

APRIL 2017



Anchor Line

Pioneer Valley Yacht Club - Longmeadow, MA

Commodore's Message:

As I started writing this message a couple of weeks ago, I was stuck at home at the height of winter storm Stella. My first thought was not the warmth of spring, but how nice it is to sit in the clubhouse by our *Better n Ben's* wood stove and enjoy the beauty of the river and the snow covered grounds. We are indeed fortunate to have access to the clubhouse year around. We owe many thanks to member Paul Gentile for his plowing service, and to John Mientus for clearing the sidewalks and stocking the firewood in the back room! Now it's spring, and this Saturday the dock crew will begin its yearly chore of inspecting each and every component of the dock system and making all the necessary repairs and replacements in advance of dock day in May.

The PVYC board meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Members are welcome to attend and observe. If you have a matter you wish to have the board consider, please write to me in advance of the meeting. Prominent on the agenda this year is our application to amend our dock license with the Mass. DEP to give us more flexibility to reconfigure our docks. Our current license was granted in 1996 as what was known as an "amnesty license. The amnesty license is not renewable and will expire in about 60 years. During its term, no changes can be made to the dock structures without going through the application to amend process we have started. If the application is approved, we will be awarded a modern dock license with privileges to change our dock structures and layout without going through this expensive regulatory process. The downside of going forward is that we have to show DEP a plan that brings our dock structures to within a 25' set back from our property lines. To do that, we will have to relocate certain slips on the ends of the south and north docks. There will be no changes to the dock structures or slip assignments this season. In anticipation of potential change for the 2018 season, the assignment of any new slips that open up for this season will be temporary and for this season only.

As many of you know, I held a special meeting on Monday, March 27th, 2017 to discuss the potential changes to the dock structure and potential relocation of certain slips and rowing dock. I thank the many members who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend that meeting and give the board their support and feedback. Following the meeting, the PVYC board decided to suspend the application process for a period of time to give us a chance to refine a dock structure plan before going forward. We want to be able to show all those affected by the process where their proposed new slips will be, and to make sure that the changes will also provide for a rowing /canoe/kayak dock that is practical. Hopefully, we can achieve those goals and have everyone's support before going forward. I am very appreciative of board members Ed Weagle, Dave Grant and dock master Keith Gibbings for their volunteer time and involvement in the application process.

On other important matters, our planning committee recommends capital improvements to the sidewalks and pavilion patio area. The PVYC will be soliciting bids for the work. Vana Nespor and Al Whitehouse, Sailing Committee co-chairs, are planning a sailing program this year that will bring new opportunities for members to learn about and experience sailing on the river for pleasure in addition to the race regattas. Keep your eye on the Anchor Line for more information on these and other topics. Again, I welcome members to contact me to share your ideas about improvements to the operations and facilities at the club. (john.dalsey@gmail.com)

John Dalsey, Commodore



New Member Meeting:

Congratulations and Welcome to our New Members!

Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 AM

All new PVYC members are expected to attend the New Member Meeting which will take place in the Clubhouse.

Topics will include: Introduction of new members and PVYC Officers, Board of Governors, and Committee Chairs · Brief History of the PVYC · Review of PVYC Rules · Planned Social Activities · PVYC Committees · Navigating the River · **Question and Answer Session**

DOCK DAY

Saturday, May 13

Club Members, you know what this means!
All dock hands on deck at 9:00 AM.
For more information contact Keith Gibbings,
gibbings6@gmail.com



The night you have been waiting for!

The next social event at the PVYC will be
our Wine and Pasta Night on

Saturday, April 22 at 6:00 PM.

Bring your favorite pasta dish to share along with
your favorite bottle of wine.

(Gentle reminder, this is an adults-only social, so
please, no guests under age 21).

Red or White? Write a little blurb about where it is
from and why you enjoy it so much!

The Social Committee will supply delicious salad,
bread and dessert!

As always, be sure to reply to

Linda at NURSEFLYER@HOTMAIL.COM

“Mangia Tutti!”

New Member Applications for the PVYC Now Available!

Now that the deadline has
passed for renewal applica-
tions, we are accepting
applications from potential
new members.

If you have relatives,
colleagues, or friends who
are interested in joining the
PVYC, now is the time to
invite them to submit their
application.

As the weather gets better
the wait list gets longer so
early submission is strongly
recommended. The new
member application is at
[http://ourpvyc.net/
membership.html](http://ourpvyc.net/membership.html)

Wow! What a Lineup!

PVYC Social Committee Chair Linda Betley and her Committee Members
have done it again! Look for more information about events happening
throughout the year.

Saturday, April 22 - Wine and Pasta Dinner (Adults Only) 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 13 - New Member Meeting 10:00 am

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day Family Picnic 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 17 - Kick-Off Summer Party 6:00pm (Adults Only)

Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day Family Picnic 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 12 - Fish Fry

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day Family Picnic 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 30 - Oktoberfest Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 15 - Chowder Fest Cook Off 4:30pm

Saturday, October 28—Halloween Party 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 11 - Talkin' Turkey Potluck 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 16 - Holiday Potluck Party 6:00 p.m.

Wear it! Carry it! Show it off!

Thanks to logo gear manager Carolyn Reed, all PVYC members can show their colors! Keep your beverages cool on a hot day or your head warm in a cool breeze! Need a new Burgee for your boat? And don't forget great looking hoodies, zip ups, and T's!

Caroline will be placing an order soon, don't miss your chance to order early!

If you want a specific size, color, or style of t-shirt, sweatshirt, or other item with the PVYC logo, **NOW** is the time to place your order!

Contact Carolyn to order: 413-537-2123 or carolynrreed@yahoo.com

(that's right, 2 r's in that email address...)



Important locker information: 2 lockers in the back room (#32 and #47) have padlocks on them but no name. It is time for us to make lockers available to new members so, if either of those lockers belongs to you, be sure to label the locker with a piece of masking tape with your name on it **before Sunday, April 2 or the lock will be cut.**

Committee Assignments at the PVYC



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 \$450 (\$30/hour) committee work assessment when submitting their membership application. If you have not already heard from your committee chair about work plans, please be sure to contact him/her for details. Contact information for all committee chairs is at http://www.ourpvy.net/files/COMMITTEE_DESCRIPTIONS.pdf Any membership that has not contributed 15 work hours by late October/early November will be assessed \$30/hour for work hours not completed. The work contributions of members keep our membership fees at a reasonable level and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Pioneer Valley Yacht Club General Rules: REVISED DOCK POLICY

As a convenience to our newer members and a reminder to experienced members, please note that the full list of General Rules for the club are available on the website at <http://ourpvy.net/files/Rules-current.pdf> These rules contain policies for non-discrimination, payment, work policy, waterfront rules, grounds, house, pool and boatyard rules. Recently, a change was made to the Dock Policy, and the full text of this change is available in the General Rules document under Waterfront Rules, Article IV, # 11. Be sure to click the link to familiarize or remind yourself of these rules.

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.



Connecticut River Watershed Council Eyes and Ears Network

It is a *really big watershed* – 11,000 square miles big and CRWC staff cannot be in all places at all times to know when something has gone wrong. We count on you as local volunteers to be additional EYES & EARS of the Council. CRWC needs to learn about what you see, so that together we can keep our rivers healthy for all. The Eyes & Ears Network are volunteers throughout the watershed who are active on the river as anglers, boaters, bird watchers, hikers and other river users. As an Eyes & Ears Network volunteer, CRWC will help you to recognize a wide variety of environmental threats you may see while out along the river. Volunteers keep an eye out for unexpected events such as new erosion sites, unexplained discharges or containers and accidents that harm the river. Training for the Eyes & Ears Network typically occurs in early-June. For more information or to sign up for a training, contact the CRWC River Steward who lives near you. You can find them listed on the organization's website at <http://www.ctriver.org/about-us/staff/>. Our volunteers have identified illegal tire dumps, plumes of dirt pouring into the river, and other bad things all around the watershed. Thanks to diligent volunteers like you, CRWC addressed these situations and helped protect our rivers.

Reminders from the Vice Commodore:

Mary Breeding wants to make sure our PVYC members take advantage of all membership benefits.

Are You Covered?

The PVYC's liability insurance does not cover damage to any boat(s) or other personal items that are stored on PVYC property. All members should secure private insurance either through their homeowner's policy or BoatUS. As a PVYC Member you are eligible to join Boat US and obtain some of the lowest cost, best insurance coverage available for your boat and many other benefits. Annual dues are \$30 but as a member of PVYC you receive a 50% discount. You can join online at www.boatus.com. The PVYC group code which entitles you to the discount is GA84786Y.

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. A supply of 2017 YCA reciprocal cards will be available on the bulletin board at the clubhouse within the next few weeks. Please take a card if you think you might want to use the facilities at another club.

Guests at PVYC

For some, the club really comes alive when they share their experience with friends and family. We welcome your guests, but we do have a set of guest rules for all members to follow. For the benefit and safety of all members, and to avoid any miscommunication, please take the time to refresh your memory or read the guest rules for the first time.

In an effort to balance the interest of all, the guest policy rules are detailed at http://ourpvy.net/files/GUEST_RULES.pdf but the critical points to remember are:

- Unless you make special arrangements, you are allowed to have no more than 4 non-members guests at the club (does not apply if you are just having folks go out on your boat).
- Any member who is planning an event at the club that will include more than 4 non-member guests must complete and submit an Application To Use the PVYC Clubhouse along with the required damage deposit.
- Guest fees (\$5 per person) must be paid upon entering the pool area for any guest who will be inside the pool area, whether they are planning to swim or not; the same individual can be your guest at the club no more than 2 times per month.

Board of Governors

For your convenience, below is a list of the current Board of Governors officers and members. You can also find this on the website http://www.ourpvy.net/officers_and_board.html. This link will point you to the Committee Chair list. These folks donate countless hours toward the betterment of the PVYC and, if you have any concerns about the club, any of these folks would be happy to hear from you. It is important to continually involve interested members in the governance of the club. Additional opportunities may develop for interested members to become more involved in the operations of the club, so please contact John Dalsey at 413 563- 2477 or john.dalsey@gmail.com if you have an interest in expanding your involvement in the PVYC.

Commodore: John Dalsey
Vice Commodore: Mary Breeding
Rear Commodore: Lou Kornet
Controller: Ed Weagle
Treasurer: Jim Ketcham
Secretary: Judith Danek

Board Members:	Alternates to the Board:
Linda Betley	Beatrice Fabian
Bud Breeding	Peter Kristoffy
Keith Gibbings	Jim McCoy
Dave Grant	
Paul Lewis	Fleet Safety Officer– Bob Hager
Mike Paulson	Fleet Captain - Jim McCoy
Chris Reed	Fleet Surgeon - Bob Stromberg
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