

2011 Portland Yacht Club Historical Summary

Entertainment Social

- The annual Chile/Chowdah night was held back at the Club after a one year hiatus to Holy Martyrs Church (due to kitchen destruction and reconstruction). Over eighty members, guests and children ate up approximately 10 gallons each of vegetarian chili and fish chowdah prepared by Phil & Cindy Sargent.
- Date Night has been continued with a once a month dining experience to keep members in touch with each other and provide a respite from the cold winter.
- March 26th brought the first Member Art Show and Dinner. Over 25 member artists had their works on display.
- The Commodore's Dock party had to be re-scheduled due to inclement weather. That is if you consider temps in the high 50's with rain & drizzle the third week of June as inclement. It was re-scheduled for August 5 rain or shine (inside or out).
- The Annual Children's Christmas party was held on 12/10/2011 with the usual visit from the Jolly Old Elf.

Physical Plant-House & Grounds

- After an extensive survey, much consideration, some consternation and theoretical calculations, it was determined that most members preferred that stall doors in the bathrooms should swing out (this is almost as good as our Legislature wasting our tax dollars to determine if the Whoopie Pie should be the official dessert of Maine) not in. So all should be forewarned and forearmed to watch for an out swinging door when transited such locations.
- The deck outside the dining room was enlarged and re-built along with modifying the entryway to the club to provide more space and increase safety of those entering or exiting.
- New underlayment and waterproofing was applied to the northeast side of the clubhouse completing an on-going project.
- In April the front deck was reconstructed with new decking. In addition the front steps were re-modeled to allow for easier entrance at the threshold.
- The Board decided to have a full survey of our land to insure we knew where property lines were so we would no impinge on neighbors, but could cut brush if it was indeed within our property. Also of import was to be sure we had egress through Ramsdale Rd. should Old Power House road be blocked as was the case last winter when a storm took a telephone pole and tree down across the road

Membership

- Member and professional racer Jamie Gale crewed aboard Limit in the Sydney-Hobart Race.
- Members Ken Porter and Ben Pollard were recognized by Greater Portland Habitat for Humanity for their many contributions to helping build homes.
- Art and Kate Borduas were visiting New Zealand when the earthquake struck. They were actually in the cathedral where the spire toppled and crashed through the roof into the building. Luckily they had entered the chapel a minute or two before the quake and were uninjured but covered by debris. They spent one night in a shelter before moving to a hotel and continuing their trip.
- Bill and Valerie Sowles were spending time cruising in the Abacos
- On April 26th, the Clubs 142nd Anniversary, a reception was held to welcome the following New Members: Ellen & Stephen Barton, Scott Elliot & Kim Fox, Tim Fenly, Dr. & Mrs. Corey Goodrich, Jonathan & Sarah Greven, Ted & Michelle Haffenreffer, Dr. Mark Lebel and Nicole Caron, David and Ellen Lovett, Dr. Jeffrey and Julie Moore, John & Sally Scribner, Stepehn Goodrich, Dr. Bruce Altman, Sarah & Stefan Williman, Will & Stephanie Noyes, **Jay and Lindsey CollinsJill Coyle.**

- Peter Mills was appointed as the Interim Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority after the resignation of the current Director. He eventually was appointed to the position full-time.
- Long time member Jane Moody (member since 1947) was honored with Emeritus status based on her long time membership, contributions to the Club and accomplishments in sailing as National Women's Sailing Champion and winner of the Adams Cup in 1949.
- Invitation as Honorary Member was made to and Accepted by President George Herbert Walker & Barbara Bush. The Bush's have visited the Club on several occasions in the past. In his acceptance letter President Bush stated " At this stage in my life, I am pulling out of things rather than joining up. But, your letter touched my heart- Barbara's too-and we are proud to be Honorary members of the Portland yacht Club. I hope I will be able to bring my boat there this summer."
- Erik Hayward has been selected as one of ³40 Under 40, ² 40 young leaders from all around the state who are making a mark on the economy and culture of Maine. Erik is Vice President of the Libra Foundation. Here at the Club he serves on the Finance Committee.

- As part of an effort to gather oral history, a lengthy interviews was held with former longtime member John Payson and Emeritus Member Jane Moody. The entire event was taped and made available for members to view via the Internet. Many interesting facts and also some very funny stories were included.
- With sadness we learned of the death of David Kendall in a boating accident. He was returning to Falmouth after competing in the Marion-Bermuda Race in Querencia, his Alden 44.
- A new and updated web-site was launched on the anniversary of the first lunar landing. This site should be more accessible, easier to use and will contain a "Members Only" section.
- Jamie Gale continues his professional off-shore racing career with new management responsibilities. He spent the summer in Newport, RI and San Francisco, CA managing and racing Vesper a TP 52. Vesper recently won the Rolex Big Boat Series.
- Annual Meeting
 - Dues were increased by \$100 for regular members for 2012
 - The Commodore reviewed the work of a committee to develop a PYC Charitable Foundation focused on education and community
 - The following members who passed in 2011 were remembered:
Shirley Babb, Marjorie Cardente, Jim Dodd, Herbert Holmes, David Kendall, George Lord, Sue Lippoth, Will Mulkern, Timoth O'Donovan, John Robinson, Phil Rose, Ann Marie Sitzman
 - Gary Vogel was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for his many contributions and on-going legal advice
 - Jim and Leigh Palmer were recognized with the PYC Racer of the Year Award for their outstanding season in PYC sponsored races

Education

- April & may saw three Educational Seminars conducted:
 - Fire Extinguisher Safety and Maintenance
 - Cruising Tips for Those New to New Cruising
 - Racing Instruction for Those That Have Not Raced
- The Board of Directors has voted in concept to establish the Portland Yacht Club Education Foundation. The aim is provide a vehicle through which members can make tax-deductible contributions to support educational programs offered both to Club members and the general community. Many other clubs have established foundations and have found them to be valuable in carrying out their mission.
- In the fall the Education Committee offered a class in Half-Hull carving. The class will be taght by member Michael Grishman, an expert woodworker. The class will be held in the winter of 2012 if at least 3 participants sign up and a maximum of 4.

Race

- Tuesday May 17, 2011 brought the first Etchells weekly race. Temps were in the high 40's. Weather was dismal with mist, fog and occasional rain. Yet nine hearty skippers and crew spent a couple hours getting in 2 races before returning to the Club for post race refreshments and drying out.
- June brought the Pilot Series and then the Schooner Trophy Race followed shortly thereafter in early July.
- Julu14 marked a new high in Thursday night races with over 50 boats participating. The boats had 30 Junior sailors from the PJYC on board to participate and in many instances give the old time skippers some advice that improved their racing.
- August 4th will be a first Ladies Night for the Thursday series. All members of the "Fairer Sex" are invited to take the helm and show the guys how to do it. Flowers and prizes will be awarded.

Cruise

- The first cruising event was a scheduled rendezvous in Boothbay Harbor the third week of June for Windjammer Days. The USS Oak Hill (LSD 51) was there to help celebrate with scheduled stops in Gloucester and Boston, MA before returning to its home port at Little Creek, VA. The writer's son-in-law is the Senior Engineering Chief on this 600 foot vessel with a total of 125,000 horsepower between 4 main engines and two generators. We met him Boothbay for dinner.
- The Summer Cruise departed on July16 with the first stop in Boothbay. They were met with two weeks of some of the most beautiful Maine summer weather that anyone can remember in years. Virtually no,

fog, no rain and lovely breezes, but not too high to make the seas uncomfortable.

- Cruise Captain Maya Cohen reported from somewhere on the Maine Coast: We have 4 boats on the Fall Cruise, with 2 more boats joining us tomorrow. I still marvel at the energy and loyalty of a group of yachtsmen. Mylan and I had engine coolant problems today. As a group of 4 boats we were planning to head to Wiscasset. 40 minutes into the trip I discovered a coolant leak. I notified the 3 boats: we're turning back. Coolant leak. Head to Wiscasset without us, meet you at Five Islands as planned. Our friends had another idea. One boat rafted with us at anchor (in the river) and investigated the problem. The other 2 boats dropped anchor and waited – patiently. 30 minutes later, we set our rafted expert free, hauled anchor, and we ALL made it to Wiscasset together. One team -- no one left behind. We had a great time in Wiscasset, ate much, shopped too little. At 1550 we headed down the Sheepscot with a favorable tide, and arrived, in formation, at Five Islands. New friends from the FIYC helped each of us onto a mooring, we ALL met for sun downers (plus a wait-listed prospective member), chatted about the last 2 days, and smiled. It's all good. Friends. boats and friends. I thank the Greater Powers of the Universe for such great friends and the coast of Maine.

Junior Yacht Club

- The waters off East End Beach were busy busy busy during the week of July 18th as SailMaine and PYC co-hosted the Junior Olympic Sailing Festival Northeast, part of a nationwide series of regattas for youth. The goals are to promote the enjoyment of sailing and development of skills as well as provide an Olympic pathway for junior sailors. In 2011, Junior Olympics events are planned across the continental United States and in Hawaii. Over 4,000 sailors are expected to participate.

PYC Junior Sailing Director Kelly Franklin and several coaches were much in evidence not just to guide our sailors but to help with the organization and execution of the Festival. Race Officer Tim Tolford spent many hours in the meeting rooms and on the water to help make this event a success. He was joined by other PYC volunteers; I regret I don't have all the names at hand.

PYC competitors showed their skill and persistence throughout the Festival. Here is a summary of how they did;

RWB OPTI:

Ben Palmer, 1st overall and 1st in Blue Fleet
Cameron Loncoski, 4th overall and 3rd in Red Fleet
Audrey Morin, 5th overall and 2nd in Blue Fleet
Caleb Robinson, 6th overall and 3rd in Blue Fleet
Lucy Alexander, 8th overall and 4th in Red Fleet
Cooper Siepert, 12th overall and 5th in Red Fleet
Emmitt Zinn, 14th overall and 9th in Blue Fleet
Elizabeth Babcock, 24th overall and 16th in Blue Fleet

GREEN FLEET OPTI:

Eric Heilshorn, 1st place
George Holt, 5th place

420 RACE:

Tily Milburn and Anna Morin, 5th place
Teddy Farnsworth and Emma Mooradian, 8th place

GREEN FLEET 420:

Olivia Baranowski and Malia White, 4th place

- Long-time Launch Operator Chris Poole, a senior from Falmouth, will be skippering in October championship. Poole, who raced at the Portland Yacht Club growing up, spent the summer perfecting his skills as one of six interns at the Chicago Match

Race Center. His sister, Holly, an incoming freshman, is on the team headed for France. Others on the world championship team include Mainers Jake Newton of Georgetown, Rowan Fraley of Mount Desert, Molly Howe of Winterport and Matt Butcka of Colchester, Conn.

2011 Annual Meeting

- No Board attendance list was recorded.) 32 members were present, enough to meet the quorum requirement of 10% of Full membership.
 - Dues for 2012 were set at \$1,525 for Full members, \$762.50 for Senior members.
 - Membership demographics now include 44 Senior, 28 Emeritus and 2 Honorary members. Median age is 55, which is younger than many. 129 age 61-70, 145 51-60 and 221 <18.
 - The annual Volunteer Spirit award went to Gary Vogel for the significant amount of legal advice time he has contributed to PYC, and his bright, keen and sharp legal mind.
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- Board of Directors elected for 2012 were:

Jennifer Yahr-Commodore,
Kristen King-Vice Commodore,
Dave Robinson-Rear Commodore
Tim Tolford-Secretary
Erik Greven-Treasurer
Maria Chambers-Cruise
Maya Cohen-Education
Jonathan Singer-Entertainment
Dean Marvin-Dining Room
Bill Newbury-House
Chris Morin-House
Mark Steege-Membership
Stephanie Helms-Race
Skip Yale-Waterfront

Respectfully submitted,

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