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# Presque Isle Yacht Club



## Newsletter



Commodore: Jim Buto

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### Membership Meeting Notice

The May membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, May 7th at 1:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held on the **first Sunday** this month due to Mother's Day being on the sec-

ond Sunday. Commodore Jim Buto will preside. Plans will be discussed to get the club ready for the upcoming boating season as

well as the Opening Day Ceremony. Let's have a good turnout for this last meeting before the summer arrives. The next membership meeting will be held in October.

### Upcoming Events

<i>Fry Party</i>	<i>May 5 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Membership Meeting</i>	<i>May 7 1:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Work Party</i>	<i>May 6 &amp; 27 8:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. (May 20th if needed)</i>
<i>Equipment Operator Safety Meeting</i>	<i>May 27 12:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Opening Day Ceremony</i>	<i>May 28 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Tureen Dinner</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Retiree &amp; Goof Off Party</i>	<i>June 23 1:00 p.m.</i>

### Opening Day Ceremony

PIYC will open its 73rd season with a Memorial Service on Sunday, May 28th at 12:30 p.m. **All club officers and Past Commodores are invited to participate** in the colorful ceremony honoring our deceased members. Club Chaplain, Monsignor Tom Snyderwine, will give the invocation. Also, the Harold

Eisert, Sr. Boating Service Award will be given to the recipient nominated by the committee. Following the ceremony, a tureen dinner will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the clubhouse as stated in the enclosed flyer. Please bring **two** dishes to share with the other members and also your own place settings. The club will

provide the meat, rolls, condiments, coffee, pop, and beer. There is no cost for this function. Let's have a nice turnout for the first "official" day of boating season. Contact Fleet Captain Kurt Fesenmyer at 814-823-9326 or email him at kfesen1@gmail.com with any questions.

### Bon Voyage

Ahoy members! As many of you know, medical issues have forced me to move up my retirement schedule. A bunch of my friends have stepped up to send Cindy and I off with a bang. After talking the details over with the bridge and board, I would like to announce... Randy and Cindy's Bon Voyage Extravaganza!! Sunday May 7th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We have 150-200 perch filets, some

racks of ribs, all sorts of sides, "a brownie bar," lots of wine, and, courtesy of the club, a keg of beer. I'm bringing my entire liquor cabinet down to the club, I'm plopping it down, and I do not plan on taking any of it home. We have a DJ from Cleveland with a Karaoke set up with four mikes (no dropping them!!) and Marty O'Connor will make an appearance. The boat will be totally unveiled, and if

there is enough water, I will pull it around in front of the picnic shelter. All will be welcome aboard. All members and guests are invited. Club rules forbid me charging admission to the party. However, \$15 donations will be accepted gratefully. Stop by Randy's boat at the party for more details or see Jim Buto at the party.

Randy Howarth

### Happy Anniversary

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

**5-Year:** Mike Dunlavey

### Happy Birthday

- Mike and Linda Corsi
- Bill Coyne
- Jeanne Downey
- Rebecca Flynn
- Bob Franz
- Elaine Hamilton
- Randy Howarth
- Chuck Janicki
- Sara Kim
- TJ and Jessica King
- Sharon Krahe
- Tim McGraw
- Chris Mullen
- Bill O'Brien
- Jeff Scarpitti
- Al Sceiford
- Bob Schenker
- Tom Schlaudecker
- Dick Spaeder
- Roger Thayer
- Herb Torrance
- Bill Vogel
- Don Wright
- Jim Wronck



### Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Robert Wilson** and his wife **Ann** on the death of Ann's brother, Daniel P. Krahe. Daniel passed away on Sunday, March 12th at the age of 60.

Congratulations to club member **Bob Coccarelli** and his wife **Cori** and the birth of their first grandchild. Eviana Violetta was born to Jake and Jamie Coccarelli Bojarski on April 1st and she weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz.

Also congratulations to **P/C Tony DiNicola** and his wife **Kathy** on the birth of their first granddaughter Madelyn Ann DiNicola. She was born on April 20th.

Your slip payment is due **May 15th** or when your boat occupies the stall if before May 15th.

Congratulations to **P/C Tony DiNicola** who retired from Welder's Supply and also to **Gary Koenig** who retired from Northwest Savings Bank.

Just a reminder that on Sunday, May 28th, there will be no parking in the main parking lot due to the Opening Day Ceremony which will be held there. Please be courteous and obey the signs and traffic cones.

A reminder that an Equipment Operator and Ground Person Safety Meeting will be held 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. This will be the last scheduled safety meeting until fall of this year. If questions, please contact Safety Chairman, **Jim Howard** (814)397-9217.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and grandmothers in the club!

Congratulations to **Tom Todd**, this month's money winner.

## Officers' Comments

I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm only about 100 tasks away from putting my boat in the water. As the season fast approaches, repairs to the framing on A dock have been completed. Failing floats have also been replaced. We should be able to get a few more years out of it now. We will be replacing the decking at the first work party. If you are launching your boat before the decking is down, please coordinate with the Vice Commodore to get a temporary slip until you can get to yours. C and D finger piers will be going in as soon as possible. We will be replacing 15 failing floats there as well. We are planning to replace the pins on C dock to make them more stable. Worn pins on D dock were replaced last year. Coordinate with the Vice Commodore if your boat is in the water before your finger pier is if you are on A dock. I have had a number of questions about when the water will be turned on. Hopefully, it will be on by the time you are reading this, but if not, it will be back on shortly. We wanted to make sure any risk of freeze had passed before charging the system.

Regarding the original Penn-DOT plan to build a road through our property (as well as others), I don't plan on resting until we have confirmation that their plans have changed. I will be inviting William Petit, the District Executive from Penn-DOT, to the club on a Saturday. I am hoping it is a busy one with plenty of lift activity and boats

being launched. I am also going to invite him to the Opening Day Ceremony. Hopefully he will get an idea of how we use the property and the problems with a road bifurcating it. Please feel free to introduce yourself if you see either myself or Dale Oregia showing him around.

With that said, by the next issue of this newsletter, most of our boats should be in the water and we will have Opening Day behind us. I'm looking forward to a great boating season. I hope you're as excited as I am!

Commodore Jim Buto

We are now uncovering our boats and working on them. Please remember that your registration sticker should read '18 or higher. If it is a '17 sticker, then your registration expired as of March 31, 2017 and your boat will not be launched. If you are having work done on your boat in the yard, then please provide the insurance liability form from that company. When you are launching your boat, you need 2 able-bodied helpers to assist you. The lift operator and ground man DO NOT COUNT. Their job is to get you safely in the water! The lift operator cannot see everything going on around him or her and relies on the ground person for all communication. The ground person is the Boss. Nothing should be done without his direction. Safety First! It is a natural thing to want to watch the lifting of a boat in action. Please remember that children

are also fascinated by big machines and lose sight of the real dangers associated with this process. Make sure all children stay back and out of the way.

If you are going on an extended trip this summer, please sign the log book to let us know so we may use your slip for transients. Thank all of you who have already come forward to help make our club the best club in Erie. We on the Bridge and Board could not get this much done without all of your help!

VC Herb Torrance

Thank you to those who have committed to being part of the our first work party scheduled for this Saturday, April 29th at 8:00 a.m. We still need more workers as the "to-do" list is very long. Work parties are great opportunities to meet fellow members and gain the necessary work hours to fulfill your duty as a member. Newer members are encouraged to bring sponsors. This is your Club and it needs your time and talent to get it ready for the 2017 season. Painting is always on the list, so wear appropriate clothes for that job. We plan work until noon and then a hearty lunch will be provided. Call me at 814 504 6229 with any questions.

After the first work party, the Bridge will assess the progress and may identify projects that can be done before the next scheduled work party on the following Saturday, May 6th. Final scheduled work party will take place on May 27. Let's have a tremendous showing on the

29th to get us off to a great start.

Here are some important reminders regarding the grounds. Observe the speed limit of 5 MPH. There are many people walking in and out of the areas between the boats in the yard. It can be especially difficult to see children as we drive about the lot. Be careful and drive slowly.

Oils, antifreeze, solvents, paint, shrink wrap or any chemicals are **NOT** permitted to be disposed of in the dumpster. If you do paint any portion of your boat in the yard, you must use protective sheeting to collect drips and spills. Trailers that are left in the yard must have the 2017 sticker and identified with your name and contact number.

Once your boat is launched, you have 72 hours to clean up your area of supplies and arrange for positioning of stands, cradles and supplies with the Yard-Master.

RC Robert Wilson



*"It's come to my attention that one of you got behind on your work because of looking at boats on the Internet."*

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Happy Mother's Day