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# Presque Isle Yacht Club



## Newsletter



**Commodore:**  
**Jim Buto**

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### Membership Meeting Notice

The February membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, February 12th at 1:30 p.m.**

Commodore Jim Buto will preside over the meeting. This will be the first meeting with our new officers and board mem-

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

### Upcoming Events

*Tubing Party* Feb 11  
*Mount Pleasant* 12:00 p.m.—  
4:00 p.m.



*February Membership Meeting* Feb 12  
1:30 p.m.

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

*Slip request forms due* Feb 28  
11:59 p.m.

### Officer's Comments

Happy February everyone! February is always the hardest month for me. It seems to be the coldest and I really start getting tired of my winter hobbies. Fortunately, we will be uncovering boats before you know it.

The committee leads are listed on the next page. I'd like to thank everyone who agreed to resume their duties for another year. Gary and Gerry, our perennial Yardmasters, needed a break. Past Commodore Steve Mullen agreed to assume the position of Yardmaster. Special thanks to Gary and Gerry for all their hard work over the years. In the meantime, please be patient as Steve assumes those duties. Logo Sales have been placed under the Supply Officer's jurisdiction and so Tony DiNicola will assume those duties. Our thanks to Dave DeMarrall for his help last year. We also had a change in the Sail Committee. Randy Horwath is planning his trip this spring and Gary Larson has agreed to take over. Thank you for your service as well, Randy. With Bill Pebley moving to Florida and leaving the club, we are in need of a Webmaster. If anyone is willing and qualified to take over those responsibilities, please contact me.

Finally, a word about my bridge. I've said it a number of times. As soon as you learn the duties of a bridge position, you move up to the next one. With that said, I couldn't imagine a better group of guys to have on my bridge. They are tireless and fast learners. Commodore Vogt left the club in excellent condition and I plan on leaving it to the next watch in as good as or better condition. Please don't be shy about your observations or suggestions this coming year. We are here to have fun and promote boating, and anything that we can do improve that experience for our

members would be welcome.

I for one am looking forward to a fun season. If the weather is half as good as last year, it will be a treat. Msgr. Snyderwine took some unofficial readings this January and the water levels are comfortably high. In addition, maybe he can put in a good word with his boss for fair winds and calm seas.

Commodore Jim Buto

I was down to the club Saturday and it was 61 degrees. Many of the members were also down to check their boats. It was nice to catch up after a couple of months away. I really have to say, "We have a really nice bunch of people in our club! Sometimes getting away from the day-to-day grind of the club helps us to appreciate the special place that we all belong to. As I am finding out the Vice Commodore's job is much different than the Rear Commodore's job. It seems to involve more paperwork and planning than my previous job. Having said that please make sure your Certificate of Liability Insurance is turned in with your slip request. Remember to fill out all of the choices on the request slip. That is very important! I realize that the web site is not at 100% with the (LOA) information and we hope to have that corrected soon. Do not bid a slip outside of your boats' parameters. This is the first year under this system and I am making it my top priority to get it right, so please do your part during this process. All slip requests are due by February 28, 2017. I will be out plowing that night and will be picking them up at 12 midnight. If you have any questions please call me (814) 881-3600.

Vice Commodore Herb Torrance

The erratic temperatures this winter season can bring challeng-

es that are worth keeping in mind while we await spring and the new boating season. Highly fluctuating temperatures often bring accompanying winds that can cause damage to our vessels and the club. Check both as often as your schedule allows.

If you happen to see something that doesn't appear ship-shape, do what you safely can do to restore good order, or give one of the members of the Bridge a call and we'll see to it. This is another reason as to why every boat that is stored on the grounds be identified with the owner's name and contact phone number. Also, if anyone notices something that ought to be tended to, but isn't an emergency and you wanted to leave a note for my attention, remember to leave your name and number so that I can follow up with you should I have additional questions.

Please remember that boat covers and shrink wrap should never be fastened to a jack stand. Belly bands tied to stands can create instability and safety hazards. For those that have their boats stored on club property and plugged into the electric, don't forget to unplug if your boat is unattended. Most of us have stowed away our boat shoes for the season, but that doesn't mean that the decks aren't slippery when wet. The clubhouse floor can feel like a skating rink when we bring in snow and rain from our boots and shoes. Please be careful when you come inside. Thanks are in order to Patty and P/C Jim Howard. They donated a vacuum for use in the clubhouse. We appreciate your generosity and promise to put it to good use. Finally, my personal thanks go out to the Bridge, Board, and membership for helping me with my new duties. I couldn't possibly do this work without your support and help.

Rear Commodore Robert Wilson



### Happy Birthday:

- Claire Briglia
- John Flecken
- Sheri Jarmolowicz
- Bob Jenkins
- Cheryl Koenig
- Karen Krahe
- Cheri Longua
- Dennis Lorelli
- Bonnie Magee
- Jim Mazza
- Steve Mullen
- Dale Oregia
- Susan Orinko
- Bill Ramey, Sr.
- Donna Roesch
- Tom Rupert
- Rodney Snyder
- Brenda Stinnett
- Mary Todd
- Christine Verdecchia
- Jeromy Vogt
- Gayle Wright

## 2017 Officers

The following is a list of the 2017 officers along with their telephone numbers. If you have any problems or questions, please give them a call.

Commodore Jim Buto	814-452-3214
Vice Commodore Herb Torrance	814-774-1010
Rear Commodore Robert Wilson	814-504-6229
Fleet Captain Kurt Fesenmyer	814-823-9326
Secretary Bob Green	814-860-1452
Treasurer Gary Koenig	814-835-3335
<b>Board</b>	
P/C Dale Oregina (chairman)	814-460-3719
P/C Tony DiNicola	814-440-9937
P/C Mike Galbreath	914-772-1269
P/C Tim McGraw	814-838-7749
P/C Jeromy Vogt	814-434-9082

## 2017 Committees

Commodore Jim Buto has named his 2017 Committees:

Blue Gavel—P/C Paul Schroeck  
Port Authority / Health—Msgr. Snyderwine  
Equipment / Training / Safety—P/C Jim Howard  
I-LYA—P/C Charlie Miller  
Sail—Gary Larson  
Insurance—Mike Eisert  
Junior Members—Bill O'Brien  
Legal Advisor—Michael Fetzner, Esq.  
Logo Sales—P/C Tony DiNicola  
Long Range Planning—Bill Coyne  
Newsletter / Parliamentarian—P/C Anne Eisert  
Supply Officer—P/C Tony DiNicola  
Webmaster—**OPEN**  
Yardmaster—P/C Steve Mullen

## Clubhouse Rental

The clubhouse has been rented on the following dates:

February 11

February 18

February 25

March 5

March 25

April 1

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

## Fleet Captain Tubing / Tailgate Party

Read all about the first Fleet Captain's party of the year in the enclosed flyer. FC Kurt Fesenmyer will be holding a Tubing & Tailgate Party at Mount Pleasant Ski Resort of Edinboro on Saturday, February 11th beginning at 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Tickets for tubing are \$14 per person for 2

hours and \$17 per person for 3 hours. The price for tubing is the same for children and adults. The tailgate party will take place inside the lodge in the Party Room and tubing tickets can be purchased in the room from one of the Mount Pleasant representatives. A pizza lunch will be available for a cost of

\$5 per person. Also, please bring some type of dessert to share with the other members if you wish. If you have any questions on this event, please contact Kurt at 814-823-9326 or email him at kfesen1@gmail.com

## Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **P/C Paul Schroeck** and his wife **Raylene** on the death of Raylene's mother Darlene Hinely. Darlene passed away on Tuesday, December 27th at the age of 72.

The US Power Squadron will be holding a safe boating course starting on Monday March 6th and will continue for 8 weeks. It will be held at the Bayfront Maritime Center (BMC) 40 Holland St. 16507. Registration will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 6th and the class will begin that evening from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person with a discount for

the second person if two people are sharing a book. There is also a cost for plotting supplies, if needed. For more information, please contact **James Tingley** at 814-835-4579 or email him at erieps@gmail.com. You can also register online at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org).

You should have received your dues statement by this time. If you have not, you may call Treasurer **Gary Koenig** at 814-835-3335. Failure to pay your bill by the end of February could result in the loss of your mooring for the upcoming season.

If you have any ideas for new logo items in 2017, please contact P/C Tony DiNicola. He is looking for input on what products the members would like to have this year.

If you would like to be on the Ground Crew or a Lift Operator Trainee, please contact **Commodore Jim Buto** 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.

Congratulations to **Ann Wilson**, this month's money winner.

## Happy Anniversary

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

**10-Year:** Steve DeHart

**35-Year:** Mike Eisert

**45-Year:** Lance Howell

## Welcome New Member

The Board and Officers have decided to take in a new member at their last board meeting.

**Michael Kozen** and his wife **Christine**. Michael works for Lathrop Electric. He and Christine have two children; Michael Jr. and Jackie.

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

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