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# Presque Isle Yacht Club



## Newsletter



**Commodore:**  
**Jim Mazza**

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### Membership Meeting Notice

The May membership meeting will be held either on the club grounds or in the clubhouse depending on the weather on **Sunday, May 16th at 1:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held on the **third Sunday** this month

due to Mother's Day being on the second Sunday. Commodore Jim Mazza will preside. Plans will be discussed to get the club ready for the upcoming boating season as well as the Opening

Day Ceremony. Let's have a good turnout for this last meeting before the summer arrives. **The next membership meeting will be held in October.**

### Upcoming Events

*Equipment Meeting* **May 15**  
*Operator Safety Meeting* **12:30 p.m.**

*Membership Meeting* **May 16**  
**1:30 p.m.**

*Work Party* **May 29**  
**8:00 a.m.—**  
**12:00 p.m.**

*Opening Day Ceremony* **May 30**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
*Catered Dinner* **2:00 p.m.**

*Goof Off Party* **June 9**  
**TBD**

### Opening Day Ceremony

PIYC will open its 77th season with a Memorial Service on Sunday, May 30th at 12:30 p.m. **All club officers and Past Commodores are invited to participate** in the colorful ceremony honoring our deceased members. Club Chaplain, Deacon Marty Eisert, will give the invocation. Also, the Harold Eisert, Sr. Boating Service Award will be given to

the recipient nominated by the committee. Following the ceremony, a catered dinner from Theresa's Italian Deli will be served at 2:00 p.m. in the clubhouse as stated in the enclosed flyer. There is no cost, however, **you must RSVP for this event** due to being catered. A sign-up sheet is located in the clubhouse. The dinner menu consists of your choice of Ox

Roast or Baked Chicken and the sides will include an anti-pasto salad, potatoes Au Gratin, and mixed vegetables. Rolls and butter will also be provided. Cake will be served for dessert and if you'd like, please provide a store-bought dessert to share. Please contact Fleet Captain Jennifer Skolnik at 814-881-1232 or email at [jaskolnik@hotmail.com](mailto:jaskolnik@hotmail.com).

### USCG News

The US Coast Guard recently implemented a new rule as of April 1, 2021 that all vessels built **after** January 1, 2020 and are **less than 26 feet** in length with an engine of at least 3 HP must use an ECOS (engine cut-off switch). All manufacturers must include an ECOS on all boats less than 26 feet in length as of January 2020. Owners of these new vessels must main-

tain the ECOS to ensure they are in working condition for the life of the boat similar to navigation lights or exhaust blowers. However, if the boat's primary helm is inside an enclosed cabin, an ECOS is not required. If you have an older boat (prior to January 1, 2020) that does not have an ECOS installed, you do not need to have one installed. If you have a working ECOS on

your boat that is less than 26' long, you must use it any time the boat is operating on plane or greater than displacement speed. It does not need to be attached when idling or while docking. If you need additional information, please visit <https://coastguardnews.com>. The article is also posted on the bulletin board inside the clubhouse.



### Happy Birthday

- Leslie Ciferno
- Mike and Linda Corsi
- Bill Coyne
- Jeanne Downey
- Rebecca Flynn
- Bob Franz
- Veronica Fulton
- Tina Gowen
- Elaine Hamilton
- Chuck Janicki
- Sharon Krahe
- Mike LaRicca
- Tim McGraw
- Chris Mullen
- Jennifer Rogers
- Jeff Scarpitti
- Al Sceford
- Bob Schenker
- Tom Schlaudecker
- Dick Spaeder
- Bill Swain
- Roger Thayer
- PC Herb Torrance
- Bill Vogel
- Don Wright
- Jim Wronck

### Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Mike McClimans** and his wife **Tami** on the death of Mike's mother. Margaret Carlson passed away on Monday, March 29th at the age of 94.

Condolences to **PC Jim Howard** and his wife **Patti** on the death of Jim's brother. Patrick Howard passed away on Monday, April 12th at the age of 59. Pat is also the uncle of **Vice Commodore Mike Howard**.

Condolences to club member **Bill Irish** and his wife **Becky** on the death of Bill's sister. Eleanor Walker passed away on Saturday, May 1st at the age of 85.

The PA Fish & Boat Commis-

sion plans to increase the price of fishing licenses next year and so this might be the right time to purchase a 10-year license. Visit their website for more information.

As a reminder, water boards are considered watercrafts and therefore you must have a PFD and a whistle with you at all times while using them.

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

If you would like any special news placed in the Ramblin's of the newsletter please don't hesitate to contact newsletter editor **PC Anne Eisert** at [anne.k.eisert@gmail.com](mailto:anne.k.eisert@gmail.com).

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Congratulations to **Dan Casey**, last month's money winner.

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

### Happy Anniversary

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

- 5-Year:** Adam DiNicola
- 15-Year:** Don Dinardo  
PC Jeromy Vogt
- 20-Year:** Don Wright
- 40-Year:** Helen Freeland

## Officers' Comments

What a difference a year makes! At this time last year, the marinas were just given permission to open and this year we already have 15-20 boats in the water. This has always been an exciting time of the year. Please remember to be safe while working and placing your boat in the water. I am happy to report that we have accepted eight new members so far this year. Please join me in welcoming them. Opening Day Ceremony will take place this year on Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Following the ceremony, a meal will be served. All members and guests are welcomed to attend. If anyone has nominations for the Eisert Award, please get the names to PC Jim Buto as soon as possible. Lets all have a safe and fun filled boating season!

Commodore Jim Mazza

Summer is almost here!! As the boats are going in the water, please remember that all vessels at the club must be operated and moored in a seaman like manner. Please make sure your dock lines and power cords are in good condition. When getting lifted in please remember to bring help with you to assist in lifting tasks. The ground person is in charge of the lift so direct any questions or concerns you might have to that person and not the lift opera-

tor. The new dock boxes are on order and have a few weeks lead time. Those of you who wanted one will be notified when they arrive. If anyone has any questions about anything, please let me know.

VC Mike Howard

I hope you are all enjoying the weather and looking forward to the start of boating season. I would like to thank everyone that showed up to the first two work parties. We had a great turnout for both and accomplished a lot. There will be one more work party this spring on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (the day before opening day). I look forward to seeing you there. Just a reminder as more boats are going in the water, if you keep your trailer stored on club property during the season please make sure your name and phone number are on it. This way it is easy to track who's trailer is who's in case of emergency.

RC Adam DiNicola

At the May Board of Directors meeting, Tom Winschel was accepted into membership and he will be on probation for one year. Tom is the brother of the late John Winschel - past

member. Please welcome Tom and his family into our club when you have an opportunity.

The Board and Bridge have acknowledged PIYC is currently full in regards to available slips; a wait list will be initiated for new applicants. Our club remains in a strong position for success due to membership participation in work and social events, along with the elected positions each year.

You can review the full Board Meeting report on the PIYC website or the paper copy posted inside the clubhouse on the bulletin board.

Board Chairman Paul Sauer

## Sail Info

The first race of the 2021 Commodore's Cup Race Series will be held on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Our usual captains' meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the pavilion with the start gun at 10:00 a.m. Races are set up to be completed by 12:00 noon. This series is open to all PIYC sailors and their crews. Anyone interested in seeing what sailboat racing is all about are welcome to join us at the captains' meeting where you can find a boat to go out on as crew.

Bob Green  
Sail Chairman

## Attention Lift Operators

Just a reminder that an Equipment and Ground Operator Safety Meeting will be held on Saturday, **May 15<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30 pm or ASAP following that day's scheduled work party & lunch. **All current and prospective Lift Operators, Ground Operators and Fork Truck Operators must attend a safety meeting annually per PIYC Safety Rule #1.** A notice is posted in the clubhouse. 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 will be the last scheduled safety meeting until fall of this year. If anyone has any particular circumstances presenting difficulty in meet-

ing 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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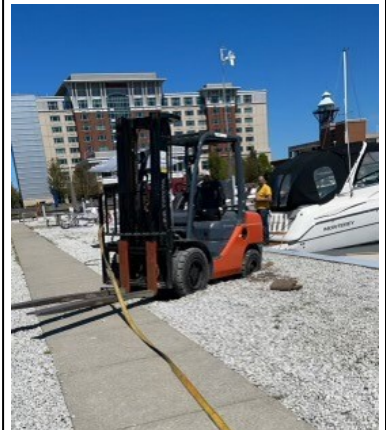
## Welcome New Members

The Board and Officers have decided to take in new members at their last meeting.

**Richard Doyle** and his wife **Judy**. Richard is a Branch Manager at ABF Freight System and Judy is in Customer Service at Erie Bank. Richard and Judy have two sons, Rich and Patrick

**Thomas Winschel** and his wife **Lisa**. Tom owns Winschel Brothers Landscaping and Lisa is an RN. Tom and Lisa have 3 children; Anthony, Carla, and Nick.

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



It seems that PC Kurt Fesenmyer got himself and the jitney into a bit of a pickle last weekend. It only took a mere 4 hours to free it.

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**MOM**  
Happy Mother's Day