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# Presque Isle Yacht Club



## Newsletter



**Commodore:**  
**Robert Wilson**

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### Important Information

Upon inspection of the Club on Monday morning, I discovered some situations that bear bringing to everyone's attention. First, there was hard alcohol and beer left in the picnic shelter refrigerators. Obviously, not a good situation for the Club. We have underage people at the Club and this may pose a real risk. The Bridge isn't opposed to our membership using the refrigerators to store a supply of alcohol that is intended for use while enjoying the shelter; however, only bring what you intend to consume at that time or return the rest to your vessel or vehicle.

Please remember that all refrigerators are emptied each Monday morning. Food supplies,

alcohol, and other items will be subject to discard at that time.

Next, the shelter has six toasters, two coffee makers, hot plates, more kitchenware than we had just two weeks ago and some other sundry items that really shouldn't be stored there. The Bridge asks that if you bring something to the shelter that you take it away when you leave. We're glad to have the use of the coffee makers and some toasters for the benefit of the Club. So, if you have appliances or supplies in the shelter that you do not wish to share with others, please remove them. A committee designated to organize the shelter and its contents will soon be disposing

of materials that they feel are unneeded or in a condition that isn't keeping with good standards.

Finally, The Bridge has discontinued the practice of leaving unwanted supplies in the Clubhouse for the use of others. We're working hard to beautify the Club so this just isn't a best practice. We appreciate the generosity of those who wanted to share, but we respectfully ask that anyone who has something of real value that they wish to dispose of to please find another way to do so.

Respectfully,  
Commodore Robert Wilson

### Upcoming Events

*Dock Party A, B, June 21*  
*Peach St Docks 6:00 p.m.*

*Sail Race June 22*  
*9:00 a.m.*

*Retiree & Goof July 12*  
*Off Party 1:00 p.m.*

*Dock Party C, July 19*  
*D, E Docks 6:00 p.m.*

*Sail Race July 20*  
*9:00 a.m.*

*Geneva Trip July 26—29*

### Happy Anniversary

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

**10-Year:** Aaron Jarmolowicz  
**25-Year:** Dave Kuneman  
**40-Year:** Allan Belovarac



### Happy Birthday:

- Mike and Rosemary Barrett
- Carol Bean
- Becky Best
- Nicki Borst
- Mike Briglia
- Bob Bryson
- Gary Bunting
- Anne Eisert
- Ella Galvin
- Patricia Howell
- Aaron Jarmolowicz
- Tom Kelley
- Gene Krahe, Jr.
- Bill Magee
- John and Sue Magee
- Judy May
- Mike McClimans
- Arron Petermann
- Paul Sauer
- Marilyn Tracy
- Chuck White
- Marge Worley

### Ramblin's

A reminder that the EASE (Erie Adaptive Sailing Experience) program will occur on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. from June 21st to August 9th in the West Canal Basis and Presque Isle Bay. BMC / EASE appreciates your support during these hours.

Mayor Schember and his wife Rhonda attended the Opening Day Ceremony and spent the afternoon enjoying the tureen dinner and touring the Coast Guard Vessel that was at the end of C/D Dock. He had some very nice photos of himself with several club members on his Facebook page and mentioned how impressed he was with the club.

For those who attended the Opening Day Ceremony may have noticed the signal flags hanging from the new flag pole. The history behind those signal flags is that founding member Harold Eisert Sr. made those all by hand in 1949. He purchased the material which was all white and he hand-dyed all the pieces, cut out each flag, and sewed them all using his wife's sewing machine. He used those flags to decorate his boat. When he "crossed the bar", the flags were

put into safe keeping and were brought out to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of PIYC.

If anyone would like to purchase a dock box, please contact **PC Dale Oregia**. He's estimating the cost to be \$315 each. He'll be placing the order soon and so please let him know right away if you'd like to purchase one.

Many thanks to all the lift operators and ground crew. They all did a great job this past spring to get everyone in the water before the deadline!

Please remember to break down your boxes before putting into the trash bin and this includes beer cases.

Escort vessels for the Tall Ships Parade of Sail on Thursday, August 22nd are still needed. If you are interested, please contact **Gene Krahe, Jr.** or **PC Jeromy Vogt**. The deadline for sign up is June 15.

Congratulations to **Roger Thayer**, this month's money winner.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and grandfathers in the club!

### Welcome New Members

The Board and Officers have decided to take in new members.

**John Roth** and his wife **Tracy**. John is an engineer at Wabtec and Tracy is a homemaker. They have 5 children—Taylor, Michaela, Sarah, Dan, and Paige.

**Tracy Gustafson** and his wife **Aimee**. Tracy is an Erie Firefighter and Aimee is a clerk at National Fuel Gas.

**Ryan Janes** and his wife **Emily**. Ryan is the owner of Wilderness Lodge Resorts and Emily works at Erie Insurance. They have three children; Tenley, Stella, and Eleanor. Emily is the daughter of club member Paul and Kim Sauer.

**Justin Figurski** and his partner **Nicki Borst**. Justin works at Figurski Construction.

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

## Officers' Reports

It was my pleasure to announce the the Harold Eisert Sr. Boating and Service Award winner at our Opening Day ceremonies on May 26th. **Kathy DiNicola** was chosen as this year's awardee. From her early days as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to her outstanding work as a committee member on the 75th Anniversary planning committee, she has improved our club through her untiring efforts to ensure that we were a welcoming, family-oriented, fun-loving, and attractive yacht club. Her work on logo sales has generated many thousands of dollars that have profited and promoted PIYC. She has served as a sense of reason and balance to her husband as he served on the Board of Directors and Commodore. I want to publicly congratulate Kathy once again upon receiving this well-deserved honor. Please join me in doing the same when you see her.

It's always problematic to identify individuals when so many members worked so diligently to make our club grounds so beautiful for Opening Day. Undoubtedly, by naming some, I'll inevitably miss others who did their parts as well and risk offending someone. So, let me assure you, all the workers were noticed by the Bridge and your contributions were very much appreciated.

I suppose that I'm a little biased in my opinion, but I believe that our grounds and facilities have never looked better. Let's keep up the progress. Thank you, all.

Our special thanks and appreciation is given to **Marty Eisert, P/PC Harold Eisert Jr.** and their respective families for their tremendous contribution to the club grounds. I'm confident by now that everyone has seen the magnificent nautical flag pole and new water side benches that grace our club. These gifts by the Eisert family were offered in honor of founding Commodore Harold Eisert Sr. and his wife Tillie.

Now that the grounds surrounding our new flagpole have been landscaped and reworked to provide a stupendous visual gateway to the waterfront, parking directly in front of this area is now prohibited. I'm sorry for any minor inconvenience that this may cause by eliminating three parking spaces; but I'm certain that everyone should agree that

this arrangement better serves the entire membership and guests by presenting the beauty of our flagpole, new docks, and views for all to enjoy.

The club will salute the start of each weekend with cannon fire. Every summer Friday evening, we'll celebrate the weekend at PIYC with a boom. We don't want anyone to be startled so please be prepared. The typical firing times will take place between 8:00-8:30 PM. The Bridge will do its best to alert members and guests present to the exact time for the cannon fire.

Commodore Robert Wilson

I would like to thank the membership for all the hard work it took to complete the docks in time for our 75th anniversary. Everyone pulled together and the entire club looks fantastic. I would like everyone to welcome all our new members to the club and please lend them a helping hand when needed. There is a template and hardware available to mount your dock boxes on A and B Docks. The template is located in the pavilion. Please have a safe enjoyable boating season.

VC Kurt Fesenmyer

I would like to thank the membership for all the hard work this winter and into spring for getting our new restrooms and our fantastic grounds ready for opening day. Everyone worked exceptionally hard to make opening day a great success. With that, I ask that our members and guests take care of our beautiful grounds as if they were your own. I currently have two caretakers covering the workload for the year, unfortunately they both must go back to school around mid-August. If anyone knows of someone that would be interested in the position, please let me know. I am particularly looking for individuals that could potentially return next year. All trailers and dinghies stored in the yard for the summer must have a 2019 decal on the tongue of the trailer. Please add your name to the decal so it's identifiable. The decals are available in the executive office and can be issued by any of the officers. Please **DO NOT** lock your trailers in the yard in case

they have to be moved. There are a few jack-stand storage boxes and pallets in the yard that are not marked by their owners. Please take a few minutes and mark them. Have a great summer!

RC Jim Mazza

Summer is finally upon us and that means the official beginning of the 75th boating season at the Presque Isle Yacht Club. I would like to thank everyone who made Opening Day and the following dinner a success! Please keep an eye on the club schedule for the summer events. The next event scheduled is the dock party for A Dock, B Dock, and Peach St on June 21st at 6:00pm. If your boat is on one of those docks please try to have a snack or something to share with the rest of the members. Also, a note to our newer members, remember to bring your own refreshments as the club doesn't provide any for the dock parties. I'll need plenty of help with both the Goof off Party and the Big Party this summer so if you're interested please let me know. Have a great start to the summer and here's to making the 75th Season of our club one of its best!

FC Mike Howard

Happy Summer to everyone. At our last board meeting, we met with our property insurance agent to update our policy to include our new and improved docks. An update to the policy is expected at the next meeting. We also reviewed some points about our current coverage. The board was satisfied with most points concerning our current coverage, and many questions were answered. The meeting report is posted on the website if you would like to review the details.

For those of you who have attended events at Commodore Perry Yacht Club, you know that they are always hospitable when they see guests from their closest club. When members of PIYC attend events at their club, we are welcome to stay the night in a complimentary slip. We voted at the last meeting to extend the same hospitality to members of their club. Of course, we don't have

as much open water as they do, so paying transients will have priority. But I am looking forward to seeing more guests come over from CPYC. It always seems to be a good time when they show up.

We recently accepted four new members to the club. Please take some time to get to know our new members and make them feel at home.

Finally, the board continues to discuss how to move ahead with more renovations. The next step in our improvements may involve removing the wall that separates the wall of Past Commodores from the meeting room. (It's been pointed out that the last two Past Commodore pictures are far too handsome to hide and should be visible throughout the entire room. Who am I to argue.) Please let your favorite board or bridge member know your thoughts as we continue discussions.

Board Chairman Jim Buto

**Sailors**—mark your calendars with our summer race dates: **June 22, July 20, August 17 and August 30.** These are all Saturdays, with the Captains' meeting starting promptly at 9:00 AM in the pavilion, and the start horn promptly at 10:00 AM. There is almost always room for more crew on the boats, so if you're interested in seeing what competitive sailing is all about, come to the Captain's meeting and we'll find you a spot.

Sail Chair Bob Green

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