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Presque Isle Yacht Club



Newsletter



**Commodore:
Robert Wilson**

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Membership Meeting Notice

The March membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, March 10th at 1:30 p.m.** Commodore Robert Wilson will preside. Plans

will be discussed to get the club ready for the upcoming boating season. Please note that Daylight Savings Time goes into effect on Sunday, March

10th which is the day of the membership meeting. Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour or you will be late for the meeting.

Upcoming Events

March Membership Meeting **March 10 1:30 p.m.**

Equipment Operator Safety Meeting **April 6 May 18 12:30 p.m.**

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

Fry Party **April 19 6:00 p.m.**

Work party **May 11, 18, 25 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

75th Anniversary Celebration **May 4 5:00 p.m.**

Lawrence Park Golf Club

Officers' Comments

We have a few major projects scheduled for the spring. First, we will be starting off with restroom renovations. We will be renovating the women's restroom first and it will be closed effective February 18th. The work is expected to take 3-4 weeks to complete. The men's room renovation will immediately follow the women's room. There will always be a usable restroom during the renovation. We plan to have both restrooms usable for the already scheduled clubhouse rentals however, if you plan to rent the clubhouse between February 18th and April 18th, you may not have the use of both restrooms. Once the winter weather breaks, we will begin working on the docks. There is still some electrical work and all water lines need to be run.

Some of work parties for the docks could be held during the week including evenings however, these work parties could be short notice based on the weather so please check your email or feel free to call me if you see a break in the weather. Due to the 75th Anniversary we also want to have all landscaping around the grounds totally completed by the Opening Day Ceremony on May 26th. Because of all the extra work we need to complete

early this year, we are increasing the minimum number of work hours from 12 hours to 16 hours. As I stated at the last membership meeting, we really need the members to come and participate at the work parties. It is also a great way to meet and to get to know your fellow members in our club. With spring right around the corner and the frost coming out of the ground please make sure you are checking your jack stands. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. Let's make our 75th Anniversary Year our best year ever!

RC Jim Mazza

It has been a busy few weeks since my last report to all of you. On February 9th, the 75th Anniversary Valentine's Day Party was hosted in the clubhouse. We had 35 members and guests in attendance and this made for an enjoyable evening for all who came out to support the event. I would like to give a big thanks to the individuals who worked behind the scenes to help make the event a success. A topic I want you all to be aware of are the changes to clubhouse rentals. The forms, which are available either at the club or off the website,

now come to the Fleet Captain instead of the Rear Commodore. One change to the rental process is that FULL payment must be remitted with the submission of the rental agreement form to secure a reservation. Also the cancellation policy was updated. The rental fee is no longer refundable if the reservation is cancelled within 30 days of the reserved date. This was done mostly to make up for the missed revenue opportunity and also for possible expenses incurred for clubhouse cleanup prior to a rental. While on the topic of clubhouse rentals, please keep in mind that the building may still be rented during the bathroom renovations this spring but that there may only be one functional rest room at any time. Currently the dates the clubhouse is rented are as follows: March 23rd, March 24th, and April 27th. As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me with them.

FC Mike Howard



Happy Birthday:

- Noelle Alger
- Eric Anderson
- Lori Baniewicz
- Bob and Cori Coccarelli
- David DeMarall
- Michael Dixon
- Harold and Janet Eisert
- Kurt and Kathy Fesenmyer
- Mike Galbreath
- Nancy Hammill
- Sam Hinkle
- William Irish
- Charlie Miller
- Tom Miodus
- Peggy O'Brien
- Patty Vogel
- Steve Vogt
- John Winschel



Nominations for the "Harold Eisert Sr. Boating Service Award"

We are looking for nominations for the "Harold Eisert Sr. Boating Service Award." This award is presented to persons who have provided exemplary leadership or service to the Presque Isle Yacht Club and/or to the boating community. Their contribution represents sustained support, dedication and effort to encourage yachting, boating, and PIYC. The proposed recipient should have continuously demonstrated contributions in the following:

Leadership—Provide consistent technical and support direction to the Bridge, Board and/or membership on various projects and issues; **Sustained Support**—consistent activity and involvement in projects, social activities or operations; **Dedication**—continued involvement in PIYC activities and/or boating over an extended time period; **Promoting the Yachting & Boating Community**—significant and recognized contributions to boating organizations, activities,

and the civic community as it relates to boating. Nominations should include the name of the nominee (does not have to be a PIYC member) and statements showing how he/she meets the criteria as defined above. List specific contributions and time period of these activities. All nominations must be signed and delivered to the Commodore by April 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Commodore Robert Wilson.

New Gate Cards

The 2019 gate card keys will be given out at the March meeting to all members who paid their 2019 dues. If you cannot attend the membership meeting, your gate card will be mailed to you. The gate and clubhouse locks will be changed in early April. You will be notified of the exact date. The new cards will be teal. Don't forget to carry your 2018 gate card with you until the gate is changed. If you do not receive your new cards by the end of March, call **Charlie Longua** at 814-899-7197. If you need extra gate cards, they will be available from the Treasurer at the April membership meeting. After that time, you can get them at the club. The cost is \$2.00 per card.

Ramblin's

Condolences to **P/C Jim Howard** and his wife **Patti** and also to **FC Mike Howard** on the death of their mother and grandmother respectively. Mildred "Millie" Howard passed away on Thursday, February 14th at the age of 92.

We wish club member **Joyce Ross** a speedy recovery after having a hip replacement and spending time at Saint Mary's Home. She is now home recovering. We hope to see you around the club soon.

Past member Helen Brooks passed away on Sunday, February 3rd at the age of 89. She was a Past President of the PIYC Ladies Auxiliary.

P/C Tony DiNicola has a sign up sheet for the 75th Anniversary Burgees for \$30 and a sign up sheet for 75th Anniversary license plates for \$25 near the logo sales table. You may also contact him at tdinicola@neo.rr.com or at 814-440-9937.

P/C Mark Eisert is collecting photos for the 75th Anniversary Party and so if you have any photos from club

functions or of the club grounds or anything PIYC related, please email them to him at markeisert@gmail.com. They will be highlighted in a slideshow on the evening of the May 4th 75th Anniversary event.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is having a Basic Boating Course on Sunday, March 24th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and will be held at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center located 301 Peninsula Dr. If you would like to register for the course, please contact **WCO Matt Visosky** at mvisosky@pa.gov or call him at 814-337-0444 and give him your contact information along with the number of people attending. There is no cost for the course however, there is a \$10 fee for the Boating Safety Education Certificate. Please sign up as soon as possible since space is limited.

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. The standard price for joining Boat U.S.

is \$25.00 and as a member of PIYC, you can receive a 50% discount on your annual Boat U.S. membership. The cost to you will be only \$12.50. PIYC's group number is GA84813Y. Boat U.S. membership applications are available at the club.

Congratulations to **Jeff Kim**, this month's money winner.

Everyone have a safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Welcome New Member

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

Jennifer Skolnik. Jennifer is a national respiratory care manager at Symbria and she has one daughter Lyrissa.

Jennifer is the daughter of P/C Jerry Skolnik and his wife Ann.

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

Clubhouse Rental

The clubhouse has been rented on the following dates:

March 23
March 24
April 27

Please be considerate and not utilize the clubhouse on these days.

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2019 Family Discount

In honor of the 75th Anniversary of PIYC, the Board of Directors has made a change to the initiation fee for family members which is only in effect in 2019. The initiation fee for the family member will be the same as a Junior Member initiation fee which is half of the regular member initiation fee. This change in 2019 will only apply to children or grandchildren of members or to parents or grandparents of members. This will not apply to siblings or cousins of members. All the other fees for the family member will remain the same as regular members. Please contact the Board of Directors with any questions regarding this change.

Equipment Operator Safety Meeting

An Equipment and Ground Operator Safety Meeting will be held this spring on **Saturday, April 6th** and again on **Saturday, May 18th** 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.** A notice will also be posted on the club bulletin board. If you are not currently an equipment or ground operator but wish to do so, you are more than welcome and must first attend a required Safety Meeting. Training as necessary is then completed in a hands on man-

ner under supervision of a previously qualified member(s).

These will be the last scheduled safety meetings until fall of this year. If you attended the fall meeting held in October of last year, you are still qualified per the PIYC safety rule of attending a safety meeting annually and can renew in the fall of 2019 but are of course also welcome to attend one of these meetings if desired. If anyone has any particular circumstances presenting difficulty in meeting this requirement, please contact me so that some other accommodation can be made.

An updated safety meeting status list is posted in the PIYC clubhouse. If any

questions, corrections or for additional information, please contact Safety Chairman, Jim Howard.

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"You may want to order another drink. I've got 12,000 photos of my boat I'd like to show you."

PIYC Rule / Fees Changes

The board of directors reviewed the club rules and fees for the 2019 year and several have changed this year. Please ensure you read and understand them.

Dock Rules

(changes registered length to measured LOA for billing and stall assignment, and allows any type of grill on C & D pier)

5. All slip fees will be set by the board of directors, and be based on measured Length Over All (LOA) of vessel.

26. No open fires of any kind are permitted on the docks, or grill type fires aboard boats at the docks. Grills are permitted on C & D pier and must be at least 10 ft from bulkhead--as a matter of safety.

House & Grounds Rules

(allows significant others to be at the club without member)

10. Guests may not be present at the club during any day when the member is not present. Significant others are NOT considered guests.

Lift Rules

(rewrite mostly establishes the authority of the Lift Administrator)

1. Operation of the lift will be permitted only when these conditions are met:

- The lift administrator has been notified prior to the lift by filling out the log.
- PIYC authorized ground operator and lift operator (those persons listed as such on the bulletin board) are present and are operating the lift and

yard equipment.

- The owner recognizes that ground operator and lift operator shall have complete control over the lift and any safety issues.

Safety Rules

No changes

Winter Storage

No changes

Clubhouse Rental Changes:

- The Fleet Captain is the officer responsible for the Clubhouse schedule and rental.
- Payment in full is due at the time the reservation is made with the Fleet Captain
- No refunds for cancellations will be made within 30 days of the event date unless there are extenuat-

ing circumstances (severe weather, acts of God, etc.)

Changes to 2019 Fees

There is a change to the number of work hours needed in 2019. Work hours have been set to 16. The lift fee for non-members is now \$10 per foot. The fee for Junior Members is now \$1750 which was brought in line to reflect what is in the PIYC Constitution which is 50% of the regular member initiation fee.

Please read and understand these rules. All the club rules are posted on the bulletin board as well as the member section of the website. If you have any questions, please contact an officer.