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# Presque Isle Yacht Club



## Newsletter



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

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### September Events

The final **Commodore Cup Sail Race** of the 2021 season will be held on **Saturday, September 4th** beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the skippers' meeting taking place in the picnic shelter. Anyone interested in being part of a crew is welcome; just come to the Skippers' meeting before the race.

Fleet Captain Jennifer Skolnik has two upcoming parties that you won't want to miss. The **Annual Raft Up** will be held in Marina Lake on **Sunday, September 5th** starting at 12:00 p.m. There is no cost to the party but please have snacks on your boat to share with

the other members.

On **Friday, September 10th**, the **Fry Party** will be held in the clubhouse starting at 6:00 p.m. The menu will consist of wings, French fries, cake, pop, water, and beer. Please bring an appetizer or side dish to share if you'd wish. The cost is \$10 per person. A sign-up sheet will be available in the clubhouse. **Fleet Captain Skolnik could use some help with the frying and clean up. Please contact her if you can help. A sign-up sheet will also be available for volunteers.**

All members are invited to attend a memorial service for **William 'Wink' O'Brien** on **Saturday, September 18th** at McKean United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. with a reception to follow at 12:30 p.m. at St Francis Usher Club in McKean.

On **Saturday, September 25th**, **Gene (PC) and Karen Krahe** will celebrate their **50th Wedding Anniversary**. Their family is inviting the club members to PIYC to celebrate with their family at 6:00 p.m. The family will provide beer and wine. Please, no gifts. Your gift of sharing this celebration with the family is enough of a gift.

### Upcoming Events

*Commodore Cup Sail Race* September 4  
9:00 a.m.

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

*Fry Party* September 10  
6:00 p.m.

*Membership Meeting* October 10  
1:30 p.m.

*Fall Work Parties* TBD

*Membership Meeting* November 14  
1:30 p.m.



### Happy Birthday:

Congratulations to **PC Harold** and **Janet Eisert** for recently celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary!

The Blue Gavel District 7 Change of Watch meeting will occur on October 2nd at Forest City Yacht Club in Cleveland OH starting at 12:30 p.m.

The PA Fish and Boat Commission publishes weekly fishing reports and this is the most recent report regarding Lake Erie fishing. Anglers are catching Walleye anywhere between 55 and 80 feet of water. Some anglers are also fishing shallow in about 20 feet of water and finding Walleye.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC)

### Ramblin's

is accepting bids for the management and operation of its North East Marina and Access Area. The PFBC first contracted with a concessionaire for the operation of the marina and related services from 1999 to 2016. The second concession agreement began in 2017 and terminates December 31, 2021. The PFBC is seeking to have a new concession agreement in place by January 1, 2022.

The PFBC Board also announced that fishing license fees will remain the same for the 2022 season. Because of revenue generated by the increased number of fishing licenses sold during 2020 and 2021 and the continued strategic in-

vestment of surplus reserve funds, it was determined that a license fee increase is not currently needed. For the 2022 season, the price of a resident annual fishing license will remain \$22.97 (includes \$1.97 vendor fees), and the price of a Trout Permit will remain \$9.97 (includes \$1.97 vendor fees). Pennsylvania fishing license fees have remained the same since 2005.

Watch for the fall work party schedule in next month's newsletter. If you still need work hours for the year, this is a good time to get them done.

Have a great Labor Day Weekend!

- Jay Armstrong
- Mark Bean
- Jack Beck
- Toni Berarducci
- Jim Campbell
- Don Czerwinski
- Jon DeMarall
- Don Dinardo
- Marge Flecken
- Sherri Galvin
- Pam Green
- Jim Hammill
- Larry and Jolene Harmle
- Ted Harmle
- Paul Kreger
- Doreen Logan
- Angela Rupp
- Dink Smith
- Bob Stinnett
- Dave Turner
- Ann Wilson

## Officers' Comments

Unfortunately, the boating season is starting to come to an end. As boats start coming out of the water, I want to remind everyone to please be safe. On Friday August 6<sup>th</sup> we had our 4<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing in which we had 15 members and guests attend. Thirteen played at this year's location (Scenic Heights) and two went to last year's location (Mound Grove). Out of the 13 that played at Scenic Heights, **Darryl Rogers** had the low score of 81 at Scenic Heights followed by **Rick Zemanek** with a 92 followed by myself with a 99. **Jim Wronak** had a low score of 89 at Mound Grove followed by **Bill Vogel** with a 112.

Approximately a month ago I met with Brenda Sandberg from the Port Authority and the latest update for the Front St project is that they are waiting on Penelec to bury the electrical service. She stated they are expecting to start construction in late fall. The project is 100% funded. I will keep everyone updated as I get more information.

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. I was recently notified by our Treasurer Charlie Longua that he will not be seeking reelection for that position this year. I would like anyone interested in running for that position to contact myself ASAP so we can get you trained

prior to the election in December. As a reminder the Treasurer **does not** have to be an Active Member to serve in this position.

As a reminder our next membership meeting will be held on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the PIYC clubhouse. I look forward to seeing you there.

Commodore Jim Mazza



As much as it pains me to say it, the end of the boating season is fast approaching. Please remember that upon pulling your boat you have 72 hours to clean up your dock area in accordance with the PIYC Dock Rules. This includes your dock box as well. Also all boats must be out of the water on or before the last Saturday before November 1st, regardless of whether or not they will be stored on club grounds. This date is October 30th this year. Lastly look for slip request forms to come out in October for 2022 as well. If anyone has any questions please let me know.

VC Mike Howard



Hello all, hope you have been enjoying this great summer so far. Not too much from me this month. The board and bridge are still looking at options for replacing our bagged ice, please continue to bring your own if you would like bagged ice for now. The man gate on the west side of the yacht club is now operational. You will need a gate card to get in and out of this gate. Please

make sure the gate is closed behind you. I would like to thank **PC Tony DiNicola** and **Mike Gangle** for all of their hard work the past year on getting this gate up and running. More information will be coming in the October newsletter regarding the fall work parties. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the boating season.

RC Adam DiNicola



The Constitution Committee presented their recommendations for changes at the September board meeting. These will be discussed at the October membership meeting. The three main points that were presented were 1) the ability for our Associate Members to vote, be an officer or board member, and be on committees. 2) remove the restriction that the Commodore can only appoint Active Members to committees and allow all members and significant others to be on committees. 3) restrict the ability for members to be a Bridge and Board member concurrently.

The board has accepted two new members on probation for one year, **Cody Jones** and **Jack Beck**. Please introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome at the club. Congratulations to **Ed Santiago** and **Richard Zemanek** voted off probation as full members. You can review the full board meeting report on the PIYC website or the paper copy posted in the Clubhouse on the bulletin board.

Paul Sauer  
Board Chairman

## Happy Anniversary!

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

**25-Year:** Kathy Hollister  
PC Jim Howard

**35-Year:** Paul Kreger  
PC Anne Eisert

## Welcome New Members

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

**Jack Beck** and his wife **Sue**. Jack and Sue are both retired and they have three children; Erin, Elise, and Kirsten.

**Cody Jones**. Cody is a State Game Warden.

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

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**Next news deadline -**

**September 20th**

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## Happy Labor Day!