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# Presque Isle Yacht Club



## Newsletter



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

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### Membership Meeting

The first of the fall membership meetings will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, October 8th at 1:30**

**p.m.** This being the first meeting since May, there is much on the agenda. Let's have a good turnout for this

first meeting of the fall season!

### Upcoming Events

Safety Meeting    October 7  
  12:00 p.m.

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

Work parties                            October 14  
  and 28  
  8:00 a.m.

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

Haul Out Party                        November 11  
PIYC Clubhouse                        6:00 p.m.

### Officers' Comments

I'd like to take a moment to review the haul out procedures. There has been some confusion this year at the club as we begin to pull boats. Please remember that it is your responsibility to arrange for a lift operator and ground man for your reserved lift time. There is a list of all the lift operators and groundsmen posted in the clubhouse next to the lift schedule. Also, when your boat is lifted, it is to be placed where the yardmaster, Steve Mullen P/C has assigned it. If you have any issues with your winter storage location please discuss it with the yardmaster **prior** to lifting your boat.

The **fall work parties** are scheduled for **Saturday, October 14th** and **Saturday, October 28th**. We will be removing the decking from the north end of B dock. If your boat is in that area please move it to another slip prior to the October 14th work party. The water and electric should be on until November 4th. The lift will be winterized November 1st and so all boats storing at the club must be out of the water prior to that.

Commodore Jim Buto



For the work parties scheduled in October, the usual kitchen crew will be cooking for us again. We also have a very limited staff to clean the clubhouse during the off-season. If anyone is interested in cleaning for work hours, please get in touch with Com-

modore Buto or VC Torrance for the schedule. The water lines on the club grounds will be blown out on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please slow down as you drive through the club grounds. Having boats along the driveway make it difficult to see people coming out between them. As Commodore Buto mentioned, please ensure you have two able-bodied people to help you pull and set your boat. The lift operator and ground man Do Not Count. Their job is to lift and move your boat. Thanks to Mark Bean who painted the trim on the Penelec building.

RC Robert Wilson /  
VC Herb Torrance



We are busy getting the club grounds ready for all the boats to come out of the water this fall and we need your help to get your extra vessels including dinghies, paddle boards, kayaks, etc. off the property so we have room to place the boats in the yard. Please move them right away.

P/C Steve Mullen  
Yard Master



A reminder that an Equipment Operator and Ground Person Safety Meeting will be held on Saturday, **October 7th** at approximately 12:00 pm. **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 spring of next year. If anyone has any particular circumstances presenting difficulty in meeting this requirement, please contact me so that some other accommodation can be made.

Safety Chairman Jim Howard  
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#### October Board Report

The Board received a letter from the Bayfront Maritime Center thanking PIYC for their donation to Ease which was a result of the annual Poker Run. They reviewed the recommended changes from LOA committee and another letter and an invoice was sent to a member for late fees.



*"Our boat is fine, and we're not stranded. We just don't want to go back to that crazy world."*



### Happy Birthday:

- Barbara Anderson
- Tara Buto
- Joanne Butts
- Buzz Chatham
- Tony DiNicola
- Jim Flynn
- Donna Franz
- Kathy Fromknecht
- Don Galbreath
- Kim Harmle
- Eileen Hodgetts
- Mike Hornyak
- Lance Howell
- Lynnette Kahn
- Alice Kenton
- Robyn Kline
- Mike & Chris Kozen
- Gene Krahe
- Bob Renner
- Victoria Shafer
- Ann Skolnik
- Jerome Skolnik
- Steve Spaeder
- Phil Tullai
- Heidi Vogt
- Eugenie Wolf

## Upcoming Events

An **appreciation lunch** will be held for all ground crew, lift operators, and jitney drivers in the clubhouse on **Saturday, October 28th** beginning at 12:00 p.m. We truly do appreciate all the hard work the lift operators, ground crew, and jitney drivers put in throughout the year and in most cases. They put in a tremendous amount of hours

to get all the boats in and out of the water. If you have any questions regarding the get-together, please contact Fleet Captain Kurt Fesenmyer 814-823-9326 or email him at [kfesen1@gmail.com](mailto:kfesen1@gmail.com). Please plan on attending so that we may show our appreciation for all your hard work.

The Annual **Haul Out Party** will be held in the clubhouse on **Saturday, November 11th** beginning at 6:00 p.m. More information will be sent out as it becomes available.

The **District 7 Blue Gavel Organization** will have their annual meeting and Installation of Officers **October**

**19th—22nd** at the Double Tree Cleveland hotel in Cleveland, OH. The weekend is filled with activities including a Poker Run, wine and brewery tours, hospitality suites, etc. Please contact P/C Charlie Miller at 814-833-9098 for reservations and more information.

## It's Haul Out Time

It's that time of year again. There are several things to remember when getting your boat ready for the winter. In addition to the officers' comments, you are responsible to ensure proper support for your boat. You may want to follow the standards set by your boat manufacturer, ABYC or equivalent for land storage. Please mark your jack stands or trailer

with your name and phone number. This will help the officers or anyone else identify your boat in case of an emergency. Don't forget to chain and lock your ladder to your cradle when you are not at the club. This is especially important because this will help deter anyone from breaking into your boat. Also, you may

want to secure your swim platform ladder. Please do not leave used oil or antifreeze on club property. You must dispose of any oil or antifreeze properly. Try to keep the area around your boat neat and clean to help avoid accidents, plus it makes the club look nice. Also, after hauling your boat out of the water,

please clear your dock space of lines, fenders, hoses, power lines, etc. within 72 hours or you will be charged if the dockmaster must remove these items. Contact any of the officers if you have any questions.

## Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Mike Kozen** and his wife **Chris** on the death of Chris's father. Charles Thompson passed away on Thursday, September 7th at the age of 79.

The PA Fish and Boat Commission are giving away a kayak this fall. Between September 2nd and November 27th, you can enter online at <http://pfbc.pa.gov/boat-giveaway.htm> or in person at either the Penn State or Pitt home football games outside the stadiums.

Don't forget about the nomination of officers at the November membership meeting. If you would like to run for an office or for a position on the Board, please contact the nominating committee—**Frank Dewolf, P/C Mike Gal-**

**breath, P/C Gene Krahe, Sr.** before the November meeting. The office of Treasurer will be opening up shortly. If you have experience using QuickBooks and would like to be the Treasurer, please contact the Commodore or someone on the nominating committee.

Keep December 9th open for the Annual Christmas

Party. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

## Happy Anniversary!

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

**50-Year:** Dick Czerwinski

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