

# PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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## View from the Bridge Commodore Chris Clement



As we enter the 2026 season in full, it is a pleasure to see the Club active once again - on the water, on the docks, and throughout the clubhouse. May has been a productive and energetic month of transition, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Dockmaster Russ Smith and Steward Wendy Rolfe for their leadership in delivering a smooth and successful opening.

I would also like to thank the membership for embracing the Club's new online event registration system. I recognize this represents a meaningful change in how we engage with Club programming, and your willingness to adopt it is appreciated. The feedback we have received has been both thoughtful and constructive, and it is already helping us refine and improve the system. I encourage all members to continue using the platform for upcoming events, and for added convenience, a dedicated computer is now available in the clubhouse for on-site registration.

Portsmouth Yacht Club remains grounded in its traditions of seamanship, community, and stewardship of the Piscataqua. As we move through the season, our focus remains on strengthening our facilities while also creating opportunities for members to connect, participate, and spend time together on the water.

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **JUNE**

June hosts: Donna & Paul Urbanek,  
Kathy Hollister

- 6/5(F) NEW MEMBERS COCKTAIL PARTY**  
*(See page 5)*
- 6/12(F) CLASSICS FOOD AND MUSIC**  
*(see page 6)*
- 6/14(SU) PRECRUISE PLANNING DINNER**
- 6/17(W) MEET THE STAFF GRILL NIGHT**  
*(See page 7)*
- 6/20(S) KIDS SOCIAL (9 am-11 am)**  
*(see page 8)*
- 6/24(W) GREEK NIGHT** *Details to come*

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#### **PRIVATE FUNCTIONS**

**6/29 (M)**

Members, please use outside walkway

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#### **PLANNING AHEAD**

- 7/3 (F) COCKTAILS & DESSERT POTLUCK**  
**PORTSMOUTH FIREWORKS**
- 7/24(F) WINE TASTING NIGHT**

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

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### **Special Visitor**

We have a special visitor coming through the area in June - Victoria Yeager, widow of General Chuck Yeager, will be in town June 18 - 23 and is hoping to spend some time on the water.

Victoria is an experienced sailor with roots from Cape Cod to the Solent in England, and we're pleased to share that Board Member Captain Keith Bridge will be taking her out aboard *Merrywing*. If others are planning to be out and would like to extend additional opportunities - particularly on June 19 or 22 - Victoria would certainly enjoy more time on the water and meeting members.

As a reminder, General Chuck Yeager was a true American icon - the first pilot to break the sound barrier and a pioneering test pilot whose career helped shape modern aviation. Victoria continues to share his legacy through engaging and well-regarded talks, which could make for a great future club event.

### **Clubhouse & Grounds Update**

Following last year's walkway reconstruction, our primary focus this season is the underground fuel storage tank replacement (UST) project. This effort represents one of the most significant capital investments in recent Club history and is critical to our long-term operations.

My thanks to the UST Committee, led by David McArdle, along with Project Manager and Professional Engineer Peter Donahue, for their steady leadership on this complex initiative. The project requires coordination across multiple regulatory agencies and reflects the Club's commitment to safety, environmental responsibility, and operational excellence.

### **Education & Seamanship**

Our commitment to learning and seamanship remains a cornerstone of the Club. I encourage you to join fellow members on Saturday, August 1 for the NH Fish Farm Presentation and Potluck Dinner, hosted by Jude Blake, Mike Bailey, and crew. It promises to be both informative and an enjoyable evening at the Club.

### **Community on the Water**

Cruising remains at the heart of the Portsmouth Yacht Club experience. The Pre-Cruise Planning Dinner on Sunday, June 14 is an opportunity for members to come together, share plans, and exchange practical knowledge as we prepare for the summer cruising season.

Whether you are a seasoned cruiser or looking to participate more actively this year, I encourage you to take part. It is through these shared experiences - on the water and at the Club - that our community continues to grow and thrive.

It is an honor to serve as your Commodore. Portsmouth Yacht Club is defined by the strength, engagement, and generosity of its members. If you see opportunities for improvement or have ideas to enhance the Club experience, I encourage you to share them with me. I look forward to seeing you throughout the season.

Chris Clement, Commodore [Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org](mailto:Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org)

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

We have received 1 new application for membership:

- ◆ Andy and Kris Lang of New Castle, sponsored by Mark Fodero, Chad & Darleen Chadwick, and Tim Mardin. Andy and Kris have lived in New Castle for the past forty years, where they raised their four children, built strong ties in the seacoast community, and recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Andy is a local business owner and Kris is a social worker. They are both enthusiastic about gardening, fishing, and their five grandchildren. Most of all, they love the ocean and the seaside life. They look forward to meeting PYC members who share the same interests, to participating in club events, and volunteering when needed.



# From the Vice Commodore | [vicecommandore@portsmouthyc.org](mailto:vicecommandore@portsmouthyc.org)

Greetings PYC members,

With two fabulous events completed and many more to come this season we look forward to seeing you all as we gather for a full slate of social events.

Many thanks to the Ladies Committee for a lovely Kentucky Derby party enjoyed by a large group.

Our opening event with Margaritaville filling our space both inside and out on a lovely evening was great fun with delicious food and beverage accompanied by talented live music. Thanks so much to Susan Spaulding, Bill Stewart, and Suzanne & Steve Cook with their crew for creating such a great event.

Our fabulous Steward Wendy is working hard to make sure the club facilities are in great shape and the event crews have what is needed to execute their event plans. Thanks Wendy.

We still are in need of a sponsor for the 7/29 grill night. Please let us know if you are interested or willing to sponsor this event.

Thanks to all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and about the club.

VC Toby Clarke, Asst. VC Theresa White



*Dedicated computer for on-site registration.*

### 2026 FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore Chris Clement	<a href="mailto:Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org">Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org</a>
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Asst. Rear Commodore Peter Amarosa***	<a href="mailto:RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org">RearCommodore@PortsmouthYC.org</a>

### 2026 APPOINTED

Treasurer Doyle Skeells	<a href="mailto:Treasurer@PortsmouthYC.org">Treasurer@PortsmouthYC.org</a>
Secretary Beth Fraser	<a href="mailto:Secretary@PortsmouthYC.org">Secretary@PortsmouthYC.org</a>
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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

Steward Wendy Rolfe	<a href="mailto:Steward@PortsmouthYC.org">Steward@PortsmouthYC.org</a>
Dockmaster Russ Smith	<a href="mailto:Dockmaster@PortsmouthYC.org">Dockmaster@PortsmouthYC.org</a>



## A View from the Rear | [rearcommandore@portsmouthyc.org](mailto:rearcommandore@portsmouthyc.org)

The 2026 Season is underway and we are operational. Wendy and Russ have been hard at work prepping the club for the season. Wendy has coordinated with all of our vendors to get us opened up and running. She and Dan Gingras recently met with the New Castle Fire Chief for our Certificate of Occupancy inspection.

The Fuel Flag is up and we are finally getting some good weather to pump, baby, pump. Russ informs us we have been busy pumping fuel as the weather has improved. Russ will again be working with our newer staff members on training and safety.

Seasonal transient mooring bookings are coming into our reservation system and are looking strong for the season.

Wendy continues to work with members who are hosting club events as well as members who are booking the club for private events.

Thank you to Andy Courteau, Mike Coffey, Tim Maglaras, Tom Burbank, Mike Beagen, Toby Clarke, Peter Amarosa, and Keith Bridge for getting the power and water to our slips and docks.

Wendy and Russ have put together a good staff for the 2026 season. Please reach out and welcome them:

Steward – *Wendy Rolfe*

Dockmaster – *Russ Smith*

Launch Drivers – *Jack Conner, Hobe Rolfe, Dan DeSantis, and Butch Madden*

Dock Hands – *Nicole Donovan, Aidan Swiger, Owen Small, and Andy Brown*

Events Bartender – *Maeve Amarosa*

**Slip, Mooring, and Dinghy Agreements; Insurance Binders:** Russ will be following up with those members who need to return Slip, Mooring, and Dinghy Agreements, as well as Insurance Binders. If you have yet to return your paperwork please do so as soon as possible.

**Dinghy Dock Users:** Members who have paid for a space on the dinghy dock, please pick up your 2026 sticker from Russ

RC Steve Falzone, Asst RC Peter Amarosa

### CLUBHOUSE WATER & WEED: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Sign up for a week of watering and weeding to keep PYC looking beautiful this summer!

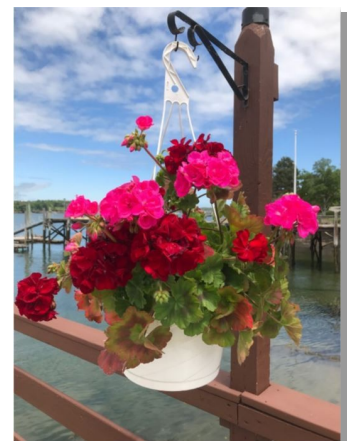
There are 3 planter boxes and 1 hanging basket that will need attention, especially when it's hot and/or windy, and then there are WEEDS, in the front beds and driveway!

We hope to get these dealt with in the next week or so and hopefully they will be low maintenance throughout the summer months, but we know there is no guarantee when it comes to those buggers!

There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board at the club. This will start Monday, the week of June 1-7 and continue thereafter. Please join in to help PYC look it's very best!

Thank you in advance!

Pepper and Mary Pat





# Anchors Away!

*Portsmouth Yacht Club's*

## New Members Cocktail Party

*Sponsored by Terri Lareau, Kathleen Conneen, and crew*

Friday, June 5th | 6:00pm to 9:00pm

*Please join us to welcome  
our New Members!*

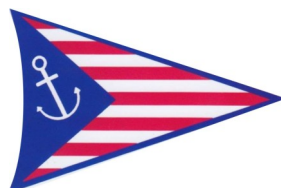
Cocktails

Hors d'oeuvres by C'est Cheese

**\$35 per person**

*Registration closes at noon, May 29th*

*Cocktail Party Attire please*



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**A NIGHT OF**  
**Classics**

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

— *Hosted by Paul & Martha Roy* —

**Classic Food & Appetizers**

**Classic Drink Martinis**

\$40 Per Person

Tenderloin Roast & Grilled Lobster Tail

Chicken Oscar

Vegetable Lasagna

Martha's Famous Blueberry Pie



**Dancing to songs**  
**from Sinatra all the way to Beyonce**

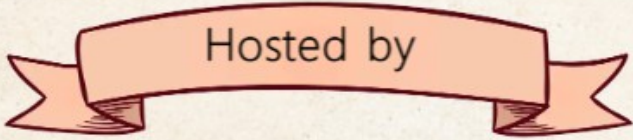




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GRILL NIGHT

MEET & GREET THE CREW



Hosted by

Assistant VC Theresa White & Ken White  
& Crew

Wendy & Michael Beagen  
Kathleen Conneen & Terri Lareau



Wednesday June 17th 6:00-9:00

~Menu~

Mixed Green Salad - Vinaigrette Dressing

Rustic Basket of Ciabatta Rolls

Basil Pesto Grilled Chicken Thighs

Summer Tortellini Salad

Balsamic Berry Compote over

Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Sign up By June 10th




20.00 per person. BYOB






# AHOY, JUNIOR SAILORS!

## Kids Morning at the Club

### WHEN & WHERE

-  **Date:** Saturday, June 20th
-  **Time:** 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
-  **Location:** Portsmouth Yacht Club Clubhouse

### EVENT CREW INFO

-  **Ages:** Geared towards 2-10 years old (all ages welcome!)
-  **Cost:** \$20 per Family
-  **Weather:** Come Rain or Shine!

### WHAT'S ON DECK?

*(Just a few of our activities—there is so much more to see!)*

#### See Real Sailboats (from dry land)

See a 505 rigging up close or let your toddler explore the inside of a Frosty (one of our local fleets)! Learn fun basics about boats safely from dry land.

#### Nautical Craft Station

Let your little crew member create a maritime masterpiece to bring home.

#### Clubhouse Scavenger Hunt


Follow the clues, explore the clubhouse corners, and uncover hidden treasures.

#### The Knot Challenge

Practice your knots and master your cleat for your summer on the water.

#### Build a Balloon Boat

Design, build, and power your very own custom toy boat using the power of a balloon!

 \* Fuel for the Crew: A few light snacks and refreshments will be available to keep our young sailors going throughout the morning.

Bring your grandkids, bring your own kids, or bring guests with kids and come relax, meet other local families, and share the joy of the waterfront.

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