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Newsletter



Commodore:
Jim Buto

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Membership Meeting Notice

The March membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, March 12th at 1:30 p.m.** Commodore Jim Buto will preside. Plans will be discussed to get the club

ready for the upcoming boating season. Also, your 2017 slip assignments will be passed out after the meeting. Please note that Daylight Savings Time goes into effect on Sunday, March

12th which is the day of the membership meeting. Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour or you will be late for the meeting. ☺



Upcoming Events

March Membership Meeting **March 12 1:30 p.m.**

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

Work party **April 29, May 6, 27 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Equipment Operator Safety Meeting **April 15 & May 27 12:00 p.m.**

Commodore Dinner **April 22 6:00 p.m.**
Erie Siebenbuerger Club
(all members invited)

Clubhouse Rental

The clubhouse has been rented on the following dates:

- March 4
- March 11
- March 25
- April 1

Please be considerate and not utilize the clubhouse on these days.



Happy Birthday:

- Noelle Alger
- Eric Anderson
- Lori Baniewicz
- Bob and Cori Coccarelli
- David DeMarall
- Harold and Janet Eisert
- Kurt and Kathy Fesenmyer
- Mike Galbreath
- Nancy Hammill
- William Irish
- Charlie Miller
- Peggy O'Brien
- Patty Vogel
- Steve Vogt
- John Winschel
- John Wolf

Officers' Comments

As we start the 2017 boating season I would like to remind everyone to read the dock rule changes. Rule 27, 28 and 39 are the main changes. "No excessive dog barking or other noise from pets that annoys others is allowed." And "No guests below the age of 21 are permitted to stay aboard overnight without a member and/or his/her significant other aboard as the responsible party." Rule 39 speaks for itself, please remember to be courteous!

We are assembling a team to work on A-dock and I will keep everyone updated as it progresses. It takes all of us to make this such a great place. Please make every effort to come to the work parties and try to give a little extra time this year. Robert has a lot on his plate and the jobs are time consuming.

VC Herb Torrance



At this time of year I'm sure that you can imagine that staffing work parties is the primary concern of Rear Commodore. Working together to ready our club for the season helps us to complete the tasks both sooner and better; but, more importantly, these Saturdays in the spring help us to build camaraderie. Oftentimes, it's

the friendships that are made on these days are the ones that last well beyond the hours spent together in a work party. All hands are welcome and will be used to good purpose.

Please plan to attend work parties for April 29th, May 6th, and May 27th. Look for the signup sheets. Letting us know who can be with us will allow the job leaders to plan the work. A lunch will be provided (another reason that letting us know you will be with us is helpful). **Master Chef (P/C) Skolnik** will be in charge of the galley. Our thanks go out in advance to the to the Skolnik family. They come together each year to prepare wonderful, hearty lunches for the work parties. If you're a new member, please bring your sponsor if possible. If you're a sponsor, please bring your new member. If you're neither, bring yourself – we'll have a good time.

I would like to thank **Mike Gangle**, who will be heading up the club maintenance role. We are thankful for his many talents. I would like to have a volunteer who will oversee the pop and ice vending supplies. The job entails ensuring that we have supplies on hand, the machines are filled, and the cash is reconciled.

Thanks to **P/C Jeromy Vogt** for leading the initiative to improve the safety and security of our Club. P/C Vogt managed the installation of the new security camera systems that is now running. Some of the costs associated with this project will be provided by a grant from the Erie Downtown Partnership. Now for the monthly stuff. Please ensure your boat is unplugged when you're not at the club. Check your jack stands. Tidy up all work spaces upon leaving the grounds. We're in this together.

RC Robert Wilson



I would like to thank everyone for the help and support on our first two events: Tureen Dinner and Tubing Party. The participation and the help from everyone made these events enjoyable and fun. The Commodore Dinner is our next big event. It will be held on Saturday, April 22nd at the Siebenbuerger Club from 6:00 until 10:00 pm. I hope to see all the Past Commodores and their significant others attend this event. I am excited for the months ahead and the parties to come.

FC Kurt Fesenmyer

Nominations for the "Harold Eisert Sr. Boating Service Award"

We are looking for nominations for the "Harold Eisert Sr. Boating Service Award." This award is presented to persons who have provided exemplary leadership or service to the Presque Isle Yacht Club and/or to the boating community. Their contribution represents sustained support, dedication and effort to encourage yachting, boating, and PYC. The proposed recipient should have continuously demonstrated contributions in the following:

Leadership—Provide consistent technical and support direction to the Bridge, Board and/or membership on various projects and issues;
Sustained Support—consistent activity and involvement in projects, social activities or operations;
Dedication—continued involvement in PYC activities and/or boating over an extended time period;
Promoting the Yachting & Boating Community—significant and recognized

contributions to boating organizations, activities, and the civic community as it relates to boating. Nominations should include the name of the nominee (does not have to be a PIYC member) and statements showing how he/she meets the criteria as defined above. List specific contributions and time period of these activities. All nominations must be signed and delivered to the Commodore by April 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Commodore Jim Buto.

New Gate Cards

The 2017 gate card keys will be given out at the March meeting to all members who paid their 2017 dues. If you cannot attend the membership meeting, your gate card will be mailed to you. The gate and clubhouse locks will be changed on Wednesday, March 15th, weather permitting. The new cards will be **blue**. Don't forget to carry your 2016 gate card with you until the gate is changed. If you do not receive your new cards by March 15th, call Gary Koenig at 814-835-3335. If you need extra gate cards, they will be available from the Treasurer at the April membership meeting. After that time, you can get them at the club. The cost is \$2.00 per card.

Happy Anniversary

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

45-Year: P/C Al Sarti

emailing at anne.eisert@ge.com.

Congratulations to **Roger Thayer**, this month's money winner.

Everyone have a safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Toni Perkins** on the death of her daughter-in-law. Judith Kay "Judi" (Lamison) Buziewicz passed away on Saturday, February 11h at the age of 51.

Keep Saturday, April 22nd on your calendar for the Commodore's Dinner. It will be held at the Erie Siebenbuerger Club this year. **This is open to all members and guests.** More information including the menu will be available in next month's newsletter.

If you would like to be a member of Boat U.S., you can receive a substantial discount just by referencing

PIYC's group number on your application. The standard price for joining Boat U.S. is \$25.00 and as a member of PIYC, you can receive a 50% discount on your annual Boat U.S. membership. The cost to you will be only \$12.50. PIYC's group number is GA84813Y. Boat U.S. membership applications are available at the club.

The PA Fish & Boat Commission Safe Boating Course, taught by PIYC member **Matt Visosky**, will be held at the Tom Ridge Center at Presque Isle State Park on Saturday, March 18th from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and also on Friday, May 12th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00

p.m. Any operator of a Personal Watercraft (Jet ski, SeeDoo, etc.) regardless of age and any operator of a motorboat 26 HP and greater and born on or after January 1, 1982 is required to obtain a Basic Boating Card. Pre-registration for the class is required by calling WCO Matt Visosky at 814-573-3638. The course itself is free of charge but a \$10 fee is required to receive the safe boating certificate after the completed application is forwarded to Harrisburg.

If you would like your significant other to receive an email copy of the newsletter, please let newsletter editor **P/C Anne Eisert** know by

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Proposed Constitution Change

There is a motion on the floor to change the PIYC Constitution and it will be voted on at the March membership meeting.

Motion to change Article VI – Officers, Section III – Duties of the Officers, Paragraph A.2.b and add Paragraph A.2.c

2. All Past Commodores, who have fulfilled the duties of their Office, shall be entitled to receive and shall be given a life membership in the Organization.

a. Active Past Commodores (those who have a boat at PYC) will be required to pay all assessments and fees of the Organization with the exception of the club dues (work hours are considered dues).

b. Associate Past Commodores (those who do not have a boat at PYC) will be required

to pay all assessments and fees of the Organization with the exception of the club dues (work hours are considered dues) and will continue to accumulate points.

c. Inactive Past Commodores (those who do not have a boat at PYC) will not be required to pay dues, assessments or fees of the Organization and will accumulate no additional points. Past Commodores in this class who wish to again become an Active or Associate Past Commodore must pay a reinstatement fee which will be equal to the total of all back assessments / fees (from the date of Inactive Past Commodore status) or amount equal to the current initiation fee, whichever is less. Upon payment of reinstatement fee points may once again be accumulated.

Equipment Operator Safety Meeting

An Equipment Operator and Ground Person Safety Meeting will be held this spring on Saturday, April 15th and again on Saturday, May 27th at approximately 12:00 pm or ASAP following that day's scheduled work party & lunch.

All current and prospective Lift Operators, Ground Men and Fork Truck Operators must attend a safety meeting annually per PIYC Safety Rule #1. A notice will also be posted on the club bulletin board. If you are not currently an operator or ground person but wish to do so, you are more than welcome and must attend a required Safety Meeting. Training as necessary is then completed in a hands on manner under supervision of a previously qualified member (s).

These will be the last scheduled safety meetings until fall of this year. If you attended the fall meeting held in Octo-

ber of last year, you are still qualified per the PIYC safety rule of attending a safety meeting annually and can renew in the fall of 2017 but are of course also welcome to attend one of these meetings if desired. If anyone has any particular circumstances presenting difficulty in meeting this requirement, please contact me so that some other accommodation can be made.

An updated safety meeting status list is posted in the PIYC clubhouse. If any questions, corrections or for additional information, please contact Safety Chairman, Jim Howard.

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PIYC Rule / Fees Changes

The board of directors reviewed the club rules and fees for the 2017 year and several have changed this year. Please ensure you read and understand them.

Dock Rules

#27 Add "No excessive dog barking or other noise from pets that annoys others is allowed."

#28 Add "No guests below the age of 21 are permitted to stay aboard overnight without a member and/or his/her significant other aboard as the responsible party."

#31 The log/float plan location is updated to "in the Clubhouse"

#32 Require "USCG Approved" PFD

#38 Quiet time "may" be extended to midnight for club events

#39 Add "Any infraction of the above may result in the loss of your slip assignment with no refunds, or the loss of your club membership with no re-

funds."

House and Grounds Rules

#2 Add "No excessive dog barking or other noise from pets that annoys others is allowed."

#17 New rule added: "PIYC is a family-oriented organization and has a strong desire to maintain a friendly, tasteful environment. Open speech and music containing what is generally considered as offensive language will not be tolerated."

Lift Rules

#11 New rule added: "No boat lifts will be conducted with PIYC property or equipment after December 1st and prior to March 1st of the following year without the express written consent of a PIYC Line Officer."

Winter Storage Rules

#5 Add "its Officers, the Officers' designates, and PIYC employees of all liability."

#10 - Remove the Yardmas-

ters as having jurisdiction over the yard; only the Rear Commodore is listed in this position.

- A Rules Violation and penalty fees will be assessed if a member fails to clean up debris and blocking in the specified after launch.

- Add "taking into consideration the need to maintain a fire lane and the parking of as many cars as possible during the winter storage period"

- Dates modified for storage of trailered boats to "in the spring before launching and prior to Opening Day, or, after Labor Day."

Safety Rules

no change

Changes to 2017 Fees

Due to change in LOA instead of registered length to determine billing rates the following fees have been changed:

- Summer dockage reduced to \$20 per foot

- Winter storage reduced to

\$9.50 per foot (includes lift out, lift in)

There is no change to the number of work hours.

You will be receiving a copy of all the rules with your slip assignments after the March membership meeting.

Please read and understand these rules. All the club rules are posted on the bulletin board as well as the member section of the website. If you have any questions, please contact an officer.



"After inventing the wheel, he wanted to invent something fun to go with it."