



## Commodore's Corner, by Eric Baller

It's time to start thinking summer. The driveway is no longer blocked by snow, there are people at the club again, and we have PMI business to take care of.

Right now, the people at the club are mostly trimming trees. Every few years, the Trust pays for tree maintenance, and it's been a while, so there is quite a bit to do. Before spring cleanup, two potentially dangerous trees will be removed. Then in the fall, additional work will be done on trimming back the remaining trees. Importantly, the recent planting of sea grass at the top of the beach won't be disturbed.

Spring cleanup is scheduled for April 24th. At a recent Board meeting, we decided that the outdoor, distanced nature of the work and the increasing rate of vaccinations among members would allow us to go back to a traditional one-day Saturday clean up. Look for details from Peter here in the Mainsheet.

We'll also use April 24th to conduct a Business Meeting and review some additional changes to the Bylaws. See details of that meeting and a summary of the Constitution and Bylaw votes in this Mainsheet.

Rich Bilsback, our Membership Chair, reports a good flow of membership renewals and new applications this year. Also in this issue, you'll find an update from our new Dock Master, Linda Rohlfing, on making sure you have space for your boats.

See you all soon!  
Eric



First to "swim" Claire Cooney and Isabelle Donahue, March 20





## Weekend Dinghy Sailing, Kelly Vore

We had a great dinghy sailing season last year, with around 20 boats competing throughout the season. We had a very competitive Sunfish vs Laser challenge. Lasers were the 2020 champions, although the Sunfish put up a strong showing. If you are new to the club or an existing member who wants to join Sunday Dinghy Sailing, please shoot me an email [voretex25@gmail.com](mailto:voretex25@gmail.com) with your name and boat type. As a reminder, dinghy sailing will be at 1:00 pm on Sundays. We look forward to another fun season in 2021!



## Current Membership stats report

	Paid		Non-
	Membership	Non-Boater	Boater %
Family	29	10	
Senior	27	7	
Single	14	2	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27.14%</b>
Recip.	5	3	
Inactive	2	2	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	
Honorary	3	0	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>24</b>	

Membership Chair  
Rich Bilsback

### Important Note:

Due to the weather forecast (some below freezing temps), in the next couple of weeks, we decided to delay turning on the water for PMI. We will tentatively look at the third week of April.



## From the Dockmaster, Linda Rohlfing

Welcome Everyone to Spring at PMI!

This is my very first Spring at PMI! As I am a rather new member to this wonderful sailing club and now Dock Master, I will do my very best to serve everyone in this new role.

As usual, the new updated 2021 membership cards will be distributed during the Spring Clean-up day on April 24th. If for any reason, you will not be able to pick up your new membership card on that day, I will arrange to either mail them to your primary address or I will leave them on site in a lock box. If the lock box is needed, I will inform everyone where it will be with the combination so you are able to access your member card as soon as possible after spring clean up.

The membership card will have the newly assigned combinations to access the:

- main gate,
- the restrooms and restroom supply closets,
- the new waterfront pavilion door,
- the cat-wheel and dolly shed,
- the patrol shed,
- your storage shed assignment.

Car and Boat stickers will be distributed as needed at a later date as we are in the process of ordering more.

In regards to boat, trailer and gear storage, there is no current plan to make any changes to your previously assigned shed, dry sail or dock wall location(s) unless there is some physical issue such as high / low water levels or shed / dock damage. If you are new to the club and in need of storage, I will work with you to find that space. If you would like to request a change in storage assignment(s) or need to report needed repairs or any other issues about your space(s), please contact me using the information below.

If you have any other questions or concerns, I welcome you to contact me via email ([linda.rohlfing@gmail.com](mailto:linda.rohlfing@gmail.com)) or call 585-766-9073 to leave me a message.





## Peter Stubler, Vice-Commodore

Spring Cleanup will be **Saturday, April 24 starting at 8:30**. This year will feature a partial return to pre-COVID traditions. In recognition that many of our members will be vaccinated and the relatively low transmission rate for outdoor activities, we will be hosting the cleanup as a group event. We will try to work as family groups, but bring your masks for when we are working closely with other members.

The day will begin with coffee and donuts. Bring your rakes, tarps, yard tools, and gloves to aid in the clean up and placement of picnic tables. We will **NOT** be hosting a pot-luck lunch (we'll save that for next year).



## Tom Hooker, Member-at-Large

I'm the "Member at Large",

My function is to be the general members' conduit to the board, especially with items you wish to keep anonymous.

(You are always welcome to attend board meetings, just cannot vote on issues)

Best way to contact me is text (my cell is 585-957-4416) then call.

My email is [tomtwh@cs.com](mailto:tomtwh@cs.com), I check every few days.

I plan to be getting a Total Knee Replacement on May 28, so will not

be too active for most of the season, but will try to be helpful

Thanks,

Tom Hooker

## Marketing, Steve Harkola

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*Thanks* to all of you who have been posting, commenting

and liking/ sharing on <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pultneyville-Mariners/187684157934775>) and Instagram,

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### Rich Seyfried, Clerk of the Works for Pavilion

#### **Pavilion & Prep Area Update**

A major portion of the Pavilion & Kitchen Prep Area was completed last year. This year the hood over the stove and griddle will be completed with work starting in early April. Due to cost, we went with a steam exhaust since we do not have a fryer. We are custom building the exhaust hood with donated components (Thanks Bill LaForest) which will save the club several thousands of dollars. Our resident Electrician and Plumber, and I might mention "jack of all trades" (Irv Prodrick) has tons of experience on designing and installing commercial exhaust hoods. He will be the lead on this project. If you run into Irv, please stand him back up and thank him. We will be asking for help from club members to install the front panel section of the exhaust hood, so watch the Mainsheet for the up-coming work party. We will need several step ladders for the panel install; six to eight footers should work fine. We had a fan come loose from its mount in the pavilion this winter due to high winds and it looks like it suffered some damage. We will investigate. On that note we will be passing the hat for donations to purchase two more fans for the pavilion: Each fan is about \$100.00 + tax. We are in need for some upper and lower cabinets for the kitchen prep-area, West wall. If you have some to donate that would be a great. We will be working with the Williamson Water Department for coordinating and installing a new updated water meter which will record our usage only. This will be a cost savings for the club. With warmer weather on the way, we are asking the 'League of Woman Painters' to step out of retirement again and paint the cabinet doors for the server and electrical box. We will be completing other projects as funding becomes available. Think outdoor pizza oven. Remember Covid-19 rules are in play and are changing daily, mask up, stay six feet away and elbow bumping greetings are still OK. We will have a great year at PMI, see you at the beach.

## Business Meeting April 24th on Bylaw Updates

The revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws that were reviewed at our annual meeting have passed. Liz Hoogesteger and her committee did an incredible job working through both documents, incorporating views of many members, and coming up with language that best fit the needs of the club. That effort resulted in approval of all changes, with strong agreement on most sections. The new Constitution and Bylaws are posted on the members-only area of [sailpmc.com](http://sailpmc.com).

There was, though, additional discussion at the meeting and concerns in a few areas that Board felt it needed to address. We looked carefully at the discussion from the annual meeting and the feedback returned with ballots to reexamine a few of the updates. With the new Constitution in place, Bylaw revisions can be done at a regular Business Meeting with a sufficient quorum, so we have scheduled a meeting for immediately following the spring cleanup, at noon on April 24th. (I may be optimistic about saying cleanup will be done at noon, but the more hands we have the more likely that will be).

The following areas were of particular note and were discussed:

- The one week advanced party permit required for more than six guests, even on weekdays, can reduce the spontaneous enjoyment of the club by small groups and extended families when little else is going on. The Party Permit / Social Committee should have more flexibility to set up a process that works well for everyone, which would require an adjustment to the current Bylaws.

- There was some discussion and confusion if members could still car-top boats to the club. That is allowed by the current Bylaws for both boating members and non-boating members. The Bylaws are written to prevent launching of trailered boats that are not registered with the club, but there is nothing preventing the use of carry-in kayaks etc. For those that prefer not to carry things in, the club does have affordable space available to store your kayak or canoe. No changes needed.

- Restrictions on RVs didn't take into account traditional ways campers could enjoy the club or the informal but long-standing rules that had been established. A team is looking to propose updates to this section which will continue to allow the quiet enjoyment of the club by all members.



- There was further discussion on reciprocal memberships but no changes were proposed. The Board and membership already have the ability to set the cost of each membership category each year.

The Board will be reviewing proposed changes to the text of the Bylaws at its next meeting. Board meetings are held the third Monday of each month and, depending on weather, may be held via zoom (contact me for the link). The proposed changes will then be presented for discussion and vote at the business meeting on the 24th.

Eric

## HELP WANTED

We have one role still open for the 2021 season,  
and it's an important one:

**Sail Patrol / Duty Officer Coordinator.**

Please contact Peter Stubler  
at [peter.stubler@gmail.com](mailto:peter.stubler@gmail.com) to volunteer.



*Lots of wind this winter  
Beach grass Survives and begins its  
job of building a dune*

*AND...*

*This from one of our new members...*

ISO (In Search of) a Catamaran  
I am interested in buying a HOBIE 18  
David Borkhuis <[dborkhuis@gmail.com](mailto:dborkhuis@gmail.com)>

Be Looking for news of Social Events from  
Our New Social Chairs and Party Permit Coordinators



Gene and Vinnie Watson  
Caroline Cooney

*Friday Night Happy Hours start as soon as  
Weather and Beach conditions allow*

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**...and a Note from the Mainsheet Editor**

Any items for publication should be sent to me as you think of it - I will store and use in the next Mainsheet. Don't worry about deadlines, just send to me at [c4js17@yahoo.com](mailto:c4js17@yahoo.com) as you think of the wonderful ideas that you want to share with the membership. It is my hope that COMMUNICATION will help to grow the sense of community that PMI has always fostered. *Carol May*