

# PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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## View from the Bridge Commodore Glenn Michael



I want to extend my personal thanks to all of the club members who attended the annual meeting on October 11. Many important issues were discussed, and elections were held to fill important club positions for next year. Elected to four year terms on the Board of Directors were Captains David Kenepp, Paulette Semprini and Richard Weaver. Captains Kirsten Cunningham and Mary Pat Gibson were elected to two year terms on the Membership Committee. In addition, Past Commodore Kenneth Jones was elected as a Life Member of the Portsmouth Yacht Club. Congratulations to P/C Jones.

At the Board of Directors meeting on November 8, the Flag Officers for 2019 were elected: P/C Arthur Dionne, Commodore; V/C Patricia Dowey, Vice Commodore; and R/C Wesley Smith, Rear Commodore. This slate of officers has outstanding experience and the club is well positioned for a successful 2019 season.

I want to again thank the members of the Portsmouth Yacht Club and the Board of Directors for the outstanding support that I have received during the past year. It has been a gratifying experience and one that I will always remember.

Best wishes to all for a fantastic off season and I hope to see all of you at the holiday gathering on December 8 at the Wentworth.

Glenn Michael | 603.471.6029 | [Email Glenn](#)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 12/8 (S) CHRISTMAS GALA  
*(see page 6)*
- 1/1/19 (T) NEW YEARS DAY  
BRUNCH  
*(see page 7)*
- 3/23/19 (S) SPRING DINNER  
w/ SPEAKER  
*(details to come)*
- 4/20/19 (S) DOCKS IN!  
*(tentative date)*

[Check the PYC Calendar](#)  
to keep up with details

**IN MEMORIAM**



Phil Fusco, 78, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 29 2018 at the Edgewood Center after a lengthy illness. Phil and his wife Rita have been PYC members since 2008. Our condolences to Rita, their children, and grand children. ([Obituary.Legacy.com](http://Obituary.Legacy.com))



PYC Life Member Joyce Kelly passed away on Oct 31, 2018 at the age of 98. Joyce and her late husband Emmitte joined PYC in 1966. Our condolences to her daughters Carolyn Scott, husband Richard, and Kathleen Kulisek, husband Michael, and their families. ([Obituary.Legacy.com](http://Obituary.Legacy.com))

**PYC 2019 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**Flag Officers**

- Commodore..... Art Dionne
- Vice Commodore..... Pat Dowey
- Rear Commodore..... Wes Smith
- Treasurer (appointed) Doyle Skeels
- Secretary (appointed) Carole Cartnick

**Board of Directors**

- Scott Blidberg
- Roy Briscoe
- Laurie Clark
- P/C Mike Coffey
- Dave Kenepp\*\*
- P/C Glenn Michael
- Paulette Semprini\*\*
- Jeremy Small
- Rich Weaver\*\*

*\*\*2019 New Board Member*

[The 2017 Annual Meeting voting results can be found on our website HERE.](#)

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS**

We have received the following 8 applications for membership:

**D. Casey and Rhea Snyder** of Eliot ME, sponsored by Capts. Mark Connolly & Thomas Sedoric: The Snyders love the Seacoast, the values of the community, and spending time on or alongside the water. They have enjoyed PYC events and are looking to expanding their social circle in a way that they can include their young daughter as she gets older. They feel that everyone has been very welcoming, and are excited for the opportunity.

**David and Tricia Mansfield** of Portsmouth NH, sponsored by Capts. Suzanne Bresette & Frances Mallon: The NH Seacoast is their their home. They moved here because the Provident Bank is growing, and Dave, as CEO, relocated the executive headquarters to Portsmouth. In addition, they are both attracted to the "Arts and Culture "Scene. They love the ocean and now live in a condo on the Piscataqua river. They are very familiar with boating and seaside activities. Tricia grew up on Cape Cod and Dave served six years in the US Navy. When they got married and had children they spent summers on Cuttyhunk Island. They are excited to see that PYC has the CYC burgee - otherwise, they would have donated one! They would like to become members of PYC because they have met many members with similar interests, look forward to being active members.

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS continued

**Robert and Anne Miller** of New Castle NH, sponsored by Capts. Jennifer Madden & William Smith. Years ago the Millers moved from Newburyport to New Castle. At the time two of their children were headed to college. They've enjoyed transitioning to empty nesters here in New Castle and have embraced so much of what the town and area have to offer. While Bob still works as a partner/Financial Planner at The Financial Advisors, LLC, Newburyport office, they have become very involved in the Seacoast. Anne works part time for the town as a minutes recording secretary. Bob volunteers as a Green Waste Day helper and frequently attends the Men's Coffees. They have joined, and are active members of, the WBTSCC. Bob participates in the golf and paddle leagues. They love getting out on the water, starting with kayaks then moving on to an inflatable dinghy which they keep at the Wentworth Marina and use for puttering around the back channel and short trips across Little Harbor to the beach. They are excited about the prospect of joining PYC and love the many social opportunities and the casual, easy going atmosphere. They feel the setting and views are spectacular, and look forward to spending time there. They hope to get involved as volunteers around the club - spring and fall work, meals, etc. to get to know new people and contribute to the community. As members, they hope to dock their dinghy there. Longer term, they hope to add a day boat.

**David and Nancy MacDonald** of Portsmouth NH, sponsored by Capts. Dudley Dudley & Jan Gosselin: David and Nancy have lived in the NH Seacoast for over 40 years and have enjoyed short range cruising, sport fishing, and recreational lobstering. David enjoys building, rebuilding, and designing small boats. They currently own a retired 25' lobster boat named "Fancy Nancy", and look forward to many pleasant times on the PYC deck as Nancy's father, George W. Trask, did for many years as a member.

**Jack and Lynn Joslyn** of Rye NH, former members of PYC. Jack and Lynn enjoyed their previous 12 years as members. Now they are looking forward to once again actively participating in the activities at the Portsmouth Yacht Club.

**Toby and Nancy Clarke** of Durham NH, sponsored by Capts. Chris & Wendy Clement & Capts. Tim & Jacqui Spinney: The Clarkes have lived in Seacoast NH for 25 years and enjoy outdoor activities, particularly on the water. Their summer days are often filled with boating, kayaking, and paddle boarding on nearby bodies of salt and fresh water. The area is so rich with opportunities for mariners, and they are impressed with PYC's beautiful location and access to area rivers, Isles of Shoals, Great Bay, and beyond. Two of their children have worked at local marinas and boatyards, and both have USCG captain's licenses, so they enjoy spending time on vessels of varying sizes and design. They deeply value interpersonal relationships, and both enjoy meeting new people. The social aspect of PYC is a main reason they want to join, as they desire a connection to others who value the same appreciation for nature and camaraderie. Having lived abroad for 5 years prior to moving to NH, they understand the importance of being socially connected and involved, and want to devote this effort at this stage in their lives. They want to become involved in PYC to help make the club successful by doing their part by being active participants in all facets of the club. Toby was raised being a member of a similar yacht club, and they look forward to becoming part of a club again.

**Grant and Darlene Cumming** of Manchester NH, sponsored by Capts. Timothy Spinney and Vince Todd: Grant grew up in a sailing family. Every Sunday and Wednesday, his family was at the Mombasa Yacht Club. His dad was not much of a sailor, but his mum raced dinghies. His first sailing experience was aboard a sunfish. He and his brother would sail off in one direction and, not knowing how to tack, he would dive into the water and swim the bow around. The trick was to get back on board before the wind caught the sail and the boat took off. The Cummings have had the pleasure of being guests at PYC many times and would really like to call it their yacht club as well.

**Morgan Dudley and Ted Naughton** of Exeter, sponsored by Capts. Vince Todd, Cheryl St Onge, and Jan Gosselin: Morgan and Ted would like to join PYC because they love the seacoast and spending time on the water with others who enjoy the same. They are both lifelong sailors, and one of the aspects of sailing they cherish is the camaraderie, friendship, and good will that exists among the boating community. They feel gratitude and appreciation for the natural beauty that surrounds us. The drive over the bridge to the Great Island restores them every time. Whether it is enjoying the sunset from the deck, making their way to Pepperrell Cove to head out for a day of sailing, or joining others in the kitchen to do dishes after dinner, their time at PYC is always a highlight of the summer. They have a number of friends who are members and look forward to deepening their connections with old friends and making new ones.

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## From the Vice Commodore | Pat Dowey ([mail Pat](#))



*Closing Night Dinner Dance*

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The most wonderful time of the year is upon us and it's time to sign-up for the Holiday Gala! Come to the Wentworth Country Club on December 8<sup>th</sup> and raise a glass with your friends. Darleen Chadwick & committee have a wonderful evening planned. Sign-ups close November 30<sup>th</sup> so don't wait! Send your check for \$60 pp (made out to PYC) to Darleen Chadwick, 163 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870. (see page 6)

Ring in the New Year at **The Exeter Inn!** This is a change in venue so be sure to mark it on your calendar for January 1, 2019, from 11:00-2:00. There will be a wonderful buffet for \$27 pp and a cash bar. Accessible entry is located in the parking lot off Pine Street in the back of the building. (see page 7)

Roy Briscoe and Patty Daly have volunteered to host the speaker dinner on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at The Portsmouth Country Club. We are working to secure a speaker from UNH to educate us about the Memorial Bridge research. However, if you have another topic or speaker we can reach out to let us know.

Watch your email for the annual Social Committee Annual Survey! This member survey will precede the social committee meeting scheduled for early December. The Social Committee wants to hear your suggestions, opinions, and preferences from the past season and the upcoming social schedule. There have been some suggestions made over the year such as: bringing in a food truck to replace a pot luck dinner or two; offering a 'gourmet dinner prepared by a 'celebrity chef'; investigate hiring a sous chef or other to support member dinners; and using a variety of caterers for events. The Social Committee wants to count on you to lend a hand and a voice to make the 2019 social season fun for all!

And last, but definitely not least, thank you to everyone who made the October events a great success! Paul and Martha Roy hosted over 110 for a turkey dinner with all the fixings and a delicious Canadian stuffing! The closing dinner dance was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to Glen and Mary Lou Graper for graciously hosting a magical evening.





## From the Rear Commodore | Wes Smith ([email Wes](mailto:Wes@portsmouthyc.org))



It's hard to believe the Club is closed; the docks are in, the water system drained and winterized, the winter door lock on, in preparation for the end of another season.

The good news – Mark your calendars the tentative date for docks in **April 20, 2019**.

I want to express my sincere thanks to all the members and members on the wait list for all your help and hard work. If it wasn't for you we couldn't accomplish are many projects. THANK YOU!!

**House and Docks Work Party and Docks in:** Thank you for the fantastic turn out and your flexibility with the weather. We got the job done.

**Dumpster Enclosure:** Believe it or not - The project was completed three days before Docks Out – A great job by 125 Fence Barrington, NH and Mike Coffey removing the old fence.

**Pier Pilings Update: (Yes it's still going on)**

- Contract signed 11/5/18 with Tighe & Bond (T&B) for (1) Scope of work deterring pier repair and reconstruction planning, (2) Live load pier capacity test. Cost \$2,500.00.
- T&B Engineers evaluated pier 11/7/18.
- NHDES permit – Investigating applying for “DES Permit By Notification Rules”. Process should take 25 days review by DES after submission.
- Next step review SOW (Scope of Work)

**Fence on Piscataqua Street Update:** Town of New Castle repaired the fence. Repairs completed 11/7/18.

**Club Water System Winterized:** For a number of years Ken Jones has assumed the responsibility of winterizing the club's water system: It entails shutting off the town water, draining both hot and cold water lines, blowing excess water out of the lines, draining the hot water heater, refilling the water system with antifreeze. This year Ken updated a written procedure and taught several members the procedure. My thanks to Ken, Glenn Michael, Dick Blidberg, and Mike Coffey for learning the procedure.

# HERE YE! HERE YE!

ALL PYC MEMBERS, GUESTS & WAIT-LIST MEMBERS!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018**



## PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

**JOIN IN THE FUN OF ANOTHER SPIRITED EVENING!**

**6PM-10PM**

**WENTWORTH-BY-THE-SEA COUNTRY CLUB**  
60 WENTWORTH ROAD, RYE, NH



**BID FOR A CHANCE TO WIN LUXURY ESCAPES AND INSPIRED GIFTS!**



**SPACE IS LIMITED. RESERVE NOW!**

**\$60 PER PERSON**



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**RESERVATIONS CLOSE 30 NOVEMBER.**

# NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

**New location & start time!**

**11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, JANUARY 1, 2019**  
**at the EXETER INN**  
**90 FRONT STREET, EXETER**

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*Ring in the New Year with your PUC friends and  
welcome our 2019 Flag Officers and Directors*

*An Assortment of Breakfast Pastries:  
Cinnamon Scented French Toast with Local Maple Syrup;  
Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs with Breakfast Potatoes;  
Pork Sausage & Fruitwood Smoked Bacon;  
Stoney Field Yogurt with House Made Granola; Fresh Fruits & Berries;  
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf; An Assortment of Chilled Juices.*

*\$27 per person ~ Cash Bar  
Sign up by Dec 23rd ~ Contact Pat Dowey  
[ViceCommodore@PortsmouthY.C.org](mailto:ViceCommodore@PortsmouthY.C.org) or 603 436 6843*

*(Accessible entry is located in the parking lot off Pine Street in the back of the building.)*