

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, December 13, 2020

STATEDWIDE MASK MANDATE.

Portsmouth Mask Ordinance still in effect. Do your part. Wear a mask.

Deaths to date from COVID-19: US:
300,259. NH: 600. Rockingham County: 119.
Cumulative cases: US: 16.4 million. NH:
30,244. Rockingham County: 7,455.
Portsmouth: 479.
Current NH: 6,598. Rockingham County: 1,672
(Positivity 10.9%). Portsmouth: 89.

**NH information from the Department of
Health & Human Services, [click here.](#)**

Yo Ho Ho

In a stand of scraggly pines
the girl took refuge.
She sang softly
to stay herself to the earth.
She wasn't entirely alone
for she had some sweet rum
bought for her by the denouncer.
She'd return in the light
after the longest night
to collect her friend,
saddened to find
an army of ants
dazed and drunk
trapped inside.
Overnight an entirely
new world had formed.
The perfect bottle
now so unclean,
just like she was
and would always be.
As the longest night
crawls on forever.
As the denouncer dies,
her half-hearted apology
still burrowed away
where only she knows.

-- *Tammi J Truax*

*Portsmouth Poet Laureate 2019-2021/Maine Beat
Poet Laureate 2018-2020*

Click here for the entire Advisory collection of poems
by Portsmouth Poet Laureate Tammi Truax.

[https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-
manager/portsmouth-poet-laureate](https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/portsmouth-poet-laureate)

**Portsmouth Poet Laureate Program “A Bridge to
Japan: A Poetry Broadside Contest.”** Winning
entries will be awarded cash prizes and the broadsides
will be gifted to Portsmouth's sister city, Nichinan,
Japan. Deadline: midnight Jan. 31, 2021. For full details
and rules, click here.

[https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2
020-11/Broadside_contest.pdf](https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-11/Broadside_contest.pdf)