~ 7 PM Dinner

Marinara (vegetarian),
Bolognese,
and Alfredo Sauces;
Meatballs,
Sweet Sausage
and Chicken & Wine;
Antipasti Table,
Caesar Salad, Bread

Pinot Grigio & Italian Red Wine
on the Tables
Dessert

*(Sign up / Cancellation
Deadline: Noon, Mon, Aug. 15)*

STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT

FRI, AUG. 26 ~ \$30 PP

Hosted by the Board of Directors & their Spouses & Friends
6 PM BYOB Cocktails | 7 PM Dinner

Please join us to celebrate
this year's great Staff!

Appetizers:

Shrimp, Cheese & Vegetable Plates

Dinner

Steak, Baked Potatoes,

Fresh Green Beans

Pie for Dessert (

Sign up / Cancellation

Deadline: Aug 24)

NOTE NEW DATE:

WINE TASTING NIGHT

Hosted by Jude Blake and Crew

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31 6PM ~ \$30 PP

(Sign up / Cancellation Deadline: Mon, Aug 29)

Wine Tasting Pairings with Certified Sommelier Jude Blake

12 wines will be poured for tasting, plus a sparkling wine to kick off the evening. All will be value priced and readily available for purchase at the New Hampshire State Liquor Store.

This is a mix and mingle event, with six wine tasting stations as well as food provided. This year, we will travel the globe and taste wine from the best wine regions in the world. Jude will provide an overview of the wine and her crew will be able to share insights and answer questions. A bartender will be available for those who prefer to enjoy their favorite cocktail. Food will include a variety of appetizers, summer salads, charcuterie, and a selection of desserts.

Wine will not be poured until the start of the event, but all are welcome to come early and put a bottle on ice at the bar.

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LABOR DAY BREAKFAST

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Hosted by Paul & Donna Urbanek and crew

Scrambled Eggs,

French Toast Bake,

Skillet Breakfast Potatoes,

Fresh Fruit Salad,

Granola, Yogurt, and more!

Mimosa's and Bloody Marys

\$12 pp, children under 10 free

(Sign Up / Cancellation

Deadline: August 31)

CELEBRATE FALL FASHIONS

SUNDAY, SEPT 11

2 PM ~ \$20 PP

(see details on page 7)

Celebrate Fall Fashions

Sponsored by the Ladies Committee

Sunday, Sept. 11, 2 PM | \$20 per person

Sign up deadline: Wed. Sept. 7

Fashions by

Club Boutique & City Shoes

Wine – Dessert – Coffee

2 Raffles:

- ★ \$100 gift certificate to the store, donated by the Ladies Committee
- ★ Private Shopping Spree, donated by the store, for the winner & 3 friends

Sign up at the club or contact the Steward at 603.436.9877

Table reservations accepted ~ Call Laurie Clark at 603.988.7994

