

# PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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## View from the Bridge Commodore Roger Wells



*1898 - Celebrating 125 Years! - 2023*



Greetings PYC Members. This year was a success and that was due to Membership participation and the tremendous efforts of Rear Commodore Dan Gingras, Vice Commodore Soni Christensen, Manager Maddie Flagg, and all of the House and dock Staff.

We ended the 2023 season of the Portsmouth yacht Club with the Annual Meeting of the Membership and the Docks Out event. The Clubhouse has been winterized by a hardworking crew and the winter lock is on. The Annual meeting was exciting with all the passed amendments and the election of three new Board members and two Membership Committee members (for details please refer to the minutes of the Annual Meeting on the Website). Welcome to the Board of Directors: Chris Clement, Theresa White, and Jim Haslam. Welcome to the Membership Committee: Terri Lareau and Pepper Sinkler. Many thanks are due to retiring Board members Peter Dawson, Maggie Fogel, and David McArdle, and Membership Committee member Debbie Gebow for all your good efforts.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as Commodore this past year and I look forward to working with the newly elected Flag Officers: Commodore Dan Gingras, Vice Commodore Theresa White, and Rear Commodore Whit Weller.

Respectfully, Commodore Roger Wells

## New Years Day Brunch

Monday, January 1, 2024

*Ring in the New Year  
with your PYC friends  
and welcome the 2024  
Flag Officers and Directors!*

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**NOTE FROM THE TREASURER**

2024 Dues and Fee Invoices were EMAILED to members on Nov 15. Please note that invoices will NOT also be sent by regular mail. This is the only copy of the invoice you will receive. Please pay at your earliest convenience. Members are expected to pay their Dues and fees on or before January 1st. The Board of Directors has approved a \$100 Late Fee to be assessed for Dues delinquent by January 31.

Reminder that PYC Constitution Article XII - Dues and Fees states:

"Annual dues (\$975) Shall be payable on the first day of January. Any member whose dues remain unpaid on March 1 shall be expelled without further notice."

Slip, Mooring, Launch, or Dinghy Agreements can be found on our website at [Member Area > Member Agreements](#). Fill the appropriate Agreement and return with Certificate of Insurance if applicable.

Please email to the RearCommodore at [RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org](mailto:RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org), or print and include with your payment.

Please mail all payments to the WINTER ADDRESS:

Doyle Skeels, Treasurer  
Portsmouth Yacht Club  
3 Osprey Lane  
Dover, NH 03820

Hi everyone,

I am really looking forward to working with you all again for the 2024 season. I hope you all have a great winter and are looking forward to next summer, hopefully we will get some sun!!!

See you soon!

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**2024 DIRECTORS**

Keith Bridge

Bill Gosselin

Soni Christensen

Jim Haslam

Christopher Clement

Elaine Perry

Robert DeMaria

PC Roger Wells

Steve Falzone

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### APPLICANT INTERVIEWS:

*Since so many of our members and applicants are away in the winter, we will not be scheduling any interviews over the off-season. Applicants waiting for an interview can expect to be hearing from the Membership Committee in the Spring when we will start scheduling interviews and work our way through the list of applicants waiting for an interview.*

### SPONSORING MEMBER REQUIREMENTS CHANGE:

*As approved at the 2023 Annual Meeting, each sponsoring member must attend at least one event of the events required for application, with their applicant.*

### WE HAVE RECEIVED 6 NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

**Lorne Jones and Joanne Stella** of New Castle, sponsored by Michael Danielski & Kathy Hollister, and Mark Fodero. Lorne and Joanne are two working professionals, very active in the NH seacoast. Lorne is a sales executive for a technology company. He is also a trustee at Strawberry Banke Museum. Joanne owns a firm in Durham. Many of the PYC members are personal friends. Lorne & Joanne are active boaters and look forward to meeting others in the boating community. They own the 24' powerboat *Gofer III*.

**Eric Eberhart** of Portsmouth, sponsored by Keith Bridge and Steve King. Having grown up in Rye, Eric feels his connection with PYC and the Piscataqua River is visceral. Memories of fishing the river and the back channel alongside his Dad and other boaters, and his countless adventures off the Isles of Shoals - be it fly fishing, scouting for whales, or just exploring the islands - has enriched his life in countless ways. In his younger days, PYC member Scott Bridge taught him to sail in the back channels. His love for the NY coast extends to Rye Beach, where he catches lobster in the summer and surfs year-round. PYC is more than just a club to him; it is an integral part of his upbringing. He looks forward to becoming an active and contributing member, forging new memories, and cherishing old ones.

**Zadoc White** of Rye is requesting reinstatement as former child member. Zadoc is a recent graduate of St Lawrence University. He feels he has made great memories here over the years with friends and family. His parents, as well as his aunt and uncle, are PYC members, and he has enjoyed visiting the Club with them over the years. He has always been a boater and has spent many mornings walking through the club to his father's boat. Zadoc is interested in meeting other members and participating in club social events, and owns the 17' powerboat *Lee Long*.

**Stephen and Mary Briggs** of New Castle, sponsored by Nancy Jackson and David & Judy Hajjar. Stephen and Mary have been blessed to call the community of New Castle their home for the last 12+ years. Ocean and lake boating have been a part of their lives for over 50 years! Becoming a member of PYC, and attending social and volunteer events with folks at PYC who share their love of the ocean and boating of all kinds feels right for them at this time in their lives. They are excited about the opportunity to participate and create fun and interactive events with fellow members. They share friendships with many current PYC members, and served with them in other activities around Great Island. Stephen and Mary feel they could contribute to the club's mission of community, volunteerism, and preservation of our coastal waterways. The Briggs own a 21' powerboat which they keep on their lake property.

**Jason and Rachel Knoll** of Rye, sponsored by Carolyn Cloutier and Neelie Gray. Jason and Rachel consider themselves some of the lucky few who have discovered Portsmouth Yacht Club. Their first experience at PYC was a fabulous sunset dinner hosted by the Davises. As soon as they got there they were hooked. They were fortunate to have been invited to many dinners at PYC and have come to realize how many members they know! Rachel grew up in and around the water, so any time she can be

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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS** *continued*

around the water is a good day. Although Jason did not grow up around the water, COVID provided the freedom for him to spend more time around the water, including getting his boating license. Their 13 yr old daughters having taken introductory sailing classes, so they continue to broaden their family boating experiences and are excited that PYC may be their boating home.

**Stephen and Jessica Lozan** of Portsmouth, sponsored by Mark Adamy and Eric Maurer. Steve and Jess have resided in Portsmouth for nearly 30 years. They moved here from Steamboat, Colorado, where they were ski instructors after college. They raised their family in Portsmouth and have had a boat on the Sagamore Creek for fifteen years. Their daughters basically grew up on the water. Now that both of their daughters grown, they are looking for the next chapter. After spending the last two summers sailing in Greece and Italy they want to move up to a larger boat to use for weekend adventures and overnights. Joining the yacht club, they are hoping to find like-minded individuals looking to spend weekends on the water. When the weather turns, Steve and Jess head back to the slopes and enjoy skiing both around here and back out west. At present, they own a 22' Boston Whaler.

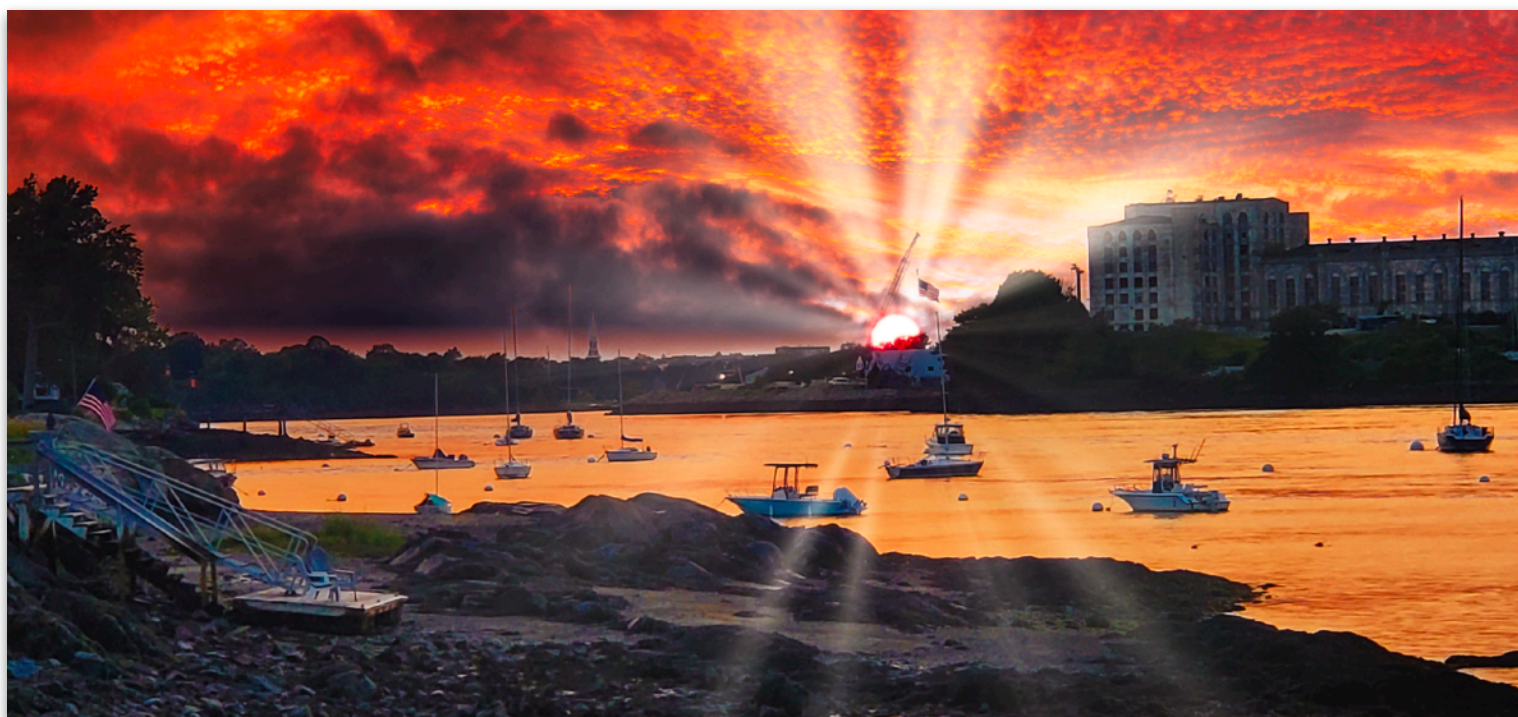
**APPLICANT WAITLIST AND APPLICANTS WAITING FOR INTERVIEW****APPLICANTS ON THE WAIT LIST (14)**

- 1) 10/15/22 Brian Houman & Linda Monica
- 2) 10/20/22 Frank Nappo & Aileen Dugan
- 3) 10/25/22 Alissa Gold
- 4) 10/25/22 Brad & Betsy Scott
- 5) 11/08/22 Edward & Kelly Gallagher
- 6) 11/08/22 Grant & Marti Michael
- 7) 02/02/23 Vicki Area & Bob Kintz
- 8) 05/26/23 Linda Patchett
- 9) 05/29/23 Peggy Lamb & Steve Joselow
- 10) 05/30/23 Len & Marie Thibault
- 11) 06/04/23 Maisley Jones & John Clarke

- 12) 06/08/23 Thomas R Bright
- 13) 06/09/23 Michael & Wendy Bergen
- 14) 07/12/23 Doke & Bill Collins

**APPLICANTS WAITING FOR INTERVIEW (6)**

- 1) 09/28/23 Joanne Stella & Lorne Jones
- 2) 10/12/23 Eric Eberhart
- 3) 10/23/23 Zadoc White
- 4) 10/23/23 Stephen & Marty Briggs
- 5) 11/07/23 Jason & Rachel Kroll
- 6) 11/16/23 Jessica & Stephen Lozan





## From the Vice Commodore

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### REFLECTING BACK: Soni Christensen, Vice Commodore 2023

Dear Fellow Members;

It has been a wonderful two years serving you as your Vice Commodore. Thank you so much for all your support and participation.

A special thank you to all the event hosts. You did an excellent job showing off your teams imaginative and fun dinners.

Thank you everyone and I'll see you in the spring.

Warm regards, Soni Christensen,

### PLANNING AHEAD: Theresa White, Vice Commodore 2024

It is my honor and pleasure to serve Portsmouth Yacht Club this year as your new Vice Commodore. I am excited to plan and organize this year's events.

\*I would like to inform you that the Social Committee will be having an organizational meeting at the home of Laurie Clark, 50 Laurel Lane, New Castle 03854 on SUNDAY JANUARY 7th @ 11:00AM.

We are asking members to bring an Appetizer to share as we are offering Wine and Bloody Mary's.

At this meeting we will be planning the entire social calendar for 2024, I encourage any member to join us with your ideas and support.



## From the Rear Commodore | Dan Gingras

Dock's out went exceedingly well, as usual with no hiccups except that due to the tide it needed to start somewhat later than usual. Our morning cleanup was surprisingly well attended with lots of new faces including both new members and applicants.

The boats have been winterized and covered by Thompson marine who are new to us this year. Additionally, the moorings are now being serviced by Clarke Marine and the Isles of Shoals mooring buoys have been removed and are on the deck.

Thanks to Mike Coffey, Commodore Roger Wells. Ken Jones, Roy Briscoe, Ron George, Andy Croteau, and Greg Gebow, for winterizing the water system, and removing the canvas over the grills, a difficult and important function. It's worthwhile to note that a number of these workers are Life Members.

I met with Maddie Flagg, and we are in good shape for the next season with a number of staff returning and some new staff lined up to join us. We will be having a USCG license course in January. If any members know of a person 17 years of age or older with 120 days of boating experience who would be interested contact me.

It's been a great season for me, and I've really enjoyed working with all the members. PYC is a surprisingly complex organization with fuel systems regulations and certifications, US Coast Guard requirements, and members needs. It's been a pleasure maneuvering through all the issues.

The winter lock is now in place, and PYC is sleeping. I look forward to working with all of you next season.

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## SAILING MISTRAL

*Update from Carl and Betsy Stevens*

We had a peaceful fall visiting France, Spain and Morocco. Recently, we made the passage to the Canary Islands. The same day we left the strait of Gibraltar another sailboat was sunk after a 45 minute orca attack. It happened just a few hours before we sailed by the same spot. We didn't know about the incident until a couple of days later. Ignorance is bliss!

We're currently in Santa Cruz, Tenerife. We've had some stunning hikes and are enjoying the city quite a bit. The marina we are staying at is filled with all sizes of boats getting ready to cross to the Caribbean. We've seen 30 footers to 200' multi masted schooners making preparations. It's an exciting place to be! We plan to get underway for Martinique around Thanksgiving. Sailor lore has it that we should sail south until the butter melts and then head west. That's our plan more or less. We're looking forward to those steady north east trade winds.



If all goes according to plan (it never does), it should take around 18 days to make the crossing. Wish us luck!

Happy holidays to all at PYC!

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-7LArkI2UKw>





# Happy New Year

Portsmouth Yacht Club's New Years Day Brunch

January 1, 2024 | 10:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Grill 28 | 200 Grafton Rd | Portsmouth, NH  
Price: \$43 pp at the door | Cash Bar

Ring in the New Year with your PYC friends and  
welcome the 2024 Flag Officers and Directors

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

To sign up please contact: Christina Weller  
EMAIL: [cyweller@comcast.net](mailto:cyweller@comcast.net) (preferred) OR TEXT: (603) 682-6536  
SIGN UP/CANCELLATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 26, 2023

