

MAY 2016



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Pioneer Valley Yacht Club - Longmeadow, MA

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

The wonderful amenities that we all enjoy at the Pioneer Valley Yacht Club are a result of the hard work of our committee chairs and their dedicated committee members who are conscientious about meeting their work commitment. I would like to thank all of these special folks who pitched in to get the PVYC in great shape for the 2016 season:

- **Linda Abrams** and her Membership Committee for all of their phone calls, letters, and emails that have filled our available memberships with so many new, enthusiastic members for the 2016 season.
- **Keith Gibbings** and the Dock crew for all of their prep work and for getting the docks into the water earlier than ever and for maintaining them throughout the season. A special thanks also to **Dave Grant**, former chair of the Dock Committee for continuing to manage the complex and often thankless job of maintaining the waiting lists for slips.
- **Mike Strain** and members of the Boatyard Committee for maintaining a system to tag PVYC boats, clearing a new area for member kayaks and canoes, and keeping the weeds and brush at bay in the boatyard, the river bank, and the tennis courts and boat storage area.
- **Elizabeth Duffany** and **Bridget Haley** and the Pool Committee members for getting our pool up and running in record time, for scrubbing clean 30+ chairs and tables, cleaning the locker rooms and the pool deck of debris, mowing the grass, trimming the vines, hiring, training and supervising our lifeguard crew, and for keeping the pool in beautiful condition for all to enjoy.
- **John Mientus** and the hard-working members of the Grounds Committee who mow our lawn, cut and stack our firewood, and keep the PVYC property looking beautiful.
- **Sandi Knoll** and her House Committee for doing the Spring cleaning of the house, washing the curtains, putting the screens in on the porch, cleaning the stoves and refrigerators, doing needed cleaning throughout the year, and for maintaining paper supplies in our restrooms.
- **Linda Betley** and her Social Committee who coordinated our Spring events including our St. Patty's Day Potluck, Wine and Pasta Dinner, cooking hundreds of hamburgers and hotdogs for our picnics, and for managing a full summer 2016 calendar of social events providing members with many opportunities to have a good time and get to know each other better.
- **John Dalsey** and members of the Race Committee for organizing sailboat races throughout the season.

Please join me in commending the efforts of these committed and hard-working committee members! I look forward to seeing you on the beautiful Connecticut River and around the pool. *Mary Breeding, Commodore*

Be sure to join your friends at the Club on Monday, May 30 at the **Memorial Day Picnic** to officially kick off the 2016 season at the PVYC! The Social Committee will be cooking hotdogs and hamburgers from 12:00 - 2:00 PM so bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share and enjoy a beautiful day with your PVYC friends.

The new basketball hoop is ready for action thanks to the efforts of Ron Nowak and Ben Danek and, if all goes according to plan, the PVYC pool will be open on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday beginning at noon!

Reminder: New hoop means no parking at any time on the asphalt basketball court.



From Your Commodore...

PVYC HEROES

Since I am at the club so often, I frequently see members who do so much for our club that I want to make sure that they are recognized. These are members that go far beyond putting in their 15 hours of committee work—when they see something that needs to be done, they do it, whether it's their 'job' or not. They make the club a much better place for all of us.

Special thanks to:

Peter Kristoffy who replaced the fixture and light sensor on the South Docks—lighting up that area for the first time in many years. Peter also replaced the sensor and the light to illuminate the American flag that flies on the CT River side of the club and restored electricity to the mid-docks.

Keith Gibbings who rescued Carolyn and Chris Reed and towed their boat from the Springfield Yacht Club to the PVYC when their 2016 inaugural cruise didn't go quite as well as expected.

Ron Nowak and **Ben Danek** who did a beautiful job putting together the new basketball hoop at the PVYC so that the kids could enjoy that activity again.

Scott Skiba for taking care of all of the club's plumbing needs, always with a smile on his face.

John Dalsey and **Jim McCoy** for providing invaluable assistance to the Dock Master, Keith Gibbings, when the strong West winds blew our mid-docks toward the shoreline.

I'm sure that many of you also witness others going above and beyond — please email your story to Judith at judithdanek@yahoo.com so that we can give them the recognition that they deserve.

Thank you all!

Mary Breeding, Commodore

Yacht Club of America (YCA) Benefit

The PVYC is a member of the Yacht Club of America; our members have reciprocal rights to use docks and facilities at the many participating yacht clubs across the country. 2016 YCA reciprocal cards are on the Social Committee bulletin board at the clubhouse. Please take a card if you think you might want to use the facilities at another club.

STAY SAFE OUT THERE

A message from Longmeadow Fire
Department Chief John Dearborn

If you find yourself stranded or in any kind of emergency situation when you are out on the Connecticut River:

- **Do NOT call 911 from your cell phone.**
- INSTEAD, call 413-567-3357 which will connect you directly to the Longmeadow Fire Department. Calling 911 from a cell phone will route your call to the MA State Police and could result in a significant delay in response. The Longmeadow Fire Boat is docked at the PVYC and calling them should result in a much better response time.
- **Take a moment NOW to put both this number and the PVYC phone number into your cell phone (413-567-0258)** since there may very well be someone at the club who could come out to tow you in if your boat malfunctions.
- The club has had a couple of reports of damage to boats on moorings and in slips that have been hit by small boats (canoes/kayaks) coming through the mooring field. Please be very careful and watch for these boats as you return to the small boat dock/beach.
- Don't be shy about safety! If you are a new member or returning member and you have ANY questions about safety at the club, on the docks or on the water, please reach out to our Board members or Committee chairs and they will direct you to the right person to get the right information.

NEW COMBINATION FOR THE CLUBHOUSE DOOR

The combination to the clubhouse door will be changed right after the Memorial Day holiday and an email will be sent to all members with the new combination.

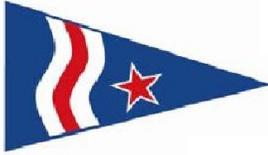
Please do not give this combination to any non-member or to anyone in your household who is under the age of 18.

If you are the last person leaving the clubhouse be sure to lock all doors and windows even if there are others who are outside or on their boats unless you have specifically confirmed that they will be responsible for locking up.

Get it in the Anchorline!

Member news? Selling your boat? Other item of interest?

Please submit your news items, boats or items for sale, general information or special announcements to judithdanek@yahoo.com.



PVYC SAILING and RACE 2016 UPDATE

To the PVYC Membership: Details of the 2016 sailing program are set out below and can be found at <http://www.ourpvyc.net/race.html> The PVYC owns a Laser and a Sunfish sailboat and anyone wishing to use these boats in a race or on another day should contact Sailing Committee member, Peter Bradshaw (ptbradshaw@comcast.net).

Sailing regattas are a part of a longstanding tradition at the PVYC.

Season 2014 was one of the best in recent memory thanks to great participation, and favorable wind and river levels for many of our races. Unfortunately, season 2015 was one of the worst due to the loss of three of our core sailors and overall bad wind and water conditions. Going into 2016, we lost two more sailors from the core fleet.

The change in our core team of sailors means we will be changing the way sailing events are conducted at the club this season, but it does NOT change how much fun we will have! In place of the traditional Sunday series, I am hosting a group of five social regattas to coincide with the social calendar of the Club. Hopefully, we will add new comers to sailing at the PVYC and reinstate the race schedule next year.

John Dalsey, Sailing Committee Chair

Congratulations to the PVYC 2015 Series Champions!

Andy Piccus, First Place
John Sinclair, Second Place
Dave Grant, Third place



2016 Social Regatta Schedule

Saturday, June 25th

Skippers meeting registration 2:30 P.M.— Regatta Start 3:00 P.M.
(Regatta followed by Fish Fry and Music Night at 6:00 P.M.)

Monday, July 4th

Skippers Meeting registration at 9:30 A.M.— Regatta Start 10:00 A.M.
(Regatta followed by July 4th cookout at 12:00 P.M.)

Saturday, August 20th

Skippers Meeting registration at 2:30 P.M. - Regatta Start 3:00 P.M.
(Regatta followed by Music under the Stars at 6:00 P.M.)

Monday, September 5th

Skippers Meeting registration at 9:30 A.M.— Regatta Start 10:00 A.M.
(Regatta followed by Labor Day Family Picnic at 12:00 P.M.)

Saturday, October 1st

Skippers Meeting at 2:30 P.M. - Regatta Start 3:00 P.M.
Regatta followed by Oktoberfest Potluck Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Ribbons to first through fourth place!

PVYC Goodie Store Items awarded to participating skippers!!

Handicap favors to skippers for bringing PVYC crew with no prior race experience!

If a social is re-scheduled, the regatta is rescheduled to coincide.





Did you know you can reserve the PVYC Clubhouse for your special event?

For details and the reservation form, click on the social activities link at ourpvyc.net.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day Family Picnic Noon - 2:00 p.m.

- Saturday, June 25 - Fish Fry and Music Night 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 4 - Independence Day Family Picnic Noon - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 20 - Music Under the Stars 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 5 - Labor Day Family Picnic Noon - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 1 - Oktoberfest Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 22 - Soup and Stew Potluck 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 12 - Talking Turkey Potluck 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 17 - Holiday Potluck Party 6:00 p.m.



Wear it, Carry it, Fly it, Use it!

LOGO GEAR IS HERE!

Carolyn Reed will have PVYC logo gear available for purchase at the Memorial Day Picnic on Monday, May 30. We have lots of items with the PVYC logo including t-shirts, hats, coozies, and patches so don't forget to bring your wallet and/or checkbook! You can contact Carolyn at (413) 537-2123 or carolynreed@yahoo.com for details or to place a special order (we require a minimum of 12 requests in order to place an order).

PVYC Governance

The Board of Governors and seven officers manage the business of the PVYC on a daily basis. The BOG monthly meetings are open to any member who would like to observe; if a member has an issue that needs addressing, that member may contact Mary at (413) 567-7957 or marybreedingster@gmail.com to ask that the item be added to the agenda. A list of BOG members, officers and chairs may be found on our website at ourpvyc.net. BOG meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm (except for the November Annual Meeting which will be held on November 9). Your PVYC **Officers on the Board of Directors are:** Commodore, Mary Breeding; Vice Commodore, Paul Lewis; Rear Commodore, Lou Kornet; Secretary, John Dalsey; Treasurer, Jim Ketcham; Controller, Ed Weagle.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT?

The committee chairs and their hard-working members are one of the things that really make the PVYC a special place. Each membership is expected to either contribute 15 hours of work each season or pay a \$225 (\$15/hour) committee work assessment when submitting their membership application. An email indicating committee assignment has been sent to all committee members. If you do not know your committee assignment, be sure to email Mary at marybreedingster@gmail.com for that information.

If you have not already heard from your committee chair about work plans, it is **your** responsibility to contact him/her for details. You can find contact information for all committee chairs on the club website:

http://www.ourpvyc.net/files/COMMITTEE_DESCRIPTIONS.pdf



← CHECK THIS OUT!

Ideas anyone? Inspired by the beautiful blue pool water? Do great ideas come to you when you wash dishes? If so, please share your ideas, comments and suggestions in the new suggestion boxes which will be placed in the Club House and the Pool area.