

# PMYC LOG 2018 WINTER NEWSLETTER

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Please contact your officers or Board Members with your ideas and suggestions to improve our club and better serve our members.

Welcome to 2018! Hope everyone had great holidays and were able to stay warm. The Milbridge area has seen some pretty cold weather that has us looking forward to when we can be putting some boats in the water and getting together to share Winter's stories.

## **PMYC Membership Dues for the year 2018**

Dues will remain \$60 for individual and \$120 for a family. Please make checks payable to the PMYC and mail to:

Petit Manan Yacht Club P.O. Box 273 Milbridge ME 04658

Please note that the early payment discount is no longer available. There seemed to be confusion regarding how this program was to be implemented, so we're going to keep it simple. As always, dues must be paid prior to participating in club functions (pot lucks, kayak trips, etc.).

### **PMYC Web Site**

We are developing a new Web Site for the club. Wren McMains has turned over development and maintenance of the club's web site. Look forward to seeing a new site this summer. Many thanks to Wren for all the support he provided through the web site. We look forward to his continued advice as the club continues to operate. One of the option we are looking at for the new site is a Facebook page. Some feedback on whether this would work for folks is important to what the board will ultimately decide.

# Kayaking

2017 PMYC kayak paddlers had a dynamic season. Throughout the season club members took advantage of a locally offered course in kayak orientation (see below). In conversation with participants everyone was impressed with the wealth of information Craig addressed which gave us confidence in basic skills and safety.

Our first paddle of the season took place at Long Pond in T-10. With perfect weather and small group we enjoyed easy padding and a picnic on the beach.

Thanks to members Donna & Joe Merkel and Barrie & Kipp Latzko. Each couple organized a wonderful kayak outing at their residence followed with the most amazing food spread. Great job!

We are hoping to add some links for kayak supplies and rental to the new web site for those that are new to the sport. Look for it!

Call Anne Arey with any kayak questions. 1-207-837-5515

## **Kayak Instruction**

Craig Shipp of Steuben will be offering kayak instructional courses again this summer. Although this training is not a club function, there were many club members that took advantage of it in 2017. Craig is an American Canoe Association (ACA)-certified kayaking instructor and Registered Maine Guide in sea kayaking. There will be a progressive series of four classes offered in July and August. The class lengths will progress from 3 hours to a full day. The classes will be taught at either Jones Pond, Gouldsboro (earlier classes), or Pinkham Bay Bridge in the upper part of Dyer Bay (later classes). Specific dates for the classes will be set later. For more information, contact Craig directly (713-498-0002)

Mike Hayden recently got a new boat and has given the club his old Venture 22. It needs a "little" work, but George Arey is already well in to getting it back on an even keel. It's a very stable boat and big enough for some of us older folks to get around on. Remember that the club sailboats (Dragon Fly's, Kingfishers and the new Venture) are available for members to use as long as they have been "checked out" as able seamen/seawomen.

# **Sailing School**

We have one session planned for this season, scheduled for the week of July 9th to the 13<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help. Please contact Andy Wilson if you are interested.

#### Cruise

We are once again trying to put together a big boat cruise in August. Morning Mist and High Cirrus will certainly be heading out and would love to have company. Anyone interested should contact George Arey. Either one will do!

## Schedule

The 2018 draft schedule is attached for your review, comment and participation. As stated it is mostly "place holders" that need sponsors and more specific information. A potluck is no fun if we don't have a place to hold it.