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Presque Isle Yacht Club



Newsletter



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Installation of 2019 Officers—January Membership Meeting

The annual meeting was held on December 9th and all the officers thanked the members for the help they received throughout the year to make the 2018 boating season successful. After the reports, the following officers elected into office for the 2019 season were: Commodore—**Robert Wilson**, Vice Commodore—**Kurt Fesenmyer**, Rear Commodore—**Jim Mazza**, Fleet Captain—**Michael Howard**, Secretary—**Bob Green**, and Treasurer—**Charlie Longua**. The board members also elected were: **Herb Torrance** and **Gene**

Krahe, Jr.—they will serve on the board for two years, and **Bob Bryson** will serve for one. The carry-overs from the 2018 season were **P/C Jim Buto** and **Gary Koenig**. Following a brief membership meeting in the clubhouse on **Sunday, January 13th at 1:30 p.m.**, the newly elected 2019 officers will be installed to begin the 75th Anniversary of Presque Isle Yacht Club. **The entire family is invited to the membership meeting to watch the installation.** Following the installation, **a TUREEN DINNER will**

be served at 3:00 p.m. The club will furnish roasted chicken, ox roast and antipasto salad, beer, coffee, and soda. Please bring one or two dishes to share with the other members as well as your own place settings. There is no cost to attend the dinner. This event is the kickoff to the 75th Anniversary year and we have a nice give-away to commemorate the celebration to those members who are present at the dinner. Please make every effort to attend the first event of many to celebrate the club's history!

Upcoming Events

<i>January Membership Meeting—75th Anniversary Installation of Officers</i>	<i>Jan 13 1:30 p.m.</i>
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<i>Tureen Dinner PIYC Clubhouse</i>	<i>Jan 13 3:00 p.m.</i>
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<i>Annual Boat Show— Cleveland, OH</i>	<i>Jan 17—20</i>
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<i>St. Valentine's Day Party</i>	<i>Feb 9 6:00 p.m.</i>
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<i>February Membership Meeting</i>	<i>Feb 10 1:30 p.m.</i>
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Happy Birthday:

- Tim Dalton
- Lucas DeHart
- Steve DeHart
- Frank DeWolf
- Charles Dombroski
- John Downey
- Kathy Eisert
- Dan Galvin
- Nancy Gangle
- George Hooker
- Chuck Kahn
- Heather Klan
- Janet Kuneman
- Sarah Larson
- Tami McClimans
- Kim Sauer
- Doug Smith
- Earle Smith
- Msgr Tom Snyderwine
- Gladys Turner

Commodore's Comments

As my last log as Commodore, I would again like to thank the membership for all their support. Without you we wouldn't have been able to accomplish all the things we got done this past year. Thanks to the bridge and board for their hard work and stepping up to make everything look seamless as we worked through our tasks. Let's not forget the other heroes of our club, the secretary and treasurer. These two offices sometimes get overlooked, but these two really keep our activities in order. I can't say thank you enough to their dedication and hard work!

Mike Gangle, Robert Wilson and I met with Larry Brown from Meeco

Sullivan and Mike Gangle suggested a possible fix for A-Dock. To make a long story short, Mike Gangle and PC Tony DiNicola were able to loosen the end dock and install shims to make an adjustment. It worked! Jim Wronnek and I were able to step in from time to time when extra hands were needed, but thanks to Mike and Tony; the dock is level! Thank you all once again for putting your faith in us to lead on through the 75th anniversary!

Commodore Herb
Torrance

Tall Ships 2019

The Tall Ships Festival will be returning to Erie this summer!! The four-day event will be held in Presque Isle Bay on Thursday, August 22nd through Sunday, August 25th. Presque Isle Yacht Club would like to be part of the big celebration being that it is our 75th Anniversary. If you have any ideas or would like to be part of the planning committee for the Tall Ships weekend, please contact Commodore-elect Robert Wilson.

You may also purchase tickets to the event online at www.tallshipserie.org. They are already available for purchase. You can find additional event information as well on their website.

Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Robert Wilson** and his wife **Ann** on the death of Robert's sister. Lynn E. Wilson McKinnon passed away on Monday December 3rd at the age of 77.

Also condolences to club member **Jay Armstrong** and his wife **Pam** on the death of Jay's mother. Geraldine Armstrong passed away on Wednesday, December 19th at the age of 89.

Also condolences to club member **Don Czerwinski** and his wife **Bobbie** on the death of Bobbie's sister. Beverly Thompson passed away on Monday, December 24th at the age of 68.

The Mid-American Sail and Power Boat Show will be held at the IX Center in Cleveland from January 17—20. The cost is \$14 per adults and \$12 for Seniors (age 60+). You can get more information regarding this Boat Show at www.clevelandboat

show.com.

Keep Friday, February 8th open. Once again, The Bayfront Maritime Center will be hosting Ales for Sails which will benefit EASE (Erie Adaptive Sailing Program). They will have several breweries there along with snacks from local establishments. The cost is \$40 per person and no tickets will be sold at the door this year. You must purchase them online prior to the event at <http://bayfrontcenter.org/events/ales-for-sails/>.

Although we haven't had much snow yet this year, when we do get snow, please remember to keep the doors of the clubhouse clear if you happen to be at the club. Shovels are located at each of the doors for your convenience. This will help to avoid accidents.

The clubhouse is rented on February 16th.

As soon as the new

officers and board members are installed, watch for the 2019 Club Calendar which will have all the upcoming events and parties listed on it. Please be sure to attend these events which help support the club.

The PIYC Annual Christmas Party, held on December 8th, was a success again this year. **FC Jim Mazza** did a great job organizing this event and everyone truly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to everyone for coming and supporting the club function.

Many thanks to **P/C Gary Bunting** and **P/C Jerry Skolnik** for leading the dock project this past fall. They truly did a phenomenal job getting everything done in such a short period of time.

Don't forget to mark **Saturday, May 4th** on your calendars for the **PIYC 75th Anniversary celebration**.

The 2019 fishing licenses

and vouchers are now available online at www.gonefishingpa.com.

"Cabin Fever Giveaway" — the PA Fish and Boat Commission is giving away several kayaks and you can enter the contest online until March 18, 2019 on their website or visit one of the many boat and sports shows throughout the state including the Erie Sport and Travel Expo at the Bayfront Convention Center March 1—3.

The PA Fish and Boat Commission has a reminder that they do not monitor ice thickness. Ice thickness and conditions can vary greatly across the lake and so use caution as you head out onto the ice. A life jacket and a set of ice awls can be extremely important if you fall through the ice.

Congratulations to **the gang at the west table**, this month's money winner.

Everyone have a very safe and Happy New Year.

Safe Boating Course

The US Power Squadron will be holding the ABC3 safe boating course starting on Monday March 4th and will continue for 8 weeks. It will be held at the Bayfront Maritime Center (BMC) 40 Holland St. 16507. Registration will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 4th and the class will begin that evening from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The classes will be held every Monday evening from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The instruction itself is free however there is a nominal cost of \$50 per

person for books, materials, shipping, and handling. There is also an additional cost for plotting supplies if needed. The cost of the plotter will be \$10, and also \$10 will be charged for the dividers.

Anyone born after January 1, 1982 that operates a vessel with 25 HP or more or anyone operating a personal watercraft must have a safe boating certificate. To pre-register or for more information, please contact **James Tingley**

at 814-835-4579 or email him at erieps@gmail.com. You can get additional information online at www.usps.org/localusps/erie.

For those of you who do not live in Erie County, you can go to the PA Fish and Boat Commission website for a list of safe boating courses in your area. There are several courses being offered in the Pittsburgh area.

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