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PORTLAND YACHT CLUB MAINE SHEET

FEBRUARY 2007

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

First of all, I want you to know how pleased I am to be your Commodore. It is an honor to serve in this position, and I promise you a very active and rewarding season at the club.

We are quickly moving through winter (with a minimal amount of snow as I write) and in a couple of months the covers will be off of the boats and the season will be in full swing. In the interim, we have scheduled winter activities that are programmed to get you excited about the upcoming summer events. So, in addition to attending the off season events, get your boats ready for launching so that you can participate in the many upcoming club activities.

Thank you to the nominating committee for proposing and to the membership for electing a very talented board of directors. Each board member is focused on a specific activity of the club, and has a committee to assist in planning and developing events; entertainment, racing, junior program training, cruising, educational seminars and dining room service. Additionally, we are paying close attention to the infrastructure that supports these events; waterfront operations, house and grounds, and membership to keep the club at full membership. I strongly encourage you to join a committee. The committees are a good way to meet fellow club members, and they are a fun, rewarding part of being a member.

We are pleased to have some very special employees returning for another year including Diane Jellis as club manager, Carol McEwen as the bookkeeper, Tom Tobey on the waterfront and Shawn Lewis as the chef. This year we are also pleased to have Molly White continue as the junior program director. As you may know, Molly has been a long time instructor with us and brings some great ideas as well as the required management skills to continue the fine program for which the Portland Yacht Club has been known.

Finally, I encourage your feedback on how we are doing in meeting our commitments to you, the members. If at any time something doesn't meet your expectations, please feel free to contact one of our board members, or me directly.

THINK SPRING...it is coming!

W. Craig Fillmann
Commodore

THE 2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Committees from Cruising through Waterfront are building their teams now. Want to serve on a committee? Email the appropriate Officer (listed above) or get in touch with Diane at the PYC office – 781-9820 or pyc@maine.rr.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The club is in excellent fiscal shape. The balance sheet looks good and we are ready for an active season. This year's capital program is under way as we continue to improve the asset base of the Club.

If you have not applied for your 2007 mooring permit, please apply **NOW**. As of March 15th you will have to pay a late fee. When filling out the mooring application, please answer all the questions.

“Reminder” – First Dues payment is due February 1st.

Bill Oliver
Treasurer

CLUB MANAGER'S CORNER

I'd like to personally welcome Jere Thompson, newly elected PYC Secretary, as our new newsletter editor. This will be of enormous help to the club. If you have any news re yourself, sons, daughters, grandchildren, travels, births, deaths, please let either me or Jere Thompson (jerethompson@gmail.com) know so that we can share your news with the membership via this newsletter.

The next newsletter will be mailed on May 1, 2007.

Diane Jellis
Club Manager

FOOD & BEVERAGE

I am happy to report that Shawn Lewis will be coming back to PYC for his third season this summer. We are thrilled to have him with us again and look forward to many wonderful meals at the club.

We will be sending out a member survey within the next month and would really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete it when it arrives. We are looking for feedback on last season and looking for any suggestions you may have for this season. Your feedback will be very much appreciated. Also, if you have ideas or comments during the dining season, please feel free to email me at graffins@maine.rr.com.

Respectfully,
Kristen King
Food & Beverage

WATERFRONT

The State of Maine, through the Department of Conservation, notified the Club that they owned the submerged land under our pier, floats, and launch ramp some time in 1975. We were allowed to use the submerged land with out cost for thirty years. That time frame ended September 30 of 2005. Since that time the Club and all other users of more than 500 square feet were notified that a lease was to be drawn up after we submitted several pages of information.

The accumulation and digestion of this information has taken the State a lot of time and, of course, the department staff was not increased to handle this influx. The result is that your Club uses 5,874 square feet of pier, ramp and floats below mean low water, and 6,650 square feet of berthing space. The State calculated our lease rate to be \$1,392.67, but this amount exceeds the maximum to be charged to any lessee. Our annual lease payment will be \$1,200 starting in October of 2005. Our first two and a quarter years of lease are due in February. This expense was included in the 2007 budget. This lease is good until December 31, 2034; however the rate is subject to review after the fifth anniversary, and every five years thereafter.

I was told by the State that the funds generated were part of the Governor's budget to offset the expense of initiation and maintenance of the leases and to provide additional access to Maine's rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, and ocean frontage.

Tony Jessen
Waterfront

JUNIOR SAILING

The 2007 Junior Sailing Program is shaping up nicely so far. In 2007 we will offer a new program for our older, experienced sailors: **420 RACE GRAD**. This will be a two day per week course offered to former 420 Race Team members who wish to continue to sail but cannot make the commitment to a full week's practice. Members of this group will continue to sail, share a boat and knowledge with full

time racers, sharpen skills through drills and coaching, and represent PYC in select events. Race Grads will sub in and demonstrate as a part of the practice.

The majority of our coaches from last year have agreed to return to PYC for 2007, and we are well on the way to filling any coaching vacancies. One thing that continues to be a source of pride and excellence for us is the level of professionalism in our coaching staff. It will continue to be our practice to hire the most experienced staff available, and all of our full-time coaches must be US Sailing Level I certified or international equivalent.

Our next Junior Sailing Committee meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 pm**. We will be discussing coaching candidates, the Maine State Optimist Championships, preliminary race scheduling and the potential for a drawing for a free pram-sailing course for a non-member Falmouth resident. Any interested party is welcome to attend.

There will be a 2007 Parent Registration Information Session on **Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm** in the dining room of the Portland Yacht Club. This session is perfect for first year parents with questions. This meeting is also mandatory for all Race Team parents and parents considering Race Team. This will serve as a preliminary 2007 informational get-together. 2007 Registration materials will be released online **February 10** and PYC Member priority ends on **March 15**.

Meg Coon
Junior Sailing Program

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee has been working diligently on their 2007 program offerings. As of January 22 the following courses have been scheduled:

Thursday, February 15th at 7PM (PYC): Seamanship Seminar - this is a hands-on program where participants will learn how to splice 3-strand line, splicing with the addition of a thimble, whipping line ends, and what to have in a rigging kit. Additionally, this seminar will cover basic sail repair/care as well as practice knots. This course is limited to 30 participants.

Saturday, April 7th, 9AM-4PM (Location TBA): Weather Seminar - this will be taught by a well known Meteorologist (surprise!). Registration details will be announced in the coming weeks, but save this day!

Monday, June 4th: Back by popular demand! Docking 101/102

Programs that the committee is also working on for early Spring include: Diesel/Electrical Seminar; Race Management Seminar; Intro to Racing

For additional information on any of our courses, please contact Maya Cohen at mmcohen@maine.rr.com.

A portion of all course fees benefits the Education Foundation for life long learning programs at PYC.

RACE

With the winter weather finally upon us you can take comfort in knowing there are now less than four months until the first Thursday night race. Planning for the 2007 racing season is already under way and I'm pleased to announce several major changes in the program this year.

To offer a higher level of service and to improve the marketing and promotion of our events, PYC has contracted with Regatta Promotions to provide professional regatta management for the entire season. You will see the first evidence of this in mid March with our new web pages and on-line registration capability. Other changes will include improved on-line documents, a wider selection of regatta merchandise, and significant improvements to the skipper packets you will receive at each event. One additional benefit we hope to gain from this change is to recruit more sponsorship by offering greater visibility and a better return on investment.

To better streamline our planning and promotion efforts and to consolidate our volunteers, the Monhegan Race, which has historically been the responsibility of the Vice Commodore, will now fall under the responsibility of the Race Committee. Beginning in February, the new Race/Monhegan Committee will be meeting at 5:30 PM on the third Monday of each month. Please contact me at billn@midmaine.com or 775-4598 if you are interested in joining the committee, helping with an event, or signing up to help on the committee boat. No race experience is required!!!

After many requests from the race community, we will be adding one more weekend to the Fall schedule. With the cooler Fall weather and later developing sea breeze, the start times for the Fall series races, with the exception of the Lightship Race, will be moved to 1:00 PM. This should allow us to take better advantage of what I think is the best time of year to sail on Casco Bay.

Bill Newberry
Race

2007 Race Schedule

May 24 th	First Thursday Night Race
June 16 th & 17 th	Pilot Race
July 7 th & 8 th	PHRF Maine State Championship and One-Design
August 11 th & 12 th	Monhegan Race
September 8 th & 9 th	J/24 DownEast Regatta
September 15 th	Fall Series #1
September 22 nd	Lightship Race
September 29 th	Fall Series #2

HOUSE & GROUNDS

Besides keeping the House and Grounds in their current great shape, two initiatives are planned for 2007.

First, the Decorating Committee and Cookbook Committee have been very successful in raising funds to improve the acoustics of the Main Membership Room. The plan is to apply acoustical panels at strategic locations to bring the sound reverberation down and increase the ability to communicate during large gatherings.

Secondly, the PYC Board approved to pursue professional guidance to install a 30 X 50 terrace space just north of our deck for outdoor gatherings and events. Included in this plan is to delineate a new membership space from the sailing school and dinghy storage area.

The House and Grounds Committee is seeking additional volunteers, particularly members that are interested in taking an active role in maintaining the planted areas around our Yacht Club House. Please drop Diane an email if you are interested or have further questions.

For House and Grounds,
Erik Greven.

WATERFRONT

It has come to our attention that the harbor master is closely reviewing mooring sizes and making sure they are adequate for the boats they secure. We have listed the guidelines from the Town of Falmouth Coastal Waters Ordinance for your reference. If your mooring does not meet these guidelines expect to get notice. The complete ordinance is available for review at

<http://www.town.falmouth.me.us/planning/subordframe.html>. These are the most recent guidelines which were re-introduced 9/6/06 and adopted 11/27/06.

(d) Recommended Mooring Guidelines:

Under 15'	power/sail	150 lb mushroom
15' - 19'	power/sail	200 lb mushroom
20' - 27'	power/sail	250 lb mushroom
28' - 30'	power/sail	300 lb mushroom
31' - 33'	power/sail	400 lb mushroom
34' - 38'	power/sail	500 lb mushroom
39' - 45'	power/sail	600 lb mushroom
46' - 50'	power/sail	1000 lb mushroom
51' - 56'	power/sail	1200 lb mushroom
57' - 65'	power/sail	1600 lb mushroom

Granite Blocks will equal to four times the weight of a mushroom anchor.

Anthony R. Jessen
Waterfront

ENTERTAINMENT

The Entertainment Committee has gotten off to a fast start for 2007. The December 9th Children's Christmas Party was well attended by many future sailors, as well as their parents and grandparents. It was wonderful to see so many youngsters at the club! A huge thank you to Kristen King for organizing the event as she handed over entertainment responsibilities.

Thanks also to Mary Oliver and Dorothy Holt for planning craft activities and Dave Fenderson for his 27th year as the jolly old fellow. The club looked very festive for both the Children's Christmas Party and the New Year's Day Open House.

New Year's Day brought some icy roads but that did not stop members from coming to the Open House at the club to celebrate the New Year and to get caught up with old and new friends. A special thank you to Phil Sargent who used his family recipes to make his well known punches. There were some truly delicious hors d'oeuvres brought to share. Hopefully the recipes are in the PYC Cookbook!

As you read this I'm pleased to say that over 75 people attended the Chili & Chowda Dinner on Friday, February 2nd. Phil Sargent was the chef. Members brought desserts, appetizers, and salads. It was a wonderful chance to take a break from the winter cold, talk to boating friends, find out who has sold or bought boats, etc.

The next event is the March 16th Pot Luck Supper. Watch for details on this event. Excerpts of Bill Green's video from last year's Monhegan Race will be shown at this event so be sure to put it on your calendar.

Mary Smith
Entertainment

NEWS & NOTES RE CLUB MEMBERS

Mark & Amanda Klein are expecting another bundle in August – Congratulations!

Condolences from all of us go out to **Fred & Trish Madeira** upon the death of Fred's father **John (Jay) Madeira**. Jay was 85 years young and passed away on Thursday, October 5, 2006. A lovely service and gathering was held at the Portland Yacht Club on Monday, October 9, 2007. Jay left four sons and their spouses plus ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jennifer Cassidy reported in October that husband **Bruce** "is now the owner of a bovine valve and it's working splendidly. ...His marching orders are to start walking immediately, and our goal is three miles as soon as possible. We have a great walking neighborhood, so come on by!"

Meg Coon says "Check out Sailing World this month [January issue]. **Alan Palmer** is one of Gary Jobson's Junior All-Stars. **Katie Gullick** is mentioned as crew and **Deirdre Lambert** is Honorable Mention."

HISTORY

Rick Thompson, past Commodore and current chairman of the History Committee, wants you to be prepared to have some fun at the March 16th Pot Luck. Be prepared to help identify names of people in old photos from the club's albums dating from 1984-1994. It promises to be a lot of fun.

PYC Running Calendar as of 2/1/07 Subject to Change

FEBRUARY

- 2/2 - Chili & Chowda, 6:00 pm
- 2/5 - Cruise Committee meets, 7:00 pm
- 2/6 - JSP Committee meets, 6:00 pm
- 2/6 - JSP Q&A evening, 6:30 pm
- 2/7 - F&B meets at Portland Country Club, 5:30 pm
- 2/7-2/10 - Great Room floor done - Club closed/floors dry
- 2/10 - JSP sign-ups go live to the membership until 3/10
- 2/12 - Board Meeting - 5:30 pm, Capt's Room
- 2/15 - Education Committee, Seamanship Seminar, 7:00 pm, PYC
- 2/19 - Monhegan meeting, 5:30 pm

MARCH

- 3/1 - Target date for Monhegan NOR mailing
- 3/2-3/10 - Ski Innsbruck
- 3/10 - Membership sign-up for JSP - Priority period for membership ends today
- 3/11 - Sign-ups for JSP opens up to non-members
- 3/12 - Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 3/16 - Entertainment Committee Pot Luck & Video (Monhegan), 6:00 pm
- 3/19 - Monhegan meeting, 5:30 pm

APRIL

- 4/7 - Education Committee Weather Seminar, 9 am - 4 pm, PYC
- 4/9 - Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 4/13 - Cruise Pot Luck
- 4/16 - Target Date to mail 2007 Roster to membership along with newsletter, parking passes, and membership cards
- 4/16 - Monhegan meeting, 5:30 pm
- 4/17 - New Members Reception (Subject to change)
- 4/19 - Target Date to launch floats and boats - unconfirmed
- 4/21 - Spring Clean-up
- 4/22 - Dugas sweeps parking lot

MAY

- 5/2 - Education Committee Course TBD
- 5/11 - Commissioning/Cannonball
- 5/12 - Launch officially begins for the 2007 season
- 5/14 - Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 5/17 - New Staff Orientation, 3:00 pm
- 5/21 - Monhegan meeting, 5:30 pm
- 5/22 - Dining Room opens
- 5/24 - First Thursday Night Race & BBQ and every Thursday thru Thursday, Sept 13
- 5/30 - First J-24 Race and every Wednesday night thru Wednesday, August 29

JUNE

- 6/4 - Education Committee Docking 101 and 102, PYC
- 6/9 & 6/10 - 2 day Shakedown Mini-Cruise
- 6/11 - JSP Coach Orientation Week
- 6/11 - Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 6/12 - CPR & First Aid for Coaches, Staff, and members
- 6/15 - JSP Parent Info Night & final Payment Due
- 6/16 & 6/17 - Pilot Race Weekend
- 6/18 - JSP (3 week) Session I begins
- 6/18 - Monhegan meeting, 5:30 pm
- 6/25 - Past Commodore's BBQ - Date Unconfirmed
- 6/29 - Commodore's Cocktail Party - Date Unconfirmed

JULY

- 7/4 - Family Day at PYC (also no JSP class today)
- 7/6 - End of JSP Session I; ice cream at 11:30 and 3:30
- 7/7 & 7/8 - PHRF Race Weekend
- 7/9 - JSP Session II begins (3 weeks)
- 7/9 - Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 7/14 - Two Week Cruise departs
- 7/14 or 7/15 - Eastern Yacht Club visits PYC
- 7/16 - Monhegan meeting, 5:30 pm
- 7/27 - End of JSP Session II; ice cream at 11:30 and 3:30
- 7/29 - Two Week Cruise returns
- 7/30 - JSP Session III begins (3 weeks)
- 7/31 & 8/1 - Maine State Optimist Championship hosted by PYC JSP

AUGUST

- 8/10 - Monhegan Pre-Race Party and Registration
- 8/11 & 8/12 - Monhegan Race Weekend
- 8/13 - Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 8/17 - End of JSP Session III; ice cream at 11:30 and 3:30
- 8/17 - JSP end-of-year Banquet under tent w/awards and slide show
- 8/29 - Last J-24 Wednesday Night Race
- 8/31 - Last day for lunch in the dining room; No luncheon service in September

SEPTEMBER

- 9/2 - Sunday Bar Service continues but no food
- 9/4 thru 9/22 - No more lunch in Dining Room; Dinner is served Tuesday thru Saturday evenings. No more Sunday food at the bar but bar remains open for drinks on Sundays.
- 9/7, 8, & 9 - DE Regatta Weekend
- 9/10 - Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 9/15 - Fall Series - Race #1 of series of three
- 9/17 - Volunteer Appreciation evening
- 9/20 - Last Thursday night BBQ
- 9/22 - Lightship Race - Race #2 of series of three
- 9/22 - Dining Room closes
- 9/29 - Fall Series - Race #3 of series of three

OCTOBER

- 10/8 - Board meeting, 5:30
- 10/14 - Decommissioning and last day for launch service
- 10/19 - Floats & Boats out? - Date unconfirmed
- 10/27 - Fall Clean-up
- 10/31 - End of PYC fiscal year - all receipts should be in!

NOVEMBER

- 11/12 - Board meeting, 5:30

DECEMBER

- 12/6 - Annual Meeting
- 12/8 - Children's Xmas party

JANUARY 1, 2008 - PYC New Year's Day Party

MAY 9, 2008 - Commissioning/Cannonball

OCTOBER 12, 2008 - Decommissioning