

APRIL 2016



# Anchor Line

*Pioneer Valley Yacht Club - Longmeadow, MA*

## Commodore's Message

Now that we hear the birds singing, see the buds on the trees and daffodils springing up, another wonderful PVYC season is just around the corner! Committee members will soon be down at the clubhouse tending to the lawn and plantings, doing the Spring cleaning of the house, organizing the boatyard, opening the pool, putting in the docks, and the social schedule will be in full swing.

The PVYC is a 'working' club that has no paid staff other than a cleaning service and lifeguards. Your dues cover only a portion of the 'cost' to run the club; 15 work hours contributed by each membership yearly are critical to our success, allowing us to keep the fees affordable. The PVYC's committees are headed by a Chairperson who is responsible for assigning work to committee members and monitoring its completion.

Committee members and chairs are the backbone of our club, providing over 1500 hours of 'sweat equity' every year to maintain and renovate the grounds, facilities, operate the pool and conduct social activities.

You should have already received an email with your committee assignment and you can expect to hear from your Committee Chairperson as the season gets underway re: specific work activities. If you don't hear from your Committee Chairperson prior to Memorial Day, be sure to contact him/her to make sure that you are clear on your committee's work schedule. Contact information for all Committee Chairs is at [http://ourpvyc.net/files/COMMITTEE\\_DESCRIPTIONS.pdf](http://ourpvyc.net/files/COMMITTEE_DESCRIPTIONS.pdf) Any membership that has not contributed 15 work hours by late October will be assessed **\$20/hour for work hours not completed**.

I look forward to seeing you down at the club soon.

Mary Breeding, Commodore

## The PVYC Welcomes Our New and Returning Members

Scott Anderson and Kelly Surprise  
Mark and Jacqueline Bond (Returning)  
Debora Green and Edward Ballis  
Jim and Betty Higham  
James Lyons and Esther Kim  
Fred Kula  
Jay and Cheri Mustain (Returning)  
Michael and Nicci Pepin  
Peter and Josephine Vogliazzo  
Anne Weiss and Dave Charles



## Important New Member Meeting

All new PVYC members are expected to attend the New Member Meeting **10:00 am on Saturday, May 14.**

Topics for discussion 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

2016 is off to a great start and the PVYC social calendar is already filling up!

As always, details will be provided closer to event dates.



Children's  
Event  
date is  
not yet  
scheduled.

- Saturday, May 14 - New Member Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- 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 13 - 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.

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

Some restrictions apply, but for details and a copy of the form to submit, click on the social activities link at [ourpvc.net](http://ourpvc.net).

## 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](mailto: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 [ourpvc.net](http://ourpvc.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).

The **Member Relations Committee** was formed by the Board in response to members requesting additional opportunities for communication and involvement in various club matters. Meetings of this committee are scheduled as needed, and meeting notices sent to all members in advance. Your participation is important since this committee makes recommendations which may be considered by the full Board of Directors. For further information, please contact Rear Commodore Lou Kornet at [loukornet@comcast.net](mailto:loukornet@comcast.net).

### PVYC Board of Directors Officers

Commodore: Mary Breeding  
Vice Commodore: Paul Lewis  
Rear Commodore: Lou Kornet; Secretary: John Dalsey  
Treasurer: Jim Ketcham; Controller: Ed Weagle



**Special Thanks to John Mientus, Dave Mientus, and Bob Hager for our beautiful trophy case! Be sure to take a close look at the newest feature in the clubhouse.**

These talented and dedicated members recently spent a good deal of time this winter designing and constructing a wonderful addition to the clubhouse — a beautiful trophy case to display some of the sailing history of the club. The entire case was crafted by the skilled hands of John Mientus with assistance from his brother, Dave, and Bob Hager. Some of the trophies from years past were restored to their original glory and now reside in the case for all to admire.

**And thank you to our Social Committee led by chair Linda Betley.**

A great time was had by all at the March St. Patrick's Day Celebration followed soon after by a wonderful Pasta Night to kick off April! Great food and great company make these social events a favorite all year round. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for our next social events!

**Thank you to Sandi Knoll and Kathy Driscoll**

Thanks to Sandi and Kathy for shopping for new side chairs to replace the ones that were on their last legs in the clubhouse and special three cheers for Sandi for getting the bargain of the century on our 4 lovely 'new' chairs.

## 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](http://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. 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.

### Now's the time for New Member Applications!

As in years past, I expect that the PVYC will have a waiting list well before we officially kick off the season on Memorial Day weekend. If you have a friend, relative, neighbor, or colleague who is interested in joining the PVYC, be sure to have them complete and return the [New Member Application](#) as soon as possible.

### Welcome to Our New Pool Committee Chair

Bridget Haley was recently approved by the Board as the new Co-Chair of the Pool Committee and will share responsibility for the operation of the PVYC Pool with Elizabeth Duffany, Co-Chair and Certified Pool Operator (CPO). Congratulations Bridget and we are all looking forward to a wonderful fun and safe pool season.



**What is a Watershed anyway?** All of us live in a watershed! A watershed is any area (both above ground and below) that drains to a particular water body—such as the Connecticut River. The Connecticut River watershed is more than 11,000 square miles and includes portions of four states: NH, VT, MA & CT. [CLICK HERE](#) for fun facts about the Connecticut River and its watershed. A watershed can be a difficult thing to understand. Check out these two short videos that will help you get it. Then, learn what you can do to help protect the Connecticut River watershed! - See more at: [www.ctriver.org/river-resources](http://www.ctriver.org/river-resources)



## Look for exciting sailing updates soon!

**Guests at PVYC:** In an effort to balance the interest of all, the guest policy rules are detailed at [http://ourpvyc.net/files/GUEST\\_RULES.pdf](http://ourpvyc.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.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER:

#### Adult Supervision Required for Children Under 16 at the PVYC

In order to protect the safety of all members, no person under the age of 16 is allowed on PVYC property (clubhouse, yard, waterfront, boat docks, swimming pool, boatyard, etc.) at any time unless he/she is accompanied by a parent or guardian designated by the parent.



### 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](mailto:judithdanek@yahoo.com).