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Newsletter



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Membership Meeting Notice

The May membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, May 19th at 1:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held on the **third Sunday** this month due to Mother's Day being on the sec-

ond Sunday. Commodore Robert Wilson will preside. Plans will be discussed to get the club ready for the upcoming boating season as well as the Opening Day Ceremony. Let's have a

good turnout for this last meeting before the summer arrives. The next membership meeting will be held in October.

Opening Day Ceremony

PIYC will open its 75th season with a Memorial Service on Sunday, May 26th at 12:30 p.m. As part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration, this will be a special ceremony with the new flag-pole being dedicated during the ceremony. **All club officers and Past Commodores are invited to participate** in the colorful ceremony honoring our deceased members. Club

Chaplain, Deacon Marty Eisert, will give the invocation. The Harold Eisert, Sr. Boating Service Award will be given to the recipient nominated by the committee. Following the ceremony, a tureen dinner will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the clubhouse as stated in the enclosed flyer. Please bring **two** dishes to share with the other members and also your own

place settings. The club will provide the meat, rolls, condiments, coffee, pop, and beer. There is no cost for this function. Let's have a nice turnout for the first "official" day of boating season. Contact Fleet Captain Mike Howard at 814-460-8196 or email him at mphoward506@gmail.com with any questions.

75th Anniversary Celebration

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 75th Anniversary Celebration on May 4th. We had a record 148 members and guests attend the festive and nostalgic event! Emcees **PCs Tony DiNicola** and **Jim Howard** did a phenomenal job hosting the event. The Commodore of EYC and the Commodore and Rear Commodore of CPYC attended and each presented PIYC with a gift commemorating the event. Thanks to **PC Sam Best** for providing his award winning "Cavitation" for the toast and also thanks goes to **PC Dave Turner** for doing the blessing before din-

ner. **Marty Eisert** gave a wonderful reflection of the history of PIYC and he also provided the "Tidbits" of the history at each place setting. **Fleet Captain Mike Howard** recognized each Past Commodore in attendance with a plaque and **Rear Commodore Jim Mazza** honored outgoing **Commodore Herb Torrance** with several gifts including a beautiful decorative shovel with the PIYC burgee on it. All the members in attendance received a beautiful hand-drawn framed photograph of the PIYC clubhouse. A big thanks goes out to **PC Mark Eisert** and **Millennium Sound** for provid-

ing the music and photo booth and to **Ellen Eisert** for taking photographs throughout the event. They should be available online soon. Many thanks to the entire committee for all the hard work over the past several months to bring everything together. Finally, congratulations to **PC Harold Eisert** and **Janet** for receiving the PIYC Lifetime Boating Award. It is truly deserving as being the longest active PIYC members and helping to shape the future of PIYC over the past 50 years.

Anniversary Committee
Chairperson, PC Anne Eisert

Ramblin's

Tall Ships Erie is still seeking escort vessels to help guide our visiting ships into port safely during the Parade of Sail. If you would like to participate contact **Tom Todd** at t.todd.ret@gmail.com or 814-397-4497.

If you haven't been to the club to see the newly renovated restrooms, they are a must see! The members did a fabulous job with the renovations!

On Thursday, May 9, Rich Eisenberg, Executive Director, Bayfront Maritime Center will be

speaking at Sail Erie's May meeting. All PIYC members are welcome. The program will begin at 7:00 pm at Commodore Perry Yacht Club. Bring your favorite beverage.

Remember that NO shrink wrap goes in the dumpster. You must dispose of it properly.

Your slip payment is due **May 15th** or when your boat occupies the stall if before May 15th.

If you would like any special news placed in the Ramblin's of

the newsletter i.e. baby, engagement, marriage, retirement, special birthday, death notice, etc. please don't hesitate to contact newsletter editor **PC Anne Eisert** at anne.k.eisert@gmail.com.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and grandmothers in the club!

Congratulations to **Robert Fazzolare**, this month's money winner.

Upcoming Events

Membership Meeting	May 19 1:30 p.m.
Work Party	May 11, 18 25 8:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.
Equipment Operator Safety Meeting	May 18 12:30 p.m.
Opening Day Ceremony	May 26 12:30 p.m.
Tureen Dinner	3:00 p.m.

Happy Anniversary

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

- 5-Year:** Tom Todd
- 35-Year:** Mike Hornyak
Bob Schenker
Jim Wronek

Happy Birthday

- Mike and Linda Corsi
- Bill Coyne
- Jeanne Downey
- Rebecca Flynn
- Bob Franz
- Elaine Hamilton
- Chuck Janicki
- Sara Kim
- Sharon Krahe
- Tim McGraw
- Chris Mullen
- Bill O'Brien
- Jeff Scarpitti
- Al Sceiford
- Bob Schenker
- Tom Schlaudecker
- Dick Spaeder
- Roger Thayer
- Herb Torrance
- Bill Vogel
- Don Wright
- Jim Wronek



Officers' Comments

This is such an exciting time of year. As you read through this newsletter, you'll find that so much is happening. Club renovations, great social events, boats being readied and some members already afloat.

I'm glad to report that we've accepted eight new members this year and the Board of Directors has another application pending. Our Club is growing and that's a sign of vitality. Please join me in welcoming our new members.

On the PIYC website, in the "members Area" section, you'll find a section identified as "Regular Reports", please click on that link. What you'll find is a listing of members, their partners, slip assignments, and boat name where applicable. This is a great tool to learn the names of your fellow members. I certain that you'll find it useful; I know that I do. (As of this writing, 2019 updates have not been fully loaded on the site. If you visit the PIYC website and this section isn't up to date, it will be soon.)

Commodore Robert Wilson

I am pleased to let everyone know B-dock should be completed and ready for boats the first weekend of May, and A-dock no later than the second weekend of May. When mounting dock boxes on A & B dock please use drill template, it will be available in the pavilion. If you have any questions please ask one of the officers. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work that will allow us to complete the dock projects on time. We had some water lines freeze on D-dock and will be repaired ASAP. The second slip assignments will be posted in the clubhouse Saturday May 4, and they were assigned based on points, parameters and availability.

VC Kurt Fesenmyer

I would like to thank everyone who attended the short notice work parties we have had for the restrooms and dock project. There has been a lot of work completed at these work parties. The scheduled work parties will be May 11th, May 18th, and May 25th. As a reminder, no antifreeze, motor oil, solvents, paint, or shrink wrap can go in the dumpster. When painting your boat in the yard please use a drop cloth. All trailers stored in the yard must have the current year sticker. Also, attach your name and number to the tongue. Once your boat is launched you have 72 hours to pick up your area and have ready for the yardmaster to store. If you need extra time to rebuild storage boxes, please let me know. Just a reminder that on Sunday, May 26th, there will be no parking in the main parking lot due to the Opening Day Ceremony which will be held there. Please be courteous and obey the signs and traffic cones.

RC Jim Mazza

Spring is finally upon us! The summer boating season is right around the corner and that means more parties! The club hosted the annual Fry Party on April 26th and it was a success! We had 73 members and guests in attendance in spite of less than perfect weather. I want to thank everyone who came out and supported this event. I want to give an even bigger thanks to all of those members who volunteered their time and worked behind the scenes, both manning the kitchen and the deep fryers, because without you this party would not be possible! Looking into the future the next event at the club is Opening Day. The tureen dinner will be served immediately after the ceremony and as always the club will provide the meats while the

membership is encouraged to bring a side or a dessert to share. If anyone has any questions for me or would like to get involved in helping with functions this summer please don't hesitate to get ahold of me.

FC Mike Howard

The phone numbers in the database have been renamed to "primary", "secondary" and "third". Members are encouraged to make changes to their listings indicating the order that phone numbers should be tried. If a member has only one number, it should be entered as the primary number; if more numbers are possible, put the number that should be called first as primary, the next number to try as secondary, and the last number as third. In the event that it is necessary to reach someone, the numbers will be called in this order.

Secretary Bob Green

A reminder that an Equipment and Ground Operator Safety Meeting will be held 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.** This will be the last scheduled safety meeting until fall of this year. If anyone has any particular circumstances presenting difficulty in meeting this requirement, please contact me so that some other accommodation can be made.

Safety Chairman, Jim Howard

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Welcome New Members

The Board and Officers have decided to take in new members at their last meeting.

Lee Hiott and his wife **Stacie**. Lee is an electrical engineer at Komatsu Mining Corporation and Stacie and is the director of the Meadville YMCA childcare and preschool services. They have one daughter Rebecca.

Jonathan DeMarall and his wife **Alexandra (Ali)**. Jon is a letter carrier for the USPS and Ali is an RN in the operating room at UPMC Hamot. They have two children—Noah and Landon.

James Mechling and his wife **Lisa**. Jim has been teaching for 30 years at Warren County Career Center as Power Equipment Technology Instructor. Lisa is the Manager of Mentor/Logistics and Assistant to VP of Property Management at TM Associates Management Inc., Affordable Housing. They have two children—Jessie and Elisha.

Raymond Skelton and his wife **Julie**. Ray is an Optometrist at Skelton Eye Care and Julie is an Optometric Assistant.

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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Happy Mother's Day