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View from the Bridge Commodore Roger Wells



1898 - Celebrating 125 Years! - 2023



Greetings from the Commodore. Happy Spring. We are all anxious to begin the new PYC season. The Board of Directors has met regularly and the Membership Committee has met three times this season. Membership Applicant interviews will begin once the Club opens after Docks In April 22nd. (Note: A previous group of interviews had to be cancelled because of a snowstorm.)

Big news on the serious storm damage to the Club property. Dan Gingras, Rear Commodore, can fill in the many details, but substantial work has been done and will be ongoing for a short while. This should have little effect on the opening of the Club and the beginning of our social and boating season. Dan has shouldered all this work and been very busy along with a few members who help whenever possible.

Docks In will take place on Saturday, April 22nd. Several work days will also be set up. The regular crews for Docks In are being assembled, but lots of other helpers are needed. Dan will reach out to get a good group together, but don't hesitate to contact us to offer your efforts or just show up for a good time and potluck luncheon.

A reminder to PYC applicant sponsors: Please show up with your sponsored applicants and be sure that they sign in to establish their work event participation, especially on the Docks In date.

Best regards, Roger Wells, Commodore <u>Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org</u>

DATES TO REMEMBER

4/22(S) DOCKS IN & POT LUCK LUNCH RC Gingras & Membership Bring a Pot Luck Dish to share after the docks are in.

MAY

Your May hosts are: Judy & Dave Hajjar and Sharon Griffin

- 5/6(S) KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY \$20pp
- 5/13(S) OPENING NIGHT \$68 pp READY SET SAIL!
- 5/17(W) WND PIZZA & MOVIE \$15pp
- 5/24(W) CAPTAINS & CREW CRAFT BREWS \$25pp
- 5/29(M) MEMORIAL DAY BRUNCH \$12 pp

PRIVATE FUNCTIONS 5/8 (M) 11am to 3 pm Members, please use outside walkway

PLANNING AHEAD

6/4(SU) NEW MEMBERS COCKTAIL PARTY (details to come)

Details on Page 3 or follow up-to-date information on the <u>PYC Website Calendar</u>

STEWARD'S CORNER



Hi everyone! I am pleased to announce that I will be returning as Steward/General Manager for the 2023 season. After a long winter deliberating & discussing my return

with RC Dan Gingras, I have decided to come back! I am excited and eager for the season to begin. With plenty of, returning staff, as well as some new faces, this summer should be smooth sailing! I look forward to seeing all the familiar, friendly faces around the club!

> Maddie Flagg <u>Steward@PortsmouthYC.org</u>

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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

Bob Kintz and Vicki Arel, sponsored by Cody Cartnick and Timothy Mardin. Vicki and Bob have been members of the Portsmouth community for many years. They have enjoyed being part of Coastal Athletic Association where they participated in world marathons, Ironman events, and ultra-marathoning. Seeking new adventures, they recently purchased a liveaboard sailboat. They look forward to socializing with like-minded members of the community. As they develop their sailing skills, they look forward to participating in the club's cruises. Bob and Vicki live on their 46' sailboat *Zephyr* at the Piscataqua Marina.

(*View the Applicant Wait List and member changes on the PYC website.*)

PYC is BoatUS Cooperating Group, # GA81490Y. Use our group number to

receive discounts off water towing services.



2023 OFFICERS

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APPOINTED

Treasurer Doyle SkeelsTreasurer@PortsmouthYC.orgSecretary Beth FraserSecretary@PortsmouthYC.orgCommunications Secy. Christina WellerCommunications@PortsmouthYC.org

2023 DIRECTORS

Keith Bridge Peter Dawson Demo DeMaria Steve Falzone Maggie Fogel Bill Gosselin David McArdle Elaine Perry PC Whit Weller



From the Vice Commodore | Soni Christensen

With all the traumatic events that our Club has been going through this past year, our team leaders have powered onward and we still have an exciting calendar of events for our 2023 Season.

Our first event is the Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 6, sponsored by the Ladies Committee (details on page 6). Wear your most outrageous hat and your best summer outfit and join in the excitement. Of course, Mint Juleps will be served!

Saturday, May 13 is our Opening Night Dance and a celebration of the Club's 125th Anniversary. Over the winter months, Theresa White and her dedicated team have worked very hard. It will be a special night, with Food Stations and a live band called "The Shifters." Details about this event are posted on page 7 of this Newsletter.

Wednesday, May 17 is Movie and Pizza night, hosted by Dan Gingras and Phyllis Breitman. The movie is Top Gun which, as you know, is awesome.

Wednesday, May 24, is another fantastic night. It is "Captains and Craft Brews, featuring Craft beer and hearty Chicken Marsala, hosted by Paul & Donna Urbanek and crew. I'm looking forward to this!

And as if Dan and Phyllis haven't been busy enough, they will be sponsoring our wonderful Memorial Day brunch on Monday, May 29. I hope all will attend the May events. I miss everyone and hope you will enjoy this wonderful 2023 season for the Portsmouth Yacht Club.

Soni Christensen, Vice Commodore ViceCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org

Sign up for events in the Sign-Up Book in the club or email Maddie at <u>STEWARD@PORTSMOUTHYC.ORG</u>

> Check the club calendar portsmouthyc.org/calendar for up-to-date information

** Note Early Start Time!**
PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT
Hosted by Phyllis Breitman, Dan Gingras, & Crew
WED, MAY 17
5:30 BYOB Cocktails | 6:00 Pizza
7:00 Movie: "Top Gun: Maverick"

Pízza, Salad, Dessert \$15 PP | Children under 10 Free Sígnup / Cancellatíon Deadlíne: MAY 10

CAPTAINS & CREW CRAFT BREWS

Hosted by Donna & Paul Urbanek and Crew WED, MAY 24 6:00 BYOB Cocktails | 7:00 Dinner Chicken Marsalla

with Roasted Baby Potatoes Selection of Craft Brews Salad, Rolls Ice Cream Sundae Bar

\$25 PP - Attendance límíted to 65 Sígnup/Cancellatíon Deadlíne: May 17

MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST

Hosted by Phyllis Breitman, Dan Gingras, & Crew MON, MAY 29 9:00 AM

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Fruit, Breakfast Breads

> Granola, Yogurt, and a Special French Toast Bake

Bloody Marys & Screwdrivers

\$12 PP | Children under 10 Free Signup/Cancellation Deadline: May 22



From the Rear Commodore | Dan Gingras

Well, it's been a very interesting winter!

Staffing: After lots of advertising for a new General Manager position, and with the help of Laurie Clark, Pepper Sinkler and Maggie Fogel, we reviewed more than 60 resumes with disappointing results. After extensive discussions, I'm happy to announce that Maddie Flagg will be returning to the newly named position of General Manager with the advantages of 7 years of experience at PYC. I couldn't be happier, particularly after spending numerous sleepless nights worrying about filling the position. There's no substitute for experience, particularly with the numerous peculiarities of PYC's operations. In addition, we have filled most of our USCG licensed personnel positions required to operate our launches. We are currently focused on insuring that we comply with all the Coast Guard regulations required when operating uninspected passenger vessels. This has required a few changes including new commercial PFD's and a drug testing program for all licensed personnel. We are working with the US Coast Guard to insure that our launches meet all the requirements for Uninspected Passenger Vessels (UPV). Please welcome Maddie back when you see her.

Construction: We're still dealing with the extensive damage caused by the December 23 storm. The extreme high water caused the deck on the downriver side of the building to float up and off its pilings, and in the process lifted the porch off its foundation and caused it to collapse. The floor of the porch was opened, several new concrete footings were poured, and the porch jacked up onto the new footings, making it even more secure than it was before. The deck framing, which ran under the porch and lifted it up, was shortened so this cannot happen again.

The deck was completely removed and a substantial amount of steel brackets secured the under-frame to the upper-frame. These timbers are secured pilings so even in an extremely high tide the deck will not float away again. Unfortunately, this required completely removing the deck and the railings as additional rip-rap (large stones used to break the waves) were installed under the deck and on the downriver side of the deck. We are replacing the decking with a new composite deck made by Owens Corning which will require substantially less maintenance and be much better looking.



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Because the railings were removed, we required a building permit to replace them, and therefore the new railing must comply with the International building code and local requirements. Duncan Mellor, PE designed the new system to both comply with building codes and meet the needs of a marine environment. This new railing will have horizontal stainless steel wire and look exactly like the pier which is directly downriver from PYC and owned by Tap Taylor of Black Dog Divers. This new deck and railing system will be a substantial upgrade from the previous deck and rail.

We continue to work with the insurance companies involved in our coverage. Initial communications indicates that while the porch may be covered by our flood insurance, the deck may not be covered due to wave actions. We anticipate that the House and Docks committee will make the repairs to the damage to the shed.

I've posted a number of photographs of the damage and the construction on the PYC Facebook page, and I encourage all members to check them out. It is a massive amount of work, and I believe that the members will be impressed with the new deck.





We're continuing to work to get the repairs finished in time for the club opening, and we anticipate that we will meet the deadline if the weather continues to be favorable.

As always, please don't hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Dan Gingras, Rear Commodore | Rearcommodore@PortsmouthYC.org | 603 674-2244



hosted by the ladies committee

Saturday, May 6, 2023 5 PM ~ \$20 per person Please bring an appetizer to share.

Mint Juleps, Wine & Big Screen Viewing

Prizes for: Win, Place, Show

Best Hat

Door Prizes

To Sign Up Contact: Debby Gebow | 603.828.5591 May 1st Deadline There will be a signup sheet at the Club after Docks In



Portsmouth Yacht Club is Celebrating 125 Years

Saturday May 13th

6:00 Cocktails ~ Open Bar

For your Dancing and Listening Pleasure Music by "The Shifters"

Setting Sail Appetizers... Passed

Prosciutto Wrapped Melon and Strawberries w/Crumbled Chevre and Basil Asparagus, Wild Mushroom, Thyme, and Gruyere Quiche *Stationary* Savory and Sweet Imported and Domestic Cheese Display

> Main Course ~ Food Stations Seaside Bites...

Cajun Shrimp & Manchego-Cracked Pepper Grits w/Bell Pepper-Herb Drizzle Seafood Salad Shooter MYO Fish Tacos with a Variety of Toppings and Sauce Options

Midship Delights...

Hawaiian BBQ Pulled Pork w/Grilled Pineapple Slices and Brioche Buns Carving Station ~ Sesame Ginger Grilled Beef Broccoli and Quinoa Pilaf w/ Dried Cranberries and Toasted Almonds

Windward Sweets...

Assortment of Petite Spring Themed Desserts

Coastal Refreshments...

Iced Water with Mint & Cucumber Strawberry Lavender Lemonade

"125th Commemorative Keepsake" for those attending and Raffles

Catered by UNH Conferences and Catering