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Newsletter



Commodore:
Kurt Fesenmyer

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Membership Meeting Notice

The March membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, March 8th at 1:30 p.m.** Commodore Kurt Fesenmyer 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

8th 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 8 1:30 p.m.

Dues and assessment fees due March 15 11:59 p.m.

Equipment Operator Safety Meeting April 4 April 11 12:30 p.m.

April Membership Meeting April 19 1:30 p.m. (moved due to Easter)

Commodore Dinner Siebenbuerger Club April 25 5:30 p.m.

Officers' Comments

I would like to let everyone know I am honored to serve and represent PIYC as Commodore this year.

We have a couple of projects we are looking at this year.

-Man gate installed at the west side of our property near the dog walk. This will provide easy access to the Bayfront walkway as well as the Convention Center.

-Additional green space on the east side of the picnic pavilion.

-Continued planning of the clubhouse renovations.

At the February membership meeting, the members voted to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$28,000 for a new forklift. I am looking forward to the arrival of this new forklift as it will be a great addition to the club and will make work around the club much more efficient. Thanks to **PC Jim Howard** for all the hard work that made this possible.

The board and the bridge want to extend the discounted initiation fee for family members as it did last year, however, this will

require a constitutional change and I would like to open it up for discussion at the March membership meeting.

Commodore
Kurt Fesenmyer



Water levels as of February 21, 2020 are now 11 inches above where they were a year ago and are currently 56 inches above the long-term average. These reports are put out by the US Army Corps of Engineers every Friday and can be found at the following web site: <https://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/Water-Level-Forecast/Weekly-Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/>

As a reminder, second slip requests are due by the April membership meeting.

VC Jim Mazza



Summer is quickly approaching and it's almost time to start thinking of boating! Please keep an eye on your email for information regarding work parties and other activities that will be occurring at

the club which I anticipate will start in April. I'm still looking for caretakers for this summer. If you know of anyone interested, please have them get in touch with me. Remember to check your jack stands and blocking. As the ground begins to thaw, they may shift. Also please unplug your boats when you are not at the club.

RC Mike Howard



There are no club events for the month of March. Save the date for the Commodore Dinner at the Siebenbuerger Club which is on Saturday, April 25th and the Fry Party will be held on Saturday, May 16th. The flyer will be out next month for the Commodore Dinner and I will need a volunteer or two to take money at the door. I will also need volunteers for the Fry Party to help with food prep, cooking, set up, and clean up. We could also use a few extra deep fryers. Please get in touch with me if you can help. More information on that party to come.

FC Adam DiNicola

Happy Anniversary!

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

10-Year: Bob Green
Gary Larson

15-Year: Mike Krahe



Happy Birthday:

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

Boat Lifting Procedures

Lift Administrator **Kathy Hollister** has asked me to review the proper procedure for signing up for and executing the lifting of your boats. First and foremost, the lift log located in the clubhouse MUST be filled out. YOU are responsible for reserving a time with your name and the name of the lift operator that YOU contacted. In parting with some established past practice it has been discussed and decided that the LIFT OPERATOR will be responsible for contacting a ground person of their choosing to facilitate the lift. This has been changed because lifting boats is a very tricky and hazardous maneuver. It is

imperative that a lift operator and ground person work as a well functioning team. This change will allow them to choose their own partner, and who they might work with the best. You are still responsible to make sure you have sufficient help with you for all lifts. Per Lift Rule #5, "The owner of the boat will assume all responsibilities. Either he or his representative, and crew must be present at the time of the lift, either in or out of the water. The lift operator may refuse to lift a boat if the owner and sufficient crew are not present." Lift Operators, it is imperative that you fill out the oper-

ator's log COMPLETELY. We use this information for billing purposes. One last note regarding lifts, Lift Rule #7 states " All active members are entitled to free emergency lifts. Time in lift not to exceed 18 hours." This DOES NOT include surveys. If you are having a boat lifted for a survey you will be billed in accordance with the established club fee schedule. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding the lifting of boats please don't hesitate to contact either myself, the Vice Commodore, or Kathy Hollister with them.

RC Mike Howard

Ramblin's

Club member **PC Jim Campbell** and his wife **Judy** are now full-time residents of Pleasant Ridge Manor.

Congratulations to club member **Allan Belovrac!** He recently received the Five Lakes Award at the Great Lakes Single-handed Society's Annual Meeting. This is given to members who successfully complete Solo Challenges on each of the five Great Lakes. A GLSS Challenge is like a sailing marathon. In a Solo Challenge, participants must sail alone, nonstop, and with no outside assistance, for anywhere from 325 to 600 nautical miles, typically lasting 3 to 6 days, depending on the weather and wind conditions. In the last 10 years, he completed 8 Challenges on Lake Erie, 2 on Ontario, and 1 each on Lakes Huron, Michigan, and Superior, logging over 5,000 nautical miles of solo sailing under just

about every imaginable condition.

Reminder that no shrink wrap is to be placed in the PIYC dumpster. You must make other plans to dispose of it.

If you have any suggestions for Logo Sales, please contact **Brian** and **Doreen Logan** with your ideas. They are also looking to create an online store for your convenience.

If you have issues getting into your PIYC online account, please contact **Herbie Torrance**.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is having a Basic Boating Course on Saturday, March 14th 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 \$24.00 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 \$12.00. PIYC's group number is GA84813Y. Boat U.S. membership applications are available at the club or online.

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

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

New Gate Cards

The 2020 gate card keys will be given out at the April meeting to all members who paid their 2020 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 late April. You will be notified of the exact date. The new cards will be **lime green**. Don't forget to carry your 2019 gate card with you until the gate is changed. If you do not receive your new cards by the end of April, 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.

Clubhouse Rental

The clubhouse has been rented on the following dates:

April 4

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

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Equipment Operator Safety Meeting

Due to the club's purchase of a new forklift, with delivery anticipated in late April to early May, the equipment and ground operator safety meetings for this spring will follow a different timeline and process for this year only. Please give this careful attention.

Per PIYC Safety Rule #1, **All current and prospective Lift Operators, Ground Operators and Fork Truck Operators must attend a safety meeting annually.** 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 manner under supervision of a previously qualified member(s).

This year however, there will be meetings split between, **#1:** Those that have not previously attended a safety meeting, those not current on their safety class qualification or those who want to re-qualify but do not wish to be a forklift operator and **#2:** Those that are currently safety class qualified and that are previously qualified or wish to be qualified for forklift operation. The reason for this split is to simplify and expedite orientation and training on the new fork truck for those who are currently safety class qualified and as forklift operators or wish to be.

Accordingly: An Equipment and Ground Operator Safety Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 4th

and again on Saturday, April 11th at 12:30 p.m. or ASAP following that day's (if applicable) work party & lunch. These meetings are intended only for those who have not previously attended a safety meeting, who are not current on their safety class qualification or want to re-qualify but do not wish to be a forklift operator. It is a prerequisite for those wishing to be trained / qualified for the new forklift and/or as a lift or ground operator (Attendance is required at only one of these meetings).

Additional meetings will be held as necessary to accommodate those currently safety class qualified who wish to continue as or become a forklift operator. The dates of these meetings are TBA, depending on when the new machine arrives. These meetings will primarily focus on information and operation of the new truck as well as hands on familiarization and training. They will also serve to re-qualify for the

annual safety class requirement. Attendance at one of these meetings will be required to operate the new forklift and to remain qualified as a forklift operator. Please note; these meetings are not intended for those who have not previously attended a safety meeting or for those not current on their safety class requirement and will not credit towards qualification or re-qualification. You must attend one of the prerequisite (04/04 or 04/11) meetings per PIYC safety rule. Also, if you are due to be re-qualified for safety class in the fall, you will need to attend one of these spring classes or otherwise make arrangement to be trained on the new forklift if you wish to operate the new truck before your fall recertification. I apologize if any of this seems somewhat complicated or overboard but in keeping with the intent of our safety program, it is necessary in order to achieve accordance with the essence of

OSHA guidelines and for safety's sake itself, as well as the proper operation and avoidance of preventable damage to our new equipment.

These will be the last scheduled safety meetings 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.

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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PIYC Rule / Fees Changes

The board of directors reviewed the club rules and fees for the 2020 year only one change was made this year. Please ensure you read and understand them.

Dock Rules

6: registered length was removed since registered length is no longer used

House & Grounds Rules

No changes

Lift Rules

No changes

Safety Rules

No changes

Winter Storage

No changes

Changes to 2020 Fees

There is a change to the number of work hours needed in 2020. Work hours have been set to 12. 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.