

Calendar of Events

- Mar 19** Private Rental
- Mar 22** Cruising and Safety Gear Seminar – 6:00 pm
- Apr 4** Monthly Board Meeting – 6:30pm
- Apr 12** Racing Seminar with PSA – 7:00pm
- Apr 30** New Members Party – 6:00pm
- May 2** Monthly Board Meeting – 6:30pm
- May 14** Docks In/ Work Day – 8:00am

KPYC New Members Party

Saturday April 30th at 6:00pm

Join us for our

New Member's Welcoming Martini & Hors d'Oeuvre Party.

Come for fun, food, folly and to watch the New Members perform our bizarre initiation dance! (just kidding).

We will provide vodka martinis and cosmopolitans for the brave!

You bring anything else that you'd like to drink

and your FAVORITE HORS D'OEUVRE, APPETIZER, FINGER

FOOD...you get the picture!

We'll have another wicked fun 50/50 raffle so bring lots of your

Husband's money!

Any questions call Janet 430-9294

Friends & Potential New Members are Welcome!

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NEWSLETTER

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Vice Commodore's Message

As I write this between snow storms, boding this season seems a long way off. I was recently forwarded information from a few lucky KPVC friends that are cruising in warmer climates this season. Norm and Judy Woods were recently sighted at Monument Island near Miami Beach, at a the Seven Seas Cruising Association gam. This is their 5th winter south, normally with the Bahamas as their destination, aboard "Integrity". They summer in Little Harbor, NH, and points east along the Maine Coast. We recently heard updates from Greg and Lisa Smith aboard Indigo, a J-44. This is their first cruise to the Caribbean, leaving Portsmouth last fall, on to Norfolk, where they participated in the rally with 45 other boats, for the offshore crossing to Tortolla. After making the crossing, they have been winding their way down island- Christmas in Caneel Bay, on to St. Martin, St. Barts, Iles Des Saintes, Dominica, Martinique and last report was 3-6-05 from St. Lucia. It sounds as though they are adapting well to the cruising life. Their two sons are being home schooled on board this winter. Their plans are to return to NH this summer. Lynn and I were able to get away this winter for a charter out of St. Martin, we looked for the Smiths but were ahead of them by two weeks. They were waiting for the famous Christmas winds to drop for the passage from Virgin Gorda to St. Martin, which blew steady for weeks. Now back to reality-lots of good things happening at the club. Take a look at our Education and Racing Schedules. These events are open to all. If you are new to the club, or want to get re-introduced to the club, these are a great way to join in. If your interest is racing or crewing, stop by and let a board member or officer know. The PSA web site lists many spring and summer activities, with racing the main focus. New tenants have moved in upstairs. Rumor has it they are sailors and may join the club. Welcome Aboard to our many new KPVC members. We have a big party planned for 4-30-05 of this year. Please come and welcome them in. We have a docks- in date scheduled for 5-14, always a sure sign of summer. Lastly we have been interviewing for our two seasonal club positions-as of today they are still open. Any leads contact me, Keith, Ernie or John. The positions are again posted in the classified section. Think spring, see you at the club.

Jim

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KPYC Education Seminars for 2005

All seminars start at 7:00 at KPYC
www.kpyc.net for directions

January 11th:

Cruising 101 & Electronic charting

An overview of how to plan a short cruise is presented, covering boat, gear and planning. Eric LaRose of Navtronics will present advances in Electronic charting.
(Sheldon Haynie & Eric LaRose from Navtronics)

February 8th:

Introduction to Racing Rules & sails

Review of the new 2005 Racing rules and the changes therein with a presentation from North Sails on new materials and designs for racing sails (Instructor TBD & Rob Muschamp of Anson/North Sail)

March 22nd: Cruising 102 & Safety Gear at 6pm

How to plan and make passages & Intro EPIRB/Liferafts (Sheldon Haynie & Chris Harrison from Chase Leavitt)

April 12th: Racing Seminar with PSA

(topic be determined)

May 10th: Rigging & Engine commissioning

(Dave Reynolds-Shark Sailing & Sandy Hislop-GBM)

June TBD Intro to Buoy Racing & J-24 Tuneup

On the water BYOBoat

July 12th: Cruise slide presentations from members, Lessons learned with Dollar night offer

August 9th: Racing tactics and video critique (getting ready for the Red hook?) offer race at Dollar night

September 13th: Winterizing (inwrite local boat yards to participate)

October, November, December: Sails, new gear, etc.

Racing Report

THE KPYC 2005 RACE SCHEDULE

J-24 Tune up:	Monday, June 6th 5:30 PM
John Paul Jones Race	Saturday, June 18th Noon Start
Whaleback Race:	Saturday, July 16th Noon Start
Lobster Regatta	Saturday, September 17th Noon Start
Single Handed Challenge	Saturday, September 24th Skippers meeting 9:00 AM, Noon Start.

Welcome to the 2005 race season. KPYC is planning five race events this year. The season will kick off with a J-24 on the water tune up session, a series of short races with Will Welles of Quantum Sails moving from boat to boat showing skippers how to get the most from their boats. This event was very well received last year and is back by popular demand.

The John Paul Jones Race will be the first weekend race held on June 18th, as with all KPYC races, it is open to everyone. In July, the Whaleback Race returns with its popular round the Isle of Shoals format. The Lobster Regatta and the Single Handed Challenge will round out the season in September.

If you have never raced your boat and are not certain of what it involves, attend one of the racing seminars this spring. I would be happy to provide you with a provisional handicap so you can give it a try.

The format of the Tuesday & Thursday evening races sponsored by the PSA has changed this year with PHRF racing on Tuesdays and J-24 one design racing being moved to Thursdays. The hope is that this new format will reduce crowding on the course and free racers to man the committee boat.

KPYC will sponsor the traditional dollar night social immediately following the Tuesday night race on the last Tuesday of the month. Every Thursday during race season, immediately following the J-24 race, there will be a social at the KPYC with chowder and salad served, thanks to Leonard Seagren.
Hope to see you on the water.

Best, Andy



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MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

Our new member classifieds section is FREE for membership use, email ads to dhenm@pccconnection.com or send to: Dunja Hein, 6R Topaz Cir., Derry, NH 03038

2 YACHT CLUB POSITIONS For 2005 Season. Kittery Point Yacht Club Seeks: Experienced LAUNCH OPERATOR, 40 hours/week, includes weekend hours. For interview call Keith 603-234-1910 **ADULT SAILING SCHOOL DIRECTOR** to supervise the Seacoast Sailing School, 11 week full time position, Mon-Thurs., with good salary commensurate with experience. For interview call John 603-433-9811

BERMUDA TO NEW ENGLAND CALL FOR CREW

Hello, its about time to start planning for the return of Indigo to her home port in Portsmouth. We depart on 1 may from Tortolla to Bermuda. On that trip, the family will be on board. Glen and a friend of his have signed up for this leg, so there is potentially one more slot for this.

Lisa and the kids will be departing from Bermuda to Texas so I will need a full crew. Plan is to keep it to experienced sailors only and keep the boat moving well. Will plan on a crew of 5-6 in order to keep the shifts short, but 4 would be sufficient so we might take on a developing sailor if we have a core of experienced folks.

We depart Tortolla on 1 May and figure 4-7 days, depending on wx. Will depart Bermuda not earlier than 10 May, but delays in arrival from Tortolla could possibly cause this to slip. (not that likely) We will wait for a wx window out of Bermuda, so the 10th will have to remain tentative right up to the last minute. We will use Commander's wx and base our departure date on their forecast. Our landfall will be determined by the winds/seas. Hampton is slightly closer than Newport or Portsmouth, but not that much so. (there will be other boats from the rally going North as well) therefore, if at all possible, we will go directly to NH. Here is a trivia question for you: what's closer to Bermuda, Portsmouth NH or Nova Scotia? Surprised me when I saw this)

So it is time to let me know if you are interested. I will need commitments by 30 March, after that I will start signing up crew from the 1500 provided list, but I would rather do this with folks I know. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested or if you have a qualified friend who is.

By the way, we are in Anse de Marin in Martinique, provisioning in the last of the French isles, before heading off to St Lucia. All is well.
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