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# Presque Isle Yacht Club



## Newsletter



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

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### Membership Meeting Notice

The March membership meeting will be held at the **Polish Falcon's Club on Sunday, March 14th at 1:30 p.m.** Commodore Jim Mazza will preside. Plans will be discussed to get the

club ready for the upcoming boating season. Please note that Daylight Savings Time goes into effect on Sunday, March 14th which is the day of the membership meeting. Remember to move your

clocks ahead one hour or you will be late for the meeting. ☺



### Upcoming Events

*March Membership Meeting* Polish Falcon's Club *March 14 1:30 p.m.*

*Equipment Operator Safety Meeting* *April 10, May 15 12:30 p.m.*

*April Membership Meeting* *April 11 1:30 p.m.*

*Opening Day Ceremony* *May 30 12:30 p.m.*

### Officers' Comments

I do not have much to report on this month. Our new clubhouse exterior doors are currently getting painted and they will be installed when that is complete. It looks like winter may be starting to come to an end. As always, I ask that everyone stays safe while completing their spring maintenance on their boats. As a reminder the March 14<sup>th</sup> membership meeting will be held at the Polish Falcons Club on East 3rd St.

Commodore Jim Mazza



Spring is almost upon us! I'm sure all of you are looking forward to boating season just as much as I am! Please remember that if you are going to be requesting a 2nd slip, those requests are due to me by the end of April membership meeting. After that, any 2nd slip requests will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis if we still have space available for them. As we look toward to the launch season, please keep in mind the proper procedure for scheduling the lifting of your boat. The lift schedule must be filled out. You are to contact an operator of your choosing. Once you and the operator agree on a date and a time, you will then mark that time and date on the schedule with your name and the name of the operator that you contacted. The lift operator will then contact a groundman to

complete the lift crew. Please remember to have adequate help with you the day of your lift. The lift operator can refuse to lift your boat if you do not have sufficient help to perform the operation safely. As a reminder, the lift schedule is located in the hallway of the clubhouse. Also keep in mind that all boats launched and moored at PIYC MUST have a current valid registration sticker on them. If anyone has any questions regarding lifts or the proper procedure please don't hesitate to contact either myself or **Kathy Hollister**, our Lift Administrator.

VC Mike Howard



After receiving a several quotes for painting the club house, Jeromy Vogt and Vogt Finishes will be painting the exterior of the club house this year. Due to the weather we have been having, the new club house doors have not been installed yet. They are currently being painted and once the weather breaks they will be installed. I am still looking at different options to replace the pop machine which broke during the power outage last season. Please take the time to check your jack stands and make sure your name and a contact number is on your shrink wrap. As we get closer to summer please ensure

your name is on your trailer if you store it at the club. I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to boating season.

RC Adam DiNicola



Welcome to March! The winter covers will start disappearing soon. The board has accepted four new members on probation for one year, Bryan Sweeney, Timothy Brasington, Robert Ray, and Jerry Gowen. Please welcome them and their families to our club whenever you have the opportunity. Requests for a few meeting credits were approved. As a reminder, all missed meeting requests must be submitted within 60 days of missing a meeting. Carl Holmes submitted his resignation from the club; Carl was a member of PIYC for 32 years. We are providing a slip for the EASE Sailing Program again this year. For our newer members who are not familiar with EASE (Erie Adaptive Sailing Experience), it is a recreational program run by volunteers for community members with physical and developmental challenges to sail independently on Presque Isle Bay. 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:

- 5-Year:** Tom Wolf
- 10-Year:** Jim Tracy
- 50-Year:** Chuck Janicki  
PC Jim Pelkowski



### Happy Birthday:

- Noelle Alger
- Eric Anderson
- Lori Baniewicz
- Kassandra Bidwell
- David DeMarall
- Michael Dixon
- Harold and Janet Eisert
- Kurt and Kathy Fesenmyer
- Justin Figurski
- Mike Galbreath
- Darren Gladney
- Sam Hinkle
- William Irish
- Charlie Miller
- Tom Miodus
- Peggy O'Brien
- Patty Vogel
- John Winschel
- John Wolf

## Nominations for the "Harold Eisert Sr. Boating Service Award"

We are looking for nominations for the "Harold Eisert Sr. Boating Service Award." This award is presented to persons who have provided exemplary leadership or service to the Presque Isle Yacht Club and/or to the boating community. Their contribution represents sustained support, dedication and effort to encourage yachting, boating, and PIYC. The proposed recipient should have continuously demonstrated contributions

in the following:

**Leadership**—Provide consistent technical and support direction to the Bridge, Board and/or membership on various projects and issues; **Sustained Support**—consistent activity and involvement in projects, social activities or operations; **Dedication**—continued involvement in PIYC activities and/or boating over an extended time period; **Promoting the Yachting & Boating Community**—significant and recognized

contributions to boating organizations, activities, and the civic community as it relates to boating. Nominations should include the name of the nominee (does not have to be a PIYC member) and statements showing how he/she meets the criteria as defined above. List specific contributions and time period of these activities. All nominations must be signed and delivered to the Commodore by April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Commodore Jim Mazza.

## Welcome New Members

At the last board meeting, the Board and Officers have decided to take in four new members.

**Tim Brasington** and his wife **Lisa**. Tim is an aerospace assembler at Lord Corporation and Lisa is a business consultant at Erie Insurance. Tim and Lisa have a son and a daughter and three grandchildren.

**Jerry Gowen** and his wife **Tina**. Jerry is an electronics technician at Wabtec and Tina is an accountant at Allegheny Valley Hospital in Pittsburgh. Jerry and Tina have two daughters Jackie and Emily.

**Robert Ray** and his wife **Kassandra Bidwell**. Robert is a welder and mechanic and Kassandra is self-employed. Robert and Kassandra have four children; Aubrey, Mackenzie, Kameron, and Paisley.

**Bryan Sweeney** and his wife **April**. Bryan and April have three children; Kristyn, Kara, and Mitchell.

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.

## Equipment Operator Safety Meeting

An Equipment and Ground Operator Safety Meeting will be held this spring on Saturday, **April 10th** and again on Saturday, **May 15th** 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.** If you are not currently an equipment or ground operator but wish to do so, you are more than welcome and must first at-

tend a required Safety Meeting. Training as necessary is then completed in a hands on manner under supervision of a previously qualified member(s).

These will be the last scheduled safety meetings until fall of this year. If you attended the fall meeting held in October of 2019, you are still qualified (Grandfathered for 2020 due to CV-19 restrictions) per the PIYC safety rule of attending a safety meeting annually and can renew in the fall of 2021 but are of course also welcome

to attend one of these meetings if desired. If anyone has any particular circumstances presenting difficulty in meeting 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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## Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Tom Miodus** on the death of his mother. Helen Miodus passed away on Sunday, February 7th at the age of 93.

Also condolences to PC **Dale Oregia** and his wife **Tina** on the death of Dale's father. John Oregia passed away on Thursday, February 18th at the age of 93.

Happy Anniversary to club members **PC Jim Pelkowski** and also to **Chuck Janicki**. They have been members of PIYC for 50 years this month. Congratulations!

With restrictions still in place in PA, the next scheduled

event will be the Opening Day Ceremony which will be on Sunday, May 30th on the club grounds. More information will be coming soon.

If you would like to be a member of Boat U.S., you can receive a discount just by referencing PIYC's group number on your application. PIYC's group number is GA84813Y.

If you plan to bring a new boat onto club property this spring, please talk to the yardmaster, **PC Jerry Skolnik**, prior to bringing the boat so that he can help you with placing the boat in the correct location.

**Commodore Mazza** named his nominating committee. If you are thinking of running for an office in 2022, please contact **PC Herb Torrance**, **Dan Casey**, or **PC Jeromy Vogt**.

For the 2021 trout season, the PFBC will operate under a consolidated statewide schedule for all counties. Under this revised plan, a single Statewide Mentored Youth Trout Day will occur on Saturday, March 27, and a single Statewide Opening Day of trout season will take place on Saturday, April 3.

Everyone have a safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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