

2018 Portland Yacht Club Historical Summary

Racing

- Several PYC Members had some outstanding results at the J-24 North American Championships held in Charleston, SC May2-6. Molly and Carter White with Sail Maine's Michael McAllister finished 4th on You Regatta. Andrew Carey with Stephanie Helms and Spencer Howes finished 6th on Mr. Hankey. Charlotte Kinkaid crewing on Sea Bags women's team with Erin Beck Spencer and Katie Drake finished 25th. Carter White and Andrew Carey will represent PYC at the J-24 Worlds in 2019.
- The popular Etchells and J-24 One-Design races continued on Tues and Weds nights with significant fleets participating each week.
- The ever popular Thursday open class races continued with the addition of live music on the club house deck during the traditional BBQ.
- The Pilot Race was held on June 16 with a post-race social and buffet. The Schooner Trophy Race was held on July4 followed by a Red, White and Blue family cookout.
- The J-24 National were hosted by PYC on Sept 6-Sept 9.
- On the weekend of Sept 21/22, PYC hosted two separate regattas. The Ethell's Fleet Lobster Bowl was a two day event and the Lightship Race (est. 1952) was only on Saturday. Saturday proved to be very windy with gusts to 20-30 knots. Sunday started out calm, but the breeze filled in. Many boats experienced various gear failures with spinnaker poles snapping and sails blowing out. A total of 44 boats participated in the two regattas. The Etchells were able to get in a total of seven races while the Lightship Race was a round trip to the P-Buoy off Cape Elizabeth and back. Tamarack took the honors in the racing class and Moffett from Maine Yacht Center won in Cruising Class
- Another active Fall series: Cruising Class honors went to Erik and Susan Greven with Amy Bariault as crew on Reflections.. Winners in the Racing Class were Bob & Sue Kellogg with Geoff Emanauel, Phil Hussey and Rita Nappi as crew on Tamarack.
- Members Todd LaLumiere , Joe Seremethand, Jamie Carter and Ehren Morse are participating in the Etchells Winter Events in FL in new boats. Todd launched his new boat "Marge" while Joe, Jamie and Ehren replaced "Butter" with "Can't Believe It's Not Butter".

Membership

- The Adult Sailing Program was continued this year with 4 classes for three levels of experience- Women's Novice, Co-Ed Novice and Co-Ed Intermediate. Instruction was done on two J-24's with experienced instructors. Classes were limited to 5 participants per boat.
- Member Brad Willauer was elected Commodore of the Cruising Club of America. He has been a member of CCA since 1975 and joined PYC in 2006.
- In conjunction with the US Power Squadron, PYC offered two safety/educational courses in the summer and fall. The first course was "Partner in Command" and the second was "America's Boating Course". The second course may provide discounts on vessel insurance as well as meeting the boat license requirement of the other five New England states.
- Jared Hourihan won the PYC Fishing Tournament with a 358 lb. blue fin tuna to take the Hamilton Marine \$50 gift certificate
- Libby Millar was presented with the Volunteer Spirit Award at the Annual Volunteer Night recognition dinner. Libby was an active member on the Entertainment Committee managing scheduling, organization, contracting with bands and many other duties throughout the year that greatly added to the club's social and entertainment events.
- Twelve members passed the 5 week Safe Boating Course conducted by America's Boating Club (previously US Power Squadron). The youngest member of the class, Luca Cianchette scored a 98 on the final exam. Congrats to Luca for showing everyone how it can be done. The course was sponsored by Waterfront Chair Ed Berry.

House & Grounds

- February was a busy time for construction projects. The ladies Room on the first floor was gutted and modernized with new wainscoting, higher "comfort" toilets, mirrors, ceiling and new decorations. With this February the warmest on record, the decision to install a new roof in the winter was very wise one. Superior roofing removed all the old shingles and covered the entire structure with ice and water shield and new "50 Year" shingles. The security system was also updated with new features by Cunningham Security.
- Improvements continued into spring with new lighting in the dining room and carpeting and trim paint in the Captain's Cabin.
- PYC was not immune to the local infestation of brown-tail moths. Not only do they de-foliate the oak trees they are a health risk. The caterpillar's microscopic hairs are toxic and can cause skin irritation, welts and respiratory distress. Caution was urged to be aware and avoid contact during May and June.

Junior Yacht Club

- Member Chris Morin has taken on the responsibility of Junior Sailing Director. Junior Sailing Officer, Sarah Young reported that 75 applications had been received by February.
- The Junior Program swung into action on June 25th after 4 days of staff orientation.
- Members of the PYC Jr Sailing program participated in two overnight camping experiences at Ripple Effect's Cow Island site.
- The Junior Program will be sponsoring a US Sailing Small Boat Level I Instructor Certification Course in 2019. The course is designed to provide the knowledge and methods to teach students more about safe boating practices.

Management

- With the support and guidance of "Retired Manager" Bill Richards, Pam Thomas became fully ensconced in her new role as Club Manager. Bill continued to assist in an administrative role in system and budget areas.
- Jimi Cullum has joined the PYC staff as Maintenance Chief. He has been involved with PYC previously working in the Junior Program.
- Fast action by Heather Sheehan, Jimi Cullum and Sadie Lyons of the waterfront crew averted disaster rescuing Fred Madeira's J-44 before it came to grief ashore. Ground tackle below the mooring ball had failed and it was headed to shore at a rapid rate in the heavy winds.

Entertainment

- Many events are planned for the late winter and spring. Chili/Chowder was held in February. Easter and Mother's Day Brunch are on the schedule. The second Friday of the month happy Hour continues with good participation as does the weekly Thursday coffee gathering.
- Maine Island Trails Executive Director, Doug Welch provided an informative presentation to members on May 4. Complimentary beer was provided by Rising Tide Brewery along with pizza from the club.
- The Cannonball was another huge success with delicious food, great band and an SRO crowd.
- The Annual Dock Party was scheduled for 7/6 with a rain date of 7/20. Went off as scheduled with a great crowd.
- For the third year PYC and Portland Country Club hosted a Progressive Dinner with cocktails and appetizers at PYC followed by dinner at PCC.
- A kid's Movie Night was held on Sept. 29 with pizza, popcorn, marshmallows and beer (for the adults). Only requirement was to bring your own marsh mellow stick for toasting them.
- Decommissioning was held on October 14th to close down the active season with cocktails, appetizers

and a band.

Cruise

- Spring Pot Luck Supper began the planning process for summer cruising activities.
- An overnight Shake-Down Cruise to Potts harbor is planned for June 23-24
- The traditional 2 week cruise was canceled due to lack of interest
- An overnight cruise to Sebasco Resorts was planned for Aug 4-5
- Cruise Committee introduced a PYC Fishing tournament. It was on the honor system but required a picture of the member with the fish. Prizes awarded for largest striped bass , tuna and any fish in class

Dining Room

- The Dining Room was in full swing by late May with Chef Stacie continuing with her wonderful menu selections.
- As the summer continued many special nights were offered to vary the normal menu with different ethnic tastes.

Waterfront

- The Club will be offering a 2-day Launch Operators course which will qualify participants to obtain their Launch Operators License. The first day is the USCG Safe Boating Course which may qualify participants for a discount on their vessel insurance. The course will be open to launch driver applicants and all members.
- The Club will also sponsor US Sailing Association's Race management and Club Judge seminars in early 2019. These will be open to members and non-members to increase their knowledge of race management.

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