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Upcoming Activities

Don't forget about the second **Dock Party** of the year which will be held on **Friday, August 3rd** beginning at 6:00 p.m. Docks A, B, and Peach St will be hosting this dock party. This is a free event and all members, member's family, and friends are encouraged to attend. Please have a snack to share at your boat.

On **August 24th** is the 2nd Scallywags trip. The cost will be \$15 per person. It will start at 6:00 p.m. with meatballs, sausage, and sides in the picnic shelter. The Sunset Cruise will pick everyone up at the end of C/D dock at 8:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the club house. The first priority for sign-up will

be members who did not make it on the first Scallywags trip. Finally, the **Annual Raft Up** will be held on **Sunday, September 2nd**. The party will begin at 12:00 p.m. in the Presque Isle Marina. Please bring snacks to share with other members. All members are invited and encouraged to come!

Upcoming Events

*Rock the Dock II August 3
A, B, Peach St 6:00 p.m.
Docks*



*Sail Race August 4
9:00 a.m.*

*Skallywags I August 10
6:00 p.m.*

*Skallywags II August 24
6:00 p.m.*

*Sail Race September 1
9:00 a.m.*

*Annual Raft Up September 2
Marina 12:00 p.m.*

*Membership Meeting October 14
1:30 p.m.*

August Board Report

At this month's board meeting, the Board approved the terms of the Erie Bank loan that will be used to complete the dock project. Here are some of the highlights of the Erie Bank Loan. It acts as a line of credit for the first year, with a limit of \$300,000. We have that year to draw on the loan and during that time, we only pay the interest. At the end of that year, the loan gets termed out over 15 years. We are free to pay it off early with no penalty unless we are refinancing it with another institution.

The Poker Run was a success once again. PIYC raised a total of \$1700 for EASE. Part of the money was collected directly by EASE due to event sponsors. The board approved another \$900 donation from the proceeds of the event. EASE was more involved in the event this year and we are hoping to get them

even more involved with running the event next year.

Finally, Dock Rule #40, which allows for members to host visitors by boat, was discussed. The rule is currently written as such: "A PIYC member may host a guest visiting by boat with that member taking the responsibility of checking that guest in with the caretaker to receive a slip assignment and to acquire the proper permit. All hosted guests not paying the transient slip fee are subject to being relocated for a transient needing the slip." When this rule was first established, it was intended as a way to allow guests to visit the club without interfering with paying transients. It has since been shortened and isn't as clear. The Board is considering allowing guests for club events to stay overnight without a slip fee

as long as they are purchasing a ticket for the event. This came up when a number of our members were at Commodore Perry Yacht Club for an event and CPYC members refused to take money for overnight dockage, citing PIYC being their "sister club." But of course, the Board would like membership input before making this change. Well, I've droned on about that long enough. Please talk to a board member or bridge officer to get more background because your opinion will be sought over the next several months. Commodore Torrance will be bringing it up for discussion at the first Membership Meeting in the fall.

Finally, we are in the home stretch. Make the rest of the summer count. I know I will.

Board Chairman Jim Buto, P/C



Happy Birthday:

- Joe Baniewicz
- Kathy DiNicola
- Mike Gangle
- Neal Hammill, Sr.
- Valerie Krahe
- Brian Logan
- Deb McGraw
- Malaine Salchak
- Raylene Schroeck
- Paula Snyder
- Mark Sturdivant
- Jim Szymanowski
- Mary Margaret Torrance
- Randy Turner
- Turk Wronck

Sail News

Four boats participated in the second race of the summer, held on Saturday, July 21st, with a nice SE breeze. **Mike Briglia** crossed the line and took first place. Although **Alan Belovarac** crossed the line second and **Don Dinardo** third, with time handicap, the final positions were reversed. **Bob Green** has been studying racing strategy ever since July 21. The next challenge is August 4th, with a starting time of 9:00 a.m. I hope we'll have a great turn out.

We're still hoping for friendly weather and breezes August 10th through the 14th for an Ashtabula power and sail trip, and a 2-day sail race.

Gary Larson



Happy Anniversary!

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

10-Year: Frank DeWolf
20-Year: P/C Mark Eisert



Officer Comments

Summer is in full swing and many of you are doing some traveling. Please remember to fill out the travel log in the clubhouse and park your cars in the gravel section of the parking lot. I received a phone call because a petroleum sheen was spotted in the water near A-Dock last Sunday. Take time to check your bilges and be careful when fueling your boats.

If you would like to run for an office or the board for the 2019 season, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee—**P/C Jim Buto, P/C Mike Galbreath, or Robert Wilson** before the November membership meeting. Now is a great time to get involved!

Herb Torrance Commodore

I am very pleased to report the successful sale of B - Dock to a single buyer. We will retain the utility pedestals, ramp, wiring, and plumbing. The floating docks are now under contract with a buyer from New York. The buyer will pick up the docks in early September and he intends to use them at Captains Cove Motel and Marina located on Lake Ontario. The Committee that is managing the transfer of the used docks and receiving the new ones is looking for volunteers who are capable of assisting them in the disassembly of the A and B docks. If you are able to help in this task, please

contact me. This important job must be done on a tight schedule in order to coordinate transferring the old docks and receiving the new ones. For specific job requirements, please get in touch with **P/C Jerry Skolnik**.

We are in the process of designing more prominent "No Wake" signage for the inlet to the West Slip. We do have a sign that was designed and fabricated by club members but we believe that additional signage at the start of the inlet is needed. I have been in contact with the Port Authority, Convention Center, and the Sheraton. The management of the BCC and the Sheraton are amenable to the placement of signage on their properties. The Bridge is currently exploring various ideas as to location, size, and type of signs to best communicate the "No Wake" rule to the boating public that enters this portion of the waterway.

VC Robert Wilson

Our new guests, Will E and Wile E Coyotes, are helping the caretakers keep the geese off the property. With this being the first weekend on patrol, it seems to be making a big difference. Please keep your eyes open for more siblings. Also the upgrade to the ice machine, insulating the bin, has enabled me to increase the number of

scoops up to 6 per member. I would like to thank the membership for their courtesy on his matter.

Caretaker Dylan has already returned to school with a trip to Ireland as manager of the Robert Morris basketball team. Dean's last week is this week. I hope everyone enjoyed their presence at the club this summer. Abbey, Kale, and David will be picking up the vacancies. Please help out if you can.

RC Kurt Fesenmyer

It's been a busy month! Starting off we had a very successful C, D, and E dock party! There was a huge crowd of over 400 people at the club for the July 3rd fireworks! Nine participants attended the golf outing and the top 5 golfers were **P/C Jeromy Vogt** with a 48, **Andy Farina** and **Mike Gangle** were tied at 49, **RC Kurt Fesenmyer** shot a 50, and **Bob Stinnett** rounded out the top 5 with a 51. Everyone had a great time! The picnic in the afternoon had a total of 33 in attendance. Thanks to everyone who attended! On July 21st we had the Red Neck Yacht Club Party. Although the weather was not cooperating at first, it was still a great time! Refuge put on a great show! After the show the band told me "That was one of the most fun private parties they have ever done"! A big THANK

YOU! goes out to **Gene Krahe Jr** for bringing his big tent down for the event. Also, big thanks go out to everyone who helped out with all the events this past month.

I'm glad to report that the annual outing to Geneva State Park Marina was a success. PIYC was represented by a dozen boats and nearly forty attendees. A number of members also arrived by car (I think they travelled by roads though). If you look closely at this photo, you can see **P/C Buto** on his way to Geneva.



This event is not shown on club calendar as it is not a event specific to PIYC. Attendees came from other clubs and marinas in addition to PIYC. However, we want to encourage our membership to attend next year as it is a great way to build camaraderie and promote boating. The event organizers, **Brian and Doreen Logan** from PIYC, did a great job putting this together. Their seafood boil and grilled chicken dinners were amazing.

FC Jim Mazza

Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Monsignor Tom Snyderwine** on the death of his brother. Robert Snyderwine passed away on Friday, July 20th in Garfield Heights, OH at the age of 93.

Congratulations to **Team Torrance Jr.** for being the Top D.O.G. in the annual poker run this year. They won with a full house!! Second place goes to **Team Whaling** from the EASE organization and the Mad Dog went to **Team Rupert!!** Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's poker run. It was another huge success for EASE which is an all volunteer-run organization. They appreciate all we do for them! PIYC was

also highlighted in the BMC newsletter this past month. Many thanks to **Joe and Lori Baniewicz** and **Mike and Val Krahe** for helping clean up after the Poker Run. This is always a tough job and their help was truly appreciated!!



Courtesy of www.americanboating.org
"I think we may have lost track of time. Our wives have put out a missing persons report, and half of the state is out looking for us."

New Member

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

David Henry and his wife **Melissa**. David is the Chief Operating Officer of JLE Industries and the owner of a small trucking company DDH Trucking. David and Melissa have three children: Nick, Olivia, and Savannah.

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.

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