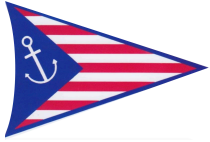


PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge Commodore Dan Gingras



Well it's that time of year when we get the club ready for opening. We held a Work Party on April 13th and Docks In on April 20th. This is the time of the year where we all come together to make PYC the great place we enjoy. I'm always impressed to hear from members who want to get involved in the operation and maintenance of the club. Our walkway ramps were rebuilt by Bill Rushforth and Toby Clarke, and painted by Terri Lareau. Our deck was painted by Steve Falzone. Steve Jefferson and Mike Coffey are getting our launches ready. It's just amazing.

We had a last minute surprise getting ready to open the building. Our propane vendor condemned the gas water heater due to it's being underwater during the January flood. We obviously needed hot water for our Work Party and Docks In, so we were in a bit of a panic. We've decided to replace the water heater with a Rinnai on-demand water heater which will be mounted high up on the wall, well away from any future flooding. It will also give us an unlimited supply of hot water to service our bathrooms and kitchen. It was installed the day before our Work Party, so luckily there were no glitches and we had hot water.

I would like to know if any of the members might be interested in educational seminars such as basic and advanced navigation, marine electronics, first aid, etc. Please drop me a note if you're interested and I will get some seminars scheduled.

OK... get out there and start getting your boats ready... the season is about to begin

Dan Gingras, Commodore
Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

May hosts: Nancy Jackson & Ruth Zikaras

- 5/4(S) KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY
- 5/18(S) OPENING NIGHT
"A Night in Havana"
- 5/22(W) GRILL NIGHT
- 5/27(M) MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST
- 5/31(F) NEW MEMBERS COCKTAIL PARTY

PLANNING AHEAD

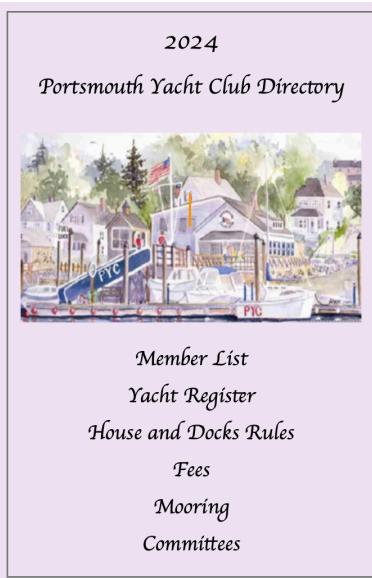
- 6/5(W) GRILL NIGHT
- 6/9(SU) CRUISE PLANNING & POT LUCK
- 6/12(W) FOX POINT OYSTER NIGHT
w/ SPEAKER
- 6/19(W) GREEK NIGHT
- 6/28(F) PAELLA NIGHT

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

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| * Fred & Deb Ludington | * Bob & Vicki Kintz |
| * Michael & Marti Boyd | * Linda Patchett |
| * Steven & Suzanne Cook | * Peggy Lamb & Steve Joselow |
| * Brian Houman & Laura Monica | * Len & Marie Thibault |
| * Frank Nappo & Aileen Dugan | * Maisley Jones & John Clarke |
| * Alissa Gold | * Thomas R Bright |
| * Brad & Betsy Scott | * Michael & Wendy Beagen |
| * Edward & Kelly Gallagher | * Doke & Bill Collins |
| * Grant & Marti Michael | * Zadoc White |



2024 CLUB DIRECTORY

The 2024 Club Directory has been sent to the printer and will be mailed to the membership shortly.

Reminder that when you have changes to your contact or boat information please be sure to update your information with our Club Secretary.

2024 FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore Dan Gingras	Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org
Vice Commodore Theresa White	ViceCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org
Rear Commodore Whit Weller	RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org

2024 APPOINTED

Treasurer Doyle Skeels	Treasurer@PortsmouthYC.org
Secretary Beth Fraser	Secretary@PortsmouthYC.org
Communications Secy Christina Weller	Communications@PortsmouthYC.org

2024 DIRECTORS

Keith Bridge	Robert DeMaria	Jim Haslam
Soni Christensen	Steve Falzone	Elaine Perry
Christopher Clement	Bill Gosselin	PC Roger Wells



From the Vice Commodore | Theresa White

Today's weather here on the Seacoast isn't quite showing signs of Spring's true colors, but now that we've flipped the calendars to April, with May a week away, we know sunny days, fresh grass, vibrant blooms, late sunsets, and time spent outside is right around the corner.

I am pleased to inform you that we have a very busy social calendar this month. I look forward to seeing all of you. I would like to encourage you to sign up early for events, and as always welcome you to volunteer. It's a great way to meet fellow members and give back to our wonderful yacht club on the Piscataqua.

Our events for May include the famous Kentucky Derby Party, on Saturday, May 4th, sponsored by Laurie Clark and the Ladies Committee. There will be Prizes for Win, Place, Show, and Best Hat. Please bring an appetizer to share. Mint Juleps will be served. The cost is \$20.00. I look forward to seeing all of you trackside.

Saturday, May 18th is the club's Opening Cocktail Party. The theme this year is "A Night in Havana" and will be catered by The Fifth Flavor, Rye NH. The caterer has created a Latin inspired menu, which includes provisions for those with dietary restrictions (Gluten, Vegan). The evening will start with Hemingway Daiquiris and Mojitos with passed Hors D'oeuvres, followed Food Stations and passed Mini Desserts. Fluere Dance Company will provide music, entertain us with a performance and engage us to dance the night away. The evening is sponsored by Kathleen Conneen, Terri Lareau, Wendolyn White and VC Theresa White. Please wear your favorite Cocktail attire. The cost is \$68.00.

Wednesday, May 22nd is our 1st Summer Series Grill Night to kick off the season. The first of many! Grill nights will be featured one Wednesday each month through the summer. This month's sponsors are Cricket and John Samonas and Ken and VC Theresa White, who will their culinary magic on the grill for all of you to enjoy. Entertainment will be provided by North Hampton musician Ross McGinnes. Come join us for a BBQ menu, sit back, relax and enjoy the view. The menu will be posted at the club and the online calendar. The cost is \$20.00.

Our annual Memorial Day Brunch will be held on Monday May 27th, sponsored by Comm. Dan Gingras and Phyllis Breitman. They look forward to serving you this delicious brunch, and appreciate your continuous support in remembering our veterans on this day.

Friday, May 31st is the New Members Cocktail Party catered by C'este Cheese. This is a Charcuterie Themed event sponsored by the Kathleen Conneen and Terri Lareau. The event is catered by C'este Cheese, North Hampton NH. The cost is \$25. Please join us in welcoming our new members to the club.

Are you new to the club? Please feel free to contact me as I still need sponsors for the following dates:

- July 10th-Grill Night, August 14th- Grill Night, Sept 15th-Past Commodores Cocktail Party, Oct 12th-Closing Night, Nov 17th-Holiday Party-Flag Officer Ceremony.

Save The Date:

- June 5: Grill Night, featuring music by Jim Gallant, a New England singer, song writer and guitarist. The event is sponsored by Wendolyn & Zed White, Zadoc White and Crew.
- June 12: Oyster Night with Laura Brown (owner speaker presentation) by Fox Point Oyster Farm, Great Bay, catered by The Fifth Flavor, and sponsored by Ken White, VC Theresa White, and Wendolyn & Zed White
- June 19: Greek Night -sponsored by Nancy & John Pappas, Cricket & John Samonas and Crew
- June 28: Spanish Night - sponsored by Nancy & Toby Clarke and Crew

I hope you enjoy the 2024 season ahead.

Theresa White, Vice Commodore | ViceCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday, May 4

5 PM ~ \$20 per person

Sponsored by the Ladies Committee

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Sign up for Events in the book

At the club or contact our

Steward, Maddie Flagg

Steward@PortsmouthYC.org

603.436.9877

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

A NIGHT IN HAVANA

Saturday, May 18

6-10 PM ~ \$68 per person

Sponsored by Kathleen Conneen,
Terri Lareau, Wendolyn White and
VC Theresa White

Featuring

Fleure Dance Company

Performance Dancing

Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres,

Dinner Stations

See page 9

Memorial Day Breakfast

Monday, May 27 ~ 9:00 to 10:30

Prepared by Phyllis Breïtman,
Dan Gingras, and crew

Details to Come

NEW MEMBERS

COCKTAIL PARTY

5:30 PM, FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024

\$25 per person, New Members Free

Sponsored by Kathleen Conneen,
Terri Lareau & Crew

PLEASE JOIN US TO
WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS
TO THE CLUB

GRILL NIGHT

WED, MAY 22 | \$20 per person

6-9 PM ~ \$20 per person

Sponsored by Cricket & John Samonas,
Ken White, VC Theresa White

BBQ

Music by Paul McGinnes

A Special PYC update
with Event Details will
be available shortly.



From the Rear Commodore | Whit Weller

It's time to put away the parkas and put on the life jackets... Spring has arrived at PYC!

Special Note: Due to the damaging effects of the January 13th storm, Coast Guard Portsmouth Harbor floats and docks have been damaged and are not suitable for operations. Their docks are therefore closed until the facilities can be repaired. The United States Coast Guard requested, and been granted permission by the Board, to rent Slip M for the season to dock their Rapid Response craft. Many thanks go to Jim Jelmsberg for working with the RC to make it possible to assist the Coast Guard.

Members should be vigilant and clear a path when Coast Guard officers traverse the club to get access to their vessel. As we say, "make a hole" and let them pass. Their mission is to protect all of us and we have to do our part to assist.

We are almost ready to start the 2024 season.

Maddie Flagg has been hired to be our General Manager/Steward for the 2024 season. She and Dock Master Adam Shapiro have lined up staff to support member and guest events and activities.

Thanks go out to the many members who showed up, ready to work, Saturday April 13th, followed by the essential Docks-In work party and pot luck brunch on April 20th. The clubhouse and grounds are shaping up for the coming season. There are still several weeks of work to be done by special teams. We expect the clubhouse and grounds to open officially for member use on May 1st.

Major work has been completed to repair damage from the Jan 13th storm. Members volunteered to build new entry and exit ramps connecting to the up-river walkway, which washed away during the storm. Thanks go to Toby Clarke and Bill Rushforth for building new entry and exit ramps. Steve Falzone and Jim Haslam completed repairs to the concrete near the supply closet, and Steve also painted the concrete between the porch and pier. Also, thanks go to Terri Lareau who volunteered to paint the new ramps, railings, porch floor and help with stenciling a compass rose on the concrete between the porch and the pier ramp. RC Whit Weller repaired the porch sunroom window vinyl and latches that were severely damaged by the storm of January 13th. Members replaced the screens on the outside of each porch section. Comm. Gingras has rebuilt a special cover for the fuel system sump which also washed away during the storm. PC Andy Courteau and Tim Maglaras will be working to finish the docks electrical wiring, fuel and plumbing hookups. We have purchased a new water continuous feed water heater to replace the damaged tank heater in the cleaning supply room. All 122 "Season Opening" check sheet activities have been or will be completed before we fully open the club.



See you around the Club!

Whit Weller | RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org



SAILING MISTRAL | April 10, 2024

Update from Carl and Betsy Stevens

Hello PYC members,

We are currently in Eleuthera, Bahamas getting ready to make a transit back to the US next week. We will sail from Nassau to Charleston, SC and then work our way up the East coast with the intention of getting to New London, CT in time for our son's graduation from the Coast Guard Academy on May 22. We've had a lovely winter cruising the Caribbean with our favorite stopovers being St John, USVI and Îles des Saintes, Guadeloupe. Our recent foray into the Bahamas is very new to us, and we're just starting to get used to just having a foot or two of water under our keel! It's a little unnerving at times. Now that we're headed back to the US, we're starting to think about home again and to reflect on our journey. We will both be happy to be in US waters (with US navigational aids!), but there is some sadness that we are on our last leg of the trip. We just put our lovely boat, *Mistral*, on the market knowing that caring for a 50-foot boat is financially a stretch for us long term. It will be so sad to say goodbye to her, as she has kept us safe and comfortable this whole journey. We're hoping to get her back to Portsmouth before she sells, so we can tie up to the same spot we cast off last June, the PYC dock!



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>

POLLYWOG'S TRAVELS

Note from new members Deb and Fred Ludington

We crossed the Gulf Stream from Fort Lauderdale to West End, Grand Bahama, on February 2 in perfect cruising weather. Our slow boat covered the 83nm trip in 12 hours. We spent 8 weeks touring the Abacos, travelling as far south as Little Harbour and then cruising to the northernmost Grand Cay, anchoring out as much as possible and dodging several sporty weather fronts. Our favorite stop by far was the isolated Double Breasted Cay, shown in the pictures, and our second favorite was an extended stay in Hopetown on Elbow Cay, a wonderful Bahamian town with a great cruising community. We had a smooth westward crossing to Ft. Pierce on April 2, and are currently transiting the boat northward on the ICW hoping to pass by PYC around May 20 on our way to our homeport, Great Bay Marine, for the summer season.

We are looking forward to our first summer as PYC members, and the club burgee is currently flying as we travel home.

All the best,
Deb and Fred



MV Pollywog



Celebrating The Kentucky Derby's 150th year!

Kentucky **DERBY PARTY**

Hosted by the Ladies Committee

Saturday, May 4, 2024
5 PM - \$20 per person
Please bring an appetizer to share.

Wear your favorite Derby inspired hat!

Mint Juleps, Wine & Big Screen Viewing

Prizes for:

Win, Place, Show

Best Hat

Door Prizes

Sign Up Deadline: April 29 | To Sign Up Contact:
Laurie Clark (603-988-7994) or Deb Gebow (603-828-5591)

A Sign Up Sheet will be available at the
4/13 Work Party and 4/20 Docks In



**Portsmouth Yacht Club
Save the Date**

**A NIGHT IN
HAVANA**

**May 18, 2024
6-10pm**

FEATURING

**Fluere Dance Company
Performance & Dancing**

**Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres
Dinner Stations**

\$68.00

Cocktail Party Attire