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Newsletter



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Upcoming Activities

Don't forget about the second **Dock Party** of the year which will be held on **Friday, August 5th** beginning at 6:00 p.m. Docks C, D, and E will be hosting this dock party. Please have a dish or two to share with the other members at your boat.

Just as a reminder, the 13th Annual D.O.G. Poker Run will be held on **Friday, August 12th** beginning at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and the "race" begins at 6:00 p.m. If you didn't sign up for the poker run but would like to participate in the festivities, dinner will be available for \$5

per person and the reception begins at 9:00 p.m. in the picnic shelter. Come see who will be 2016 Top DOG!

You are all invited to help **P/C Harold and Janet Eisert** celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in the picnic shelter on **Friday, August 26th** from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. No gifts please. Live music along with heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be available.

The Junior Members are having the 1st annual burgers and dogs on the dock **Saturday, August 27th** starting around 5:30 p.m.

and ending at 8:00 p.m. This will be followed by a movie night for the kids in the club house, and a movie in the picnic shelter for the adults. Please look for more information in the clubhouse as the time gets closer.

Also, the **Annual Raft Up** will be held on **Sunday, September 4th**. The party will begin at 12:00 p.m. in the Presque Isle Marina. The club will not be providing refreshments, therefore, no cost will be associated with the party but please have some snacks on your boat to share with the other members.

Upcoming Events

*Rock the Dock II August 5
6:00 p.m.*



*D.O.G. Poker August 12
Run 5:00 p.m.*

*Sandusky Boat August 25—
Show 28*

*Jr Member August 27
Event 5:30 p.m.*

*Movie Night 8:00 p.m.
Clubhouse (kids)*

Picnic Shelter (adults)

*Annual Raft Up September 4
12:00 p.m.*

*Membership October 9
Meeting 1:30 p.m.*

Officer Comments

As I sit on the beach, I can't help but think of what we need to accomplish in August. The tall ships are due to arrive in September and our first impression is at the top of my list. A dumpster has arrived to dispose of the old shed and to clean up around the club grounds. It is not for us to clean out our boats or garages. The refrigerators are being cleaned out each Monday. Too many bags of food have been left in and forgotten about. Remember that there are now 117 active members and only 2 re-

frigerators in the picnic shelter. Your consideration is greatly appreciated, although I'm looking forward to trying the beer and wine left for me! I am at odds as what to do with the trailers with no stickers. A number of you have called asking for a sticker but I can't tell one trailer from the other. A silver trailer in the yard narrows it down to 10 of them. I will have tags for you in early August to write your name on and put on your trailer so I can do my job better without a chain. Please

look for the tags next to the work slips box. New members – welcome to the club and remember that you are responsible for half of the required yearly work hours. Talk to your sponsor about working with you. I appreciate any help I can get taking down the shed and getting the grounds ready for the tall ships. Thank you for helping your club out every time I have asked! You all have made my job very gratifying!

RC Herb Torrance



Happy Birthday:

- Joe Baniewicz
- Kathy DiNicola
- Mike Gangle
- Neal Hammill, Sr.
- Valerie Krahe
- Brian Logan
- Deb McGraw
- Malaine Salchak
- Raylene Schroeck
- Paula Snyder
- Mark Sturdivant
- Jim Szymanowski
- Mary Margaret Torrance
- Randy Turner
- John Wronek
- Turk Wronek

Ramblin's

Condolences to **Ella Galvin** and **Dan and Sherri Galvin** on the death of Ella's husband and Dan's father **P/C Jerry Galvin**. Jerry passed away on Saturday, July 23 at the age of 88. He was Commodore in 1958.

A reminder that Celebrate Erie Weekend will be held Thursday, August 18 through Sunday, August 21. Fireworks will be held at Dobbins Landing on Sunday evening at 9:30 p.m. and the club is a great place to view them. Please meet your guests at the gate because the gate will not be left open.

When taking an extended trip on your boat, remember to park

your car in the upper yard away from the main parking lot.

If you would like to run for an office or the board for the 2017 season, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee—**Don Dinardo, P/C Mike Galbreath, P/C Gene Krahe, Sr.** or before the November membership meeting.

Congratulations to **P/C Tim McGraw** on winning the 50/50 at the Tropical Island Party. **FC Robert Wilson** and his crew did a great job on the party and everyone had a great time.

The Board has initiated a new fee. If you don't pay your \$100

late fee within 30 days of receiving it, you will be charged an additional 10% each month until it is paid.

"If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to it!"

Jonathan Winters

Happy Anniversary

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

25-Year: P/C Dale Oregina

40-Year: Bob Renner

Report Fuel Purchase and Use

Did you know? When you purchase fuel for your boat, you pay state and federal Liquid Fuels Taxes. The state tax is refunded to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) where it is used to provide benefits for power boaters. The amount of tax refunded to the PFBC by the State Treasurer is based on the fuel usage information you supply on your Pennsylvania boat registration renewal card or Boat Fuel Usage Survey. **What can you do?** When you renew your boat registration, please report the total number of gallons of fuel used or purchased. Many boaters write zeros in the fuel reporting boxes on the registration renewal card when they're unsure of the number of gallons used or purchased. When zeros are reported, the taxes that

have been paid are not refunded to the PFBC and are not available to fund boating programs. If you're unsure, leave the fuel reporting section blank; do not enter a zero. If you receive a Boat Fuel Usage Survey, please report your boating activity and fuel usage using your best estimates. **How does this money benefit boaters? Boat Access Area Maintenance and Development** – The PFBC owns, leases or manages 121 motorboat launching facilities. The PFBC dedicates more than \$1.2 million dollars annually to these facilities for routine maintenance services like grass cutting, litter pickup, ramp and dock repairs, parking lot paving and grading, and the clearing of flood damages and debris. Since 2005,

the PFBC has also provided a direct investment of \$5.8 million in grant funding for the development or improvement of municipally-owned boating facilities that attracted \$8.2 million in local funding. Through this statewide grant program, 26 new boat access areas were developed and much needed improvements were made to 37 existing facilities. To find a boating access facility near you, visit the County Guides index.

<http://fishandboat.com/county.htm>

<http://fishandboat.com/report-boatfuel.htm>

New Member

The Board and Officers have decided to take in a new member.

Rodney Snyder and his wife Paula. Rodney is retired.

If you see Rodney and Paula around the club, please introduce yourself and make them feel like part of the PIYC family.



"I don't want to imply that your boat is slow, but that tortoise just passed us."

2015 PA Boating Accident Analysis

The total number of reported recreational boating accidents in Pennsylvania in 2015 decreased from 2014. Boaters and Waterways Conservation Officers reported 58 recreational boating accidents of all types, a decrease of 12 reported accidents, or 17% less than 2014. The number of vessels involved in reported accidents totaled 77, a decrease of 1 from 2014. Accident reports indicated 44 injuries requiring medical treatment, 1 less than in 2014. Property damage to vessels totaled \$91,493 which was \$124,144 less than the amount reported in the previous year. One accident com-

prised \$25,000 or 27% of that total. Federal and state law requires that accidents involving death, disappearance, injuries requiring medical treatment beyond first aid, and property damage exceeding \$2,000 be reported to the state. Accidents with lesser property damage and/or minor injuries are not required to be reported. Of the 58 reported accidents in 2015, the most common type of accident was skier mishaps. The types of reported accidents were as follows: Skier Mishap—12; Capsizing—10; Collision with vessel—9; Falls overboard—8; Fire/explosion—5;

Ejected from vessel—4; Grounding/Sinking—4; Fall in boat—2; Struck submerged object—2; Struck by boat—1; Struck by prop—1. In 2015, four recreational boating accidents resulted in 4 fatalities. This is a decrease of 13 fatalities that occurred in 2014 and below the last 10-year average of 13.4 victims. Factoring in the 2015 fatalities, Pennsylvania's new 10-year average is 13.2 victims. Only one of the 4 victims in 2015 was wearing a life jacket at the time of the mishap that resulted in death. Two of the 4 victims (50%) were not wearing a life jacket but did have them onboard the boat. The at-

tached "Recap of 2015 Pennsylvania Boating Fatalities" is a summary of all fatal recreational boating accidents in the Commonwealth that year. The recap's last page details statistical information about 2015's fatal boating accidents. This recap is intended to provide information to illustrate the importance of safe boating practices and to help improve boating safety in the Commonwealth.

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