

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge Commodore Chris Clement



The docks are in for the season! April 18, 2026

Welcome back, everyone! Spring is finally here on the river, and with it comes a renewed energy at Portsmouth Yacht Club. After a long winter, it's great to see familiar faces returning, new members joining, and our season schedule filling up fast.

We've got a full slate of spring events to kick things off — from the Docks In & Potluck Lunch (4/18) to the Kentucky Derby Party (5/2) and our Opening Night Event (5/16). Be sure to check the new online sign-up system for easy RSVPs and event updates.

A special thanks to Wendy Clement and Lisa Amarosa for leading the Ladies Committee; to the PYC Board of Directors and all the newly commissioned chairs of our committees; and to our steward Wendy Rolfe and her esteemed staff. We're so excited about the summer of 2026 at PYC.

Each season brings new beginnings, and this one feels especially vibrant. Whether you're helping with Docks In, cheering at the Derby, or dancing celebrating the club opening, thank you for keeping the spirit of PYC strong.

Here's to calm waters, good company, and a memorable 2026 season ahead!

Fair winds,

Commodore Christopher Clement, Sr | Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

May hosts: Pat Dowey, Laurie Clark,
Soni Christensen,

5/2 (S) KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY
(see pg. 6)

5/16(S) OPENING NIGHT EVENT
(see pg. 7)
A Night in Margaritaville

5/25(M) MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST
(see pg. 4)

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#### **PRIVATE FUNCTIONS**

**5/21 (TH)**

Members, please use outside walkway

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PLANNING AHEAD

6/5(F) NEW MEMBERS COCKTAIL PARTY

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

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| * Beverly Bruce | * Joanne Smith & Kevin McCarthy |
| * Craig & Jen Thompson | * Shari Donnermeyer & Joe McLaughlin |
| * Patricia Bannan | * Jack Morse |
| * Mark & Marie Bodi | * Jeffrey and Kari Schmitz |
| * Richard and Adia Finn | * Derek & Jeanne Stern |
| * Peter Follansbee | * Vincent & Cheryl Tulley |
| * Richard Green | * Deborah & G. Ritchie White |

Our Membership is now full with 250 Active Memberships.

The following applicants have been interviewed by the Membership Committee and placed on the Wait List.

Louis & Susan Dow
Matt Hunter

Joseph Wolfkill & Sarah Fodero
Gail Cassin & Bruce Atkins

We have 4 new applications for membership:

- * Tom & Deirdre Hammer of New Castle, sponsored by Jane Finn and Denny Turmelle. Tom & Deirdre enjoy the people in the New Castle community. They help out when and where they can. They feel the PYC is special venue full of history, and would love to enjoy the space with old and new friends. Old and new stories are good for the soul.
- * Leif & Margaret Honda of Rye, sponsored by Owen Hyland and Jenn Madden. Margaret and Leif have lived in Rye for 22 years. They hold boating licenses and enjoy boating along the seacoast. They have three children: one at UMass Amherst, one at University of Pittsburgh, and one a senior at Portsmouth High School. Margaret served six years on the Rye School Board, four as Chair, and is active as Rye School District Clerk. She is a published author and oil painter. Leif served as President of the Rye Soccer Association for over 10 years and enjoys sharing soccer with the youth of the Seacoast. The Seacoast community is very important to them and a big part of who they are. They have enjoyed the chance to meet members and learn about others' interests and boating adventures. As their children move into the next stage of their lives Leif & Margaret would like to continue pursuing their interests and give back to their community in various ways. They would like to join PYC to improve their boating skills and knowledge, while also dedicating time and effort to programs and events. The Hondas have a 20' powerboat on Newfound Lake.

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- * Cliff & Karen Gilman of New Castle, sponsored by Stephen & Anne Manion and Bill Stewart & Susan Spaulding. As residents of New Castle for over 20 years Cliff and Karen seek to engage in the community meaningfully. As a sailing family they greatly value the enrichment of life lived on the water. They have extensive bareboat charter experience all over the world in mono-hulls and catamarans from 36' to 56'. They have cherished their international sailing adventures and hope to finally cruise the beautiful coastline of New England. They would welcome the opportunity to meet others who value the sense of place they feel living in this special spot.
- * Laura Harris & Charles Potter of Rye, sponsored by Porter & Megan Davis and Andy Smith. Chaz and Laura, along with their son Vann, moved to New England from Seattle in 2002. They adore their community, school, neighbors, and all the philanthropic opportunities to get involved. Vann has taken on sailing and crew since arriving and loves the sea. Laura and Chaz have joined numerous boards to support the local community and the environment. They spend much of their time at school events, volunteering or enjoying the oceanside community. They have become very close to many of their neighbors and feel supported by the community. Some of their best friends have introduced them to PYC, including the Davis', Krolls, Clerks, and Giltens. They have thoroughly enjoyed volunteering at PYC, attending social events and getting to know more members and look forward to becoming members. Their son Vann has been taking sailing lessons in CT and NH since he was 10. They have an 18' Hobie Cat and are looking to get a center console powerboat.

2026 FLAG OFFICERS

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2026 DIRECTORS

Keith Bridge	PC Dan Gingras	Nancy Oeser	Paul Urbanek***
Peter Donahue***	Jim Haslam	Andy Smith	

***New Board Member 2026

2026 STAFF

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Dockmaster Russ Smith	Dockmaster@PortsmouthYC.org



From the Vice Commodore | vicecommodore@portsmouthyc.org

Spring has sprung and the PYC is looking great thanks to the help of many. Our social calendar is full thanks to our many event sponsors and their crews who have agreed to create some great events for us all to spend enjoyable time together at our club.

We have many returning events that have proved popular in the past as well as some new events for you all to try this year.

The new online event registration system is up and running. From the PYC website select calendar and you are able to sign up for any of the events shaded green during the open event registration window. Please remember the registration window for an event opens at noon 4 weeks before the event. If you experience any problems please first check with Wendy, our Steward.

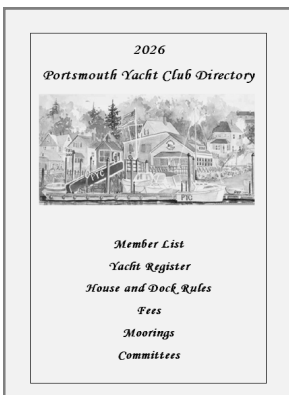
We hope you all enjoy your time at PYC whether at an organized event or on your own with family and friends. As always please be sure to clean up after yourselves and leave the club in even better condition than when you arrived. Many hands make light work,

Best to all and see you soon on the deck
VC Toby Clarke, Asst. VC Theresa White



PYC is BoatUS Cooperating Group, # GA81490Y.

Use our group number to receive discounts off water towing services.



2026 CLUB DIRECTORY

The 2026 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, Beth Fraser, at Secretary@PortsmouthYC.org



A View from the Rear | rearcommadore@portsmouthyc.org

Hello and Happy Spring. Docks In went very well. Lots of necessary tasks were accomplished, and just a few need to be finished. A very grateful thank you goes to all of you who participated. Your volunteerism and help in getting our club open is greatly appreciated and helps to make PYC the special place that it is. Thank you to PC Wells and his grandson Cameron for manning the galley on Saturday morning.

The official opening date of the club will be on May 1st. We are pleased to announce our Steward Wendy Rolfe and Dockmaster Russ Smith will be returning for the 2026 season. Wendy is continuing to meet with our various vendors as we work towards getting the club ready to open. She is working towards building another solid staff roster for our 2026 season, with some returning and some new employees. Please reach out and welcome them.

David McArdle, Peter Donahue, and the Fuel Tank Committee continue their work on the fuel tank replacement project. House & Docks Committee members will be installing electrical posts and water lines to the floats and slips. Mike Coffey and Steve Jefferson prepped one launch for Docks In and are continuing to prep the second launch to be placed in service for the season. Asst RC Peter Amarosa is working with our engineering firm to reposition the dinghy dock so that the street side of the dock is accessible at low tide.

Many thanks go to Lisa & Peter Amarosa, Terri Lareau, and Wendy & Mike Beagen for tackling the spring kitchen cleaning and prep for the season.

We look forward to another great boating and social season at PYC. See you on the deck.

VC Steve Falzone, Asst. VC Peter Amarosa





GRAB YOUR DERBY ATTIRE AND JOIN US FOR OUR



152nd Kentucky Derby Party
Hosted by The Ladies Committee

Mint Juleps • Pulled Pork Slider Station
🏆 Prizes for Best Hat & Derby Winners

SATURDAY
May
2nd @
5:30

Raffle for 152nd Woodford Reserve
Commemorative Bottle

Bring an Appetizer to Share

Sign up or Cancel by
April 25th
on our PYC Website
20.00 per person





Celebrate Opening Night at
Portsmouth Yacht Club with

A Night in Margaritaville!

Saturday May 16 @ 6:00 PM

\$35
per
person

Wear your
Tropical
Favorites!

*Listen to tropical music and feast
on hors d'oeuvres of crab cakes,
cheeseburger sliders, shrimp and more
while sipping on tropical drinks!*

Sign up between noon April 18th and noon May 9th

Sponsored by Bill Stewart & Susan Spaulding,
Steve & Suzanne Cook, and Crew

