

PORTSMOUTH YACHT CLUB

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View from the Bridge Commodore Chris Clement



Shipmates,

July will soon be here, the docks are full, and the Piscataqua is busy. We've got a month of food & spirit, cruising, and one very big night when the tall ships come to town. Thank you to everyone who made June's club events a success.

Let's keep the momentum going!

As we celebrate July 4th and the 250th anniversary of the United States, we proudly honor the courage, sacrifice, and enduring spirit that have shaped our nation. May this milestone remind us of the blessings of liberty, the strength of our communities, and the pride we share in the American story. July 23rd promises to be a remarkable evening. Few sights compare to watching the tall ships glide past the club to the sound of cannon fire with our burgee flying proudly overhead. Join us, bring a friend, and let's show Portsmouth why PYC offers the finest seat on the river.

See you on the water,

Chris Clement, Commodore

Commodore@PortsmouthYC.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

July hosts: Pepper Sinkler,
Jackie Adams, Priscilla Lent

- 7/3 (F) COCKTAILS & DESSERT
POT LUCK (see pg 7)**
- 7/8(W) GRILL NIGHT (see pg 8)**
- 7/17(F) CARIBBEAN NIGHT (see pg 9)**
- 7/24(F) WINE TASTING NIGHT (TBA)**
- 7/29(W) MULTI CLUB GRILL NIGHT (TBA)**

PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

7/13(M)

Members, please use outside walkway

LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- SAIL PORTSMOUTH MARITIME FESTIVAL**
- 7/23 PARADE OF SAIL (see pg 3)**
- 7/24-26 MARITIME FESTIVAL TOURS &
DAYSAILS (see pg 3)**

PLANNING AHEAD

- 8/1(S) NH FISH FARM PRESENTATION
& POT LUCK DINNER**

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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

- Terry & Luiara Anderton (*Reinstatement*)
- Kent & Mary Christison
- Daniel & June DeSantis
- Ted & Lisa Gupton

We have received 1 new application for membership:

- Rene and Kristine Kahr of Madbury, sponsored by Michael & Wendy Beagen and Tom & Liz Burbank. Rene grew up sailing and racing dinghies, keelboats, and multihulls on the Hudson River and in Southern CA. He has had a career in the high-tech industry with roles in engineering, marketing, and sales. Kristine grew up powerboating and waterskiing in upstate New York and New Hampshire. She has had a career in nursing with positions in hospitals, as a visiting nurse, and at the UNH Health center. The Kahrs have owned a number of boats, both power and sail. Their present boats are the 24' power *Danskammer* and 31' sail *Renegade*.

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

Steward Wendy Rolfe	Steward@PortsmouthYC.org
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From the Vice Commodore | vicecommodore@portsmouthyc.org

Thank you to some of our fellow members for volunteering to create fabulous events so far this season. It takes a great deal of time and effort to plan and execute these functions. Also many thanks go to our monthly hosts who welcome members and guests to the events. Their volunteer efforts make the social part of our club truly special. There are plenty more events still to come so please sign up to be part of the fun. If you need help navigating the online event registration system, please be sure to ask Steward Wendy or a fellow member.

We would like to share some additional information to help with your enjoyment of the club.

Events are BYOB as the standard. At some events, the event host offers a signature drink included in the cost. This might be a specific cocktail, beer, and/or wine. Currently for four events per year (Opening Night, New Members, Past Commodores, Closing Night) the club offers more cocktail choices for your pleasure. (Sorry for my confusion at New Members this year).

At the June Board of Directors meeting, a policy decision was confirmed that both sides of the porch are available for members to enjoy social time and comfortable seating. We will be adding some additional furniture to the right side of the porch similar to that currently on the left side. Setting up tables for sit down dining is available outside on the deck and inside the clubhouse. The one exception to this is if inclement weather forces us inside during a scheduled event, the event may use the porch for temporary additional table seating.

As always we value your feedback in helping us continue the tradition of having a club that we can all enjoy together.

See you soon on deck.

VC Toby Clarke, Asst. VC Theresa White

SAIL PORTSMOUTH MARITIME FESTIVAL - July 23-25

The **Parade of Sail** marks the kick-off of the Sail Portsmouth Maritime Festival. Starting at the mouth of the Piscataqua River at 7:30PM on July 23rd, the ships and flotilla will parade up the river with canon salutes from PYC as the ships pass. Featured ships this year will be the *Oosterschelde*, *Denis Sullivan*, and *Liberty Clipper*.

Watch the Parade from the club or join the flotilla on your own boat!

Maritime Festival Ship Tours and Day Sails will be held from July 24 to July 25. The ships will be docked at the Portsmouth Commercial Fish Pier.

Find out more about the Maritime Festival at SailPortsmouth.org.



The 3-masted topsail schooner Oosterschelde



A View from the Rear | rearcommodore@portsmouthyc.org



The Fuel Flag is up and Russ informs us they have been busy pumping fuel as the good weather continues to hold. Russ will again be working with our younger staff members on training and safety.

We have three new additions to the PYC staff for 2026. Please welcome Launch Driver Butch Madden, Dockhand Charlie Greenwood, and Event Bar Staff Maeve Amarosa. We are happy to have them as part of the PYC family.

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

Wendy, Russ, and the PYC Staff continue to keep PYC running at peak efficiency.

The second launch is experiencing an engine issue and should be in the water soon.

Seasonal transient mooring bookings are coming into our reservation system and are looking good for the season. Thank you to Russ for managing the reservations, and to his team for welcoming our guests. Here is a review from one of our guests:

Russ and his team could not have been more friendly and professional. We requested a mooring close to PYC for easy access with our bikes. Russ did warn us that with currents & wind it can be rolling. It was but we were fine, obviously keel boats would have less issues. The launch service is so efficient Pepperrell Cove would be quieter and closer to excellent restaurant there. Just loved whole area. Again..... THANK YOU. Trish

Thank you to all of our members who are using the club in the evening after the staff have left, and who follow the closing down and lock up procedures. There are instructions for these posted throughout the kitchen and club. If you are not sure about them, please ask a staff member before they leave, or another member who is familiar with the process. Your care and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

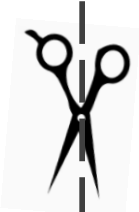
RC Steve Falzone,
Peter Amarosa



DAY USE MOORINGS FOR PYC MEMBERS

MOORING NUMBERS & LOCATIONS

Mooring#	General Location	Latitude	Longitude
2487	Little Bay	43 07.025	70 51.460
319	Little Harbor	43 03.327	70 43.244
325	Little Harbor	43 03.346	70 43.182
1670	Shoals, NH	42 58.736	70 36.714
2141	Shoals, NH	42 58.718	70 36.718
2208	Shoals, NH	42 58.686	70 36.634
3167	Shoals, NH	42 58.702	70 36.630
3276	Shoals, NH	42 58.710	70 36.651
902	Shoals, ME (PCYC)	42 58.875	70 36.796
904	Shoals, ME (PCYC)	42 58.860	70 36.767



GOOD PRACTICE & RULES TO FOLLOW FOR MOORING USE

1. **ALWAYS** fly the Club Burgee to identify yourself as a PYC member. (Available from the Ships Store)
2. **DO NOT**, repeat **DO NOT** allow a non-member using your vessel to fly **your burgee** to obtain a mooring!
3. If PYC moorings are occupied by an apparent non-member, going along-side and asking if they are members is a good practice. Some answers may be evasive! If the occupants honestly say they are not members politely ask them to vacate. Make sure, of course that there are not other PYC moorings available.
4. Being insistent that a non-member vacate a PYC mooring **is not** "bad form". Remember, we all pay for the permits and maintenance!
5. Rafting of vessels on PYC moorings is OK. Please use common sense when doing so.
6. Boats are not to be left unattended overnight.



**HAPPY
250
BIRTHDAY**

CELEBRATION

July 3rd - 7:00-9:30 - Fireworks at Dusk

Bring a Dessert to Share

Speaker Presentation

Beer & Wine Provided @ 10.00 per person

Summer Grill Night

Wednesday, July 8th 6:00 PM

\$25.00 pp | BYOB

Attendance limited to 65



***Check out where Paul & Donna
get their favorite Kielbasa:
www.martinrosolsinc.com/about*

Grilled Marinated Chicken; Grilled Martin Rosol's Kielbasa;
Grilled Vegetables - Zucchini, Red Pepper, Onions;
Homemade Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls;
Homemade Cookies w/ Ice Cream Sandwiches**

RSVP / Cancel by noon July 1st

Hosted by Paul & Donna Urbanek and Crew

PYC FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

PRESENTS

CARIBBEAN NIGHT

THE FETE OF THE YEAR

BE READY TO DANCE

DRINK RUM PUNCH

EAT CARIBBEAN FOOD AND

MARTHA'S FAMOUS RUM CAKE

RAFFLES AND PRIZES

JULY 17 - 6:00 PM

\$35 PER PERSON