

2010 Portland Yacht Club Historical Summary

Physical Plant

- ⤴ Throughout the winter the first floor, kitchen and dining room underwent significant renovations including a brand new modernized kitchen. This was supervised by Club Member Clerk of the Works Bill Oliver who was at the Club almost twice daily to evaluate progress and provide guidance for 4+ months. Bill received the Volunteer of the Year Award for his unfailing efforts
- ⤴ Open House of the renovations was held on 4/25
- ⤴ Spring Clean-up was 5/8
- ⤴ The waterfront and clubhouse were well prepared for the possible onslaught of hurricane Earl in late October. Luckily Earl went east and brought nary a ripple to local waters

Cruise

- ⤴ New format announced for the multiple planned cruises-no fees, no sign-up/just show up, no gift favor
- ⤴ Four cruises planned
 - ⤴ Southern Cruise as far as Newport, RI-6/12-6/30
 - ⤴ Pick & Play-6/21-6/27
 - ⤴ Summer Cruise-7/17-8/1
 - ⤴ Fall Cruise-9/12-9/19
- ⤴ The Cruise Committee held a Planing Meeting and Pot Luck dinner on April 30th
- ⤴ Southern Cruise began with less than perfect weather (cool, damp and heavy winds) but improved after the first few days
- ⤴ Annual Cruise headed out with many boats on this more relaxed agenda in mid-July
- ⤴ Corinthian and New Bedford Yacht Clubs visited PYC on the annual cruises.
- ⤴ Fall Cruise followed the mini-cruise to Quohog Bay in September departing on September 12

Membership

- ⤴ PYC members shine at Sugarloaf Mountain Moonlight Climb. Andy Sawyer won the Long Course in his age bracket of 35-49; Tony Jessen took 1st in the long course in the 50-99 age bracket (Editor's Note: God I remember when Tony was in his 20's working the foredeck on Kapalua. I don't think I've gotten 30 years older since then) and Chris & Anne Morin won the Long Course Relay
- ⤴ Continued to receive news from the Peter Van Alstine family who were cruising the Caribbean for a year. Note that they departed Norfolk on the Carib 1500 and placed 2nd in Class
- ⤴ Ross & JoAnn Babcock reported on their activities in and around Key West
- ⤴ On the Ides of March Maria Chambers' 5 year old daughter asked "Mommy when do we put Epiphany in the water?" I am sure their summer worked out much better than when Julius Caesar crossed the Rubicon on the same day.
- ⤴ Fifteen New Members were welcomed to the Club:
 - ⤴ John and Susan Beaman
 - ⤴ Rodd and Cara Collins
 - ⤴ Erik and Angela Dexter
 - ⤴ Jamie and Heather Gale

- ⤴ Steven Grimshaw
- ⤴ Joan Havens and Wallace Ragan
- ⤴ Richard Ketchum
- ⤴ Joseph and Sarah McIntyre
- ⤴ F. Jay and Mary Allison Meyer
- ⤴ Stephen and Diane Neal
- ⤴ Ted and Sarah Oldham
- ⤴ Richard and Catherine Stevenson
- ⤴ Scott and Pamela Thomas
- ⤴ John and Jennifer Wahlig
- ⤴ New Member's Reception was held with good attendance, a review of various procedures and programs and a brief history of the Club
- ⤴ Jamie Gale a professional racer is aboard Mascalzone Latino competing for the Luis Vitton Cup in Italy
- ⤴ David Witherall retired as Master from the Merchant Marine after 34 years to join his dad's compass service business
- ⤴ The Sommer family (John, Lorri, Jasper, Georgia and boat cat Newton) are off on a one year cruise on Indulgence
- ⤴ Lew Incze, PhD appeared on the Discovery Channel's program "Dawn of the Ocean"
- ⤴ Members Carter & Molly White finished 3rd in the J-24 nationals
- ⤴ Alan Palmer (son of Jim and PC Leigh Palmer) was named to the 2010 Intercollegiate Sailing and All Academic First Team while a student at Harvard University

Committees

- ⤴ Heritage Committee-Commodore Sanders announced the formation of a new Heritage Committee chaired by Past Commodore Phil Sargent with the following Mission: The Mission of the Portland Yacht Club Heritage Committee is to identify, categorize, preserve and protect documents, memorabilia, photos, and artifacts significant to the history, tradition and heritage of the Club. This is to include a focus on communicating and determining methods to distribute this information for general Club membership use. After the first meeting Phil Baker and Don Ryan tackled the task of organizing and cataloging the entire contents of the PYC Library

Committee Members include:

- ⤴ Rick Thompson
- ⤴ Marji Thompson
- ⤴ Dave Stanley
- ⤴ Jon Knowles
- ⤴ Don Ryan
- ⤴ Phil Baker
- ⤴ Jean Semonite
- ⤴ Jane Moody
- ⤴ Robin Singer
- ⤴ Blair Knapp
- ⤴ Peter Bramhall
- ⤴ Bruce Clement
- ⤴ Ted Bernard
- ⤴ Charlie Whittier

- ⤴ Education Committee-The following seminars and workshops were held:
 - ⤴ Inflatable PFD
 - ⤴ Radio Communication and Etiquette
 - ⤴ GMORA Safety at Sea
 - ⤴ Fire Extinguisher Course on use, safety and servicing
 - ⤴ Women's Sailing Program to be repeated after a full enrollment last year

Social Events

- ⤴ New years Day-Poor weather impacted this event but 60+ hearty members enjoyed Artillery Punch, Bloody Marys and appetizers brought by members
- ⤴ Due to construction, the annual Chili & Chowdah Night was moved to Holy Martyr's Church and held on 1/27. Seventy-plus members enjoyed Chili/Chowdah prepared by Phil and Cindy Sargent with members bringing appetizers, salads and desert. Jim Boselli provided an interesting and informative program on making a cruise through the Northwest Passage.
- ⤴ Mothers Day Brunch was held on what-else-Mother's Day May 9.
- ⤴ Cannoball was held on May 14 with great attendance and enjoyment had by all
- ⤴ Wednesday Member lunches continue
- ⤴ First Annual Commodore's Dock Party scheduled. This will replace the Commodore's Cocktail Party traditionally held during the annual cruise to allow increased membership participation. The event was an overwhelming success with participation greater than expected attendance. Luckily the docks remained floating after the evening of frivolity and no members went for a swim
- ⤴ Decommission Ceremony and Buffet were held on October 25
- ⤴ The many volunteers were treated to a lasagne dinner in October
- ⤴ The Children's Christmas Party was held in early December with attendance by over 50 member children each of whom received a special gift from a new Santa Claus (prior Santa Dave Fenderson had resigned this position in November)

Historical Notes

- ⤴ Ken and Mary Nelson resigned from Senior Membership. In their letter Ken reminisced on his participation in the Junior Yacht Club. It should be noted that the Ship Weather vane atop the Stewards building (also used by PJYC) was donated by Ken many years ago as a token of gratitude for the PJYC.
- ⤴ Powerhouse Road-The name emanates from the power house that was built on the PYC property to help power the trolley that went from Portland to Brunswick. Part of the reason for the construction was the many passengers that traveled to Underwood Springs Park on Rt 88
- ⤴ The Club was visited by President George Herbert Walker Bush and Barbara Bush enjoyed lunch in the dining room with a member friend. There is a burgee signed by President Bush hanging in the bar area.

Waterfront

- ⤴ Launches and docks in first week of May with Launch Service beginning May 15
- ⤴ One launch down for a while for repairs but back in service within a week
- ⤴ First PYC boat in the anchorage was Orinoco owned by Tom & Marlene Mahoney

- ⤴ At some point in the summer there was a fire aboard one of the PJYC boats attached to their float. Quick response from the Harbor Master and PYC staff avoided any serious damage or injury to personnel

Racing

- ⤴ Season began with the Plot Race and Schooner Trophy Race (highest finish by a PYC boat in the Pilot Race)
- ⤴ PYC hosted the Opti Championships
- ⤴ Monhegan while still gathering a small fleet sailed in great weather and a fun filled weekend for skippers & crew
- ⤴ Three members entered the Bermuda Race: Fred Madeira in Resolute, Dr. Richard Prior in Beausoleil and Rich Stevenson in Buzz (4th in Class)
- ⤴ J-24 Downeast Regatta was hosted by PYC

Annual Meeting-December 9, 2010

- ⤴ Dave Fenderson was presented an award for his multiple decades of entertaining member children as Santa at the Children's Christmas party
- ⤴ After a reading of Crossing the Bar by Cindy Sargent the Necrology was read to the tolling of the bell. Those members that Crossed the Bar included: Annie Sutton, PC Dougald MacDonald, Steve Campbell, Gail Campbell, Stuart Gannett, William McVane, Suzanne Pape, William Moody and Stephen Dunlap
- ⤴ Committee Reports were provided by each Board Member and are contained in the meeting Minutes
- ⤴ New Officers Elected were:
 - ⤴ Commodore-Jennifer Yahr
 - ⤴ Vice Commodore-Kristen King
 - ⤴ Rear Commodore-David Robinson
 - ⤴ Treasurer-Erik Greven
 - ⤴ Secretary-Tony Jessen
 - ⤴ Crusie-Susan Gilpin
 - ⤴ Entertainment-Jonathin Singer
 - ⤴ Food & Beverage-Dean Marvin
 - ⤴ House & Grounds-Bill Newberry
 - ⤴ Junior Activities-Chris Morin
 - ⤴ membership-Maya Cohen
 - ⤴ Race-Tim Tolford
 - ⤴ Waterfront-Skip Yale
- ⤴ Several By-Law changes were reviewed and passed
- ⤴ Much to the member's pleasure dues were set with no increase for the 4th consecutive year

Respectfully Submitted

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