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Newsletter



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Membership Meeting Notice

The May membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, May 20th at 1:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held on the **third Sunday** this month due to Mother's Day being on the sec-

ond Sunday. Commodore Herb Torrance 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>Membership Meeting</i>	<i>May 20 1:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Work Party</i>	<i>May 26 8:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. (May 19th if needed)</i>
<i>Equipment Operator Safety Meeting</i>	<i>May 26 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Opening Day Ceremony</i>	<i>May 27 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Tureen Dinner</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>

Opening Day Ceremony

PIYC will open its 74th season with a Memorial Service on Sunday, May 27th 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 Jim Mazza at 337-353-8125 or email him at jfmazza@aol.com with any questions.

Happy Anniversary

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

- 5-Year:** Steve Spaeder
- 25-Year:** Mike Barrett
George Hooker
Toni Perkins

Sail News

The four bay sail races are set for the following Saturdays: June 30, July 21, August 4, and September 1. We'll meet at the picnic shelter at 9:00 a.m. for instructions on the course. The starting horn will sound at 10:00 a.m. and the same rules apply as last year. Can Bob Green be unseated from the #1 spot?

On another note, some of us are interested in a cruise for everyone, both powerboats and

sail, and the best weekend considering Erie summer events seems to be Friday, August 10 thru Monday, August 13. Depending upon wind and weather, we'll head to either Dunkirk or Ashtabula. You may want to do all 4 days, or 3 days, or 2 days. We'll have a planning meeting before Memorial Day Ceremonies at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 27 in the picnic shelter. The idea is that every-

one makes their own docking reservations, but we can cruise together and transient dock in the same destinations.

Also, within this four-day weekend, I plan to run the two-day Ed Kaminski Lake Race. I will have more details regarding this race once I hear from other interested racers.

Gary Larson
Sail Committee Chair

Happy Birthday

- Mike and Linda Corsi
- Bill Coyne
- Jeanne Downey
- Andy Farina
- Rebecca Flynn
- Bob Franz
- Elaine Hamilton
- 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 Wronek



Ramblin's

A special congratulations goes to club member and club Chaplain, **Monsignor Tom Snyderwine**. On May 18th, he will celebrate his 50th anniversary as a priest! Congratulations!!

Congratulations to **P/C Dale Oreggia** who married **Tina Gregory** on Friday, May 4th while in Florida!

Condolences to the friends and family of past member Dick Burk. Dick passed away on Thursday, March 29th at the age of 79. He was a past Fleet Captain of PIYC.

Your slip payment is due **May 15th** or when your boat

occupies the stall if before May 15th.

If you would like any special news placed in the Ramblin's of the newsletter i.e. baby, engagement, marriage, retirement, special birthday, death notice, etc. please don't hesitate to contact newsletter editor P/C Anne Eisert at anne.k.eisert@gmail.com.

The following is an excerpt from the BMC's spring newsletter where PIYC was publicly thanked for the donation of the boat slip for the season. "BMC's escort and safety vessel, *EASE-Y Spirit*, has new canvas this season. Windows have been

added to keep parents, care givers, and siblings dry, while watching their family members sail. The front and back covers will keep it drier and easier to clean while moored at its dock which is generously donated again this year by the Presque Isle Yacht Club." In addition, the proceeds from the annual PIYC Poker Runs paid for the new canvas for the pontoon boat.

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

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

Officers' Comments

The board and bridge meet throughout the year and are available always. Our last membership meeting is in May but the activities are just getting started. Let's have a great boating summer and enjoy our home away from home. We are now uncovering our boats and working on them and so please remember that your registration sticker should read "19" or higher. If it is an "18", you are out of registration as of March 31, 2018 and cannot launch and still be legal. When you are launching your boat you need two 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 their 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 a trip, please sign the book to let us know so we may use that 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 Robert Wilson
Commodore Herb Torrance



I would like to thank everyone who attended the first work party. There were many things that were addressed resulting in plenty to do to get the club ready for opening day. The final work party will be May 26th.

As a reminder, no antifreeze, motor oil, solvents, paint, or shrink wrap can go in the dumpster. When painting your boat in the yard please use a drop cloth.

All trailers stored in the yard must have the current year sticker. Also, attach your name and number to the tongue. Once your boat is launched you have 72 hours to pick up your area and have ready for the yardmaster to store.

The floors of the clubhouse will be getting polished on **Saturday, May 12th** and so the clubhouse will be closed from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. that day.

Just a reminder that on Sunday, May 27th, 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.

One last note: After spending several hours cleaning out the attic and discarding many donated items to the club, please contact myself or any of the officers before dropping off items. We have had many great donations as well, but please call first.

RC Kurt Fesenmyer



A reminder that an Equipment and Ground Operator Safety Meeting will be held 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. This will be the last scheduled safety meeting until fall of this 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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Welcome New Members

The Board and Officers have decided to take in new members at their last meeting.

Andy Farina and his wife **Michele**. Andy recently retired after 31 years with Verizon as a phone technician and Michele is an accounting manager at Wegmans.

Bill Strike and his wife **Beverly**. Bill is retired from UPMC where he was an operating room registered nurse and Beverly is a special needs caregiver at Gertrude Barber Center.

If you see our new members and their family around the club, please introduce yourself and make them feel like part of the PIYC family.



"I know we haven't caught anything yet, but I feel something big is going to happen real soon."

*Summer
is
Coming*

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Happy Mother's Day