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Key to PYC success in 2023: teamwork, community engagement and active social calendar

by Commodore Tony Spadaro

I want to thank all the members, the committee chair persons, and the board for making 2022 a great year for boating on the Hudson. I especially want to thank PC Dave Hylka for his steadfast leadership throughout the year.

The key to Peekskill Yacht Club success in 2023 is not any one thing that a commodore brings to the table. Our success is directly proportional to the commitment of the membership and committee chair persons running the club. PYC is more than just about boating. Its diverse membership shares a long history of teamwork, community engagement, and an active social calendar for members, family and friends.

Team Work

Our working club model not only provides a cost-effective way to enjoy all aspects of boating; it also becomes a source of camaraderie and pride among our members.



Tony and Ava Spadaro wish all members, family and friends a happy holiday and successful and healthy new year.

This year our key challenges will be to work together to tackle critical projects such as the breakwater, fixed dock repairs and the TraveLift pit.

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2023 Flag Officers, Bridge and Trustees at the club's Christmas Party on Dec. 3 (from left) Rear Commodore Brian Mullins, Financial Secretary PC Dennis McCoskey, Vice Commodore Al Scannapieco, Trustee PC Bernie Calabro, Treasurer PC Tom O'Connor, Commodore Tony Spadaro, Trustee PC Dave Zedlovich and 2022 Commodore Dave Hylka. Not pictured are Recording Secretary Ted Brackenrig, Trustee PC Christian Lucks and Fleet Captain John Macko.

photo by Thom Johnson

Teamwork, community engagement and social calendar

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These projects are directly tied to our existence as a boat club. I have every confidence that our members and committee chairs will come together to move these and other projects ahead in the new year. Having said this, remember, there's always plenty of work to do but in the end, it is not all about working, it is about boating, being together and having fun.

Community Engagement

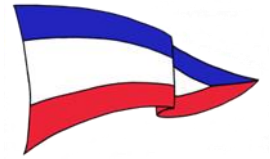
I am proud of our record in reaching out to the community. This year alone the club supported Red Cross blood drives, the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, the Peekskill Parks and Recreation Boat Ride for Kids, clubhouse support for many local organizations and much more. Since 1908 PYC has been involved in community support. By being an integral part of the community, we help pave the path for our continued presence on the waterfront for many years to come.

Social Events

Good food, good wine, and good times . . . and beer and boating too. Hats off to everyone who brought us a full calendar of social events that included the Kentucky Derby party, Commissioning Day and the Christmas party. Who could forget the beautiful sunset Tikki bar parties? It takes the entire club to plan, put on and clean up after each event. Did I mention clean up? It is all worth it. Our social calendar is our opportunity to unwind, to get to know each other and enjoy life. I can't wait to see what the 2023 social calendar has in store for us.

Finally, I am counting on your support in making 2023 a great year for Peekskill Yacht Club. I want to wish all members, family and friends a happy holiday and a successful and healthy new year.

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. 12	Super Bowl Party 4:00 pm
Mar. 1	Board Meeting
Mar. 8	Membership Meeting
Apr. 5	Board Meeting
Apr. 12	Membership Meeting
May 3	Board Meeting
May 10	Membership Meeting
Jun. 7	Board Meeting
Jun. 14	Membership Meeting
Jul. 5	Board Meeting
Jul. 12	Membership Meeting
Aug. 2	Board Meeting
Aug. 9	Membership Meeting
Sep. 6	Board Meeting
Sep. 13	Membership Meeting
Oct. 4	Board Meeting
Oct. 11	Membership Meeting
Nov. 1	Board Meeting
Nov. 8	Membership Meeting

Club House Reservations

January 17	Garden Club
February 25	Rob Mione
March 7	Garden Club
March 10	Red Cross Blood Drive

Dec. 6	Board Meeting
Dec. 13	Membership Meeting



**American
Red Cross**

**Blood
Services**

Good Morning Chuck (Newman),

Thank you for the great blood drive on Sept. 30.

Here are the results:

38 people registered to donate

4 donors were referred

35 units, including 1 POWER RED donation, were collected

105 lives potentially impacted.

I'm always so grateful for Peekskill Yacht Club's support of this lifesaving mission. It really makes a big difference to have such a regularly successful blood drive we can count on!

Susan Sommer
Account Manager/Lower Hudson Valley
American Red Cross Blood Services

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!!

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.

Yardmaster Al DeGaetano said members needing their jack stands should contact him and they will be brought to their spots.

VC Tony Spadaro said committee heads should contact him regarding what they need done at the next work party so he can assemble a list. They should get the info to him by Thursday of the week before.

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.

PC Keith Rapping thanked **PC Tom Radocaj** for new Life Member membership cards that will be sent to all those members.

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!!

Chrissy Colasurdo extended a big Thank You to all members, family and friends who showed up for a special post-Thanksgiving work party on Nov. 28 to decorate the clubhouse for the holiday season. *(Photos on page X show they did a beautiful job.)* Decorators were **Kathy & Tom O'Connor; Barb, Tim & Michael Halecki; Todd Gasinnas; Wade Richard; Peter Sanchirico; Robby Teichman; Dave Zedlovich; Al Scannapieco; John Edson; Chris Pittman; Ed Finnerty; Jerry Soucie; Tony Spadaro, Ted Anderson; and John Richardson** and fiancé **Laurie Abraham**. And it was a special evening for **Ceily Pugliese** and **Lisa Coyle** who were celebrating their 5th anniversary of meeting at PYC.

Membership Update

PYC Membership as of November 9, 2022

92 Active Members

3 Associate Members

Total Active Members 95

31 Life Members

1 Honorary Member

Total Members 127

— Recent Membership Changes —

November 2022

Tony Washington elected to
Full Membership

John Anderson elected to
Associate Membership

Len Proctor elected to
Associate Membership

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.

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

PC Dennis McCoskey said bills have been sent for the outstanding amounts. Oct. 1 is the due date for winter storage. He is trying to get all outstanding monies in by year's end so that the books can be zeroed out.

VC 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 boarding safety course and have record of its successful completion on file with the club.

PC Tom O'Connor shared a recent real estate ad for a Peekskill home with many plusses. adding, "All this within walking distance to DePew Park, Peekskill's Riverfront Green Park, Water Front Trail, Boat Launch, **Peekskill Yacht Club**, Restaurants, Brewery, and short drive to downtown Peekskill Art Galleries, Theater, Restaurants, Stores and Coffee Shops." Clearly, others believe our club is one of Peekskill's key attractions.

Welcome Aboard Our New Associate



Carl "Ted" Anderson

Elected: September 7, 2022
Boat: 39' Avenger
Boat Name: Miss Britt
Residence: Putnam Valley, NY
Profession: Construction contractor;
food truck owner/operator
Expected Contribution to PYC:
Can fix anything except electrical;
construction, cooking
Reason for Joining PYC:
Club is close to home and love the
area: members are good people and
membeship is very economical

Welcome Aboard Our New Associate



Kevin Wolff

Elected: September 7, 2022
Boat: not at this time
Spouse: Gina
Residence: Peekskill
Profession: Instructional Design
Consultant at Baruch College —
CUNY; Teaching with Technology
Expected Contribution to PYC:
Electrical work, general
maintenance; help in the kitchen
Reason for Joining PYC:
Members are great; lucky to be
part of a great group; everyone very
helpful

Welcome Aboard Our New Associate



Sheldon "Len" Proctor

Elected: November 16, 2022
Boat: 32' Sea Ray
Boat Name: F & F Showcase
Spouse: Ava
Residence: Yorktown Heights, NY
Profession: Deputy Director of Health Insurance, Teamster Local 237 , City Employees Union (NY)

Expected Contribution to PYC:
General maintenance; health insurance guidance and medical aid

Reason for Joining PYC:
Lived in Peekskill and knew some of the members; club has great facilities and good folks as members

Welcome Aboard Our New Associate



**John Richardson &
Laurie Abraham**

Elected: November 16, 2022
Boat: 37' Banjer
Boat Name: Will O' Wisp
Fiance: Laurie Abraham
Residence: Garrison, NY
Profession: Self-employed writer

Expected Contribution to PYC:
Rough carpentry; basic boat stuff; fiberglass maintenance

Reason for Joining PYC:
Moved to Peekskill because it's a fantastic location and so is PYC; like the idea of working with a community of boat owners

Welcome Back a Former Member



Brian Talbot

Re-Joined: **March 10, 2021**

Boat: **34" Formula PC**

Boat Name:

Spouse: **Charlotte**

Residence: **New Windsor, NY**

Profession: **Electrician for
Metro North**

Expected Contribution to PYC:

**Electrical work, general
maintenance, anything needed**

Reason for Joining PYC:

**Was a member for 15 years until
2010; want to get back into boating; al-
ways had a good time at PYC with good
people**

Birthdays



October

Kevin Barton

Michael Biasotti

Maxwell Coyle

Jim Daley

Will Faherty

Steve Galper

Bob Heitman

Bill Helm

John Macko

John F. Oswald

Chris Pittman

John Richardson

Stanley Rupinski

Tony Spadaro

Robby F. Teichman

Kevin Wolff

November

Ted Brackenrig

Don Dalton

Butch Gauthier

Brian Havranek

Larry Korson

Christian Lucks

Dennis McCoskey

Ed Pittman

John Powers

Frank Pugliese

John Ricci

Dave Zedlovich

December

John Berlow

Bernie Calabro

Brian Cook

Dave Doyle

Will Fisher

Ray Forrest

Steve Gargano

Rich Mikulak

Dave Morris

Neil Murray

Tom Radocaj

Al Scannapieco

Robby Teichman



Participating in Peekskill's annual Turkey Trot for the benefit of CHHOP were PYC members Marlon Mahon, Tony Washington, Frank Pugliese, Pete Sanchirico, Don McCoskey and Rich Dashnaw. As part of the club's community outreach effort, members contributed 15 turkeys and 4 hams to the noble cause.

CHHOP Caring for the Hungry & Homeless of Peekskill

Turkey Trot

Help support a great community cause!

1 mile race

A cartoon illustration of a brown turkey with a red wattle, wearing white sneakers and running towards the left.

Saturday, November 19, 2022
At the Gazebo in Downtown Peekskill
Registration: 8:00AM • Remarks: 8:45AM • Race: 9:00AM



Peekskill Yacht Club Members Share Long History of Teamwork, Community Service and Robust Social Calendars

Editor's note: This story — written and edited by Thom Johnson and Pete Goodale — is an updated version of an article about PYC in the 2020 Holiday Issue of Boating on the Hudson. A condensed version edited by Tony Spadaro will appear on the club's website www.peakskillclub.com.

The nearly 130 members of Peekskill Yacht Club (PYC) are justifiably proud of their accomplishments during more than 100 years at Travis Point on the Hudson River. One of the oldest clubs on the Hudson, it is a model for many other working clubs.

As a working club, members have their hands in every aspect of the operation. With a spacious and full-service clubhouse, basin with 84 slips and a dozen personal watercraft ports; a large storage yard and members-only gas dock and pump-out station, there's always plenty of work for everyone.

Members build and repair club docks and bulkhead; cook meals and tend bar at meetings and social events; clean the clubhouse; cut the grass; operate the Travelift to launch and pull boats; maintain all electrical, security and plumbing systems; operate the gas dock; archive club history; publish a club newsletter; and even support a club band for entertainment.

Working closely together to maintain club facilities, members from many backgrounds build friendships that enhance the value and rewards of membership. A diverse group -- from first responders and educators to businessmen and political leaders -- the club's membership reflects all segments of the community.

To remain in good standing, each member must complete a minimum number of work hours each year. Such efforts typically will focus on tasks requiring their special skills and preferences. For example, a member with carpentry skills would likely help build docks while someone without specific trade skills might help clean the clubhouse, painting, organize events, yard work or other general maintenance. Those with musical talents might choose to join the club band, The Work Hours.

In 2020 members took advantage of the COVID-19 closure of the clubhouse for all activities to paint its entire interior, refurbish utilities, and replace all carpeting that had been in place since the building opened in 2000. Masked, they spent many hours completing the project.

Members who know their way around a kitchen are always welcome. Prior to monthly meetings the galley crew serves up a meal that can't be beat: salad, main course, drink and desert for just \$5. Breakfast and lunch are often served at no charge during major work parties. And great meals are served at modest cost for families and friends during holiday events throughout the year and seasonal Tiki Bar happy hours on the dock.

We are also proud to have hosted Sea Scout Ship 30 for many years. The scouts use our clubhouse for meetings where they learn skills needed to navigate the Hudson and attend safe boating classes. The scouts also join in the ceremonies and festivities during our annual Commissioning the Fleet Day event.

Club members are often first responders when there are emergencies on the river. During the boating season club members keep a marine radio tuned to Ch. 16 so that when a distress call comes in we are able to respond and provide aid.

PYC has always supported City of Peekskill activities. As early as 1909, club members were part of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration on the 300th anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovery of the Hudson River. The club regularly participates in city parades, celebrations and fund raisers such as Toys for Tots and Turkey Trots.

This Peekskill Light includes current examples of PYC member commitment to Teamwork (Docks Out Work Party); Community Service (Turkey Trot) and robust Social Calendar (Christmas Party and Oktoberfest).

The club helps care for the city docks both at the Riverfront Green and boat launch, and hosts the city police boat in the yard where about a dozen transient boats are stored each winter. And the US Coast Guard Auxiliary meets in the PYC clubhouse, as does the city Garden Club. The club also hosts Red Cross blood drives in the clubhouse.

PYC's archives date the club's inception to 1903 when local residents joined to share their interest in boating. Chartered in 1908, the club in 1915 moved to Travis Point, one of the many beautiful spots on the Hudson. From the clubhouse the view is north-west across the Hudson to the South Gate of the Highlands, Dunderberg Mt. and Anthony's Nose.

Members of Peekskill Yacht Club maintain their clubhouse and grounds, teach safe boating, preserve club history, serve the local community, support the local economy and enjoy a robust social calendar. New members are welcome. Those who want to learn more about the club or to inquire about membership may go to the club's website.



Docks Out
Nov. 5 Work
Party photos
by Thom
Johnson





Thom Johnson captures the warm and friendly feelings of the holiday season in these photos of the club's Christmas Party .





Sharing good cheer at the Christmas Party





Sharing good cheer at the Christmas Party



Commodore Tony Spadaro receives the gavel of command from now PC Dave Hylka between Old and New Business during the December Membership Meeting.

photo by Thom Johnson



Sharing good cheer



PYC Authorized Contractors

As of December 19, 2022

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	1/8/23

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

Call Chuck at 914-907-4080 for more information.



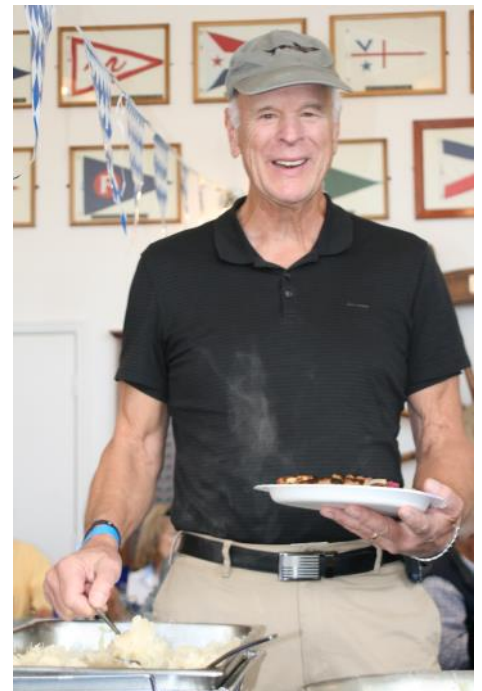


Santa visits kids Christmas Party at PYC





Oktoberfest at PDC Oct. 8, 2022



MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS

Selected from minutes reported by Vice Commodore Tony Spadaro

November 9, 2022

- Correspondence: Garden Club request for December clubhouse dates were read and approved; Rob Mione request for the clubhouse use on Feb. 25 was approved; the official calendar for the clubhouse should be the one in the executive lounge; the calendar of events in the display case should agree with the one in the executive lounge to avoid conflicting club and private requests for clubhouse use.
- Financial Secretary Report: Winter storage bills were sent to members who have not paid.
- T PC Tom O'Connor: Treasurer's report read and approved.
- VC Tony Spadaro: Reporting for Cmdr. Dave Hylka (recovering from COVID) that he would get notarized and mail the Button estate documents this week; Walter Button's will and gift to PYC was discussed; the will was sent to a para legal for review (PC Denis McCoskey); it was recommended to move forward and accept the gift of \$114,467.11; the board appointed Cmdr. Dave Hylka as its representative to sign and notarize.
- FC John Macko: Working with Chrissy on upcoming events.
- Gas and Vending: Matt Henry, if you owe money, pay up so we can close out the books.
- Membership: Tony Washington voted to active membership; Sheldon Proctor and John Richardson voted to associate membership.
- PC Rudy Spadaro: Make sure to look at tractor warning lights; running the tractor with warning lights could ruin it; don't run the tractor if you don't know what you are doing.
- Recycling: Reported recycle cash.
- VC Tony Spadaro: The light in the parking lot was repaired.
- RC Al Scannapieco: There is a little time remaining to work on the pit and breakwater; these projects are key to the club's existence; it would be good if we could get a crew to work on the breakwater before we need to take the barges out; it was suggested that a crew could take the boards up in select areas by the Tiki Bar ahead to allow a second crew to replace worn poles supporting the area.
- Breakwater: Weather permitting, will replace poles in thee Tiki Bar area before taking the barges out; looking for volunteers to remove decking to gain access to drive poles in and man the barge crew.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Selected from minutes reported by Vice Commodore Tony Spadaro

November 9, 2022 (continued)

- Carpentry: All docks in, working to repair docks.
- Chuck Newman: Reported on Turkey Trot.
- DEP: All up to date.
- RC Al Scannapieco: All docks out of the water; best time of the year for the dockmaster.
- Docks & Floats, PC Robby Teichman: All docks out of the water; repairs are being made to dock next to the shed in the yard.
- Work Hours: Please publish.
- Yardmaster Al DeGaetano: The yard is in good shape and the barges are out of the water.

Old Business

- Gas pump situation was discussed; the current system is old and failing; PC Tom O'Connor reviewed a quote from American Petroleum for a new pump reader, tax and a new computer for \$25,000; Tom also indicated that he received a quote for similar components, installation and tax from Gas Boy about \$10,000 more. Robby Teichman indicated that his contact was even higher; motion was made and passed to spend \$25,000 for new equipment; the club will continue to charge members \$.25 per gallon above cost.
- Wade and Ray mentioned that the oil waste tank needs to be pumped and that it would cost about \$400 plus extra charge by the gallon for contaminants other than oil; typically there would be about 20 or so gallons of contaminant; general consensus is this needs to be done regardless of cost.

New Business

- Ray said there is a need for a new pressure washer and asked the club for \$2500; PC Rudy said this was not necessary as the pressure washer was repaired and running; VC Tony asked Ray to investigate the need and come back with a proposal if necessary.
- PC Tom O'Connor presented information on ways to obtain interest on our money in the bank; he indicated that on average we would need to keep an operating balance of \$20,000 allowing us to invest the rest of the money residing in checking; the matter was discussed and it was agreed that Scott Rubin, PC Tom and Don Rizzo would further investigate and report to the board and club.
- Dark Horse, Ship's Store winners were read; Sunshine was announced.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Selected from minutes reported by Recording Secretary Ted Brackenrig

October 10, 2022

- Minutes of the Board Meeting on Oct. 5 were read for information only; minutes of the General Membership Meeting of Sept. 14 were read and accepted.
- Correspondence, RS Ted Brackenrig: Al DeGaetano requested use of the clubhouse on Nov. 27, 6-11 pm; for surprise birthday party; approved by the membership.
- Treasurer, PC Tom O'Connor: Details of the Oct. 5 financial report were read in the minutes of the Oct. 5 Board Meeting.; current bank balances were read; anyone wanting to see a breakdown of expenditures should see Tom.
- FS, PC Dennis McCoskey: Not present but asked that members please pay their winter storage fees promptly.
- Cmdr. Dave Hylka: The Riverkeeper meeting was very informative; spoke with one of the representatives about having a day where PYC helps clean up the river; striper slip a good idea; fixed docks would be utilized; he will check on the insurance liability but it would be a good source of revenue; dink docks Saturday at 8:30 am; Al DeGaetano and otters have been pulling boats and we are ahead of schedule.
- VC Tony Spadaro: Some people are getting to work parties late when most of the work is done; but there is a lot of work that can be done without a work party (mowing lawn, weed whacking, etc.); so if anyone says they are having an issue remind them of this; he will put together a list of such tasks and they will be available for members without having a full work party; committee chair suggestions will be added to the list.
- RC Al Scannapieco: Boats are coming out and all need to be out by Nov. 1 including those on the fixed dock; if your boat is coming out, check the schedule and get your request on it so we don't have conflicts; docks coming out Nov. 5; please check the equipment for oil before use.
- Cmdr. Dave Hylka: Thanked Frank Pugliese for excellent meal; Frank said he and crew will provide breakfast and lunch on Nov. 5, docks out day.
- Yard Master, Al DeGaetano: A hose blew in the pressure washer, will try to repair ASAP; boom truck was out of diesel; we received a delivery from Eastern Oil today; when pulling your boat, check with him as to where your spot is; we are moving things around so it may not be the same as last year; ahead of time, make sure the spot is clear and have your jack stands ready (in place and lubricated); described the best way to level the boat.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Selected from minutes reported by Recording Secretary Ted Brackenrig

October 10, 2022 (*continued*)

- Docks & Floats: Got a lot of work done on the fixed docks on Saturday getting everything ready for pulling the boats out.
- Entertainment: A great party this past weekend; had a full house; thanks to the kitchen crew; chili cook-off is cancelled due to lack of entries; Halloween Party RSVPs are going out; please respond promptly as it helps the planning.
- HRBYC: Great Riverkeeper meeting; lots of history given; next meeting at the end of November.
- Security: Please remove all valuables from your boats (electronics, fishing gear, etc.); leave the entrance to the cabin unlocked so if anyone does get onto your boat they won't break the lock mechanism.
- Breakwater: Wants to get a list of low tides when the work can be done; get operators and crew ready in advance so it can be executed in timely fashion; the fixed dock needs repairing ASAP; Monday work party should get the "flappers" bolstered; get someone with experience to do it; get tools ready and add an additional tool box to the work boat so they are not taking tools that are needed at the same time on the barge.
- Membership: 94 Active. 1 Associate, 31 Life, 1 Honorary, 127 members.
- Gas: Took in \$9800, \$1600 outstanding; 2000 gallons left in tank and will order more to top it off; closing the system down around Nov. 15.
- Ice: Have plenty.
- Dockmaster: All boats out by Nov. 1; docks out Nov. 5; this will enable us to get work done on the fixed docks; some bad weather could come our way so check your lines, etc.; please remember when you take your boat out, remove all the lines etc. from the dock or they will be scrapped.
- Recycling: \$38.50.

Old Business

- The upper lot is very dark; could be hazardous with ice in the winter; challenged the Electric Committee to find a solution; John Edson reminded us that is a city problem as previously stated; suggested that we contact PC Tom Radocaj to speak to the city to get this resolved; could be a big problem.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Selected from minutes reported by Recording Secretary Ted Brackenrig

October 10, 2022 (*continued*)

New Business

- Issue raised about extension cords laying around steel work table; look into getting another electric outlet.
- Robby Teichman says he has access to an air hockey table if the club wants it.
- Problem of the walkway at the south end of the club; now that it is getting darker earlier, people are crossing over and walking down the road; might need proper signage.

Elections

- Nominees

Commodore:	Tony Spadaro
Vice Commodore:	Al Scannapieco
Rear Commodore:	Brian Mullins
Financial Secretary:	Dennis McCoskey
Treasurer:	Tom O'Connor
Recording Secretary:	Ted Brackenrig

- Because of a single nominee for each position, it was motioned to cast 1 ballot for all positions; Recording Secretary asked the membership if they had any objections to the slate; since there were none, the motion was seconded and the slate was elected by verbal vote.
- Sunshine: Al Kress' family requested a donation to St. Jude's and \$250 was approved; a gift basket was sent to Todd Gasiunas on the passing of his mother; a fruit basket also sent to Bernie Calabro because of his surgery and hospitalization; October birthdays were read; clarification of monthly Sunshine budget for cake, etc.: \$40.
- Dark Horse: Dennis Egan
- Ship's Store: Tony Washington

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS

Selected from minutes reported by Recording Secretary Ted Brackenrig

September 14, 2022

- Minutes of the Board Meeting of Sept. 7, 2022 were for information only; minutes of the General Membership Meeting of Aug. 10 were read and accepted.
- Correspondence: Received a "Thank You" from the City of Peekskill Recreation Dept. for PYC's Kids Boat Ride and BBQ; those that participated made the kids feel like kings and queens; clubhouse requests approved for Peekskill PD (Sept. 27) and PC Dave Zedlovich (Nov. 5).
- Treasurer, PC Tom O'Connor: Read Sept. 14, 2022 financial report; please pay the storage fees so the account can be built up; bills have been sent out; anyone needing a copy let him know and he will send it to you; details of the report were previously read by the Recording Secretary; anyone wishing more details should contact him.
- Financial Secretary: Winter storage fee is due Oct. 1; please pay promptly.
- Commodore, Dave Hylka: City called to see if PYC can accommodate the Atlantic Testing Group; have been here in years past; have a pontoon boat stored just south of the play pen; a barge in the river taking core samples; any issue, contact the commodore; Pig Roast was a great party; everyone had a good time including Bernie who was tearing up the dance floor; Kids Ride was a fantastic event and thanked Tony Masi and all those who helped; made the Putnam paper.
- VC Tony Spadaro: Committee heads should contact him with what they want to do at next work party so he can assemble a list; should get to him by Thursday of the week before; reconfirmed the priority list of fixed docks, breakwater and TraveLift pit; thanked all those who put in the time to get the yard gate working properly.
- Yardmaster, Al DeGaetano: Anyone needing their jack stands, etc., contact him and they will be brought to your space.
- Dockmaster, Al Scannapieco: Still in active hurricane season so please check the lines, etc.; if severe weather is forecast, make sure to check your boat; you are not just protecting your boat your neighbor's as well.
- Carpentry, Robby F. Teichman: Great job replacing boards last Monday got 14 or so in before the rains came; still have about 14 to go so let's get them done.
- PC Robby Teichman: Removed the swim dock so he can repair it before it is stowed for the winter.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS

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September 14, 2022 (continued)

- Property & Grounds, PC Rudy Spadaro: Grass is growing again, need to start cutting; called dealer to have tractor serviced; charged \$800; that will not happen again; gaso-line and sump pumps are working again.
- Entertainment: Jamaican Party cancelled to lack of sign ups.
- HRBYC, PC Jerry Soucie: Meeting Sept. 27 at Washington Irving Boat Club; 6pm happy hour, 7pm diner at restaurant there; meeting starts at 8pm.
- Community Outreach: No member response for next week's Riverkeeper meeting; will be talking about the city's water supply as well as how fishable and swimmable the Hudson River is; also about the bass situation; Sept. 27 at 7 pm; would like to get \$50 for bottled water and snacks; at least 2 city council members will be present so PYC should make sure that it has a good member turn out to show the council we are good supportive tenants; Sept. 30 is the American Red Cross Blood Drive, noon to 5 pm; please sign up for this if you are physically able; pictures of the Kids Boat Ride, blood drive, etc. are posted on PYC's Facebook page; please visit the site and increase the "likes" and share with your friends to amplify the exposure.
- Equipment, Ray Forrest: US Hoist will be here tomorrow to inspect cables, etc.; by this weekend TraveLift will be ready to go.
- Membership: Life member Al Dress passed away recently; he joined the club in August 1990; club's most senior member; very nice man; membership observed a minute of silence in his memory; 91 actives, 2 associates, 31 life, 1 honorary, 125 total members; anyone with people interested in joining, reach out to Wade or Keith and they will take care of the application; several people coming in with large boats; 32ft, 37ft, and 39ft; PYC is running out of space for large boats so inform any potential members with large boats that slips are not guaranteed; PC Tim Halecki asked about available moorings; the club does not have moorings anymore; Kevin Wolff and Carl "Ted" Anderson were elected to associate membership; John Manifold voted to active membership; Sheldon Proctor and John Anderson will be posted on the board for 60 days; Willie Fisher asked about a screening process for applicants; the first year of associate membership is when the club decides if they are appropriate for membership.
- Kitchen: Commodore thanked them for a great meal.
- Ice: The next biggest bag size is 17lbs., so we'll stick with 5lb bags.

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September 14, 2022 *(continued)*

- Website, Marlon Mahon: Website will be updated with a couple of new pages: a communication will be sent to let members know it is there.
- Insurance: Updated contractor list is available; PC Dave Zedlovich is on it.
- Gasoline & Vending: 42 transactions totaling \$10,054; plus other usage \$19,049; price could be coming down soon.
- Marine Registrar, Don Rizzo: Some marina closures in the area could create a larger transient population for PYC; will talk to Al DeGaetano about the possibility of using more space for them; make sure insurance is kept in force over the winter; send copies of the renewal pages to registrar, and be sure to add PYC as additional insured.
- Recycling, Ernst Muller: \$53.80.

Old Business

- Robby Teichman: People he reached out to regarding the gas reader have not yet responded; Matt Henry also reached out to American Petroleum.; both will keep the club updated on their progress.
- Robby and Bernie Calabro are looking into alternative means of repairing the Travelift pit; pour a pillar on the end of the north wall and come around the side a little bit; requesting \$5000 for materials under general maintenance.

New Business

- Chuck Newman requested \$50 for water and snack for Riverkeeper meeting.
- Jim Doyle: Sea Scouts request use of the clubhouse on Sept. 21 for an open house recruiting session; also requested use of the clubhouse two Tuesday nights per month for their meetings; membership approved.
- Marlon Mahon responded to the situation about complaints about the lack of internet service on the docks; the problem is that the power cord is often disconnected in the ice house; will label the cord at the outlet so hopefully it will not happen as often.
- Chuck Newman raised the issue of lack of lighting on the upper parking lot; the pole that was there was knocked down by a Con Ed truck and there seems to be no realistic resolution for the club.

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September 14, 2022 (continued)

- PC Rudy Spadaro asked if the board could come up with a policy for accommodating early season striper fishermen at the club; other clubs in the area accommodate them and it would be good revenue for the club.
- Because of the number of members who head south for the winter, Rudy suggested Zoom meeting access for them, if only so they could listen in during meetings.
- The (new member) sponsorship issue was raised again but most agreed there is no real solution other than monitoring the associates in their 12-month probationary period and not voting them into active membership if they are lax in their responsibility.
- Work hours issue raised again; a suggestion was made to raise the amount that is charged for the shortfall; also noted that every associate should be given information on the work hours due. Also, new members should receive a copy of the bylaws; PC Keith Rapping said he was looking into that; he also requested a separate bulletin board for membership applications, etc.
- Keith introduced new associate Kevin Wolff to the membership.

Election Nominations

- Al DeGaetano made a motion to open nominations for the upcoming year.
- Nominations as follows: Brian Mullins, Rear Commodore; Al Scannapieco, Vice Commodore; Tony Spadaro, Commodore; PC Dennis McCoskey, Financial Secretary; PC Tom O'Connor, Treasurer; Ted Brackenrig, Recording Secretary; PC Bernie Calabro, Trustee.
- Sunshine: September birthdays read.
- Dark Horse: Dave Zedlovich
- Ship's Store: Vinny Vesce



Not all Work Hours are the same

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