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Newsletter



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Summertime Fun!

The second party of the summer will be the **Rock the Dock Party** which is scheduled for **Friday, July 9th** starting at 6:00 p.m. and this one will be hosted by A, B, and Peach St docks.

The 4th **Annual Golf Outing** will be held on **Friday August 6th** at Scenic Heights Golf Course and begin at 8:00 AM. The course is located at 7830 Knoyle Rd Wattsburg PA. The cost is only \$29 for 18 holes with cart. The senior rates are \$20 for 18 holes with cart. Please arrive at golf course 15 minutes prior to tee-off time to get your carts. Please sign up in the clubhouse no later than **Tuesday, August 3rd.**

The next big party of the summer will be the **Pig Roast** which will be held on **Saturday, August 14th.** More information will be available in the August newsletter and on the PIYC website. FC Jennifer Skolnik is looking for a lot of help with that party. This party takes an army to put on and she will be looking for volunteers for set-up, ticket sales, tip sales, and clean up on Sunday. Sign up sheets will be available on the front table in the clubhouse. Anyone helping out with the party will earn work hours.

The second **Dock Party** of the year will be held on **Friday, August 20th** and this one will be hosted by C, D, and E docks. The party

starts at 6:00 p.m. and please have a snack to share at your boat.

Contact Fleet Captain Jennifer Skolnik at (814) 881-1232 or email at jaskolnik@hotmail.com if you have any questions regarding any of these events.

Several **Commodore Cup Sail Races** are scheduled this summer. The next races planned for this month are July 10th and July 24th. Everyone is invited to attend.

For those planning on going on the trip to Geneva over the weekend of July 22-25, please get your information into **Brian and Doreen Logan** as soon as possible if you haven't already.

Upcoming Events

Dock Party July 9
A, B, Peach St. 6:00 p.m.
Docks

Commodore Cup Sail Race July 10
9:00 a.m.

Commodore Cup Sail Race July 24
9:00 a.m.

Golf Outing Scenic Heights Aug 6
8:00 a.m.

Commodore Cup Sail Race Aug 7
9:00 a.m.

Pig Roast Aug 14
TBD

Dock Party Aug 20
C, D, E Docks 6:00 p.m.



Happy Birthday:

- Bill Allen
- Sam Best
- Jim Buto
- Janet Coyne
- Tony D'Angelo
- Adam DiNicola
- Marty Eisert
- Mike Eisert
- Erkal & Connie Eren
- Tom Estock
- Jerry Gowen
- Tina Gregory
- Lee Hiott
- Patti Howard
- Rebecca Irish
- Lori Krahe
- Mike Krahe
- Lisa Mechling
- Jason Morell
- Patty Munz
- Clint Rupp
- Julie Skelton
- Jerry Skolnik, Sr.
- Jen Tullai
- Bill Verdecchia
- Lorre White
- Robert Wilson
- Tom Wolf

Ramblin's

Condolences to **Dan Galvin** and his wife **Sherri** on the death of Dan's mother and PIYC member **Ella Galvin**. Ella was married to PC Jerry Galvin and was a Past President of the PIYC Ladies Auxiliary. She passed away on Sunday, June 27th at the age of 91.

Condolences to club member **Jeremy Vogt** on the death of his grandfather. Herbert Nupp passed away on Thursday, June 10th at the age of 92.

Congratulations to club member **Clint Rupp** and his wife **Angela** for becoming grandparents for the first time! Their grandson, Kason Craig Slaugenhaupt, was born on Tuesday, June 22nd. He weighed 9 lbs, 7

oz. and his parents are Keilani and Todd.

When taking an extended trip on your boat, remember to park in the upper yard away from the main parking lot.

Please break down your boxes before putting them in the trash bin.

This is the perfect time to start thinking about running for an office or board position for the 2022 year. Commodore Mazza has named **PC Herb Torrance, PC Jeremy Vogt, and Dan Casey** as his nominating committee and if you would like to run for an office or the board for the 2022 season, please contact one of them before the November membership meeting were they will present the

candidates.

As a reminder, the EASE (Erie Adaptive Sailing Experience) program will occur on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the West Canal Basis and Presque Isle Bay on July 16th, July 30th, and August 13th only. BMC/EASE appreciates your support during these hours.

Hope you all had a safe and happy July 4th holiday!

Happy Anniversary!

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

- 5-Year:** Rodney Snyder
- 30-Year:** PC Sam Best
Jerry Skolnik Jr.

Officers' Comments

First off, I would like to thank everyone that attended our Opening Day Ceremony. It was great to see the large attendance for this year's ceremony. I would also like to thank FC Jennifer Skolnik on the great food that was served following the ceremony. Thanks to all the members and RC Adam DiNicola for making the club grounds look great this year.

As many of you know we almost have all slips filled. We currently have 8 new members this year and VC Mike Howard has done great job managing the dock assignments with all members. Hopefully, the weather will turn around and I look forward too seeing all of you throughout the summer.

Commodore Jim Mazza



Hi everyone. Hope you have been enjoying summer so far. In case you missed the email, Plyler has installed a new garage door on the Penelec Building. The code to open the door is 1944. Please close the door when you are done in the building. New kayak racks have been placed on the fence near the dog walk. Currently there is room for 3 more kayaks. If more racks are needed I will order them. Please make sure you secure the kayaks to the fence while you are not using them. The bathroom air conditioners have been fixed and are operational again.

Again, please be cautious when handling the jitney and putting it away. The jitney was again found stored with the forks in the air, the brake off, and in gear. If you have not at-

tended a safety meeting do not use the jitney. This is a serious problem and someone will end up getting hurt if this keeps happening. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

RC Adam DiNicola



Welcome to the beginning of a beautiful summer and a schedule of fun activities. In celebration of the 4th we will have cake out in the pavilion on Sunday, early evening. July 9th will be the first of 2 Rock the Dock Parties, docks A, B, and Peach Street will be hosting. Mark your calendars for August 14th for the Pig Roast, the flyer will be out soon. As mentioned in the previous article in this newsletter, I will be looking for volunteers to set-up, ticket sales, tip sales, and clean up on Sunday. I will post sign-up sheets on the front table in

the club house. Also, party helpers will earn work hours. I hope to see everyone at the Dock Party!

FC Jennifer Skolnik



We hope everyone is making the best of the summer weather.

The July Board of Directors meeting reviewed a lite agenda this month.

Congratulations to Jared Ciferno, Darren Gladney, and John Mahoney who were accepted off their one-year probation. Josh Alger submitted his resignation from the club and it was accepted.

All boats scheduled to be in the water have been removed from the yard. As always, use caution when driving or walking in that area.

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

Paul Sauer
Board Chairman

Unsafe / Careless Forklift Operation

It has been called to my attention and I have personally observed multiple recent instances of the forklift being put away with it left in gear, the parking / emergency brake not set and the forks left a foot in the air. Additionally, a short time ago, someone who parked the machine hit the diesel fuel drum in the storage building hard enough to move it eight to ten inches across the pallet even though it is strapped down with the weight of forty gallons of fuel (300 Lbs.) in the barrel. If it had ruptured and it did come close, the fuel would have easily ended up in the D and E dock basin much to the club's liability and financial responsibility, both in clean-up and environmental pen-

alties, this is not even considering what if it was a person in front of those forks rather than the fuel drum...? What further makes that incident troubling is that the operator responsible either didn't own up and report the mistake and damage or worse yet didn't even realize what had happened as the forklift was left exactly in the position that the reckless damage occurred. This all seems to be a relatively new problem because we have seldom had these issues in the past which leads me to believe that this may be due to newer, untrained, unauthorized operators utilizing the equipment.

Long story short; if you are currently authorized,

trained and familiar with the machine, please continue to practice responsible due diligence and safety. If you are not trained, capable and authorized to use the equipment - Don't! The club has many security cameras and if these incidents continue we have no choice but to identify the person(s) responsible. This is not meant as a nasty 'Equipment Safety Fascist' message but should not be interpreted as just a friendly reminder either. This is serious business and these incidents need to stop before we suffer real consequences.

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