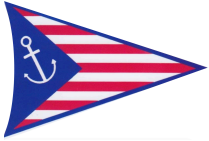


PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge
Commodore Roger Wells



1898 - Celebrating 125 Years! - 2023



Well, I am very happy to say that the Portsmouth Yacht Club is doing very well and humming along despite the rainy weather. Club events have been more than stupendous and that is thanks to the event hosts and all the great volunteers. We must also send thanks to the Rear Commodore, Dan Gingras, Vice Commodore, Soni Christensen, and Club Manager, Maddie Flagg and all her staff for all their great efforts that allow this Club to function as is does. The Board of Directors, Membership Committee, Capital Improvement and Budget Committee, and the Constitution and By-laws Committee have been meeting and working diligently on their charges and for all our good.

Lest we forget: Cheers are in order for the hard work of the PYC Treasurer Doyle Skeels, Secretary Beth Fraser, and Communications Secretary Christina Weller.

Respectfully,
Roger Wells, Commodore
commodore@PortsmouthYC.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

7/27(TH) PARADE OF SAIL
7/30(SU) Cruise Kick Off Party - Rockland, ME
7/31(M) Cruise Departs Rockland, ME

AUGUST

August hosts:

Karen Fay and Kathleen Conneen

8/9(W) ITALIAN NIGHT
8/2(W) CHINESE NIGHT - Local Restaurant
8/25(F) STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT

PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

8/28(M) *Members, please use outside walkway*

PLANNING AHEAD

9/1(F) MEXICAN NIGHT

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following New Members who joined PYC after the publication of the July Newsletter:

Sean and Kirsten Mahoney

The following applicants have been interviewed and placed on the PYC Wait List:

- *Fred and Deb Ludington*
- *Charlotte Greene and Greg Bolduc*
- *Steven and Suzanne Cook*
- *Aileen Dugan and Frank Nappo*
- *Brad and Betsy Scott*

We have received one (1) application for reinstatement:

- *Isabelle Todd* - former child member, daughter of Vince Todd & Cheryl St. Onge;

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

- *Doke and Bill Collins* of Portsmouth, sponsored by Timothy Mardin and Carol Eaton. Doke and Bill have been residents of Portsmouth for almost 30 years. During that time, whether biking, walking, or driving around New Castle, they have always been enticed by the location of the club. Doke emigrated from Holland in 1993, and had sailed regularly in Holland. She also participated in classes with her son at KPYC. Both Bill and Doke love to be on the water, currently only on kayaks. After being invited to a PYC function, they were delighted by the warm reception of the members and the down to earth feeling the community shares. They can easily envision themselves attending the many social events and participating in the volunteer opportunities. They also look forward to spending their own time at the club, whether it be socializing with other members, or just enjoying the Piscatqua views over a picnic dinner.



**PLEASE PRINT AND INSERT IN THE
2023 PYC DIRECTORY**

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Boat LISTEN TO YOUR WIFE (27' power)

Capt. Shaun and Kathy Mathews

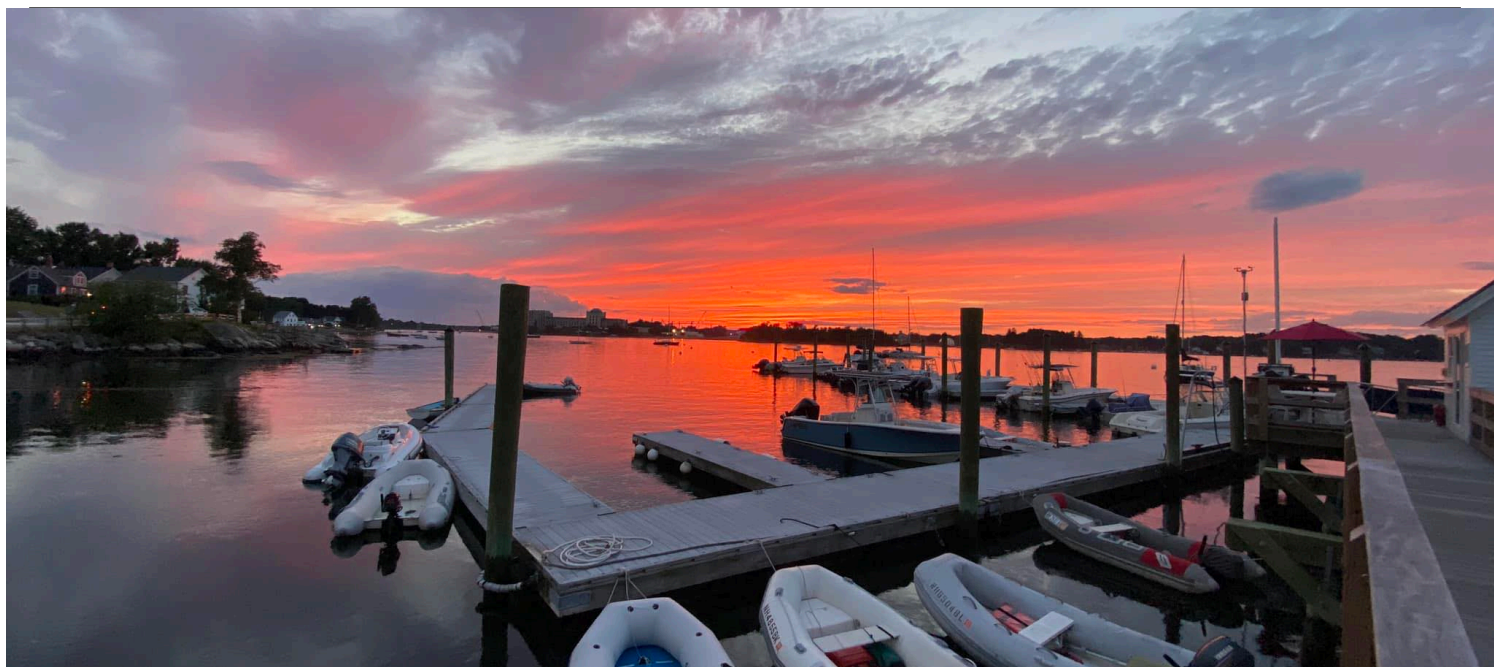
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Note to sponsors: When bringing a future applicant to an event, please include the applicants' name on the sign up sheet.

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From the Vice Commodore | Soni Christensen



If you are not coming to our Club events, you are missing a world class season. Our hosts have prepared amazing menus, perfectly prepared and served by their crew as if we were in a fine dining restaurant. Some of our hosts had games, surprises and gifts for winners. We are all having a great time at the Club this year including standing ovations, lots of clapping and laughs. Come and join in the celebrating.

Jude Blake's famous Wine Tasting is Friday, July 21, and is already sold out. We also have a new event called the Summer Beach Party on Wednesday July 26, hosted by Jay & Mary Pat Gibson and Jim & Carolyn Rini. This event is also sold out with a wait list.

On Wednesday, August 9th, Wayne & Paulette Semprini are hosting their delicious Italian night. Never miss this party. The Chinese dinner is back with offerings from Kim Lai Restaurant on Wednesday, August 16. Finally, on Friday, August 25 is Staff Appreciation Night, where we thank the PYC crew with a yummy steak dinner prepared by the loving hands of your Board of Directors and their spouses.

We are having a very successful season at the Club with high attendance at every event. I am so proud of all the members who have given their "all" to make this season so successful. Regrettably, I cannot get a team to prepare the Labor Day Breakfast on September 4. Therefore, that event will not take place this year. I am so sorry and do apologize.

Again, we have many events still coming this season. Come and join us.

Warm regards, Soni Christensen, ViceCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org



From the Rear Commodore | Dan Gingras

We are caught up on most of the work around the club with the exception of the shed repairs, which have been started by David Wajda, Mike Coffey and others. We've changed the locks on the shed so it is always locked, and added a door closer to make sure it stays closed and locked. The shed is used strictly for event food storage. Unfortunately we've had stuff "disappear" from the refrigerator so it is now kept locked. Staff members have keys for event hosts. Under no circumstances will tools be loaned from the shed unless for work on a club project.

Minor issues have cropped up and all have been resolved without issue, the most serious of which was the failure of our gas pump which was resolved within 6 hours of the failure. In addition, the gas hose on the dock real needed to be replaced due to a deteriorated cover.

We have a significant number of staff members leaving for school mid-August, so we may have to adjust the hours during the week. More on this later. I'm going to start looking for next year's crop and see if I can get them in a licensing course in November. We will also be hosting a Boatwise launch license course in August if any member is interested. It requires that you have 120 days of boating experience, 90 of those in the last 3 years among other requirements. It takes place over a weekend (2 days) and eliminates the need for an exam at the Coast Guard

Dan Gingras, Rear Commodore RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org



The PYC Webcam is up and running! Thanks Dan!

Check it out at: PORTSMOUTHYC.ORG > WEBCAM

PARADE OF SAIL Thursday, July 27

The Parade of Sail begins at
6:15 PM at buoy 2KR.

Join the Parade on your own boat, or
stop by the club to view it pass by!

Details at SailPortsmouth.org

Sign up for events in the
Sign-up Book in the club
or email Maddie at
STEWART@PORTSMOUTHYC.ORG

Please Note the
"Sign up / Cancellation" Deadline
for each event

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

AUTHENTIC ITALIAN DINNER

WED, AUG. 9 | \$30 pp | Limit 100 Guests

Hosted by Wayne & Paulette Sempriani and Crew

6 PM BYOB Cocktails | 7 PM Dinner

Sauces: Marinara, Bolognese, & Alfredo

Pastas: Buccatini, 3 Cheese Ravioli,
Baked Ziti

Antipasti & Charcuterie

Caesar Salad, Bread

Pinot Grigio & Italian Red Wine
on the Tables

Dessert

SIGN UP / CANCELLATION DEADLINE:
Saturday, August 5

STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 | \$30 PP

Hosted by the Board of Directors,
their Spouses & Friends

6 PM BYOB Cocktails | 7 PM Dinner

Appetizers: Smoked Salmon Dip, Small Toasts,
Shrimp Cocktail, Fruit & Cheese Plate,
Clam Dip, Crinkle Chips

Prime Strip Steaks

Baked Potatoes & Vegetables,

Raspberry Corn Bread Mini Muffins

Key Lime Pie for Dessert

SIGN UP / CANCELLATION DEADLINE:
Sunday, August 20

CHINESE DINNER

WED, AUG 16 | \$27 pp | Limit 70 Guests

6 PM BYOB Cocktails | 7 PM Dinner

Chicken wings, Fruit & Cheese plates;
Hummus, Shrimp w/ Cocktail Sauce

House Special Lo Mein, Meatless Fried Rice,
Beef w/ Broccoli,

Chicken w/ Pea Pods,

Fortune Cookies, Ice Cream w/ Coconut
Cookies

SIGN UP / CANCELLATION DEADLINE:
Sunday, August 12

MEXICAN DINNER

Catered by Las Olas Taqueria
Friday, September 1 | \$25 PP

Hosted by Mike & Anne Coffey and Crew
6 PM BYOB Cocktails | 7 PM Dinner

Margaritas

Guacamole Bar w/ Mix-ins,
Assorted Burritos,

Taco Bar with Chicken & Steak

Ice Cream for Dessert

SIGN UP / CANCELLATION DEADLINE:
Thurs, Aug 24

PYC MOORINGS FOR MEMBERS



PYC MOORING NUMBERS & LOCATIONS



Mooring#	General Location	Latitude	Longitude
2487	Little Bay	43 07.025	70 51.460
319	Little Harbor	43 03.327	70 43.244
325	Little Harbor	43 03.346	70 43.182
1670	Shoals, NH	42 58.736	70 36.714
2141	Shoals, NH	42 58.718	70 36.718
2208	Shoals, NH	42 58.686	70 36.634
3167	Shoals, NH	42 58.702	70 36.630
3276	Shoals, NH	42 58.710	70 36.651
902	Shoals, ME (PCYC)	42 58.875	70 36.796
904	Shoals, ME (PCYC)	42 58.860	70 36.767

GOOD PRACTICE & RULES TO FOLLOW FOR MOORING USE

1. **ALWAYS** fly the Club Burgee to identify yourself as a PYC member. (Available from the Ships Store)
2. **DO NOT**, repeat **DO NOT** allow a non-member using your vessel to fly **your burgee** to obtain a mooring!
3. If PYC moorings are occupied by an apparent non-member, going along-side and asking if they are members is a good practice. Some answers may be evasive! If the occupants honestly say they are not members politely ask them to vacate. Make sure, of course that there are not other PYC moorings available.
4. Being insistent that a non-member vacate a PYC mooring **is not** "bad form". Remember, we all pay for the permits and maintenance!
5. Rafting of vessels on PYC moorings is OK. Please use common sense when doing so.
6. Boats are not to be left unattended overnight.



SAILING MISTRAL

Update from Carl and Betsy Stevens on Atlantic Crossing: Portsmouth to Azores to Gibraltar - July 6

We left from the PYC dock as planned on June 15 to a big send off from friends. We headed south off Cape Cod and down between Nantucket Shoals and then George's Bank where we saw lots of dolphins and whales. After passing through a warm front we headed east hopping in and out of the Gulf Stream.

We had great weather until the final approach towards the Azores when we were stuck in a low pressure system which generated near gale conditions directly on the nose. As a result our arrival date into Horta was delayed several days as we tacked into heavy

seas barely making any headway. During the worst of it we spent one night hove to, so we could all get some needed rest. We left the Azores yesterday headed to Gibraltar hoping to avoid the orca's that have been attacking sailboats. On the other hand, we kind of want to see them too!

You can follow our journey at

<https://forecast.PredictWind.com/tracking/display/SV-Mistral/>

Visit our YouTube channel at

<http://www.YouTube.com/channel/UCSs5FOQKwK3C-7LArkl2UKw>

From PYC member Chris Lund on S/V *Jump*:

I wanted to give you a brief update from our race to Halifax. Jump finished 9th of 69 boats and 3rd in class. Happy to represent the Portsmouth Yacht Club at this international ocean race!



*Award presented by
Commander Christopher
Heckman of the
HMCS Glace Bay Naval Warship
which escorted the fleet to Halifax.*