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THE PEEKSKILL LIGHT

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PYC off to a running start! Let's keep the momentum going; the boating season is almost here

by Commodore Tony Spadaro

Key Project Planning:

The chart on page 2 is called a Gantt Chart. It plots out activities and the timing required to accomplish a task. In this case getting ready for the 2023 boating season and repairing the breakwater.

As you can see we have a lot to accomplish in the next two months. Fortunately, we are off to a running start. We had a great crew out in the yard on Feb. 11 tackling tough jobs, such as preparing the yard for work on the travel lift pit, to scraping bar-

nacles and rust off the barges. The work crew even cleaned out the filthy gas computer room to make way for the new equipment currently on order.

Project outcome to date:

I am very pleased with the progress so far. Let's keep the momentum going. If you haven't been down to a work party lately, now is the time to get involved. We need all of you, not just the usual cast of characters, to come down on Mondays and/or Saturdays to
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Al and Lisa DeGaetano and their friend Andrea Decoro (center) were among 75 members and guests who enjoyed Super Bowl LVII at the clubhouse



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or on the web at

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PYC off to a running start!

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pitch in. Let 2023 be the year where no one is in arrears for work hours. Our ultimate goal is to repair the travel lift pit, make ready docks and floats by late April, and replace 75 ft of break water by the end of October. We can do this.

Kudos:

On a different note. The house, kitchen crew, entertainment, and the outreach committees are on Fire! What an incredible last three weeks for the club. They collectively hosted:

- ♦ The Hudson Valley Boat and Yachting Association

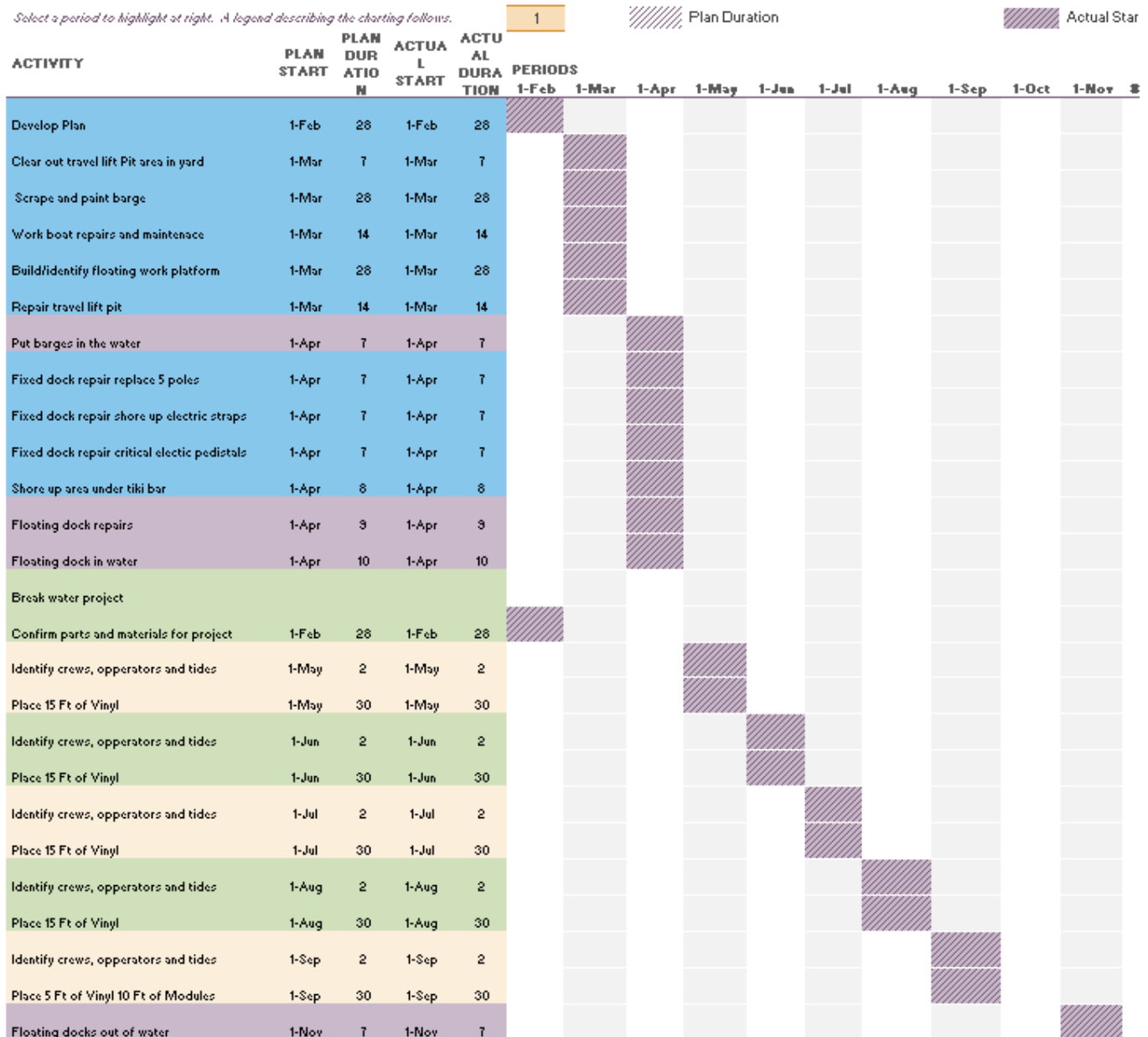
- ♦ The Mothball Fleet Historical presentation.
- ♦ The PYC Super Bowl Party

Each of these events served in excess of 80 or more attendees including members, guests, and visitors from the surrounding area. All were very appreciative of the effort and spirit shown by these committees, proving once again, that we are not just another boat club, but rather the premier package of boating, community outreach and great social happenings on the river at large.

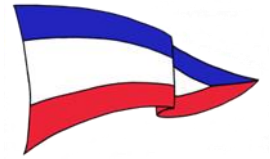
Finally, Keep it up PYC! The boating season is almost here. There is a lot to do and we need everyone to step up, be engaged. In short **Get-er-done!**

PYC Dock, Float and Breakwater Schedule

Select a period to highlight at right. A legend describing the charting follows.



HOT DATES! 2023



Work Night is Every Monday Starting at 4:30 pm

Jan. 4	Board Meeting
Jan. 11	Membership Meeting
Feb. 1	Board Meeting
Feb. 8	Membership Meeting
Feb. 9	Mothball Fleet Lecture
Feb. 12	Super Bowl Party 6:00 pm
Mar. 1	Board Meeting
Mar. 8	Membership Meeting
Mar. 10	Red Cross Blood Drive
Mar. 11	St. Pat's Parade & Party
Apr. 1	Jazz Dinner Club
Apr. 5	Board Meeting
Apr. 12	Membership Meeting
Apr. 21	Poker Night
May 3	Board Meeting
May 6	Kentucky Derby Party & Riverkeeper Sweep
May 10	Membership Meeting
May 27	Captains Day
Jun. 7	Board Meeting
Jun. 14	Membership Meeting
Jun. 17	Commissioning Day
Jun. 30	Tiki Bar Party

Club House Reservations

February 4	Brian Calabro
February 19	Ray Forrest
February 25	Rob Mione
March 3	Frank Pugliese
March 4	Ed Pittman
March 6	Peekskill Police Dept.
March 7	Garden Club
March 18	Jim Burke

Jul. 2-3	Fireworks BBQ
Jul. 5	Board Meeting
Jul. 12	Membership Meeting
Jul. 14-16	Fleet Trip
Jul. 28	Tiki Bar Party
Aug. 2	Board Meeting
Aug. 3	Kid's Boat Ride
Aug. 9	Membership Meeting
Aug. 11	Tiki Bar Party
Aug. 26	Pig Roast
Sep. 6	Board Meeting
Sep. 13	Membership Meeting
Sep. 16	Clam Bake
Sep. 29	Blood Drive
Sep. 30	Italian Night
Oct. 4	Board Meeting
Oct. 11	Membership Meeting
Oct. 14	Oktoberfest
Nov. 1	Board Meeting
Nov. 8	Membership Meeting
Nov. 25	Decorate the Clubhouse
Dec. 2	Holiday Party
Dec. 6	Board Meeting
Dec. 13	Membership Meeting
Dec. 17	Kids Christmas Party

Editor: Pete Goodale

All story ideas and photos are welcome. Contact Pete at meetings, at eaglesall@verizon.net or at 914-737-3764.

Marlon Mahon maintains the website. Contact him at mhmahonny@yahoo.com or at 914-299-8504.

Pete maintains an e-mail distribution list for the newsletter and most all-member communications. Be sure to let him know about any changes to your address.

Attention All Hands!!

PC **Jerry Soucie** ask that members parking in the boat yard make sure they are not blocking the roadways. Jerry and Cmdr. **Tony Spadaro** will create and post signage in the yard to remind those parking there to keep the roadways clear.

While nearly 30 members attended the February Membership Meeting in person, five chose to tune in via a Zoom link offered for the first time this year. PCs **Tom O'Connor** and **Dave Zedlovich** responded to Cmdr. Tony Spadaro's call for volunteers to set Zoom links for the meetings so members unable to attend could stay abreast of club events.

In the opinion of the Board, it is in the best interest of the club and its members as a whole, that the display of any politically motivated or socially controversial flag, banner, etc. should not be displayed anywhere on club property, including the basin.

House Chair **Rune Bekkelund** said that on several occasions over the past month both the men's and women's bathrooms looked like they had been used by an orangutan. Can't understand why any member would leave them like that. It really needs to be corrected.

PC **Bernie Calabro** reminds members to take care of the equipment: close vehicle windows and turn them off; close shed, gates, etc.; be more diligent.

PC **Jerry Soucie** said he has HRBYCA membership cards for any member who needs one.

No club tools are to leave the property, and should be put away in their correct places after work parties, etc.

Marine Registrar Don Rizzo: it is a member obligation to have a current copy of the declaration page of your **vessel liability insurance** filed at the clubhouse. The policy must include PYC as an additional insured as follows: Peekskill Yacht Club, 1 Travis Point, Peekskill, NY 10566. Members may mail the page to the clubhouse, fax it to Don at 914-739-9705 or contact him for other options.

Al Scannapieco and **Al DeGaetano:** members must fill out and return to either of them the Peekskill Yacht Club Boat and Watercraft Info form available at the clubhouse. Report to Al any new boat coming into the yard. And for billing purposes, report any changes in boat size, purchase or disposal to **PC Dennis McCoskey**.

PYC must use its separate containers for garbage and trash; commingled glass, plastic and metal containers; and cardboard and paper to avoid sanctions by the city. Dumpsters are marked so be certain to use the right one.

PC Tom Radocaj has membership ID cards for any member without one. An ID card may be invaluable should you want — or need — help from another club in the Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association.

Treasurer PC Tom O'Connor: members seeking reimbursement for club-related expenses must sign the bill or receipt with a **legible signature**. And **Chuck Newman** wants us to print our name. **Either way...make it legible!**

PLEASE DO NOT bring stuff into the yard "for the club" unless you talk to a board member first to determine if the club can use it. Also **don't hang anything from the new fence**. It can damage our reputation.

Attention All Hands!!

New Associate **Ted Anderson** hosted an impromptu dinner of Burgoo Stew at no cost to members at the clubhouse on Dec. 29. Ted got the ingredients (pork, chicken, chopped meat and about 8 vegetables) from a friend and professional chef who had a surplus from an event. He cooked up about 30 gallons of stew that day. We sent a message to all members and **Jerry Soucie, Ed Finnerty, Robby Tecihman, Jim Daley** and 3 others showed up for the free vittles. Reports are that the meal was a great success, not surprising since Ted operates a food truck at festival events in addition to his regular work. And for those not familiar with Burgoo Stew, check out this site for more on this traditional Kentucky specialty: www.tasteofhome.com/article/burgoo.

That shipping box outside the clubhouse entry door contains the club's new BBQ/gas grill approved by the members in December. Chrissy Colasurdo made the bid for a "bigger and better" grill to meet the Entertainment Committee's increasing frequent and popular social events. Chrissy plans to fire it up for the first time on Captains Day, May 27.



It is the responsibility of the House Committee to mop the kitchen floor and keep it clean. During and after an event, whoever is doing the food prep, etc., is responsible for cleaning the pots and utensils as well as taking care of the garbage created during the preparations. *(See story on Best Practices requirements on page 13.)*

When done using the Travelift, it needs to be returned to the pit, fork side to the river.

Tony Spadaro said the bar will be closed until 6:00 pm on Work Party evenings

Members are asked to keep side conversations to a minimum during meetings so that the people addressing the meeting can be heard.

Any member requesting authorization for another person to operate his boat must insure that the additional operators complete a boating safety course and have record of its successful completion on file with the club.

The long-neglected club website is about to get a major upgrade with approval by the members in January to hire a consultant — Peter Hall — who has the expertise to lead the project. The enhanced site will give PYC and its members greater exposure to the community and better services for the members. **Marlon Mahon** will manage the effort which is expected to take about 30 days.

Masters and Committee Chairs Step Up to Serve in 2023

ABC	Brian Ballard
Audit	Chris Outhouse
	Dennis Egan
	Chuck Newman
Breakwater	PC Robby Teichman
	PC Bernie Calabro
Carpentry	Robby F Teichman
City Liaison	PC Tony Masi
Constitution & By-laws	PC Tony Masi
DEP	PC Dave Zedlovich
Dock Master	Jim Burke
Docks & Floats	PC Robby Teichman
EBay consultant	Rich Dashnaw
Electric Services	Ed Santiago
Electric Services Consultant	John Edson
Entertainment	Chrissy Colasurdo
Fire & Safety	John Berlow
Fleet Captain	John Macko
Gasoline & Vending	Matt Henry
Heavy Equipment & Barges	PC Bernie Calabro
Historian	Thom Johnson
House	Rune Bekkelund
HRBYCA	PC Jerry Soucie
Ice	Ed Finnerty
Insurance & Contractors	Chuck Newman
Kitchen	Frank Pugliese
Marine Registrar	Don Rizzo
Membership	PC Keith Rapping
Plumbing	John Botero
Property & Grounds	PC Rudy Spadaro
Public Relations	Chuck Newman
	Thom Johnson
Publications	Pete Goodale
Recycling	Ernest Muller
Security	PC Tony Masi
Ship's Store	Willie Fisher
Sunshine	Pat Broun
Travelift Maintenance	Ray Forest
Vehicles & Boats	PC Brian Calabro
Water & Bubbles	John Botero
Website	Marlon Mahon
Work Hours	Steve Galper
Yard Master	Al DeGaetano



Upon seeing Chrissy Colasurdo's Dec. 24 photo of the Tiki Bar under water, Susan Spadaro wrote, "Chris Craft yachts always float and never leak." She should know. The Tiki Bar is the stern of the 31' 1961 Chris Craft she and PC Rudy donated to the club in 2003.

New 3% across-the-board credit card upcharge fee to offset credit card processing fees

Currently the club is charged a processing fee for each credit card transaction that a member makes. To date a ten cent per gallon uplift has been applied to gas sales that are paid for by credit cards. The uplift is used to offset the processing fees associated with charge card payments.

However there was no uplift applied to charge card payments for dues and associated member fees. Therefore going forward the club is eliminating the 10 cent per gallon uplift for gas. Gas will be one price and members can decide to pay by cash or credit card.

All members using the charge card machine will be required to pay a 3% uplift. The 3% uplift applies to gas sales as well as to dues and associated member fees. This 3% fee will be used to offset the credit card processing fees.

There is no fee for members who pay by check, Zelle or Venmo.

Zelle to peekskill yachtclub@verizon.net

Venmo to dmccoskey73@gmail.com

Peekskill Yacht Club Membership & Seniority Roster - January 2022

Life Members

Brockhaussen III, Charlie
Geis, Bill
Gauthier, Butch
Blust, Steve
Mikulak, Rich
Oswald, John F.
Paulson, Craig
Zugner, Dave
Puff, Bob
Rupinski, Stan
Soucie, Jerry
Fay, Randy
Oswald, Jim
Richard, Wade
Cook, Brian
Spadaro, Rudy
Rapping, Keith
Doyle, Jack
Puff, Doug
Spadaro, Tony
Calabro, Bernie
Masi, Tony
Darreff, Steve
Oswald, John J.
Edson, John
Cavaliere, Lou
Mahoney, Jim
Foshay, Ken
Murray, Neil
Berlow, John
Doyle, Dave

Active Members

Havranek, Brian
Teichman, Robby
Ballard, Bryan
Hylka, Dave
Macko, John
O'Connor, Tom
Wyskida, Mike
Zedlovich, Dave
McCoskey, Don
McCoskey, Dennis
Strohm, Bob
Pugliese, Frank

Active Members (cont.)

Muller, Ernst
Radojac, Thomas
Scannapieco, Al
Korson, Murray
Lucks, Christian
Dalton, Donald
Helm, William
Torres, Joe
Newman, Chuck
Halecki, Tim
Rabasco, Mike
Johnson, Thom
Egan, Dennis
Calabro, Brian
Calderon, Mike
Outhouse, Chris
Volpe, Mike
Bekkelund, Rune
Forrest, Ray
Morris, Dave
Faherty, William
Sullivan, Neil
Warncke, Mike
Dashnaw, Rich
Korson, Larry
Moscaritolo, Joe
Wieting, Ernest
Goodale, Pete
DeGaetano, Al
Buonagurio, Dave
Borchick, Mike
Calabro Jr., Bernie
Henry, Matt
Sanchirico, Peter
Santiago, Ed
Brackenrig, Ted
Powers, John
Mione, Robert
Finnerty, Edward
Raynor, Terrance
Ricci, John
Rizzo, Don
Halecki, Mike
McGinty, Robert
Vesce, Vincent

Birthdays



January

Rune Bekkelund
Randy Fay
James Lepore
Tony Masi
Ernst Muller
Peter Sanchirico
Bob Strohm

February

Chuck Brockhausen
Vinny Dellamura
Bernie Calabro Jr.
John Edson
Rob Milone
John J. Oswald
Mike Rabasco

Active Members (cont.)

Colasurdo, Christine
Mullins, Brian
Barton, Kevin
Paulson, Michael
Dagostino, Trevor
Sagarra, Luis
Pittman, Ed
Botero, John
Rubin, Scott
Galante, Jonathan
McMullen, James
Broun, Pat
DeLucey, Joe
Fisher, Will
Burke, James
Kissh, Sandor
Murphy, Dan
Coyle, Maxwell
Gargano, Stephen

Active Members (cont.)

Arroyo, Rodney
Carriot, James
Waryha, Charles
Pittman, Chris
Gasiunus, Todd
Galper, Steve
Mullins, Liam
DeSalvo, Cynthia
Lepore, James
Daley, Jim
Talbot, Brian
Tennison Gunter
Steven Romero
Robby F. Teichman
Vincent Dellamuro
Marlon Mahon
Troy Perry,
John Manifold
Anthony Washington

Associate Members

Ted Anderson, Sheldon Proctor, John Richardson

PYC continues to adopt new photographic technologies to create and store it's picture archives

by PYC Historian Thom Johnson

For this article about the clubs history I offer some information on the changes that have occurred in how we create, present and store images and stories about the Peekskill Yacht Club. Over the many years that we have existed there have been many changes in photography and how those changes affect the images and how we preserve them. We have gone from small Kodak brownie cameras for black & white photos to the high quality digital ones that Pete Goodale and I now use.

Group pictures were typical

Back in the early days of the club it would be rare that a member would take a camera to an event and if there was a camera they may have taken one shot. That image would be a group picture, an interesting example of which is a fish fry photo from 1910 that is posted on the wall in the clubhouse. As the years moved forward some members would bring their Kodak cameras and shoot a roll or two. Many of the old roll film cameras would hold 12 exposures, so there might be 24 prints of an event.

All of the early photographs were in black and white. And when color came on the scene it cost more, so film was still not often used. Slowly color got cheaper and by the 1970's became the standard. And cameras changed with the 35mm single lens reflex camera becoming the most common.

Digital SLR cameras arrive

The next change would be the digital SLR cameras and now we no longer use film. This change altered many aspects of how we use photography. First, we can review the shots and edit them as we take pictures. Next we no longer need to send the film to a lab for processing. Then there is how we store the images.

Prints stored in binders

Until we went digital, all of our prints were filed and stored in binders in order by years. There are almost no negatives in the archives, so there is no easy way to replace a print. When I started as historian and organized the files I created discs



A color picture of Commissioning Day 1966 is typical of the club's photo archives: a single print with no negative. Over time the quality will continue to deteriorate. The club now stores its photos digitally and will soon be posting many on an upgraded website where the quality will be retained indefinitely.

with the events that were photographed. Soon I started working with Pete on the newsletter and he created discs of the newsletter and photos that he and other members provided.

Discs and memory cards

Now Pete gives me as a disc to file of each newsletter and other material for the archives. But I no longer make a disc of what is on the memory card the club has purchased for our use. The card is, in effect, the file for the period of time that it was used.

To give an idea of some of what I am referencing, I am using a photo that was given to the club archives by co-Historian Pat Collins Braun. It was from her father PC Al Collins's personal collection. What it shows is Commissioning Day from 1966 in color. Interesting to look at and see what our traditions looked like over 50 years ago.

And coming soon

And during the year ahead we anticipate posting fewer photos on the bulletin board and more in our upgraded website, on Facebook and perhaps on monitors in the clubhouse where they will be readily accessible to all.

Ensuring space in the basin for everyone ...how you can help

by Dockmaster Jim Burke

As we approach the 2023 boating season there are a few things to go over.

Please send your intentions for your vessel by Feb. 28 if possible. If you did not go in last year and are using your slip this year, please let me know!

If you have a new boat I will need to know the make/size/beam/year even if your new boat is smaller.

This information is important to ensure there is room for everyone. The space is limited as we move forward there will be work done on the poles in the basin to accommodate the boats that we are aware need bigger slips.

If you are looking to upgrade your boat and it won't fit in your slip, you are advised to check first as we move forward. Nothing is guaranteed at this point. In addition, all insurance and spring bills

must be paid before any boats will be allowed into the basin.

If you are new to the club, please send all your information regarding your vessel so we can check availability for you. 2023 looks like it will have an early start if the weather continues in this fashion so if possible please do your best to get some hours early.

Jim Burke

9144037736

Pycdockmaster1@gmail.com

PYC Authorized Contractors

As of February 13, 2023

The following contractors have a current certificate of liability insurance on file.

(Expiration dates noted)

Action Marine Services	8/30/23
Fiberglass Plus	expired
George's Marine	4/18/23
Good Guys Mobile Boat Detailing	4/21/23
JR Boat Works, Inc.	11/16/23
MZ Marine (Zoller's Marine)	expired
Seafarer Canvas	10/15/23
Two Brothers Marine Services	3/19/23
Wannacleanboat LLC	4/1/23
Dave Zedlovich	expired

If a contractor wishes to work at PYC, a current certificate must be provided.

**NO CONTRACTOR MAY WORK AT PYC
WITHOUT INSURANCE!**

Certificates can be faxed to Chuck Newman at 914-345-1005 or emailed to him at chuck@charlesnewman.com

Membership Update

PYC Membership as of February 8, 2023

93 Active Members

4 Associate Members

Total Active Members 97

31 Life Members

1 Honorary Member

Total Members 129

— **Recent Membership Changes** —

February 2023

Kevin Wolff *resigned from*

Associate Membership



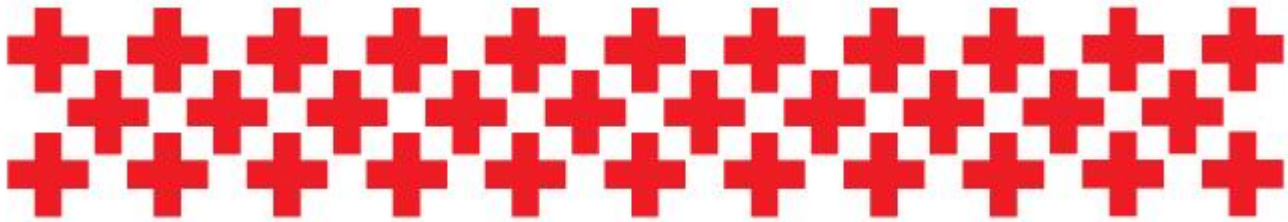


photos by Thom Johnson



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Peekskill Yacht Club**

1 Travis Point, Peekskill, NY 10566
Clubhouse

Friday, March 10, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Schedule an appointment to donate at www.RedCrossBlood.org
and use sponsor code: Peekskill

New donors NEEDED!
Your donations can help save up to THREE lives!

Come give in March and get a \$10 Visa Prepaid Card by email. PLUS, get a chance to win a \$3,000 Visa Prepaid Card to help with gas or grocery expenses! You could be one of five lucky winners. Lend an arm; we'll lend a hand. Terms apply: rcblood.org/help.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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***'Best Practices' detailed for common use of PYC Kitchen Facilities;
requirements define responsibilities for cleanliness and organization***

1/7/2023

Members,

On Wednesday 1/4/2023, the Entertainment, Kitchen and House Chairs met with our Board to discuss best practice for shared use of our kitchen facilities. In recent conversations there has been expressed concern with the cleanliness, organization and misunderstandings to each parties roles in sharing this space. After much discussion we would jointly like to put in place the following requirements to use this shared space.

1. Members should be using the white refrigerator and not the walk-in for personal use. Please use date tags supplied outside the walk-in.
2. Foods placed in the walk-in for events or private parties should be tagged with a date of use and expiration. Tags will be supplied outside of the walk-in.
3. Foods left in the walk-in at the conclusion of an event should be left for the sole purpose of work parties who, regardless of date stamp, should discard any leftovers after the work party event.
4. When using the kitchen, all utensils, pots and pans should be cleaned and returned to their proper places in an organized fashion.
5. When using the dishwasher, clean out the drain on the bottom after each session and make sure to empty the contents to their rightful place.
6. Additional team members will be set up for after events to best adhere to cleaning and organizing the space.
7. Floors should be mopped after each day's use.
8. No private party foods are to be left in the walk-in after an event.
9. All coolers are to be brought to the garage space after an event.
10. If you use the microwave, wipe it down after each use.
11. Kitchen trash cans emptied before leaving the facility.

Hoping we can all work together in keeping our clubhouse and shared spaces in the best condition possible. Looking forward to another fabulous boating season.

Best,

DocuSigned by:

Christine Colasurdo

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Chrissy Colasurdo, Entertainment

Tony Spadero, Commodore

DocuSigned by:

FRANK PUGLIESE

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Frank Pugliese, Kitchen

DocuSigned by:

Tony Spadero

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PEEKSKILL YACHT CLUB
PRESENTS

SAINT PATRICK

Irish foods, beer & music

**SATURDAY
MARCH 11TH
STARTS 4:00 PM**

Peekskill parade starts at 3:00 pm
Marchers receive a \$5.00 discount on entry
Members & guests \$20, kids \$10



**PYC
Presents**

**Saturday April 1
6-10:00 PM**

\$25.00 Members & Guests

The JAZZ DINNER CLUB

The Rich Dashnaw Quartet

Rich Dashnaw - basses
Michael Lucke - piano
Chris Larsen - drums
Austin Day - tenor sax

*Dinner
at the
Jazz
Club*

Peekskill Yacht Club

**Sat., April 1
6-10 P.M.**

**Served Dinner
Menu
to follow**

Wine & Beer

Evite to follow



Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club Association



HRBYCA
PO Box 266
Ossining, NY 10562
facebook.com/hrbyca
www.hrbyca.org
info@hrbyca.org

Northern Region

Hidden Harbor
Pirate Canoe Club
Catskill Yacht Club
Marlboro Yacht Club
New Hamburg Yacht Club
Chelsea Yacht Club
Newburgh Yacht Club
Cornwall Yacht Club
Cold Spring Boat Club
West Point Yacht Club
Garrison Yacht Club

Middle Region

Peekskill Yacht Club
Cortlandt Yacht Club
Rockland Bergen Boat Club
Minisceongo Yacht Club
Hudson Cove Yacht Club
Croton Yacht Club
Shattemuc Yacht Club
Ossining Community Sailing Club
Ossining Boat & Canoe Club
Hook Mountain Yacht Club
Nyack Boat Club
Philipse Manor Beach Club
Tarrytown Boat & Yacht Club
Washington Irving Boat Club

Southern Region

Fort Comfort Yacht Club
Irvington Boat Club
Tower Ridge Yacht Club
Palisade Boat Club
Yonkers Yacht Club
Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club
Keyport Yacht Club

Associate Members

Charles Point Marina, Peekskill
Seas Westchester

Partners

Mohawk Council of Yacht Clubs

Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club Association's 48th Anniversary & Commodores' Jazz Brunch

**Sunday, March 12, 2023
11am to 2pm
The Thayer Hotel at West Point**

Two tenets of the HRBYCA Charter are to foster interclub activities and understanding. Our member clubs host bi-monthly informational dinners, sponsor events, network, and foster fellowship.

As a culminating annual activity, we would like to Honor and Recognize the Commodores from each club.

The cost is \$40.00 in advance and \$50.00 at the door.
A cash bar is also available. Door prizes, giveaways, and lively jazz music will guarantee another successful event.

Please email R.S.V.P. before March 8th to confirm attendance.

Payment must be received by March 9

Purchase tickets using the ATTACHED FORM.

For further information contact

Cheryl Pizappi at sec@hrbyca.org

We look forward to seeing you, the HRBYCA Commodores, club representatives, club members, and guests on March 12th

Respectfully,

Jerry Silverman
President

Cheryl Pizappi
Event Chair

IMPORTANT NOTES:

The Thayer Hotel is located just inside the Highland Falls gate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, therefore **PHOTO ID is required for everyone in your party.** Free valet parking.

Although the club **Commodores are non-paying guests** of the HRBYCA, we still **need your advance reservation because seating is limited**...please send your RSVP as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Selected from minutes reported by Recording Secretary Ted Brackenrig

December 14, 2022

- Minutes of the Board Meeting of Dec. 7, 2022 were for information only; minutes of the General Membership Meeting of Nov. 9, 2022 were read and accepted.
- Correspondence: Clubhouse requests: Kids boat ride Aug. 3; Peekskill Garden Club Jan. 17 and Mar. 23; Brian Calabro Feb. 4; Rob Milone Feb. 25; Frank Pugliese Mar. 4. Approved by the membership.
- T PC Tom O'Connor: Reported recent bills paid, income and expenses for 2022, current bank balance and cash on hand. It was noted that outstanding balances are due largely to winter storage fees and new member assessments; lengthy discussion followed on ways to deal with outstanding balances. Treasurer's report approved .
- FS PC Dennis McCoskey: Please pay your outstanding fees so we can close out the year.
- Cmdr. Dave Hylka: The club is floating away from its original charter and basic procedures and suggested that steps should be taken to move back to those procedures; the Garden Club is missing 3 bins holding its silverware, etc. and asked if the cameras could be checked to see if they could shed light on the matter; thanked everyone present for their assistance over the past year and felt that it was a productive year.
- VC Tony Spadaro: He will instate a new Action Items section in the meeting before the Sunshine Report; a member will be assigned to a specific action that was raised during the meeting (preferable the member who raised the item) ; that member will be responsible to report back to the board and membership on its status; asked for a volunteer to set up a Zoom facility for future meetings so that people who are unable to attend can keep abreast of events. PC Dave Zedlovich volunteered.
- Gas: The pumps are closed and we have fuel for next year; there are no outstanding member balances; met today with an American Petroleum rep and we will move away from the card system; each member will have his own pin number for gas purchase; the new equipment is designed for an outdoor environment so we shouldn't have the problems we had with the old equipment; the software will be ordered as soon as they receive it.
- Kitchen: Cmdr. Dave Hylka asked for a round of applause for Frank Pugliese and his crew for the dinner tonight; VC Tony Spadaro noted that funds approved for the BBQ are still available; Frank stated they may require an additional \$500-\$600; Frank thanked the treasurer for the quick reimbursement of monies he lays out for the dinners.

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December 14, 2022 (continued)

- A 15% deposit (\$3000); they will get the software to us as soon as they receive it so the club can begin setting up accounts; Jim Daly suggested there could be value in the old computer and printer.
- Property & Grounds: The ladders need to be secured; have an “Associate Holiday Party” and get it done.
- Water & Bubbles: Fixed dock not winterized yet; water in yard is off and awaiting additional supply of antifreeze; there is an issue with air compressors and they should be replaced.
- Historian Thom Johnson contacted author Tony Musso who wrote several books on the Hudson River and valley; his most recent book is on the Mothball Fleet ; Thom invited him to speak on the fleet on Feb. 9 event open to the public; Chuck Newman requested a copy of the images and flyer Thom is preparing to broadcast the event on social media.
- Fleet Captain: There are about 27 kids for Sunday’s Kids Christmas Party ; thanked Ted for his assistance; Frank Pugliese is Santa this year; he will work with Chrissy on the 2023 calendar of events.
- HRBYCA, PC Jerry Soucie: trying to limit the amount of commercial anchorage on the Hudson; seems to be down at present; Jan. 31 meeting is at PYC.
- Audit: Audit years 2018 thru 2020 complete; this is the first time PYC received a satisfactory report in over ten years.
- ♦ Community Outreach, Chuck Newman: Thanked Rich Dashnaw and Marlon Mahon for their efforts with the Turkey Trot and anyone else who participated; next Blood Drive is Mar. 10; questioned the whereabouts of the club's reciprocity list; spoke with Matthew Rudicuff from Peekskill Council regarding development of the Fleischmann’s pier area; asked about the moorings in Travis Cove; would like to see more out there; many questions and issues followed; liability issue, who will use them, cost, how would they get out to them, etc.
- ♦ Equipment: The barges are out; the white pickup truck should be used for snow plowing.
- ♦ Ice: We have ice.
- ♦ Docks & Floats: The electrical wiring under the fixed dock needs to be secured.

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December 14, 2022 *(continued)*

Old Business

- ♦ Scott Rubin reported that the outlook was not good for investing the club's excess funds; business accounts offer very low rates and he spoke with a lot of banks; Chuck Newman said he would speak with Morgan Stanley.
- ♦ Issue of the website raised again; needs to be fixed ASAP; get the information board set up in the bar area and have events and other info on display.

New Business

- ♦ Welcome to Brian Mullins, PYC's new Rear Commodore; farewell to PC Dave Hylka.
- ♦ Audit Committee has a company — National Auditing Service and Consulting — that would audit all our Con Ed, water, etc., bills for the last 5 years; no cost to the club unless they find savings; the company would get 40% of the savings; the Audit Committee would manage this; motion to approve carried.
- ♦ Jim Daley for Sea Scout Ship 30: New vessels will be coming in and old going out; requested a donation form PYC.
- ♦ Al DeGaetano suggested that we add members to a "Kitchen Cleaning Committee" ; could be under the House Committee.

Action Items

- Audit past utility bills via National Auditing Services and Consulting; Audit Committee responsible.
- Toys for Tots Box; Dave Hylka and Fleet Captain.
- Kitchen clean up: call Rune, Chrissy and Frank to come up with a plan: Tony Spadaro.
- Sunshine December birthdays read.
- Dark Horse: Tony Masi
- Ship's Store: Tony Masi

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January 11, 2023

- Minutes of the Jan. 4 Board meeting were read for information only; minutes of the Dec. 7 Membership meeting were read and approved.
- Correspondence, RC Ted Brackenrig: Clubhouse request, Ray Forrest Feb. 19, Ed Pittman Mar. 14, Jim Burke Mar. 18.; motion to accept made and approved; Thank you letter from PC Tony Masi for all the good wishes, cards and visits from PYC members during his hospitalization.
- T PC Tom O'Connor: Read expenses paid to date, current bank balance and cash on hand; discussion on ways to deal with unpaid fees and balances; suggestions included posting, higher fees and stickers.
- FS PC Dennis McCoskey: All bills for 2023 have been sent out , including electric for all boats from 2021 thru 2022; any questions, call him; two members who are in arrears are posted on the board.
- Cmdr. Tony Spadaro: Moment of silence for Bob Hall; thanked the kitchen crew for an excellent meal; commended Chrissy, Frank and Rune for input at last weeks board meeting; kitchen is a great club benefit and all members need to cooperate keeping it clean; Frank Pugliese is chair of the Kitchen Committee, is in charge of ordering gas from Paraco; any issues with Paraco, get back to Frank.
- RC Brian Mullins: Has been assigned the task of communicating with committee heads and noting any problems they are having.
- ABC: Wanted clarification on who is responsible for ordering water and soda.
- Dockmaster: Reminded members to pay their slip fees by April or they will not be launched until they have paid them in full.
- Entertainment: Following up on their meeting with the Board, Chrissy, Frank and Rune have come up with a policy for the use of the kitchen which should limit the amount of waste food being stored, help keep the kitchen clean and functional at all times.

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A handout was distributed to the membership; several key items were noted:

1. The walk-in is for use of the Kitchen and Entertainment Committees. Parties can use it during the party, but all food etc. from the party is to be removed before they leave. Items will be tagged with dates and discarded accordingly.
2. Members are to use the small white refrigerator for storing any food items.
3. Utensils have been stored and organized, and anyone using the kitchen should make sure that they are replaced correctly.
4. Wipe down Microwave interior after using.

A new 2023 calendar of events is now available.

- Fleet Captain: Kids Christmas was the best we have had so far; 26 kids and their parents/grandparents attended; thanked Ted Brackenrig for his efforts and Frank Pugliese who was Santa
- Gas: Last season we had 225 sales totaling 9800 gallons of gasoline (\$44,000). Club usage was 122 gallons (\$465); not heard back from American Petroleum regarding the new equipment; will follow up.
- Historian: Anthony Musso will be at PYC on Feb. 9 to give a talk on the Mothball Fleet; trying to set up a date in April for a historical presentation on the Bear Mt. Bridge which is celebrating its 75th anniversary; suggested that in the fall we have a presentation on Bannerman's Island.
- HRBYC Jan. 31 meeting is at PYC; 6pm Happy Hour, 7pm dinner, 8pm meeting; should keep track of beverages at the open bar.
- eBay: Have Jim Daley reach out to Rich Dashnaw regarding the sale of old computer and printer.
- Recycling: \$29.15.

Old Business

- Walter Button Estate attorney has received all the paperwork from PYC; now waiting to hear back.

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- Bernie, Robby and others tied up the electrical wires under the fixed docks; need to find a way to move those wires and the water pipes to above the docks; Robby and Ed Santiago will put together a proposal.
- Moorings issue raised again; costs, access, etc. mentioned; nothing set in stone by Peekskill Council; discussion continue and we are far away from any idea of what will be required.
- Outdoor BBQ/grill; Chrissy said the club needs something bigger and better; after discussion, members approved spending up to \$2000.
- Oil tank still needs pump out; Ray needs check for \$450 to proceed.
- Investing excess funds; still no really good options; needs to be concluded.
- Riverkeeper Sweep on May 6 will not interfere with club's Kentucky Derby Party; should put it back on the calendar.
- People parking in the boat yard; have some sort of notification that says they should not block roadways; Commodore to get a sign for PC Jerry Souci to put in the yard.

New Business

- Chrissy said we need a couple of TVs for the Kentucky Derby Party; A motion to approve up to \$1000 for a TV was approved.
- Marlon Mahon made a motion to overhaul the website professionally to enable it to meet member needs (events calendar, etc.) and having it capable of reaching out to the public via social media; motion to have Peter Hall overhaul the site approved by the members.
- Robby said he would like to take the box of toys to a local food pantry and let them sell them and use the money to buy food for the needy; approved by the members.
- The Community Outreach calendar is set; Jerry Soucie asked for a donation for a couple of arts/music societies of \$250 each; motion approved by the members.
- Tom O'Connor suggested that next year we should revamp and simplify the payment process for the club's billing; members discussed this at length including discounts; the club pays a lot of money in credit card fees; it was suggested that there be a credit card up-charge; the discussion was tabled.

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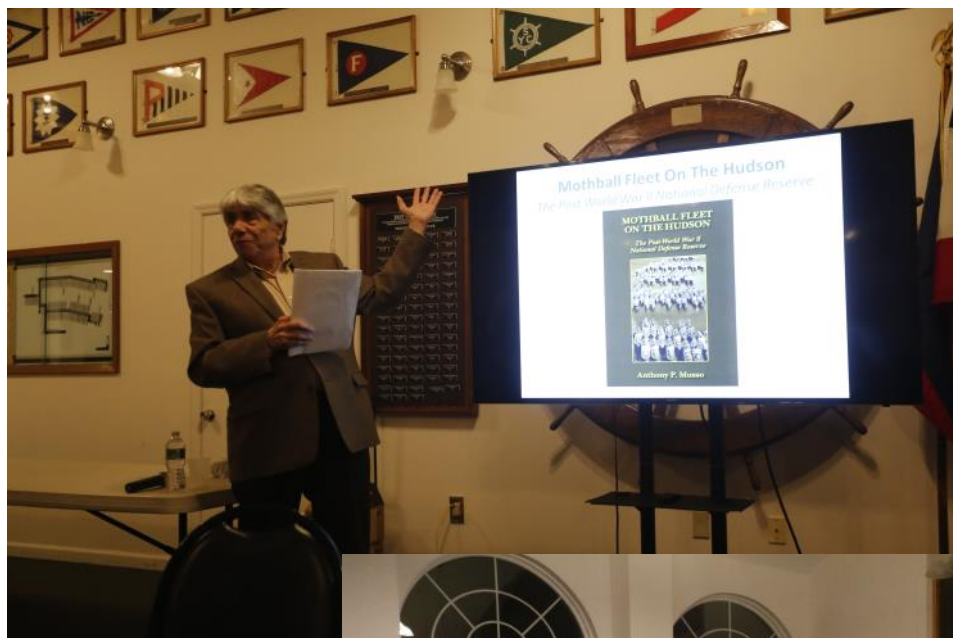
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- Cmdr. Tony asked Willie Fisher and John Macko to work on patches for the officers.

Action Items

- Electric and water lines proposal: Robby Teichman
- Parking signs for the boat yard: Tony Spadaro and Jerry Soucie.
- Sunshine: A sympathy card was sent to Ursula Hall; January birthdays were read.
- Dark Horse: Dave Hylka.



History author Anthony Musso's informative presentation on the Hudson River's Mothball Fleet on Feb. 9, 2023 was a big success according to those who attended. Some 65 members and club guests enjoyed the event which was part of the PYC's Community Outreach efforts. Thom Johnson is planning a similar event in April that will feature the Bear Mountain Bridge which is celebrating its 75th anniversary.



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