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Presque Isle Yacht Club



Newsletter



Commodore:
Jim Buto

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Officers' Comments

As summer is winding down, Herb and I have been doing double duty while RC Robert Wilson recovers from surgery. (All reports are that Robert's recovery is proceeding slowly but surely.)

At the same time, a lot of our caretaker staff left to return to school. Clem and Sophie were with us for 3 years, and next summer should find them graduated, out in the work force, and quite overqualified for their former positions. Fortunately, Donovan is able to stay on until the season ends for us. To help cover the required hours, we have hired Gabby, who is learning the position very quickly. Anna and Alaina also agreed to come back from previous summers to cover a couple of shifts. I am very happy to have all of them on board. Since it is the end of the season and coverage will be somewhat spotty with school in session, and so please lend a hand to keep our club in good condition. If situations arise that require more than elbow grease, please bring it to my attention.

In other news, club member Jeff Scarpitti has been working all summer to update our internet access at the club. We have good speed coming to the club, but it bottlenecks when it goes to Wi-Fi. Jeff has been updating the equipment to handle the new bandwidth. We have been able to reach speeds of 50 mbps in and around the clubhouse. The speed out at the end of the docks is closer to 17 mbps, which is still fairly good but we are adding two more boosters to bring that up. Please route all feedback, good and bad, to me and I'll let Jeff know how we are doing.

VC Herb Torrance will be spearheading the fall work parties, and the dates should be announced shortly. Along with

other projects, we are planning of giving the northern half of B-dock the same type of overhaul that the southern half of A-dock got this year. That means that we will need to remove the decking at the fall work parties. If your boat is on the northern half of B-dock, and you are planning on staying in the water into October, please talk to the Vice Commodore to have a vacant slip assigned until you come out of the water.

As we begin to pull boats, I should remind you that lift operators and groundsmen do not count as crew when setting your boat. They have enough to do keeping you and your boat safe. As usual, please bring enough crew with you to set blocks and stands.

Also, remember that we discussed at the last membership meeting the bidding of slips to occur in November this year. This will bring us to the same schedule as the other clubs and marinas in the area, and make it easier to bring in new members. The general consensus has been that this would be a positive move. If anyone has a dissenting opinion, please let me know. I am trying to foster discussion on this topic. This will be an agenda item at the next General Membership Meeting to allow for discussion.

With that said, I know the summer wasn't the best we've had weather-wise. But I had a lot of fun, and I hope all of you did too. I'm looking forward to Halloween, sweaters, and pumpkin-spiced-everything.

Commodore Jim Buto

This fall we hope to finish our summer projects at the work parties. I would like to have a work party in September for a few projects. Let me know if

you can help. Thanks to Mike Hornyak for painting the Penelec building. Anyone interested in painting the trim let me know. Thanks to Adam DiNicola, Mark and Susanne Sturdivant for helping rebuild the wall by the club house. Thanks to P/C Tim McGraw, Adam DiNicola, and crew for helping with the trenching and conduit running in the yard. We will now have electric, water and no overhead wires in the yard. This gives us more freedom for boat storage. Thanks to Dan Galvin for introducing me to his personal body trainer. Thor (the jackhammer) gave me the ultimate Iron Mike experience during my three hour workout! After jack hammering four foundations that we found while running the trencher, I realize I will never be an Iron Mike! At least I can take "running a real jack hammer" off my bucket list. The caretakers are back to school and we will have limited staff on duty. Please step up and help if you see something that needs done. The grey totes in the Penelec building are for fish parts after cleaning. Someone just threw the fish in the bottom of the freezer. Now we have a bunch of frozen fish stuck to the bottom of the freezer. What a mess! Please dispose of the fish correctly. I'm looking for a few fisher people to help clean up the freezer. As we start pulling our boats remember you need two able-body persons that can help set your boat. The lift operator and ground person **Do Not Count** as help in the setting your boat. Finally if anyone has a funny story that I can work with please let me know. I am starting to put together the haul out party awards and need a few more stories. Safety First!

R/C Robert Wilson
VC Herb Torrance

Upcoming Events

Equipment Safety Meeting *October 7*
12:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting *October 8*
1:30 p.m.

Fall Work Parties *TBD*

Lift Operator Appreciation Lunch *October 28*
12:00 p.m.

Haul Out Party *November 11*
6:00 p.m.



Happy Birthday:

- Jay Armstrong
- Mark Bean
- Toni Berarducci
- Jim Campbell
- Don Czerwinski
- Don Dinardo
- Marge Flecken
- Carrie Galbreath
- Sherri Galvin
- Pam Green
- Jim Hammill
- Larry and Jolene Harmle
- Ted Harmle
- Graham Hodgetts
- Cindy Howarth
- Paul Kreger
- Doreen Logan
- Dink Smith
- Bob Stinnett
- Dave Turner
- Richard Trusik
- Ann Wilson

Safety Meeting

An Equipment Operator and Ground Person Safety Meeting will be held at the club on Saturday, October 7th at 12:00 pm or ASAP following that day's work party & lunch (if applicable). **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 is also 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). This will be the last scheduled safety meeting until the spring of next year. If you attended one of the spring meetings held earlier this year, you are still qualified per the PIYC safety rule of attending a safety meeting annually and can renew in the spring of 2018 but are of course welcome to also

attend this meeting if you so choose. 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 attendance status list is posted in the PIYC clubhouse. If any questions or for additional information, please contact Safety Chairman, Jim Howard.

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Happy Anniversary!

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

10-Year: Larry Harmle
Gary Roesch

Board Report

At the September board meeting, the board discussed the slip request deadline being moved to November each year and the Commodore will add this to the October membership meeting agenda. A member was granted half his slip fee back because of selling his boat and was he put back on inactive status. Received two letters regarding slip parameters and it was decided that the committee will look at this now since boats are still in the water. Luke DeHart was voted off probation.

Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Jerry Skolnik Jr.** and his wife **Kathy Jo** on the death of Kathy Jo's father. Tom Macaluso passed away on Friday, July 7th at the age of 81.

Also condolences to club member **Bob Schenker** and his wife **Carolyn** and also **Heather Klan** and her husband **Andy** on the death of Bob's brother and Heather's uncle. Rick Schenker passed away on Thursday, August 10th at the age of 59.

Presque Isle Yacht Club made the local news with the annual raft up!! Despite the less-than-ideal weather, more than a dozen boats

attended the raft up in the marina and it caught the eye of the local news crew. **Commodore Buto** was also interviewed in the picnic shelter to explain the annual event.

The PA Fish and Boat Commission publishes weekly fishing reports and this is the most recent report regarding Lake Erie fishing. Anglers are catching Walleye anywhere in 54 feet to 80 feet of water. A few Steelhead have been showing up when anglers are targeting Walleye. Anglers are catching Yellow Perch in 40 feet to 60 feet of water out in front of Walnut Creek.

Watch for the fall work party schedule in next month's newsletter. If you still need work hours for the year, this is a good time to get them done.

If you would like to run for an office or the board for the 2018 season, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee—**Frank DeWolf, P/C Mike Galbreath, P/C Gene Krahe, Sr.** or before the November membership meeting.

"The only guy who isn't rowing has time to rock the boat." Jean-Paul Sartre

Hope you all had a great Labor Day Weekend!



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Happy Labor Day!