

Dear Members,

I am sure it is clear to everybody by now that this year at PYC is not going to be a normal year. In addition to rethinking our past practices and traditions for personal safety and community well-being, we all must allow for the curtailment of activities that are not just prudent but mandated by government.

To that end, I want to reassure you that the Officers and Board of Directors take very seriously their obligations to maintain the Club in good working order; provide services and benefits expected by the members; and ensure the longevity of the Club. Each of us are working individually and together to address the issues that impact the Club in the immediate climate and into the future.

As we go forward, I want you to know that I appreciate your communications with me and other Board members. Your questions and suggestions are being heard and discussed in our daily emails, phone calls texts and virtual meetings. In that spirit, you should know that every Officer and Board Member has contributed to this message and the FAQ's below. It's true, we are all in this together.

In closing, I hope the FAQ's below answer many of the questions that have come our way. We know that if some ask many others also want to know the answer. Unfortunately, it seems we must be more patient, learn as much as we can, and make informed decisions in real time.

Stay safe and be good to one another.

My very best to each of you,  
Comm. Pat Dowey

Thank you for asking...

### **What is the Board of Director's position on the operation of the Club this season?**

The BOD is committed to providing the best season possible under the current circumstances. As those circumstances change, updated information will be communicated to the membership. We are working cooperatively with the State and Local authorities to insure the safety and well-being of our members and the residents of New Castle.

### **What are the plans for Docks In?**

Due to the Stay-Home Order, Docks-In is being cancelled for April 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be no work party on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The BOD is looking at several options depending on when and if the Stay Home Order is lifted or extended on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We recognize that there are many

interdependent issues related to having the docks, fuel, and launch available and we are trying to do our part.

The BOD recognizes that Docks In is a long and dearly held tradition for our Club members. We reluctantly agreed it may be necessary to do it differently this spring. The guiding parameters identified for Docks In are to comply with State and local orders, take measures to keep the crew safe from COVID exposure, and get the docks in place as soon as possible. Therefore, in the event that we can't do Docks In the way we always have, the BOD has allocated funds to support a number of options to have the slips, fuel access, and launch in place.

### **How will Events be handled this season?**

***The Clubhouse is closed until further notice.*** Stopping the spread of the virus is paramount in the operations of the Clubhouse. Shared food preparation and assembly spaces will require revamping cleaning procedures and other considerations yet to be determined.

That said, you should be receiving the 2020 Member Directory and Schedule of Events in the mail soon. The events schedule was already in print before the stay home order was issued. At this time, it is impractical to reschedule events. As things change, we may be able to hold some events. Communication about events will be sent by email and also posted on the website in the Club Calendar.

One optimistic note from the Ladies Committee: The Fashion Show has been rescheduled to Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> due to the amount of advance preparation required by the vendors and sponsors.

### **Please clarify the parking ban on Piscataqua Street.**

Communication is the key to maintaining good relationships with our neighbors and local government officials. The parking ban on Piscataqua Street is part of the local selectmen's order to implement the Governor's Stay Home Order. Our BOD members, who are also residents of New Castle, have been in communication with Police Chief White regarding PYC operations during the Stay Home Order, such as Docks In. Docks In can proceed under the conditions of the Stay Home Order as long as Chief White is notified in advance of the plan.

We recognize there have been problems in the past with Club parking. However, in the current situation there is no intention to make this temporary order permanent. As many of you pointed out, PYC pays taxes, has been a good neighbor, and has a long standing agreement with the town selectmen to allow short term member parking along Piscataqua Street and long term parking at the Commons. Again, communication is the key. Thank you in advance for abiding by the parking restrictions currently in place.

Several suggestions were received to mitigate the parking restrictions if the Stay Home Order is extended so members can access their boats on moorings or at the Club. Those suggestions are appreciated and will be considered as we know more.