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# Presque Isle Yacht Club



## Newsletter



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### Many Events this Summer

Fleet Captain Jim Mazza has many fun events planned this summer and we hope you can join in on all the fun! Watch the bulletin board in the clubhouse as well as the PIYC website for updated information on the events. The first event of the summer will be the **C, D, and E Dock Party** which will be held on **June 29<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. Please have a snack to share at your boat.

The next party will be the **Retiree and Goof Off Day** on **Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**. The day will start out with a golf outing at 9:00 a.m. at Scenic Heights golf course which is located at 7830 Knoyle Road. The cost for 18 holes is \$27 which in-

cludes the cart. The cost is reduced to \$18 for those over 62 years of age. For those who only want to play 9 holes, the cost is only \$15 and \$12 including the cart. At 1:00 p.m. the picnic will begin in the picnic shelter. The cost is \$10 a person which includes grilled sausage, hot dogs, and hamburgers, soda, and beer. If you attend the golf outing, the cost for the picnic will only be \$5. Please bring a dish to share with other members. Please sign up for the golf outing in the clubhouse.

The big party of the summer will be the **Red Neck Yacht Club Party** which will be held on **Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

beginning at 4:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children ages 3 to 12. Children ages 2 and under are free. The menu consists of BBQ pork and chicken, many sides and beverages. The musical entertainment will be provided by local band Refuge.

The second **Dock Party** of the year will be held on **Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** and this one will be hosted by A, B, and Peach St docks. The party starts at 6:00 p.m. and please have a snack to share at your boat.

Contact FC Jim Mazza at 337-353-8125 or [jfmazza@aol.com](mailto:jfmazza@aol.com) if you have any questions.

### Upcoming Events

*Coast Guard* June 23  
*Auxiliary Boat* 8:00 a.m.  
*Inspections*

*Dock Party* June 29  
*C, D, E Docks* 6:00 p.m.

*Sail Race* June 30  
9:00 a.m.

*Retiree & Goof* July 6  
*Off Party* 1:00 p.m.

*DOG Poker Run* July 13  
6:00 p.m.



*Red Neck Yacht* July 21  
*Club Party* 5:00 p.m.



### Happy Birthday:

- Mike and Rosemary Barrett
- Carol Bean
- Becky Best
- Mike Briglia
- Bob Bryson
- Gary Bunting
- Anne Eisert
- Ella Galvin
- Patricia Howell
- Aaron Jarmolowicz
- Tom Kelley
- Don Kenton
- Gene Krahe, Jr.
- Bill Magee
- John and Sue Magee
- Judy May
- Mike McClimans
- Arron Petermann
- Paul Sauer
- Nicole Scarpitti
- Marilyn Tracy
- Chuck White
- Marge Worley

### There's an App for That

As part of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) comprehensive effort to improve the security of our nation's borders while enhancing legitimate travel, CBP has launched the Reporting Offsite Arrival - Mobile (ROAM) app.

The CBP ROAM app is a free mobile application that provides an option for pleasure boaters to report their U.S. entry to CBP via their personal smart phone or a tablet located at local businesses to satisfy the reporting requirements. In limited areas, travelers arriving in remote areas may also be eligible to use the ROAM app.

The ROAM app also qualifies as an Alternative Inspection System that satisfies the boat operator's legal require-

ment to report for face-to-face inspection in accordance with 8 CFR 235.1 with some **exceptions**:

- Travelers who require an I-94;
- Travelers who wish to obtain a cruising license;
- Travelers who must pay duties on imported goods; and other circumstances as applicable.

To use the ROAM app, travelers input their biographic, conveyance, and trip details and submit their trip for CBP Officer (CBPO) review. The CBPO may initiate a video chat to further interview travelers. Once the CBPO reviews the trip, travelers will receive a push notification and an email with their admissibility decision and next

steps, if applicable.

Download the ROAM app from the Apple Store or Google Play.

- This program replaces the OARS videophone program.
- The ROAM program will start in Erie by the end of May.
- By mid summer, U.S. Customs and Boarder Patrol will supply PIYC with a CBP iPad for member and visitor use if you don't have the app on your smart devise.

More details can be found at the U.S. Customs ROAM website at [www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats-private-flyers/pleasure-boat-overview/roam](http://www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats-private-flyers/pleasure-boat-overview/roam).

## Officers' Reports

"Do you think we can get all that done? It looks like too much work for one work party." What more can be said except that the place looks great!!! I want to thank all who came to the final work party and started early and stayed late. Without you, we would have never accomplished so much in so little time. The weather was perfect for the opening day ceremony, the turnout was great and the food was awesome!

I would like to congratulate **P/C Gary Bunting**, this year's recipient of the Harold Eisert Sr. Boating Service Award! I was honored to present him with the award and he was very deserving of it. Thank you Gary for your many years of service to our club!

During the last membership meeting, the options for both A & B docks were discussed. The approach will be as follows: B-dock will be built, delivered, and installed this fall. A-dock will be built and stored at the manufacturer's site until we are ready to install it. If the B-dock installation occurs very quickly and without any issues, then we have the option of having A-dock delivered in 2018.

The USCG Auxiliary will be at PIYC on Saturday, June 23 to

perform **free Vessel Safety Checks** starting at 8:00 a.m. Please sign up in the clubhouse on the sheets provided. The officers are also planning several safety sessions and demonstrations throughout the summer including fire extinguisher training, flare demonstrations, AED classes. Watch the website and future newsletters for the schedule and more information. Also, please take the time to update your personal page. Secretary Robert Green can help with this. Let us all have a Great Boating Season!

Commodore Herb Torrance

I would like to thank the membership for all the hard work getting the entire grounds ready for opening day. Everyone worked exceptionally hard to make opening day a great success. I would also like to let everyone know that the ice from the machine in the pavilion is free to all members. Please limit yourself to four scoops until we learn the capacity of the machine. Please use the scoop provided and not your hands at all times to limit contamination. You may still purchase ice for \$2 per bag from the other machine.

All trailers and dinghies stored in the yard for the summer must have a 2018 decal on the tongue of the trailer. Please add your name to the decal so it's identifiable. The decals are available in the executive office and can be issued by any of the officers.

RC Kurt Fesenmyer

The board held the June meeting on May 21st. Routine business included voting Tom Fromnecht into the club as an active member, ending his probationary year, considering a new member application, and granting five extensions for members who won't be able to have their boats in the water by Opening Day weekend. I'd like to say that the rate boats have been launched once the weather warmed up has been impressive.

The dock project was also discussed. Specifically, whether or not to include A-dock in the dock replacement plan, when to do it, and how to finance it. We agreed with the members' recommendation to include A-dock and the funds were released to do it. The current financing deal with Erie Bank allows enough borrowing to pay for the project. Currently, we plan to replace B-dock

this fall and do A-dock in the fall of 2019. However, if B-dock goes very smoothly, A-dock can be moved up until spring 2019. Merco Marine is willing to store the docks as long as needed and will deliver them when we are ready. Timing of the A-dock project is not set in stone and can be adjusted depending on the difficulty of installation.

Finally, there has been no recent movement on the clubhouse project. We have been hung up by a building code inspector that has questions on the flammability of the attic foam. The members will be updated with more information but the work may be complete before the next newsletter.

Other projects that recently finished include the exhaust fan in the galley and air conditioners in the bathrooms. If you have any questions on how to operate the equipment, please ask a board or bridge member. Thanks to **Bill Coyne** and the Long Range Planning committee for organizing these projects. Also thanks to the hands-on members for making these projects happen.

P/C Jim Buto  
Board Chairman

## Lake Swimmer Needs Your Help

My Great Nephew Conrad Kubaney BSN, CPN, CPEN, who is a nurse at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, is planning to swim across Lake Erie the first week in August. Conrad has been training this past year by swimming 10 miles in the pool several times each week and will continue with more training on the lake when the water temperature increases. He will be swimming about 24.2 miles from

Long Point, Canada to Freeport Beach to raise money for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. His goal is to raise \$10,000. He is looking for a volunteer to supply a power craft to carry him, three kayaks, and three paddlers to Long Point on a day favorable for swimming. The power craft would then lead the way, starting early in the morning, across Lake Erie to Freeport Beach using GPS navigation. The power craft

would be followed by a line of three kayaks with Conrad swimming last. The expected time to complete the swim is 11-12 hours. All volunteer expenses will be personally reimbursed by Conrad and 100% of all donations will go to Children's Hospital. The link to his fundraising page is [www.givetochildrens.org/SwimForChildrenPGH](http://www.givetochildrens.org/SwimForChildrenPGH).

It would be greatly appreciated if a member of PIYC

would volunteer their boat and time to participate in this most worthwhile event. Conrad's email is [c.f.kubaney@gmail.com](mailto:c.f.kubaney@gmail.com)

You can also contact PIYC member Robert Stinnett for more information.

Robert Stinnett

**DONT GIVE UP THE SHIP**

## Who Will Be Top D.O.G.?

The 15th annual Dinghy Owners Group (DOG) Poker Run, is scheduled for **Friday, July 13th** beginning at **5:00 p.m.** Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. before the race which starts promptly at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$50/hand which includes two DOG Poker Run T-Shirts, dinner, refreshments and snacks at reception, and prizes for TOP

DOG, ASS. DOG and MAD DOG. Checks can be made out to **Presque Isle Yacht Club.** If you would just like to attend the dinner, the cost is only \$5 per person. A reception will be held at the club following the event at 9:00 p.m. where refreshments and snacks will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend the re-

ception. **You don't need a dinghy in order to participate.** Applications are available online at [www.piyc.com](http://www.piyc.com) and also on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Once again, this year's recipient of the proceeds will be EASE—Erie Adaptive Sailing Experience. This organization is entirely run by volunteers and allows community members,

primarily youth, with physical and mental disabilities to sail independently on Presque Isle Bay. If you or your company would like to **sponsor** the Poker Run, for \$100, your name or company's name/logo will be listed on the T-shirt and you will receive a free Poker run T-shirt (let us know your size). More information is available from P/C Anne Eisert at 814-218-2239.

## Sail News

Don't forget about the four sail races occurring this summer. They are on Saturdays June 30, July 21, August 4, and September 1. All races begin at 9:00 a.m.

As discussed in the past, a four-day trip is being planned for both power and sailboats from August 10-13 if you would like to join. Everyone will travel on the dates they choose and will need to make his/her own transient

arrangements. The final location decisions will be made by August 8th which will be dependent upon the weather. These are the ports and distances are under consideration.

Conneaut, OH—32 miles  
Ashtabula, OH—45 miles  
North East, PA—14 miles  
Barcelona, NY—30 miles  
Dunkirk, NY—51 miles

There's comfort following the shoreline however, crossing to Canada can be disconcerting to some when land is out of sight.

Each harbor is either a yacht club or a marina and some locations have a gas dock or a guest dock for the initial tie-up. Most locations will charge transients about \$1.50 per foot during weekdays and \$2.00 per foot on weekends. You will get an assigned slip, usually with water

and electric. Many locations have restaurants within walking distance. If you have never traveled before by water, it's a good idea to have a chart book, like Richardson's or some other navigational resources which you can get online. They will have detailed harbor information such as depth and entrance approaches.

Gary Larson

## Ramblin's

A reminder that the EASE (Erie Adaptive Sailing Experience) program will occur on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup> in the West Canal Basis and Presque Isle Bay. BMC / EASE appreciates your support during these hours.

As another reminder, please do not put electronics in the dumpster. Those are items that need to be recycled properly.

Many thanks to all the lift opera-

tors and ground crew. They all did a great job this past spring to get everyone in the water before the deadline!

Please send photos pictures of club activities and events to Secretary Bob Green for the website. Please email him at [webmaster@piyc.com](mailto:webmaster@piyc.com).

Please remember to break down your boxes before putting into the trash bin and this includes beer cases.

Congratulations to **Chuck**

**Kahn**, this month's money winner.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and grandfathers in the club!

## Happy Anniversary

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

**15-Year:** Herb Torrance  
**25-Year:** Mike McClimans  
**65-Year:** Ella Galvin

## New Member

The Board and Officers have decided to take in new members.

**Thomas Miodus.** Thomas is a mechanic and has three children; TJ, Trevor, and Troy.

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

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