



Petit Manan Yacht Club

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PMYC Newsletter 2024

Hello PMYC Members,

About 30 members and guests converged on Fred Strout's back yard last Saturday. We had a nice social hour, a delicious meal of lobsters and pork ribs and member-provided side dishes, and conducted the yacht club's annual meeting.

Here's a brief summary of the annual meeting:

- Interim Commodore Rob Feeney (me) opened the meeting by thanking Fred, Bill and Christine Strout for once again hosting the gathering at their house on Ray's Point Rd and helping with the setup. I also thanked the current PMYC board members and officers for their service to the club and welcomed several new members to the club.
- Club member Linda Ysewyn slipped me a note during the meeting with this message, which I conveyed to those present: "Hold in our hearts the passing of Alan Krulisch, the steady captain of Cracker Jack... and we welcome Kathleen" Thank you Linda for this thoughtful contribution.
- George Arey Sr had suggested to me that we reinstate the "vice-Commodore" officer position to provide more depth and resilience to the club's leadership. George also found a member willing to take on that role. During the meeting we changed the club by-laws to re-create the vice-Commodore position and elected Sasha Alsop as vice-Commodore. Thank you and congratulations to Sasha for stepping into this role! All existing officers and board members of the club agreed to retain their current positions for the next year.
- Club Treasurer Sandy Gellis gave us a brief financial report. Cash on hand is down somewhat (and has drifted down the past couple of years) and membership is down somewhat.
- George Arey Sr (aka "the ancient mariner") gave us a waterfront report, including: some of the damaged docks are in Bangor awaiting repair that George will pay for. He also reminded us about the upcoming Hemmenway Regatta, which will take place at noon on August 10th (see <https://petitmananyachtclub.com/hemenway-regatta> for details) Thanks in advance to Bill Strout for providing and operating a Committee/chase boat for the race. Contact George at 207-546-1168 if you'd like to ride along on one of the boats in the race.
- There was some discussion of the current state of the sailing dinghy fleet. There are currently 2 Kingfishers (basic 12 foot sloop rigged boats), one of which is rigged and ready to use. There are 2 Dragonfly's on shore, complete but not currently rigged. The Dragonfly's are 14 feet and significantly sportier than the Kingfishers (more sail area and less stable-- but fun to sail if you're fairly athletic). I am advocating keeping this scaled down fleet in hopes of seeing more interest in dinghy sailing.
- There was some discussion about the future of the club and how it can best serve the needs of its members. Right now I think we all want to enjoy Maine's brief summer; then starting this fall I intend to begin speaking with members about the club and exploring changes we want to consider.

SCHEDULE CHANGE -- Tom and Debi Baughman are hosting the August PMYC potluck, but they need to change the date from Aug 17 to Aug 24. The change has been updated on the club calendar at <https://petitmananyachtclub.com/calendar>. Hope to see you there! More details will follow as the event gets closer.

Be well and thank you to all members who participated in the lobster bake and annual meeting, and to those who've made it to the end of this long and wordy email message!

Best Wishes,
Rob Feeney
Commodore/Secretary
Petit Manan Yacht Club