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Newsletter



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May Membership Meeting Canceled

The May membership meeting which was to be held in the clubhouse on Sunday, May 17th at 1:30 p.m. has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As you all know, we are to continue to keep

social distancing until further notice and therefore, the meeting must be canceled.

The next membership meeting will be held in October. Please continue to look for club information

via email, monthly newsletters, and also on the PIYC website. The officers will continue to send information as necessary to keep all members informed of changes regarding club activities.

Upcoming Events

Membership Meeting canceled

Work Party May 16
8:00 a.m.

Equipment Operator Safety Meeting canceled

Opening Day Ceremony postponed

Opening Day Ceremony Postponed

Per the information provided in the Commodore's report on the next page, the Opening Day Ceremony, set for Sunday, May 24th has been postponed

due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The officers are going to attempt to have a small ceremony over the July 4th weekend. Of course, with the ever-

changing situation that we are all in right now, those plans could also change and so more information will be provided as it becomes available.

Happy Anniversary

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

45-Year: PC Jim Flynn
Dick Spaeder
Judy May



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
- Jeff Scarpitti
- Al Sceiford
- Bob Schenker
- Tom Schlaudecker
- Dick Spaeder
- Bill Swain
- Roger Thayer
- Herb Torrance
- Bill Vogel
- Don Wright
- Jim Wronck

Lift and Ground Operators Reminder

I have been asked to post a reminder to all lift & ground operators to please check for a current registration sticker on boats before lifting them into the water. PIYC Dock Rules require all boats moored at PIYC have a current registration. While it is not specifically prohib-

ited to lift in a boat with an expired registration by PIYC rules, it goes by inference and has been past practice that a boat not be lifted in without a current sticker since it presumably would be at odds with the club rule once it goes to its slip. It could simply be that the owner

overlooked putting on the new registration stickers, which can be easily rectified. If any further question, please refer the owner to a club officer for resolution.

Jim Howard
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Ramblin's

This has been a very sad month for PIYC.

Condolences to Peggy O'Brien and her family on the death of her husband, club member, and Junior Member advisor Bill O'Brien. Bill passed away on Monday, April 6th at the age of 70. He had been a PIYC member for 27 years.

Condolences to Elaine Hamilton and her family on the death of her husband and club member Dick Hamilton. Dick

passed away on Sunday, April 19th at the age of 83. He has been a PIYC member for 32 years.

Condolences to club member Monsignor Snyderwine on the death of his sister. Margaret "Peg" Miller passed away on Friday, April 17th at the age of 93.

Condolences to club member PC Buzz Chatham and his wife Peggy on the death of their son-in-law. Edward Deblock, who was married to Buzz

and Peggy's daughter Cheri, passed away on Monday, May 4th at the age of 72.

Remember that NO shrink wrap or electronics should be put in the club dumpster. You must dispose of them properly.

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

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

Officers' Comments

We are facing a very different year at PIYC this year. After following the Governor's order to not to operate, we were finally able to resume operations on May 1st provided we practice guidelines set by the CDC which includes social distancing, wearing masks, and no gatherings in groups of more than 10 people. This presents many challenges for the 2020 season. We had to cancel the April and May membership meetings. The board has approved meeting credits for canceled meetings and also extended the deadline for boats going in the water until June 30th. Work parties will be very different which will be outlined by the Rear Commodore Michael Howard. Social activities have been canceled up to this point and Fleet Captain Adam DiNicola is looking forward to gathering restrictions to ease.

This year we are going to delay the Opening Day Ceremony until the July 4th weekend and as we move forward, we will have a better idea what we will be able to do and will publish details as they become available. Everyone stay safe stay healthy and enjoy your love of boating and the water.

Commodore Kurt Fesenmyer

Finally, the boating season has arrived! I would like to remind everyone while lifting your boats in the water to please be safe. Also, with the current pandemic, remember to social distance as much as possible during the process and if you cannot social distance please

wear a mask. Boat owners and lift operators must ensure that the vessel has a current registration (temporary paperwork or a current sticker) before launching. The second slip assignments have been posted in the clubhouse.

VC Jim Mazza

Spring is here and the fitting-out season is well underway for both our boats and the club grounds. First off, I'd like to thank everyone who has pitched in to get some of the spring tasks done. Without all of your support, we wouldn't be as far along as we already are, however, there are still plenty of tasks to accomplish. You can reference the list in the clubhouse to see those tasks. Due to the weather and the current situation pending, we are looking at having a work party on Saturday, May 16th. We still have much to do and if you could be there we could get many of the more labor intensive tasks completed. Keep an eye on your emails for more information regarding this. As you launch your boats please remember to clean up your area in the yard within a timely manner. Also if you are storing any sort of trailer on club grounds **MAKE SURE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFO IS ATTACHED TO IT.** I will be issuing the yard permit stickers in the near future and that information is used for that purpose as well as any emergencies. As a quick reminder, please remember to remove the key from the

ignition on the fork lift when you're done with it to prevent the ignition from being left on and the battery from being drained. If you have any questions please let me know!

Also remember that the clubhouse will be closed for floor cleaning on Friday and Saturday May 8th and May 9th. On Saturday it will be closed completely (restrooms included) due to the floors being stripped and waxed.

RC Mike Howard

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, all club parties have been canceled until further notice. This includes the Fry Party on Saturday, May 16th and the Opening Day Ceremony which is being postponed. We will keep you all posted regarding the Dock Parties or any other activity that had been planned for the year.

With that, the board and bridge has decided to have beer on tap on weekends for the members to enjoy starting May 8th. Please remember social distancing while on the club grounds and while enjoying the beer provided.

FC Adam DiNicola



Club member Monsignor Snyderwine was driving through the country last week and came across a scene just like this. If there's a will, there's a way!

Forklift / Safety

Our new forklift, which was originally scheduled for delivery in late April, early May, has now been delayed until sometime around the beginning of July due to various unavoidable issues resulting from COVID-19. This is a best available information scenario since the situation is still so fluid and could be a bit sooner or even later. With that in mind, please treat our present forklift as nicely and with as much care as possible since we will need to utilize it for the foreseeable future. Please be sure to check the oil on a daily basis, since it uses it quickly these days and notify an officer or myself of any problems.

Also, since our safety training program has been suspended for the time being, I would like to convey the continuing importance of safe, deliberate operation of our equipment and club practices.

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Happy Mother's Day