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Newsletter



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Summertime Fun!

The next big party of the summer will be the **Red Neck Yacht Club Party** which will be held on **Saturday, July 21st** beginning at 4:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$18 for adults, \$7 for children ages 3 to 12. Children ages 2 and under are free. There will also be an ice cream machine on site making fresh ice cream that evening. The cost for the ice cream will be \$1.00 per scoop of the following flavors: vanilla, mint chip, and cookies 'n cream or you can get a root beer float for \$3.00 All proceeds from the ice cream sales will go to the Junior Membership. The dinner menu will include BBQ pork and BBQ chicken and the sides will be macaroni salad, potato salad, baked beans, and tossed salad. Beer, soda, and water will also be provided. Beginning at 7:00 p.m., the musical entertainment will be provided by local band Refuge.

The second **Dock Party** of the year will be held on **Friday, August 3rd** 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.

The first **Scallywag** outing will be **Friday, August 10th** starting at 6:00 p.m. with hot dogs, hamburgers, sides, and beer at the picnic shelter. The sunset cruise will leave from the end of C/D Dock at 8:00 p.m. This is limited to 75 people. The price is \$15 per person and the sign-up sheet is in the clubhouse. You must be 21 years of age to participate in this event.

The second **Scallywag** outing is scheduled for **Friday, August 24th** at 6:00PM. More details to come in the August newsletter.

Contact FC Jim Mazza at 337-353-8125 or jfmazza@aol.com if you have any questions regarding any of these events.

Sail News

The 10:00 a.m. start on June 30th brought the **Emerald Lady** within 4' of the committee boat and about one second before the gun...absolutely the best start I've ever seen—almost a little too good. It was a perfect 11 knot wind on a perfectly hot day and 8 boats joined the 4.33 mile contest. Official endings are: **Mike Briglia** on **Avanti** taking 1st. A close 2nd and 3rd were **Bob Green** on **Ananda** and **Don Dinardo** with **Emerald Lady**. The 5 remaining places were juggled a bit with PHRF handicaps figured in. But all crossed the line smiling and glad-handing each other on a fine race. Jay Armstrong gave it a try and was glad he did. We missed 3 previous racers and hope they and more will join us for the 2nd challenge on July 21st. It's another excuse to get out on the water with guaranteed low stress and good camaraderie. See you at 9:00 a.m. at the picnic shelter on Saturday, July 21st.

Gary Larson

Upcoming Events

Poker Run July 13
6:00 p.m.

Redneck Yacht Club Party July 21
4:00 p.m.

Dock Party August 3
A, B, Peach St. Docks 6:00 p.m.

Scallywags Trip August 10
6:00 p.m.

Scallywags Trip August 24
6:00 p.m.

Annual Raft Up Sept 2
12:00 p.m.



Happy Birthday:

- Bill Allen
- Sam Best
- Jim Buto
- Janet Coyne
- Tony D'Angelo
- Ann Marie DeWolf
- Adam DiNicola
- Marty Eisert
- Mike Eisert
- Erkal & Connie Eren
- Tina Gregory
- Janice Holmes
- Patti Howard
- Rebecca Irish
- Lori Krahe
- Mike Krahe
- Jason Morell
- Patty Munz
- Dave Nishnick
- Charlene Rupert
- Jerry Skolnik, Sr.
- Jen Tullai
- Bill Verdecchia
- Lorre White
- Robert Wilson
- Tom Wolfe

Ramblin's

Condolences to club members **Mark Bean** and his wife Carol on the death of Mark's mother. Ruth Bean passed away on Friday, June 8th.

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. As a member of PIYC, you will receive a 50% discount on your annual Boat U.S. membership. PIYC's group number is GA84813Y. This membership also entitles you to free towing in Lake Erie.

Condolences to the friends and family of past member Jim Rich. Jim passed away on Wednesday, May 30th. He was a great electrician and did a lot for PIYC over the years.

The web team is working on a new page for the sailboats and they are looking for pictures.

Please send any photographs that you have taken throughout the years to Jay Armstrong via computerhousecall@hotmail.com

When taking an extended trip on your boat, remember to park in the upper yard away from the main parking lot.

This is the perfect time to start thinking about running for an office or board position for the 2019 year. The Commodore will be naming his nominating committee soon and if you would like to run for an office or the board for the 2019 season, please contact one of them before the November membership meeting were they will present the candidates.

Hope you all had a safe and happy July 4th holiday!

Happy Anniversary!

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

5-Year: Mark Bean
Gary Koenig
Heather Oregia
Bill Verdecchia

15-Year: Bill Vogel

25-Year: Al Sceiford

New Member

The Board and Officers have decided to take in a new member.

Herb Torrance IV and his partner **Ava Checchio** Herb is a salesman for Bimbo Bakeries and Ava is a supervisor at Wal-dameer.

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

Officers' Comments

I would like to congratulate my son Herbie in becoming our latest member to PIYC, coming in to the club under the Junior Member provision. Herbie has grown up in the club and has a 20' Sea Ray. Welcome aboard son! May I use your boat?

We are having internet service issues on different sections of the docks. The bridge is aware of the dead zones and is working to get those areas covered. The ice machine has gone over so well we ran out of ice. With our first year undertaking this project, we kept the bagged ice at \$2.00 per bag in case the free ice ran out. RC Kurt Fesenmyer is on top of this project and so please follow the instructions on the icemaker as we work to build up the ice once again. The board and bridge still meet monthly to keep things running smoothly. If you have any concerns we are always available.

Commodore Herb Torrance



The Club has advertised for sale both "A" and "B" docks. I have received a number of very promising inquiries from qualified buyers interested in the docks. I encourage the members to visit CraigsList to view the ad. Search under "used floating docks Erie PA" and you should be able to see the ad. If you have trouble locating the listing, feel free to contact me and I'll provide the link. I bring this to everyone's attention because it will be a great benefit to PIYC if we can arrange to have these docks removed from club grounds this fall. If you know of anyone who may be interested in purchasing the entire dock system, please direct them to the listing men-

tioned above. We will consider selling portions of the docks if we are able to collect enough buyers interested in the same.

The club conducted its initial Safety Seminar on June 30th. Thanks go out to club member and Erie Firefighter Mike Howard for leading the seminar and the excellent Q & A session that followed. I'm also grateful to the attendees as their participation led us to the realization that improvements in emergency procedures and communications are needed. Mike covered the proper use of fire extinguishers and action steps that we should follow under various fire emergencies. He also briefed the attendees on the use of the AED device located across from the bulletin board in the Club House hallway. We anticipate another seminar in the next few weeks. This session will deal with the ignition and use of signaling flares and techniques for making accurate life ring tosses to someone endangered in the water. These are hands-on seminars, so all attendees are welcome to actually light a flare and toss flotation devices.

If you become aware of a needed repair or maintenance issue on the docks, please bring it to my attention. You can let me know in person, email, or use one of the forms provided for this purpose in our forms library on the table next to the logo sales display case. Speaking of Logo Sales - did you notice all the great new items that Kathy and Tony DiNicola have added to the inventory? They are terrific additions; check them out.

VC Robert Wilson



This month's board meeting was somewhat uneventful. Here are the highlights:

We have approved the expenditures for both A and B dock but so far, we have been paying cash for this dock project. The rest of the funding will come from Erie Bank, which had the best financing offer of the banks we researched. Not only was their rate competitive, but the structure of the loan was more to our liking. They are allowing a 15-year payoff with no penalty if we pay it off early. In addition, the loan will act as a line as we make draws from it over the first year to accommodate the payments due on to the manufacturer. Our thanks to Gary Koenig for doing most of the shopping for the loan and Charlie Longua for doing the legwork.

A discrepancy with the fee schedule and constitution came up. We will have further discussions on this when membership meetings resume. The summary of it is that the constitution outlines one fee for new junior members and the fee schedule outlines another. As the constitution must prevail in this situation, we will either have to update the fee schedule or amend the constitution. More updates to follow.

Finally, it's been reported that we have had excessive wakes thrown in the channel at the entrance to the west basin. VC Robert Wilson is looking into having more "No Wake" signs made and I'm going to talk to the Erie Port Authority and our neighbors about placing additional signs at the entrance to the channel.

That's it for now. Get back on your boat and enjoy this weather while it lasts.

Chairman Jim Buto P/C

Power Boat Regatta

The I-LYA 125th Power Boat Regatta is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 8th through Sunday, August 12th at Put-In-Bay**. If you sign up for dockage through the I-LYA Regatta, the cost is only \$1.70 per foot per day which is a great deal for downtown Put-In-Bay. In addition, Social Packages for adults on boats that are docked with I-LYA are \$40 per person and the Social Packages include all dinner meals for the week—Spaghetti, Steak or Chicken, Hot Dog Roast, and Tipsters Buffet. The package also includes the following activities for the adults: Power Boat Water Contests, Senior Corn Hole Contest, Co-ed Volleyball & Softball, Putt-Putt Golf Tournament, Pub Crawl, Tito's Vodka Part, and Mt. Gay Rum Party, Inflatable Boat Races, Beer Trailer, Ladies Tea, Cardboard Boat Races, Award Ceremony. The cost for the children's events is only \$10 for ages 12-18 (ages 11-under are free) which includes SAFE Boating Seminar & Navigation Contest, Scholarship Opportunities, Fishing Contest & Geo Quest, Putt-Putt Golf & Movie Night, Co-ed Softball & Volleyball, Cardboard Boat Races, Award Ceremony.

This package is a great deal! Where else could you get 5-days dockage, meals, and entertainment in downtown Put-In-Bay for such a minimal cost?

Go to the I-LYA website www.i-lya.org to register online by July 13th. For more information or questions call the Power Boat Registrar, Dawn Schaumburger at 734-558-6129 or email dschaums22@aol.com

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