

2013 Portland Yacht Club Historical Summary

House & Grounds

- Use Of Field-After years of litigation, the issue of use of the field adjacent to the parking lot has been settled. The Maine Supreme Court affirmed a decision by the Town of Falmouth that authorized our use of the field for parking for eight events per year. This is a relief as it is needed when we have overflow parking needs such as at various regattas, Mohegan, etc.
- The upstairs bathrooms were re-modeled and renovated improving their use for private functions.
- After removal of a thorn bush hedge on the east side of the launch ramp, a motor rack was built for use by members on a first-come basis with holes drilled for padlocks. Another rack was built specifically for lasers.
- A licensed landscape architect was hired to develop a long term plan for the grounds. It is anticipated that it can be implemented in segments when there is both time, money and interest in moving forward.

Waterfront

- Our new Launch, James Churchill was returned to the builder for modifications including rearranging the entry steps for easier entry and installation of tiller stops. The work has progressed well and Waterfront Manager, Bob Putnam is very pleased with the progress.
- A “dinghy valet” service was instituted that will insure your dinghy is at the dock or tied to your boat when you are ready to depart and will be returned to the appropriate rack when you return with an appropriate charge for the service.

Racing

- PYC hosts Casco Bay's J/24 Fleet 34 weekly Wednesday Night Races. They use our Committee Boat, Lindsay Lord. As an expression of their appreciation they presented the Yacht Club with a new chart plotter for use in all of the Lindsay Lord duties.
- Racing Registration Goes Cyber-In cooperation with GMORA all racing applications, rules, entrants, fees and results will be managed on line through a program Race management Systems
- PYC members Carter White as skipper and crew of Mark Klein, Shelley Paules and Molly White along with Dave Van Cleef prevailed to win the District 1 J-24 Championships held in Portsmouth, NH.
- A major change to the Monhegan Race moved it to mid July with a one way destination race of Falmouth to Camden. This also allowed some of the racers to join in parts of the annual two week cruise or remain in the area for Camden/Castine followed by the Boothbay Regatta.
- Former launch attendant Chris Poole continued his success in Match Racing with Riptide Racing. His team finished 26th in the World and were the 2nd highest American team in the standings.
- The Fall Series is well underway in late September and October. After the third race in the series there was a Chili Challenge Cook-off for any (racer or not) to enter. Non-cooking members served as judges.

Membership

- Sixteen new members were welcomed at a New Members Reception on April 21st.
- Other membership changes included three members moving to Senior status, one member returning from leave of absence and another member going on leave of absence, Resignations included 12 Full Members, 7 Seniors, and 2 Intermediates.
- The Annual Meeting was held on Dec. 12. The usual customs were followed. In addition there were a couple of by-law changes regarding the dues structure for Senior and Intermediate Members. These and the new dues structure were all approved with little commotion or issue. In addition, Bear and Gere Thompson were recognized with the Volunteer Spirit Award for all of their efforts around PYC throughout the year.

Dining Room

- The dining room opened on May 21 for dinner and June 4 for lunch. Kids eat free from 1800-1900 (selections limited to their menu) when accompanied by an adult on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Education

- The Coast Guard held a seminar on proper use of flares in emergency situations and were glad to dispose of outdated flares
- A Racing Rules Seminar was held in June to highlight the changes that have been made to the 2013 Racing Rules
- For the third year a Sailing Seminar for Women will be held on 4 Monday evenings to gain experience in all facets of sailing a keeled sailboat
- For two years a small but dedicated group of volunteers has explored the possibility of forming a Portland Yacht Club Charitable Foundation. The aims were to enhance boating in the greater Portland area, provide education and support other boating activities. Several informational meetings were held. The Board voted to bring the issue to the membership at a Special Meeting in late September. Over 100 people were in attendance where a summary of the recommendation was made, followed by questions and then member comments pro and con. At the evening's end the proposal was defeated by a secret ballot vote of 70 Nays to 24 Yeas.

Entertainment

- Several events were held during the winter off-season including the Annual Chili/Chowdah night followed by a presentation, pot roast diner with a preview of plans for summer cruises. weekly coffee continued on Weds. mornings and a weekly game night for bridge and cribbage enthusiasts.
- June saw the introduction of a wine tasting event limited to 20 attendees
- The Annual Dock party was held on June 28 on a misty cool dank evening. The party was moved inside. This did not seem to dampen the spirits and a second quickly scheduled dock party was held later in the summer on a more pleasant evening.

Cruising

- A weekend shakedown cruise was held in mid-June with a destination of Potts Harbor with

cocktails and dinner ashore for those interested.

- The annual two week cruise began on July 13 (same day as the Monhegan Island Race) allowing many to participate in both events. Rendezvous are planned for Robinhood Marina, Warren Island, Northeast Harbor, Muscle Ridge Channel and Sebasco Resorts over the two week period.

2013 Annual Meeting Summary

- Board Members Attending: Commodore Kristen King, Vice Commodore David Robinson, Howard Coon, Maria Chambers, Kurt Johnston, Molly White, Jonathan Singer, Chris Morin, Skip Yale, Stephanie Helms, and Tim Tolford.
- A quorum was barely attained prior to the start of the meeting. Several phone calls did the trick.
- It had come to the Boards attention that the numbers of Senior and Intermediate Memberships were in decline. Wishing to maintain healthy and vigorous membership levels, a proposal to modify the dues levels for these two groups occurred. Modifications to all sections in the By-Laws related to the proposed dues structure was provided to the membership in a two page motion. The motion was made by Secretary Tim Tolford to accept the By-Laws revisions as written, seconded by Skip Yale. After a brief discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.
- The 2013 Spirit of Volunteerism Award goes to Bear and Gerry Thompson (who gave up a day of skiing to be here this evening).
- The following officers were elected for the 2014 Season:

Commodore..... Kristen King
Vice Commodore..... David Robinson
Rear Commodore..... William Newberry
Secretary..... Timothy Tolford
Treasurer..... Howard Coon
Cruise Officer..... Jay Meyer
Education Officer..... Rodd Collins
Entertainment Officer..... Molly White
Food and Beverage Officer..... Richard (Skip) Yale
House Officer..... Jonathan Singer
Junior Activities Officer..... Christopher Morin
Membership Officer..... Maria Chambers
Race Officer..... Stephanie Helms
Waterfront Officer..... Dean Marvin