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# Presque Isle Yacht Club



## Newsletter



**Commodore:  
Robert Wilson**

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### November Membership Meeting

The second of the fall membership meetings will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, November 10th at 1:30 pm.** This will be a very important meeting because the nominating committee consisting of **PC Gene Krahe, Sr., Paul Sauer, and Brian Logan** will announce their recommendations for officers

and board members for the 2020 season. If you would like to be nominated for an office, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee. Further nominations will be taken from the floor at both the November and December membership meetings. In order to vote, you must be an active member which means that you

must moor a boat at the club (have an assigned stall) and must have attended at least 50% of the general membership meetings (4) during the past year. Please check the eligible voter list posted on the bulletin board and get any issues resolved prior to the December membership meeting.

### Upcoming Events

November Membership Meeting— Nov 10  
1:30 p.m.  
Nomination of Officers

December Membership Meeting— Dec 8  
1:30 p.m.  
Election of Officers

PIYC Christmas Party Dec 14  
6:00 p.m.

All bills are due Dec 15

### Officers' Comments

It's been a real pleasure to see so many working so hard to make our club both grow and prosper. The record number of new member applications testifies to the friendly and fun atmosphere that our members demonstrate to visitors and guests. I would like to extend a big "thank you" to all who do so much to promote PIYC.

I can hardly remember a day going by without seeing our members working to improve our club. It isn't my custom to single out specific instances or people because there's always a risk that I'll omit an important contribution. However, I'm going to make an exception this month and recognize Jay Armstrong. Jay took on the task of selling our ice bubblers. These have remained stored and unused for years and he volunteered to market them. Through his efforts and salesmanship he turned those unused assets into cash totaling over \$3,300. Well done Jay, and well done to all of you who do so much. Thanks again.

Commodore Robert Wilson

I would like to start by thanking the lift crews, yardmasters, and the membership for getting all the boats requiring winter storage out of the water for the season. We still have several trailered boats still in the water but they should be out by the end of the month. The catwalks on C & D dock will be taken out of the water within the next two weeks and we will need a crew to assist Eric from Lakeshore Tow-

ing. Let me know if you can help. Please remember to include your insurance declaration page and slip deposit with your 2020 slip request. These will need returned no later than November 15th. Please don't make it the Vice Commodore's job to find your insurance information that may be in the files.

VC Kurt Fesenmyer

I would like to remind the membership that as we prepare for the off-season to unplug your boat when you're not at the club, write your name and phone number on your shrink wrap so you may be contacted should something happen to your boat, and all ladders should be secured and locked including your swim platform ladder to help prevent break-ins. However, we need to remember that locks only keep out the honest people. Over the winter months I ask that if you happen to be on the club grounds that you would take a few minutes and walk around and check on your fellow members' boats. If something doesn't look right contact the owner. Finally, please be safe while working on your boats!

RC Jim Mazza

Boating season is winding down but there is still fun to be had at club parties. I want to thank everyone who came out to support the October Italian Party. We had 48 guests in attendance and the food was great! Many thanks to the 75th Anniversary Committee for making the coasters to give as gifts to the party at-

tendees. No parties will be held at the club in November but please keep an eye out for information regarding the upcoming Christmas Party. Also please be mindful of the upcoming clubhouse rental dates. On a side note, please remember that if you sign up for a party you are financially responsible for your ticket(s) whether you attend or not. Exceptions will be granted for those who cancel prior to the RSVP date and for special circumstances such as emergencies or inclement weather. If you cannot make an event that you signed up for please get with the Fleet Captain ASAP so you can avoid still being charged.

F/C Mike Howard

If your boat has shrink wrap please put the first initial of your first name, your last name and phone number on the shrink wrap. If you have a permanent cover, tags will be available in the clubhouse for you to fill out the same way and install on your jack stand or cradle so if there's a problem we can contact you. Also anything you have stored in the yard "a boat trailer, dinghy, storage boxes, detached mast, etc." Please mark them with your name and phone number as described above. Thank you and have a great winter.

Mike Gangle  
and the Yardmaster Team



### Happy Birthday:

- Pamela Armstrong
- Dan Casey Jr.
- Peggy Chatham
- Pauline DeMarall
- Mark and Amy Eisert
- Meg Eisert
- Tom Fromknecht
- Bob Green
- Melissa Henry
- Jim Howard
- Michael Howard
- Gary Larson
- Charlie Longua
- Jody Miller
- Donna Nishnick
- Lynda Sceiford
- Carolyn Schenker
- Jennifer Skolnik
- Kathleen Smith
- Matt Visosky
- Ken Worley

### Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to those members who have recently celebrated their anniversary at PIYC.

**50-Year:** PC Harold Eisert  
Marty Eisert

**55-Year:** PC Tony D'Angelo

## 2018 PA Boating Accident Analysis

The total number of reported recreational boating accidents in Pennsylvania in 2018 decreased from 2017. Boaters and Waterways Conservation Officers reported 61 recreational boating accidents of all types, a decrease of 8 reported accidents, or 13% less than 2017. The number of vessels involved in reported accidents totaled 81, a decrease of 15 from 2017. Accident reports indicated 33 injuries requiring medical treatment, 18 less than in 2017. Property damage to vessels totaled \$206,784 which was \$43,446 less than the amount reported in the previous year. One accident comprised \$40,387 or 20% of that total.

Federal and state law requires that accidents involving death, disappearance, injuries requiring medical treatment beyond first aid, and property damage exceeding \$2,000 be reported to the state. Accidents with lesser property damage and/or minor injuries are not required to be reported. Of the 61 reported accidents in 2018, the most common type of accident was capsizing. The types of reported accidents were as follows: Capsizing—17; Falls overboard—12; Collision with vessel—10; Ejected from vessel—4; Fire/explosion—4; Grounding/sinking—3; Skier mishap—3; Flooding/swamping/wake—3; Fall in boat—2; Struck sub-

merged/fixed obj.—1; Person leaves vessel—1; Dam—1. In 2018, thirteen recreational boating accidents resulted in 14 fatalities. This is a decrease of 1 fatality from the previous year and above the last 10-year average of 12.3 victims. Factoring in the 2018 fatalities, Pennsylvania's new 10-year average is 12.9 victims. Only three of the 14 victims in 2018 were wearing a life jacket at the time of the mishap that resulted in death. Seven of the 14 victims (50%) were not wearing a life jacket but did have them onboard the boat. .  
By Ryan C. Walt – Boating Accident Review Officer PA Fish & Boat Commission



*"Rumor has it that one of you will be sneaking out of work to take the boat out to do some fishing."*



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

## Ramblin's

We received information that club member **John Flecken** has been hospitalized in Pittsburgh. Keep him in your prayers and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Vice Commodore **Kurt Fesenmyer** and his wife **Kathy** on celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary!

Three members are celebrating special PIYC anniversaries this month. Congratulations to **PC Harold Eisert** and **Marty Eisert** for celebrating 50 years at PIYC and to **PC Tony D'Angelo** for celebrating 55 years! It's quite an accomplishment to be dedicated to PIYC for that many years. Congratulations to all!

It was recently brought to our attention that the mast crane was used to lift dinghies in and out of the water. This is an unsafe practice which could result in injury. The mast crane is rated to lift only sailboat masts which are very light in weight. There is a certified dinghy lift on club property for that purpose and so please use that in the future.

The I-LYA fall meeting and Christmas Party will be held December 6—7 at the Doubletree in Westlake, OH. Please contact **PC Charlie Miller** or visit [www.i-lya.org](http://www.i-lya.org) for more information.

**DID YOU KNOW?** When you

purchase fuel for your boat, you pay state and federal Liquid Fuels Taxes. The **state** tax is refunded to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) where it is used to provide benefits for boaters. The amount of tax refunded to the PFBC by the State Treasury is based on the fuel usage information you supply when completing the Boat Fuel Usage Survey.

Keep Saturday, December 14th open for the PIYC annual Christmas Party. More information will be available in the December newsletter. The 75th Anniversary Committee has one more gift this year to give to those who attend the Christmas party. You will not want to miss the last party of the 75th Anniversary year!

The winter storage invoices have been sent to all the members and as a reminder, all fees including winter storage, summer dinghy and trailer storage, etc. are all due by **December 15, 2019**. This will give the Treasurer time to close out the books for the year.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is reminding boaters that beginning November 1 and lasting through April 30, they are required to wear a life jacket while underway or at anchor on boats less than 16 feet in

length or on any canoe or kayak. The requirement applies to all Pennsylvania waters.

PA Fishing licenses go on sale December 1st for the 2020 season. You may purchase your license online at <https://www.pa.wildlifelicense.com/start.php>.

At the October membership meeting, the PIYC Constitution Committee presented to the membership recommendations for Constitution revisions. The information regarding these revisions is in the enclosed document which outlines the details. Please read the proposal and contact an Officer or a member of the Committee if you have any questions on these recommendations.

Congratulations to **Brian Logan**, this month's money winner.

Everyone have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

## Clubhouse Rentals

The clubhouse has been rented on the following dates. Please be courteous and not interrupt the events.

December 7  
December 28

## Presque Isle Yacht Club

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**Next news deadline - Nov 20th**

**Editor, Anne Eisert**

*happy*  
**THANKSGIVING**