



ANCHOR LINE



Pioneer Valley Yacht Club PO Box 60602 Longmeadow, MA 01116 April 2010

Commodore's Message

Committee News

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! We've had a busy few months:

- John Mientus and his Grounds crew cleared a lot of brush on the north end of our property, removed most of the tennis court's vines and a lot of trash in that area. They've also weeded and cleaned up the house and pool planting areas.

- Ann Marie Kristoffy and members of the House committee washed the walls in the clubhouse in preparation for painting.

- Peter Kristoffy and volunteers including John Sinclair, Judi Epstein, Ron Manchester, and Tom Goodrow painted the ceilings and walls in the clubhouse - it looks beautiful!

These projects illustrate that 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 many hours of 'sweat equity' every year to maintain and renovate the grounds, facilities, operate the pool and conduct social activities. Members should have received notification by now of their committee assignment; if you haven't, be sure to contact him/her to make sure that you are clear on your committee's work schedule. 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 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 breeding@stcc.edu to ask that the item be added to the agenda. A list of BOG members, officers and chairs may be found at http://www.ourpvyc.net/officers_and_board.html. The next BOG meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, May 10th. Future meetings are on June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, *Wednesday*, November 17th (annual meeting/election), and Monday, December 13th.

PVYC Donations

At a recent meeting, the PVYC Board voted to make a donation to the Conor Reynolds Scholarship Fund at Cathedral High School. The Reynolds family were members for several years and we offer them our deepest sympathy. The Board also made a donation to the Connecticut River Watershed Council (CRWC), which advocates for the preservation and protection of the entire four-state watershed.

Editor's Note

The deadline for next issue of the Anchor Line is June 16th. Please email news to bobbijg2@verizon.net.

Social: St. Patrick's Day potluck dinner was terrific thanks to the efforts of our organizers, Ali Mientus and Cynthia Snow, and members of the social committee.

Saturday, May 1st: New Member Meeting, 10:AM-noon.

Saturday, May 1st: Wine Appreciation, 4:30-6:PM; cost \$10. donation to Jimmy Fund/Dana Farber Cancer Research.

Monday, May 31st: Memorial Day picnic, noon-2:PM.

Saturday, June 5th: Learn to Row Day, 8:30AM-11:AM.

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Sunday, June 13th: Learn to Row Day, 8:30AM-11:AM.

Sunday, July 4th: Independence Day picnic, noon-2:PM.

Cyndie Eisnor, chairperson

Dock: Work parties are scheduled for Saturdays in April (17th and 24th). Dock Day is Saturday, May 1st. All Hands on deck at 8:am. Questions - 413-566-8271.

Dave Grant, chairperson

Insurance with Boat US

The PVYC has renewed its annual agreement with BoatUS, a national non profit organization focused on promoting boating and related recreational activities. 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. Applications are available in the clubhouse, or you can join online at www.boatus.com. The PVYC group code 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. 2009 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.

Welcome Our New Members

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| Aprile & Robert Brooks | Michael & Jean Callan | |
| Don & Bonnie Campbell | Karen & Kenneth Carlson | |
| Kathleen Cordier | Marvin Fey | Mary Jane Wraga |
| Tim & Sarah Corrigan | Rick & Kathy Crews | |
| Kevin & Laurie Flynn | Elisa & Jeffrey Goldberg | |
| Tom & Lynn Ann Goodrow | Walt & Ann Lamom | |
| Paul & Ann Jacobs | Ari Kugelmass & Karen Ambrose | |
| Matt & Melissa Mitchell | Chris & Heidi O'Connor | |
| Mike & Jeanne Rye | John & Karen Sinclair | |

Guests at PVYC

In an effort to balance the interest of all, the guest policy rules are detailed at <http://www.ourpvyc.net/reference.html> but the critical points to remember are:

- Unless you make special arrangements, you are allowed up to 4 non-members guests at the club (does not apply if you are just having folks go out on your boat).
- Guest fees (\$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12) 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 pool no more than 2 times per month.

