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# Presque Isle Yacht Club



## Newsletter



**Commodore:  
Robert Wilson**

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### Installation of 2020 Officers—January Membership Meeting

The annual meeting was held on December 8th and all the officers thanked the members for the help they received throughout the year to make the 2019 boating season successful. After the reports, the following officers elected into office for the 2020 season were: Commodore—**Kurt Fesenmyer**, Vice Commodore—**Jim Mazza**, Rear Commodore—**Michael Howard**, Fleet Captain—**Adam DiNicola**, Secretary—**Bob Green**, and Treasurer—**Charlie Longua**. The board members also elected were: **PC Gene Krahe Sr.**, and

**Paul Sauer**—they will serve on the board for two years, and **PC Tony DiNicola** will serve for one. The carry-overs from the 2019 season were **PC Herb Torrance** and **Gene Krahe, Jr.** Following a brief membership meeting at the **Polish Falcon's Club—431 E. 3rd St on Sunday, January 5th at 1:30 p.m.**, the newly elected 2020 officers will be installed. **The entire family is invited to the membership meeting to watch the installation.** Following the installation, **a BUFFET DINNER will be served at 3:00 p.m.** The

menu consists of Chicken, Meatballs, Rigatoni, Pigs in a Blanket, Tossed Salad, Rolls/Butter, and Cake. Beer, soda, and water are included. A cash bar will be available for other beverages. There is no cost to attend the dinner however, you must RSVP to Fleet Captain-elect Adam DiNicola by **Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>** at 814-464-6750 or email at [adinicola91@gmail.com](mailto:adinicola91@gmail.com). Please make every effort to attend the first event of the season.

### Upcoming Events

*January Membership Meeting—Installation of Officers Polish Falcon's Club—431 E. 3rd St.* **Jan 5 1:30 p.m.**



*Tureen Dinner Polish Falcon's Club* **Jan 5 3:00 p.m.**

*Annual Boat Show—Cleveland, OH* **Jan 16—20**

*February Membership Meeting* **Feb 8 1:30 p.m.**

### Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Bob Schenker** and his wife **Carolyn** on the death of Bob's brother. Edward Schenker passed away on Saturday, December 14th at the age of 74.

**PC Tony DiNicola** and his wife **Kathy** would like to thank everyone for supporting Logo Sales this past year.

**PC Jerry Skolnik** is recovering from heart surgery and had a slight setback. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

As soon as the new officers and board members are installed, watch for the 2020 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 14th, was a success again this year. **FC Mike Howard** did a fantastic job organizing this event and everyone

truly enjoyed themselves. The final 75th Anniversary give-away, a beautiful ornament with a photo of the PIYC lighthouse, was handed out to the attendees. Many thanks to everyone for coming and supporting the club function.

The 2020 fishing licenses and vouchers are now available online at [www.gonefishingpa.com](http://www.gonefishingpa.com).

Keep Friday, February 7th open. Once again, The Bayfront Maritime Center will be hosting Ales for Sails which will benefit EASE (Erie Adaptive Sailing Program). They will have eleven breweries this year along with snacks from local establishments. The cost is \$40 per person and no tickets will be sold at the door. You must purchase them online prior to the event at <http://bayfrontcenter.org/events/ales-for-sails/>.

The Mid-American Sail and Power Boat Show will be held at the IX Center in

Cleveland from January 16—20. The cost is \$15 per adults and \$13 for Seniors (age 60+). You can get more information regarding this Boat Show at [www.clevelandboatshow.com](http://www.clevelandboatshow.com).

Area fishing report for this week—Steelhead and brown trout are in the bay in decent numbers. Steelhead fishing in the tributaries has been fair to good. Weather has been the main limiting factor. Cold nights load the creeks with slush ice. West side tributaries may have the edge right now. Elk Creek, Crooked Creek and Raccoon Creek have been good to very good. Walnut Creek has been ok. On the East Side, Twelve Mile Creek, Sixteen Mile Creek and Twenty Mile Creek have all been good

Congratulations to **VC Kurt Fesenmyer**, this month's money winner.

Everyone have a very safe and Happy New Year.



### Happy Birthday:

- Ashleigh Baker
- Lucas DeHart
- Steve DeHart
- Charles Dombroski
- John Downey
- Kathy Eisert
- Robert Fazzolare
- Dan Galvin
- Nancy Gangle
- Tracy and Aimee Gustafson
- George Hooker
- Emily Janes
- Chuck Kahn
- Janet Kuneman
- Sarah Larson
- Tami McClimans
- Kim Sauer
- Doug Smith
- Earle Smith
- Msgr Tom Snyderwine
- Herb Torrance IV
- Gladys Turner

## Officers' Comments

As my final newsletter comments as Commodore, I want to use this opportunity to thank the membership for your support. It would have been impossible to have a successful administration without the unwavering assistance that I enjoyed from all of you. I will be forever grateful for this opportunity that you entrusted to me to serve as the Commodore for this momentous year.

My sincere appreciation also goes out to the gifted and dedicated bridge of officers that did so much to make this year so amazing. I also want to recognize Club Secretary Bob Green and Club Treasurer Charlie Longua for wise counsel. These five officers are a tremendous asset and I am very proud to have worked with them.

My thanks also goes out to all the members of the committees who worked to make everything look seamless as we managed club affairs. It is these men and women who really do the "heavy lifting" that makes PIYC such a

wonderful place for us.

Serving as Commodore of our Club has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Thank you very much.

Commodore Robert  
Wilson



Regarding the clubhouse renovation project, the board and bridge are getting new estimates because the current estimates are not in line with the original projected costs for the project. We would like to make the project affordable without a loan or assessment and to have it complete over the next couple years. Once we have a better idea of the total costs and have approval from the board we will bring all the information to the membership. I look forward to the 2020 boating season and wish all our members and their families a safe and Happy Holiday season.

VC Kurt Fesenmyer



We are one month closer to boating season! I would like to remind the membership that as we

are well into 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. We also have red tags and markers in the clubhouse for you to tag any other items in the yard you may have. 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! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

RC Jim Mazza

## Happy Anniversary!

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

**5-Year:** PC Robert Wilson

## Welcome New Member

**Gary Lozowski** and his wife **Darlene**. Gary worked at GE for 22 years as a product service engineer for DC Motors and Generators and then he spent the last 24 years in Greenville, SC working for Morgan Advanced Materials as Technical Manager-Railroad Products. Gary and his wife Darlene, now retired, are Erie natives and have returned in their retirement to enjoy Lake Erie.

If you see our new member and his family around the club, please introduce yourself and make them feel like part of the PIYC family.



"Apparently, he found a way to extend the boating season."

## Safe Boating Course

The next America's Boating Course is scheduled to begin March 2, 2020. It will be held at the Bayfront Maritime Center. The course runs on Monday nights and continues for 8 weeks. The class runs from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each Monday night. The cost is \$50 per person with a discount for the second person, if two people are sharing a book. 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.

Items included in this course are basic boating terminology, boat handling, water sports safety, PWC's, legally required equipment, boating regulations, right of way rules, and marine radios. In addition, the course also looks at basics of reading nautical charts, basics of plotting a course, and GPS's. Please contact Carl Emerson at (814) 899-4558 or email [erieps@gmail.com](mailto:erieps@gmail.com) with any questions you may have regarding this course. 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. You can get additional information online at [www.usps.org/localusps/erie](http://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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