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Jeremy Vogt

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November Membership Meeting

The second of the fall membership meetings will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, November 13th at 1:30 pm.** This will be a very important meeting because the nominating committee consisting of **Don Dinardo, P/C Mike Galbreath, P/C Gene Krahe, Sr.** will announce their recommendations for officers

and board members for the 2017 season. If you would like to be nominated for an office, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee. Further nominations will be taken from the floor at both the November and December membership meetings. In order to vote, you must be an active member which means that you

must moor a boat at the club (have an assigned stall) and must have attended at least 50% of the general membership meetings during the past year. Please check the eligible voter list posted on the bulletin board and get any issues resolved prior to the December membership meeting.

Upcoming Events

<i>Haul Out Party</i> <i>PIYC Clubhouse</i>	<i>Nov 5</i> <i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>November Membership Meeting—</i> <i>Nomination of Officers</i>	<i>Nov 13</i> <i>1:30 p.m.</i>
<i>PIYC Christmas Party</i>	<i>Dec 10</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>December Membership Meeting—</i> <i>Election of Officers</i>	<i>Dec 11</i> <i>1:30 p.m.</i>

Proposed PIYC Constitution Changes

During the 10 years since the last changes to the constitution & bylaw, the board & bridge have noted areas which needed to be fixed or clarified. In August, commodore Jeremy Vogt established a committee to research changes to the constitution & bylaws. This committee included: P/C Sam Best, P/C Anne Eisert, P/C Harold Eisert, P/C Dale Oregia, and Joe Orinko.

The committee recommends the following changes to the constitution & bylaws:

- The age limit for the junior to senior membership conversion option be changed from 24 to 26.
- The year-end financial deadline be changed to noon on December 15 [this helps the Treasurer to close up the accounting year]
- Eliminate mention of guest registry [since we don't actually

do this.]

- Clarify that the board of directors with the Commodore can fill open positions.
- Add provision for board decisions via electronic means [some problems can be discussed/resolved via email].
- Clarify that command officers and directors be active members in good standing, and Secretary and Treasure be active or associate members in good standing.
- Inactive to active member status change requires payment of missed assessment and fees
- General membership meeting notice via mail (as defined to include email).
- General meeting quorum set at 30% [was at 10%]
- Description of non-annual general meeting schedule [7 months, not each month].
- Clean up burgee verbiage [club owned?; must be "flown/dis-

played with proper honor and respect"]

- Add some definitions for terms ('good standing', 'spouse', married, mail, 'active member in good standing', 'Associate member').
- Shorten some wordy phrases (e.g., Secretary of the organization).

The above description/ explanation of the changes was made to the membership at the October 9th General meeting. A 'motion-second-vote' on each item will be performed (per the constitution) at the November 13th meeting. Following the vote, the ratified constitution & bylaws will be in effect. Copies will be available from the website, and (on request) emailed to members. Printed copies will be sent to each member with the January membership packet.



Happy Birthday:

- Pamela Armstrong
- Peter Callan
- Peggy Chatham
- Pauline DeMarall
- Mark and Amy Eisert
- Meg Eisert
- Bob Green
- Jim Howard
- Gary Larson
- Jody Miller
- Donna Nishnick
- Lynda Sceford
- Carolyn Schenker
- Kathleen Smith
- Matt Visosky
- Ken Worley

Officers' Comments

A happy fall to everybody! I trust your storage and winterization of your vessels is going well. If you have any questions or need help in this regard, don't hesitate to ask myself or one of the other officers. If we don't have an answer, we will find it. I also ask you to review the winter storage rules so that you may be the most informed you can. One thing we need to point out is that oil or other hazardous materials are not permitted to be disposed of in our

dumpster. I hope the recent incident of this was just a simple mistake and that it won't happen again. I hope to see everyone at the haul out party and the November meeting where we will be accepting nominations for the 2017 positions.

Commodore Jeremy Vogt

We pulled up the decking of A dock only to find it's as bad or worse than we thought. We also found some electrical and water line problems that need to be

addressed. The repairs at this point will perhaps gain us five years. This reinforces the need to plan on new docks in the future as these have lasted beyond their life expectancy.

VC Jim Buto

We had our last formal work party October 29th and we will be shutting off the water the first weekend in November. Remember if you came into the club after launch day you are still responsible for half of

the work hours. Remember to unplug your boat when you are not at the club. The clubhouse is rented December 17 so please be considerate that day. I would like to thank the yard masters and all of you who pulled the boats out this year. If you look around you will find we are very full. Everyone did a great job fitting everyone in for the winter.

RC Herb Torrance

LOA Committee Findings

In March of this year the officers and board tasked a new committee to make specific recommendations to change from "registered length" to "Length Overall" (LOA). The objectives were to adjust rules, fees and slip parameters to all be based on LOA instead of registered length. The committee consisted of **Bob Bryson, Frank DeWolf, Mike Galbreath, Mike Gangle, and Mike McClimans**. The drivers for this change included the need to consolidate to one measurement method (LOA), and to eliminate the complexity facing the officers when assigning slips caused by some large discrepancies between registered length and LOA. PIYC has roughly 110 member boats in the water of which 35 boats are 3 feet or more LOA greater than regis-

tered length with numerous boats close to exceeding a six foot difference.

The objective when adjusting dock and winter storage fees was to be "revenue neutral" to PIYC. This simply means that we were looking to keep the same overall revenue for both winter storage and dock fees. This was not intended to be a method to increase revenues for the club. However, as the fees are adjusted from registered length to LOA, some members will pay less while some will pay more. The members who will see a slight decrease are the ones where their boats are close in overall length to the registered length. Those members who have boats where the overall length is substantially larger than the registered length will see a small

increase.

The summer dock fee will be reduced from \$21 per foot registered length to \$20 per foot length overall. The winter storage fee will be reduced from \$10 to \$9.50 per foot. The rough impact on overall member fees (dock and winter storage combined) is that 53 members will see a reduction and 54 members will see a slight increase.

In addition to calculating a fair fee structure, the committee also spent a substantial amount of time adjusting all dock parameters to be based on LOA instead of registered length. A large drawing displaying the new dock parameters is located in the PIYC clubhouse and a PDF version will soon be posted on the web site. Please note that when you bid for your 2017

stall after the first of the year, you should pay close attention to your boat LOA measurement and the new stall parameter LOA. In creating the new stall parameters, the committee focused on making every attempt to be sure that members who fit their current stall will still fit under the new LOA parameters.

The committee also recommended that a new standing committee be formed with an objective of measuring all existing and new boats coming into the club. Commodore Jeromy Vogt created this committee and named Mike McClimans as the chair. Roughly half the boats at PIYC have been measured in the past and Mike is currently in the process of making measurements to existing boats. Please note that this is an extensive process and will be fine tuned over time.

Ramblin's

Condolences to club members **P/C Gene Krahe Sr.** and his wife **Karen, Sharon Krahe, Gene Krahe Jr.** and his wife **Lori, Joe Baniewicz** and his wife **Lori, Mike Krahe** and his wife **Valerie** on the death of Mary Krahe (Gene's (Sr.) mother, Sharon's mother-in-law, Gene Jr., Lori, and Mike's grandmother) who passed away on Friday, October 21st at the age of 90.

Don't forget to put your name on your boat during the winter so that you may be contacted should something happen to your boat. Also, as a reminder that all ladders should be

chained and locked to your jack stands or cradles to help prevent break-ins.

The I-LYA fall meeting and Christmas Party will be held December 2-4 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, OH. Please contact **P/C Charlie Miller** or visit www.i-lya.org for more information.

Don't forget about the Haul Out Party which will be held in the clubhouse on Saturday, November 5th beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a happy hour followed by a catered dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is only \$15 per person. Please bring an

appetizer to share with the other guests! You may sign up on the sign up sheet in the clubhouse, via email at rwilson4538@gmail.com or call FC Robert Wilson at (814) 504-6229.

Keep Saturday, December 10th open for the annual Christmas Party. More information will be available in the December newsletter.

The winter storage invoices will be sent to all the members this coming week and as a reminder, all fees including winter storage, summer dinghy and trailer storage, dock boxes, etc. are all due by **December 15, 2016**. This will

give the Treasurer time to close out the books for the year.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is reminding boaters that beginning November 1 and lasting through April 30, they are required to wear a life jacket while underway or at anchor on boats less than 16 feet in length or on any canoe or kayak. The requirement applies to all Pennsylvania waters.

Congratulations to **Kathy Hollister** this month's money winner.

Everyone have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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