



The Anchorline

March 2019



From the Commodore

by John Dalsey

members can enjoy a nice dinner or cocktail by the warm fire in the clubhouse. It takes a special effort from many of our members to keep the Club safe and secure during the winter months. Look for a special thanks to these people in the following pages. With the first weeks of March behind us, we're all straining to see the buds on the trees and make announcements to each other about seeing spring flowers popping through the still-frozen ground. As I write this, recent snow is frozen in the shady areas, and melting where the sun can find it. Our boats are wrapped tight and the canoes are in the racks waiting for another wonderful PVYC high season just around the corner! Committee members will soon be down at the clubhouse tending to the lawn and plantings, helping get the Club House ready for the high season debut, 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; the work hours contributed by each membership yearly are critical to our success, allowing us to keep the fees affordable. Committees are headed by a Chairperson responsible for assigning work to committee members and monitoring its completion. Committee members and chairs are the backbone of our club, providing many hours of 'sweat equity' every year to maintain and renovate the grounds, facilities, operate the pool and conduct social activities. Committee assignments will be confirmed soon, and from their Committee Chairs will contact all members about specific work activities as the season gets underway. You can find contact information for all Committee Chairs and other important club information on our website site at www.ourpvy.com on the membership link.

It's not all work and no play at the PVYC! Our members enjoy picnics, pool parties, boating and the ever popular sunset gatherings on the lawn. (It's not too early to save the dates for our terrific live music events listed later in the newsletter.) I look forward to seeing you down at the club soon.

John Dalsey, Commodore

Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS!

We are all looking forward to meeting our newest members and helping make this a memorable first season for each of you.

The next Anchorline will share a list of new member names, committee lists and important information for all members – new and returning. There are still open slots for 2019 memberships. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about the PVYC!



Upcoming Social Events – *The full social calendar can be found on the PVYC website*

St. Patty's Day Pot Luck

Always a Great Time!

Saturday, March 16th

6pm meet and greet

Dinner at 7 pm

Suggested Classic Fare: Corned Beef and cabbage, Sheppard's

Pie, Bangers and Mash, Roasted Lamb,

Vegetable medley,

cabbage dishes, Irish stew, Irish soda bread, anything GREEN! Don't forget desserts!

Reply ASAP, and

please tell Linda what you're bringing!

Thanks!

E-mail: Nurseflyer@hotmail.com

Wine Tasting, Gourmet Cheese, Pasta and Friends Night

Saturday, April 27th 6pm

Enjoy the river ambiance, a warm fire and get caught up with your friends!

Bring a bottle of wine to share!

Please bring a favorite pasta dish, appetizer, or dessert. Thanks!

Invite friends – Guests are welcome.

Sorry, this one is **Adults Only**.

RSVP and please tell Linda what you'll bring - **by April 20** to nurseflyer@hotmail.com

Plan Ahead – Save the Dates!

Summer Music at the PVYC

June 15 - Kick Off the Summer with tunes from "No Refunds"

August 3 - "Music under the stars "Jammin with Jeannie Murphy!"

Aug 17 - Pool Party, Fish Bake and The band "GTO"

September 28 – Oktoberfest Potluck & Music by the band "Emotion"



Support our live music nights by bringing friends & family to enjoy.
\$5.00 cover charge to help offset cost for live music.
Children and beautiful sunsets are free!

BBQ Picnics

All members are encouraged to attend. Bring your friends and family, guests are always welcome!

Burgers, Dogs and the basics, and not so basics, are provided for you! Bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. Grills are open from 12:30 – 3:00, but the Club never closes!

Memorial Day Family Picnic
Monday, May 27

Independence Day Picnic
Thursday, July 4

Labor Day Family picnic
Monday, September 2

Look for cool news about 2019 happenings soon! New members, new ideas, new activities...and lots of old favorites to enjoy all year long! Got some news? Took a great photo at the PVYC? Have something to share or sell? Send it to the Anchorline! Judith will be happy to include it in an upcoming edition, email at judithdanek@yahoo.com.

Special Thanks to our PVYC Heroes! *A message from our Vice Commodore*

Since I am at the club on a regular basis, I frequently see members who do so much for our club that I want to make sure that they are recognized. These are members who 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 better place for all of us. Please join me in thanking them for the extra effort they put in over the past several months.

Mary Breeding, Vice Commodore



- **Tim DiStefano** who puts in countless hours chopping wood all year long to make sure that there is always plenty for our fire pit and wood stove, and has also taken on the task of making sure that the snow is blown off our sidewalks.
 - **Sam and Paul Gentile** who plow our parking lot after snow storms so that we can enjoy the club all year long.
 - **Bud Breeding** who recently spent many hours researching a new TV for the club and installing at the PVYC.
 - **Janine Preston**, a member of the House Committee who washed every dish and piece of silverware at the club, cleaned all of the cabinets and shelves, and did an incredible job of organizing and labeling all of the kitchen cabinets!
 - **Carolyn Reed** who did such an incredible job of ordering and selling all of the PVYC logo items for the past 3 years – look for the 2019 logo wear soon!
- All of the club members who spent many hours painting the PVYC pool last Fall: **Mindy Beaumont, Ricky Bontempo and Lisa Ditmar, Bud Breeding, Lynn Ireland, David McCollum, Derek and Lauren Ottani, Dave Pouliot, Brian Torpey, and Ed Weagle.**

2019 PVYC Officers, Board of Governors and Committee Chairs

Officers

Commodore: John Dalsey
Vice Commodore: Mary Breeding
Rear Commodore: Lou Kornet
Secretary: Linda Betley
Treasurer: Jim Ketcham
Controller: Ed Weagle
Fleet Safety Officer: Bob Hager
Fleet Captain: Jim McCoy
Fleet Surgeon: Bob Stromberg

Board of Governors

Bud Breeding
Mike Houff
Sandi Knoll
Paul Lewis
Jim McCoy
Mike Paulson
Bob Stromberg
Al Whitehouse
Alternates: Judith Danek, Bea Fabian,
Keith Gibbings

Committee Chairs

Boatyard: John Dalsey
Docks: Keith Gibbings and Jim McCoy
Grounds: Mike and Laurie Houff
House: Sandi Knoll
Membership: Linda Abrams
Pool: Bud and Mary Breeding
Race: Vana Nesper
Social: Linda Betley

Board of Governors News

The Board of Governors and Officers is the group of members responsible for managing the business operations of the PVYC. In 2018, meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm unless otherwise notified. Feel free to attend the meetings; you can sit in and listen to the proceedings. The members who sit on the Board or lead our club committees 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. Additional opportunities may develop for interested members to become more involved in the operations of the club, so please contact the Commodore, John Dalsey at (413) 563-2477 or john.dalsey@gmail.com if you have an interest in expanding your involvement in the PVYC.



Additionally, a 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 notices are sent to the full membership in advance.

For more information about this committee, or to discuss a member concern, please contact your Rear Commodore Lou Kornet by email at loukornet@comcast.net

Who We Are



The origins of the PVYC go back to the early 1950's when a group of enthusiastic local families decided to carve out a welcoming boating and social club for their neighbors and friends. After a lot of hard work including many back-breaking weekends spent "clearing the land", the club began to emerge. The founders formally organized in 1955. They built a club house, installed a pool and pool house, and carved out a spot for people who wanted to enjoy and explore the shores of the Connecticut River in Hampden County. While the gorgeous water views and brilliant sunsets remain the same as when our founders first sought to enjoy them, the Club has been modernized and updates continue.

Original membership was made up of mostly "Power Boaters." At the time you could go from the PVYC right through the Windsor Locks and down to the Sound! New members brought new ideas and different styles of recreation, and the Club was happy to welcome the newer boaters who brought sailing to the PVYC. Today, we are looking forward to welcoming a full roster of 2019 members, and the club is more active than ever before. Our members and their guests enjoy a busy social calendar, a lovely pool and pool house, manicured grounds and a broad variety of boating activities including power, sail, canoe, kayak, pontoon, and rowing.



ABOUT THE CONNECTICUT RIVER

Did You Know

The Connecticut River was designated the first National Blueway under the America's Great Outdoors Initiative by the Obama administration in 2012.

As testament to its watershed-wide mission, the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge is one of only three refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System that has "Fish" in its title.

In 1997, the Connecticut River was designated one of only 14 American Heritage Rivers in recognition of its "distinctive natural, economic, agricultural, scenic, historic, cultural, and recreational qualities."

The Connecticut River...

- is named after the Pequot word "quinetucket," meaning *long tidal river*. The European corruption of that begat "Connecticut"
- begins at Fourth Connecticut Lake, a small pond at an elevation of 2,670 feet, steps from Chartierville, Quebec
- provides 70% of all the fresh water entering Long Island Sound
- flows 410 miles from the Quebec-New Hampshire border to Long Island Sound at Old Lyme, Connecticut
- is New England's longest river running through four states: New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut.
- forms the eastern border of Vermont and western border of New Hampshire, but technically only flows in New Hampshire, which has legal claim to the riverbed all the way to the bank on the Vermont side
- flows through Hartford, Vermont and Hartford, Connecticut and flows through Springfield, Vermont and Springfield, Massachusetts