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Presque Isle Yacht Club



Newsletter



**Commodore:
Robert Wilson**

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Membership Meeting Notice

The February membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, February 10th at 1:30 p.m.**

Commodore Robert Wilson will preside over the meeting. This will be the first meeting with our new officers and

board members at the helm. Let's have a good turn-out to support our officers.

Upcoming Events

St. Valentine's Day Party Feb 9 5:30 p.m.



February Membership Meeting Feb 10 1:30 p.m.

Tubing Party Feb 23 3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Dues and assessment fees Feb 28 11:59 p.m. due

Officer's Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2019 Commodore during this very special anniversary year. For 75 years Presque Isle Yacht Club has continued to serve its membership and our guests with ever-increasing improvements in our services and facilities. The Bridge of Officers, under the direction of the Board of Directors, and with the continued support of our members are committed to doing our very best to make this a truly outstanding year in the development of PIYC.

The following is an overview of some of our goals for the upcoming season:

- We intend to remodel and modernize our current restroom and shower areas. Our goal is to create a comfortable environment that is both aesthetically pleasing and up-to-date.
- Complete the work on A Dock to ensure its readiness for the boating season (more work still to be done on this initiative).
- Replace folding chairs in Club House (finished - thanks DiNicolas)
- Expand landscaping improvements that were started in earnest last year
- Improve safety features for our members and guests. (two examples are more visible life rings and safety ladders, more sophisticated first aid medical supplies that can be easily brought to a person in need).
- Complete the installation of the energy-efficient Heating and Cooling system for the Club House

- Parking area surface treatment
- Advance the Club House improvement initiative that has been part of our Long-Range Plan to create a better indoor common space for our Club.

• Celebrate our success for the past 75 years and work with determination to ensure that the Club will grow and prosper for at least 75 more. Just imagine, the Commodore for our Sesquicentennial Celebration (you'll have to look it up if you weren't in Erie in 1963) is probably not even born yet! I can't hope to do this work without the continued support of our membership. Please support your Bridge as they work to serve you. When you see V/C Kurt Fesenmyer, R/C Jim Mazza, or F/C Mike Howard, ask them, "How can I help?" We'll all be the better for it.

Commodore Robert Wilson

The bathroom renovations have begun! The cabinets and countertops have already been installed and they look great! A huge thanks to Don Czerwinski for getting that accomplished for us! We are currently getting quotes on more possible upgrades to both bathrooms and showers and should have them within the next week. With the high winds and rollercoaster temperatures we've been having, I would like to remind everyone to check their jack stands. I would also like to ask the members to be patient with our snow plow crew after snowstorms. Our crews volunteer to plow and sometimes they can't make it to the club

in a timely manner due to their regular customers. I'm looking forward to spring and the heartbeat of the club returning with people getting their boats ready for the water. If you have any concerns, please call me or email me at (337) 353-8125 or jfmazza@aol.com.

R/C Jim Mazza

I'm sure most of you know me but for those of you who are new members or might not I'm Mike Howard and I'm the Fleet Captain for the 2019 Season. I wanted to take some time to thank everyone who attended the Installation Dinner. We had 68 members and guests in attendance and without the tremendous support from you the event would not have been a success. The next function is the Valentine's Day Party to be held on February 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. More information regarding that party is on the next page. Also we have the annual Tubing Party scheduled for February 23rd at Mount Pleasant in Edinboro from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The cost for lunch is \$5 per person which includes pizza and beer. Tubing costs \$12 for one hour, \$15 for two hours, and \$17 for three hours. Lastly the calendar of events for the 2019 Season has been completed and is on the website for the membership to view. I will need plenty of help this year with parties so if you are interested in lending a hand please don't hesitate to let me know. If you have any questions I'd be happy to answer them anytime.

FC Mike Howard



Happy Birthday:

- Claire Briglia
- Rachel Dixon
- John Flecken
- Sheri Jarmolowicz
- Cheryl Koenig
- Karen Krahe
- Cheri Longua
- Dennis Lorelli
- Bonnie Magee
- Jim Mazza
- Steve Mullen
- Dale Orenigia
- Susan Orinko
- Donna Roesch
- Tom Rupert
- Rodney Snyder
- Brenda Stinnett
- Mary Todd
- Christine Verdecchia
- Jeromy Vogt
- Gayle Wright

2019 Officers

The following is a list of the 2019 officers along with their telephone numbers. If you have any problems or questions, please give them a call.

Commodore Robert Wilson	814-504-6229
Vice Commodore Kurt Fesenmyer	814-864-1895
Rear Commodore Jim Mazza	337-353-8125
Fleet Captain Michael Howard	814-460-8196
Secretary Bob Green	814-860-1452
Treasurer Charlie Longua	814-449-3390
Board	
P/C Jim Buto	814-873-2886
Bob Bryson	814-572-1232
Gary Koenig	814-873-9422
Gene Krahe Jr.	814-434-9033
P/C Herb Torrance	814-881-3600

2019 Committees

Commodore Robert Wilson has named his 2019 Committees:

Blue Gavel / ILYA—P/C Charlie Miller
Port Authority—Tom Todd
Chaplain / Health & Welfare—Marty Eisert
Equipment / Training / Safety—P/C Jim Howard
Sail—OPEN
Insurance—Mike Eisert
Junior Members—Bill O'Brien
Legal Advisor—Michael Fetzner, Esq.
Lift Administrator—Kathy Hollister
Logo Sales—P/C Tony DiNicola
Long Range Planning—Bill Coyne
75th Anniversary—P/C Anne Eisert
Newsletter / Parliamentarian—P/C Anne Eisert
Supply Officer—P/C Tony DiNicola
Webmaster—Herb Torrance IV / Jay Armstrong
Yardmaster—Mike Gangle

Clubhouse Rental

The clubhouse has been rented on the following dates:

February 16

March 23

March 24

Please be courteous to the members renting the facilities for their events and avoid using the clubhouse on the above dates.

Happy Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to those members who have recently celebrated their anniversary as PIYC members:

5-Year: Ted Harmle

Jeff Kim

Tom Rupert

Doug Smith

10-Year: Mike Galbreath

Valentine's Day Party

Read all about the first Fleet Captain's party of the year in the enclosed flyer. Fleet Captain Michael Howard is hosting the 75th Anniversary St. Valentine's Day Party in the clubhouse on Saturday, February 9th beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a happy hour followed by a catered din-

ner by Serafin's at 6:30 p.m. The menu consists of a garden salad, stuffed shells, beef rollups, potatoes au gratin, mixed vegetables, rolls/butter and dessert. Beer, soda and water are also included. The cost is only \$15 per person and

you can sign up either in the clubhouse or by emailing Fleet Captain Michael Howard at mphoward506@gmail.com or by calling him at 814-460-8196 **by February 3rd**. Please feel free to bring your own wine or liquor.

Ramblin's

Condolences to **Winnie Ramey** on the death of her husband and club member **Bill Ramey** who passed away on Thursday, January 24th at the age of 79.

Condolences to club member **P/C Charlie Miller** and his wife **Jody** on the death of Jody's sister. Anna Staats passed away on Thursday, January 10th at the age of 90.

Condolences to club member **Chuck White** and his wife **Lorre** on the death of Chuck's mother. Esther White passed away on Friday, January 18th at the age of 90.

The 2019 slip assignments are posted online and will be displayed in the clubhouse. Request forms for a second slip may be submitted after the close of the February membership meeting until the Call to Order of the April membership meeting. The forms will be available in the clubhouse.

Many thanks to everyone who came out to the Installation Tureen Dinner after the January meeting. We had a record crowd on hand for that event and all the food was delicious. Thanks to **Joe Orinko** for making the PIYC 75th Anniversary cookies which were beautiful and also delicious. Also thanks to **Kathy Hollister** who arranged to have the cake

made for the special celebration.

You should have received your dues and tax/lease statement by this time. If you have not, you may call Treasurer **Charlie Longua** at 814-449-3390. The payments are due by February 28th.

Erie, PA is once again hosting the Tall Ships Festival from Thursday, August 22nd through Sunday, August 25th and many volunteers are needed to help make the event successful. If you'd like to volunteer for any part of the event, please contact the Volunteer Coordinators—Charlie and Leigh Anne Naser at tsevolunteers@flagshipniagara.org or call at 814-452-2744 ext. 212. For more information regarding the Tall Ships Festival, visit www.tallshipserie.org.

If you would like to be on the Ground Crew or a Lift Operator Trainee, please contact **Commodore Robert Wilson** for more information. It takes a tremendous amount of work to get the boats in and out of the water and help is always needed.

Enclosed is the 2019 Club Calendar of events for your convenience. The events are also posted online.

Congratulations to **Dave DeMarall**, this month's money winner.

Welcome New Members

The Board and Officers have recently decided to take in new members.

Robert Fazzolare and his wife **Judy**. Robert is retired from Custom Valve Repair located in New Castle where he was a shop foreman. He now works part time for Portersville Valve. Judy works for UPMC NW as a patient registration representative.

Daniel Casey Jr. and his wife **Shiela**. Dan works at GE as a metal fabricator in Building 7 and Shiela works at Tendto Credit Union in the Member Care Center. They have four children; Joe, Kathy, Rachel and Sarah.

Samuel Hinkle and his partner **Ashleigh Baker**. Sam is a city of Erie firefighter and Ashleigh is a litigation assistant / paralegal at the Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall, and Sennet law firm. They have Great Dane named Omega.

If you see our new members and their families around the club, please introduce yourself and make them feel like part of the PIYC family.

THINK
SPRING!



"I accidentally ran into your boat with my car. The good news is I wasn't hurt, which, I'm sure, is what matters most to you."

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