

Portsmouth Propeller Club

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Piscataqua River Evening Cruise – Monday, August 21st

The Propeller Club has chartered *The Heritage* for a 90-minute cruise from its dock on Ceres Street to Newington and back Port Director Geno Marconi and personnel from operating terminals along the river will offer commentary on current and future plans for their facilities.

The cost of the cruise is \$40 per person. Beverages can be purchased on *The Heritage*. Light snacks will be served. Free parking will be available at Granite State Minerals from 5pm until 30 minutes after *The Heritage* returns.

There are still a few tickets left for the cruise. <https://portsmouthpropellerclub.wildapricot.org/event-5330742>

Dinner Meeting - Thursday, September 14th

Our September 14th speaker is Steve Wittrock, Captain USCG (ret). Wittrock was the Commanding Officer of the US Coast Guard Cutter Katherine Walker, homeported in Bayonne NJ on September 11th, 2001. After he and his crew watched the tragic events unfold, they quickly responded as one of the first Coast Guard cutters on scene. Wittrock will discuss the immediate response to support the safe maritime evacuation of a half million persons off the island of Manhattan along with recovery operations followed by the emerging security concerns in NY Harbor and all ports throughout the nation. Captain Wittrock will then highlight the transformation that the Coast Guard went through over the next several years up to today to meet the challenges of the new understanding of potential security threats in the maritime environment.

Thanks to the hard work of Roger Groux, the Club will be meeting at Grill 28 at Pease Golf Course in September and October.



Grill 28 is located at 200 Grafton Road in Portsmouth. The price for members and their guests is \$50.00. Follow this link to register: <https://portsmouthpropellerclub.wildapricot.org/event-5382653>



Flotilla400 and Raffle Drawing

Sadly, weather forced the cancellation of the July 27th Sail Portsmouth's Parade of Sail, the Propeller Club's "Flotilla 400" and the Blessing of the Fleet. Over 100 boaters had submitted raffle tickets for the \$1000 gift card donated by Hamilton Marine. On August 10th, Jo-Ann St. Marie from Hamilton Marine selected Jacki Chisolm from Dover as the lucky winner. Jacki and her guest will receive their gift card from Belinda Grant of Hamilton Marine on August 21st during the river cruise.

Portsmouth400 has asked the Club to investigate Sunday, September 24th as reschedule date for a boat parade and blessing of the fleet. The event will depend on getting commitments from boaters, permits, and, of course, weather on the day of the event. If you and your boat would like to participate on September 24th, please register here. <https://portsmouthpropellerclub.wildapricot.org/event-5381450>

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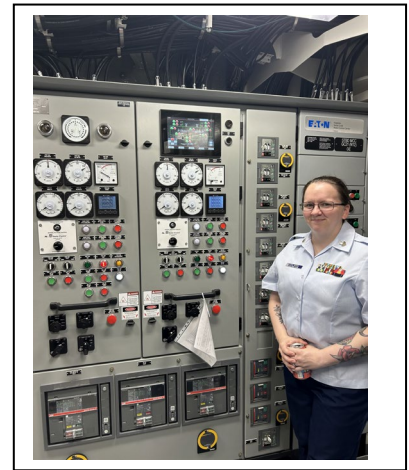
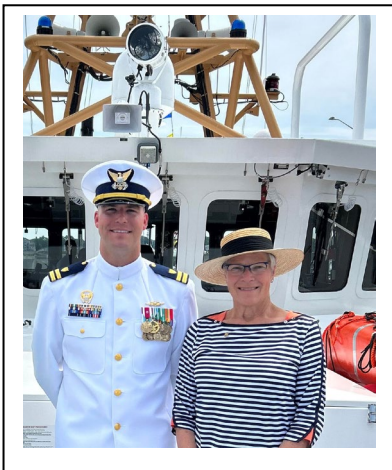
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USCG Cutter James Paterson Commissioning

August 10 was an important day for our USCG Sector with the commissioning of *USCG Cutter James Paterson* in Portland. Club President Wendy Lull was invited to attend the very moving ceremony. The ship was brought to life as the command was given to her Commanding Officer, Lt. Vaughn Gehman and her crew. "It was an honor to attend this event. When the order was given to Break the Admiral's flag, you could feel the pride and sense of great responsibility of her crew. That sense was carried through during the tour. Everyone we spoke to was eager to put their new training and the ship's new capabilities to work. EM1 Vennevel showed off the control panel for "her" two 20-cylindar MTR marine diesel engines that can take that ship up to 28 knots."

The Sentinal-class is the next generation of patrol boats, and game-changer for the CG surface fleet. These Fast Response Cutters (FRCs) serve search and rescue, counter drug, migrant interdiction, fisheries regulations management and homeland security missions--every USCG mission except ice breaking. The FRC is 154 ft, 353 long tons and draws 9.5 feet and has about 4 miles of wires to accommodate her advanced electronics and communications.. She is able to perform multi-day patrols, accommodate mixed gender crews in far more comfortable conditions specifically designed to improve morale and thus efficiency on long patrols. She is armed with four crew-served machine guns and a remotely operated chain gun.

The next commissioning of these new FRCs in our coast guard sector will be here in Portsmouth in October.



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New Member Welcome

The Propeller Club would like to welcome new member, Priscilla MacInnis.

July Vessel Transit Report

Vessel and Towing Tug	Cargo	Date In	Tide	Weather	Date Out	Tide	Weather
		LT/DK			LT/DK		
IVER PROSPERITY	OIL	7/2 LT	H	RAIN	7/3 LT	H	O'CAST
FAIRWINDS LEGION	CABLE	6/19 LT	L	CLOUDY	7/11 LT	H	FOG
THORCO LEGACY	CABLE	7/12 LY	H	CLEAR	X	X	X
ROWAYTON EAGLE	SALT	7/14 LT	H	RAIN	7/17 LT	L	HAZY
DENSA DOLPHIN	SALT	7/18 LT	H	HAZY	7/22 LT	H	CLEAR
NEW ENGLAND	OIL	7/19 LT	H	HAZY	7/20 LT	L	CLEAR
PALNCA CADIZ	ASPHALT	7/22 LT	H	CLEAR	7/23 DK	L	HAZY
COURAGEOUS	GYP	7/25 LT	H	CLEAR	8/1 LT	L	CLEAR
ATLANTIC ASPHALT	ASPHALT	7/25 LT	L	CLEAR	7/27 DK	L	CLEAR
PYXIS KARTERIA	OIL	7/29 LT	H	CLEAR	7/30 LT	H	CLEAR

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