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Newsletter



Commodore:
Herb Torrance

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Membership Meeting Notice

The March membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, March 11th at 1:30 p.m.** Commodore Herb Torrance will preside. Plans will be discussed to get the club

ready for the upcoming boating season. Please note that Daylight Savings Time goes into effect on Sunday, March 11th 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 11 1:30 p.m.**

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

Work party **April 21, May 5, 26 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Equipment Operator Safety Meeting **April 21, May 5 & May 26 12:30 p.m.**

Fry Party **April 27 6:00 p.m.**

Commodore Dinner **May 12 6:00 p.m.**
(all members invited)

Officers' Comments

The weather is changing to spring and with these changes, please remember to keep checking your jack stands. Also don't forget to unplug your boats when not at the club. We are planning the work that is needed around the club this spring and also work party dates. As of today, the dates planned are April 21, May 5, and May 26. April 28 and May 19 have been added to the schedule as the "catch up" dates if extra work parties are needed. We have already started to do some cleaning in the attic so the insulation can be installed.

At the last membership meeting, the Dock Committee presented their findings and discussed the options for the different decking material that could be used. A motion was made "to move forward with the replacement of B Dock with IPE decking, to be fully assembled and installed by Meeco Sullivan, not to exceed \$170,000." The motion was voted on and passed. In addition, the dock committee is going to the Buffalo boat show and will meet with the dock company to ensure all the small details are understood before we sign a contract.

Ideas have been coming in about ways to celebrate the 75 year anniversary in 2019.

It is good to see everyone getting involved in this special milestone. Please forward your ideas to P/C Anne Eisert. I would also like to thank Anne for helping me with the Roberts Rules during my first meeting. Her advice and understanding of the protocol made running of the meeting very professional and organized.

The slip assignments will be handed out at the March meeting along with the invoice, gate cards, and membership card in your packet. To save on printing costs, those receiving email newsletters will receive a copy of the updated rules/fees via email. The Vice Commodore will accept applications for second slip assignments during April. The plan will be to assign second slips no later than May 7th.

We would like to thank everyone for the help and support on our first two events: Tureen Dinner and Tubing Party. The Tubing Party on Feb 17 had a large turnout with 40 people taking part in the tubing and 56 people in total attendance. Thank you to all members, family and friends that made this another great event! The next big event will be the Happy Hour Fry party on Friday, April 27 at 6:00 PM in the PIYC clubhouse. The Past Commo-

dore Appreciation Dinner will take place on Saturday, May 12th at the Sunset Inn. The final details and information will be available prior to the next membership meeting on March 11th. I hope to see all the Past Commodores and their significant others attend. Also, **all members are invited to attend this very nice event.** I am excited for the months ahead and the parties to come.

Regarding the D.O.G. Poker Run, last year, the board decided that going forward, they would like to receive nominations from the members as to which non-profit organization should receive the proceeds from the event. If you have a strong desire for a specific non-profit organization to receive the proceeds, please write a letter to board with the organization of choice, how the organization is going to help with the event, and you also must help in running the event (you will get help).

Commodore Herb Torrance
VC Robert Wilson
RC Kurt Fesenmyer
FC Jim Mazza



Happy Birthday:

- Noelle Alger
- Eric Anderson
- Lori Baniewicz
- Bob and Cori Coccarelli
- David DeMarall
- Michael Dixon
- 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

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 PIYC. 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 PIYC 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 Herb Torrance.

New Gate Cards

The 2018 gate card keys will be given out at the March meeting to all members who paid their 2018 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 **Monday, March 26th**, weather permitting. The new cards will be **purple**. Don't forget to carry your 2017 gate card with you until the gate is changed. If you do not receive your new cards by March 15th, call Charlie Longua at 814-899-7197. 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.

Ramblin's

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.

We would like to wish a very special Happy 80th Birthday to Janet Eisert!!!

Erie Times News had a very nice write-up about past

member Randy Howarth about how he and Cindy fulfilled their bucket list wish for a final sail trip of 4,000 miles from Erie to St. Petersburg, FL. Randy sent this note for all of you. "I would like to say that I have enjoyed my 15-year membership at PIYC immensely. I do regret not putting together a drink book of the crazy drinks Cindy and I invented over the years but I am writing a memoir, "Fooferrals, Fandangos, and Finality" which is almost done (Cindy will write last chapter) and I'm counting on all of you to buy a copy when it's done so my wife Cindy can afford to find herself a sexy Italian hunk to help her sail this boat

I've been working on since forever!"

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

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



"Every winter he just sits in his boat and sobs. I think it's time we moved to a place that's warm all year round."

Clubhouse Rental

The clubhouse has been rented on the following dates:

March 4	March 24
March 8	March 31
March 10	April 7
March 18	

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



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Sailing News

There have been quite a bit of discussion about the sail races this summer and also some talk of planning a weekend trip as well. Now that the PIYC summer event schedule has been posted, I am suggesting the following sail race dates: June 30 - bay race #1; July 21 - bay race #2; August 4 - bay race #3; and September 1 - bay race #4.

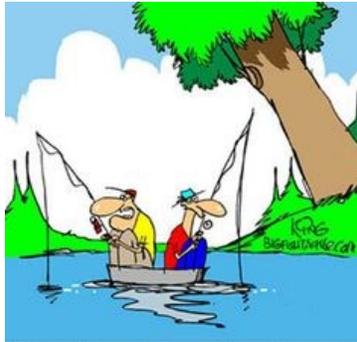
In addition, I'd like to suggest we have an all-club (power and sail) long weekend trip on August 10-13 to either Ashtabula or Dunkirk (depending upon the wind) which would include a 2-day lake race for the "Ed Kaminski" trophy. I welcome any feedback about other suggested dates and ideas and we can work out the details later.

If anyone knows how to se-

cure a race marker buoy to begin and end races, it would make my job easier if the club had one.

Please call me or email 814-866-5271 or Gslarson1@yahoo.com with comments or suggestions or any questions regarding any of these events.

Gary Larson



"For your information, I use to have a big, expensive bass boat. But thanks to a certain poker game, it now belongs to someone who had a better hand than me."

Equipment Operator Safety Meeting

An Equipment and Ground Operator Safety Meeting will be held this spring on Saturday, April 21st and again on Saturday, May 26th at 12:30 pm or ASAP following that day's scheduled work party & lunch. **All current and prospective Lift Operators, Ground Operators 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 equipment or ground operator 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 October 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 2018 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 2018 year and several have changed this year. Please ensure you read and understand them.

Dock Rules

Replace Dock Master with Vice Commodore in all occurrences.

Replace Rules 1 and 2 as follows:

1. Members who wish to bid for a slip shall complete a Slip Request Form, pay the requisite slip reservation fee, include a copy of an approved Liability Insurance Declaration and submit the same to the attention of the Vice Commodore no later than November 15th of the year preceding the next boating season.

2. Slip Request Forms for the following boating season are available from the Treasurer after October 1st.

House and Grounds Rules

Replace Rules 13 and 14 as follows:

13. "Recreational Vehicles" meaning a motorhome, travel trailer, truck camper, camping trailer, or other vehicle or trailer, with or without motive power, designed or altered for human habitation for recreational, emergency, or other human occupancy are prohibited from remaining overnight on Club grounds without the express permission of the Rear Commodore or his designate. The Rear Commodore may, at his discretion, and in keeping with the good order of the Club, issue a "RV guest permit". This permit, if issued, allows for a limited duration overnight parking permit for a recreational vehicle belonging to a PIYC member, or guest of the same. All Recreational Vehicles parked on Club grounds must have a RV guest permit openly dis-

played for casual visual inspection. There are fees associated with this privilege and the fee amount is set by the PIYC Board of Directors.

14. The placement of personal picnic tables is prohibited on Club Grounds without the express permission of the Rear Commodore or his designate. The Rear Commodore may, at his discretion, allow the placement of a personal picnic table on Club Grounds provided its placement, construction, and upkeep, are in keeping with the good order of the Club. This privilege may be revoked by the Rear Commodore at any time.

Lift Rules

Change Dock Master to Vice Commodore in all occurrences

Change to rule 1: No operation of the lift will be permitted unless ground operator and lift operator are present.

Winter Storage Rules

No changes

Safety Rules

Change "ground man/men" to "ground operator(s)" where it appears in all rules

Changes to 2018 Fees

No changes

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.

