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Newsletter



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Upcoming Activities

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**. Ticket sales will start at 5:00 p.m. and the dinner, catered by The Cab, will start at 6:30 p.m. The menu will consist of pulled pork, baked beans, potatoes, antipasto salad, and cake for dessert. Beer, soda, and water will also be served. The cost is \$30 per

adult and \$15 for children 12 and under. After 9:00 p.m. the cost is only \$10. DJ Danimation will be playing music all evening and dancing will begin at 9:00 p.m. until midnight. Tip boards will be available throughout the party to raffle off bottles of booze, Kate Spade and Coach purses, and PIYC merchandise.

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 **August 7th** and **August 21st**. Everyone is invited to attend. Please join at 9:00 a.m. in the picnic shelter on the day of the race.

Finally, the **Annual Raft Up** will be held on **Sunday, September 5th**. The party will begin at 12:00 p.m. in the Presque Isle Marina. Please bring snacks to share with other members. All members are invited and encouraged to come!

Upcoming Events

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

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

Pig Roast August 14
5:00 p.m.



Rock the Dock II August 20
C, D, E Docks 6:00 p.m.



Commodore Cup Sail Race August 21
9:00 a.m.

Annual Raft Up September 5
Marina 12:00 p.m.



Happy Birthday:

- Brad Bane
- Joe Baniewicz
- Lisa Brasington
- Shiela Casey
- Kristina Coil
- Ali DeMarall
- Kathy DiNicola
- Mike Gangle
- Neal Hammill, Sr.
- Valerie Krahe
- Erica LaRicca
- Brian Logan
- Gary Lozowski
- Deb McGraw
- Malaine Salchak
- Raylene Schroeck
- Paula Snyder
- Jim Szymanowski
- Mary Margaret Torrance
- Randy Turner
- Turk Wronck
- Marcy Zemanek

Ramblin's

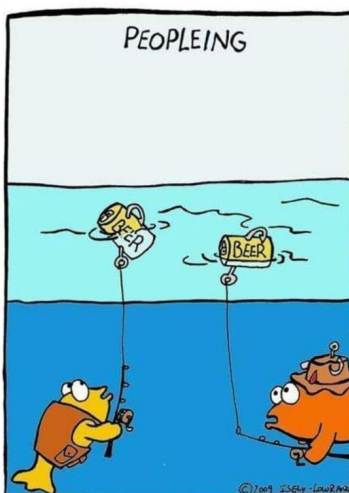
Condolences to club member **Mike Kozen** and his wife **Chris** on the death of Chris's mother. Rose Thompson passed away on Friday, July 2nd at the age of 79.

Congratulations to **Becky Irish** who retired from UPMC on Friday, July 30th!!

Ales for Sails will be held this year on Saturday, August 28th from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Bayfront Maritime Center located at 40 Holland St. You may purchase your tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-ales-for-sails-tickets-159173164219>. The cost is \$40 per person. The proceeds go to help the EASE program.

If you change your email address, please send your in-

formation to **PC Anne Eisert** at anne.k.eisert@gmail.com. Also if you have news that you would like to share with other members, please forward that information as well.



New Member

The Board and Officers have decided to take in a new member.

Philip "Chip" Coil and his wife **Kristina**. Chip is a member of IUOE Local 66 and works all over the country as an equipment operator/ foreman doing pipeline work. Currently, he's working in Sutton WV as an equipment manager for Equitrans Gas Company. Chip and Kristina have three children: Tage, and twins Grayson and Ariana.

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.

Officer Comments

Summer is in full swing and many of you are doing some traveling. Please remember to fill out the travel log in the clubhouse so that the Vice Commodore knows that your slip is available in case we get transient boats visiting and park your cars in the gravel section of the parking lot.

If you would like to run for an office or the board for the 2022 season, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee—**PC Herb Torrance, PC Jeromy Vogt, Dan Casey**, or myself before the November membership meeting. Now is an exciting time to get involved.

As a reminder to everyone, if you are standing around the dock area and you see a boat coming in or leaving their slip, I ask that you give them a hand. This serves several purposes—it helps in rough conditions; it helps members get to know each other; it can prevent damage;

it helps new boaters' stress level.

As a safety reminder: all children nine (9) years of age and under must wear a USCG approved PFD (personal flotation device) while on docks or anywhere near the water. Let's all have a great remainder of the summer!

Commodore Jim Mazza

Hello Everyone, I trust you are all having a great summer now that the weather finally seems to have broke in our favor. Not much news from me this month except in the dock box department. The club has ordered 10 more. We will try to maintain a few in our inventory since the club requires a specific model per our rules. If anyone is interested in purchasing one please let me know.

VC Mike Howard

Hi all, I hope you have been enjoying the summer so far. I just a few updates for you.

The sump pump for the picnic shelter has been replaced and a new vinyl decal has been ordered to go on the south side of the clubhouse. As far as bagged ice goes, I am working on this right now. Fairfield Beer Company decided to take the ice chest away with no advanced notice. When I called them, they claimed we were not selling enough but when I looked at the records, we have sold the same amount of ice this year as we did last year at this point. They also skipped filling our machine for two weeks. I have called multiple times about getting a refund for the ice that was left and for getting our money box back and they refuse to return my phone calls. For the time being make sure you bring your own bagged ice if you use it. I hope to have this re-

solved soon.

I hope everyone enjoys the nice weather we have coming up and gets out on the boats! If you have any questions please let me know.

RC Adam DiNicola

We are into the second half of the season and I hope everyone is making the best of their time at the club or out on the water.

Congratulations to **Tom Estock** and **James Fulton** who were accepted off their one year probation. The resignation of **Don Wright** was also accepted.

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

Happy Anniversary!

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

30-Year: PC Dale Oregina
45-Year: Bob Renner

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2020 PA Boating Accident Analysis

The total number of reported recreational boating accidents in Pennsylvania in 2020 increased by one from 2019. Boaters and Waterways Conservation Officers reported 58 recreational boating accidents of all types, an increase of 1 reported accident, or 2% more than 2019. The number of vessels involved in reported accidents totaled 73, an increase of 1 from 2019. Accident reports indicated 39 injuries requiring medical treatment, 2 more than in 2019. Property damage to vessels totaled \$145,791 which was \$28,211 less than the amount reported in the previous year. One accident comprised \$25,000 or 17% of that total. Federal and state law requires that accidents involving death, disappearance, injuries requiring medical treatment beyond first aid, and property

damage exceeding \$2,000 be reported to the state. Accidents with lesser property damage and/or minor injuries are not required to be reported. Of the 58 reported accidents in 2020, the most common type of accident was capsizing. The types of reported accidents were as follows: Capsizing – 15; Collision with vessel – 11; Falls overboard – 11; Skier mishap – 5; Struck submerged/ fixed obj. – 4; Sinking – 3; Collision with floating obj. – 3; Grounding – 2; Fire/explosion – 1; Swamping – 1; Ejected from vessel – 1; Person leaves vessel – 1

In 2020, nine recreational boating accidents resulted in 11 fatalities. This is an increase of 3 fatalities from the previous year and below the last 10-year average of 12.5 victims. Factoring in the

2020 fatalities, Pennsylvania's new 10-year average is 12.9 victims. None of the 11 victims in 2020 were wearing a life jacket at the time of the mishap that resulted in death. Seven of the 11 victims (64%) were not wearing a life jacket but did have them onboard the boat. The "Recap of 2020 Pennsylvania Boating Fatalities" is a summary of all fatal recreational boating accidents in the Commonwealth that year and can be found on the PA Fish and Boat Commission's website—www.pafishandboat.com. The recap details statistical information about 2020's fatal boating accidents and is intended to provide information to illustrate the importance of safe boating practices and to help improve boating safety in the Commonwealth.

Article from PA Fish and Boat Commission website