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Newsletter



Commodore:
Kurt Fesenmyer

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November Membership Meeting

The second of the fall membership meetings will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, November 8th at 1:30 pm.** This will be a very important meeting because the nominating committee consisting of **PC Mike Galbreath, Gary Roesch, and Dan Casey.** will announce their recommendations for officers

and board members for the 2021 season. If you would like to be nominated for an office, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee. Further nominations will be taken from the floor at both the November and December membership meetings. In order to vote, you must be an active member which means that you

must moor a boat at the club (have an assigned stall) and must have attended at least 50% of the general membership meetings during the past year. Please check the eligible voter list posted on the bulletin board and get any issues resolved prior to the December membership meeting.

Upcoming Events

November Membership Meeting— Nov 8
Nomination of Officers 1:30 p.m.

Commodore Dinner Nov 14
Siebenbuerger Club 5:00 p.m.
2114 French St.

PIYC Christmas Party Dec 12
6:00 p.m.

December Membership Meeting— Dec 13
Election of Officers 1:30 p.m.

Officers' Comments

I want to thank the Bridge, Board and the membership for all the help and support I received this year. The year got off to a slow start due to the pandemic but I think we made the best of it and still plan to finish with a couple of nice parties.

I have not received any feedback from the members who had damages from the power outage. As a reminder, if you are trying to recover a loss, submit your estimate to mark.sprague@iadclaims.com as soon as possible. Please use claim #9950 as a reference in your correspondence.

The Long Range Planning Committee has made a recommendation to replace the entrance doors in the clubhouse. During the winter, snow blows through them, the hardware is in need of repair, and the thermal glass has fogged up in the south entrance door. The Board

has approved the funds and it will be discussed at the November membership meeting. It has been decided that the November membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse. The chairs will be spaced out and no tables will be set up. Please wear a mask for everyone's safety unless you're eating or drinking.

Kurt Fesenmyer Commodore

I would like to start by thanking the lift crews, yardmasters, and the membership for getting all the boats requiring winter storage out of the water for the season. C & D docks will be taken out of the water sometime during November and we will need a crew to assist Lakeshore Towing. Let me know if you can help. Please remember to include your insurance declaration page and \$100 slip deposit with your 2021 slip request. These need to be returned no later than **No-**

vember 15th. As I stated last month, I plan on having these completed by the December membership meeting. Good luck to all the hunters and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

VC Jim Mazza



Now that the boating season has ended we can begin to look forward to next year and hopefully a more normal year than what we've experienced in 2020 so far.

Besides the reports from the Treasurer, Secretary and Bridge Officers the following business was conducted:

We received an update from Nominating Committee Chairman **PC Mike Galbreath** on the nominations for offices for the 2021 season.

Requests for 25-year inactive status were approved for **Donna Nishnick, Jim Szymanowski and Dick Spaeder.**

A prepayment of the principal on the Clubs Erie Bank loan in the amount of \$32,000. This will save PIYC about \$1,000 per year over the life of the loan.

Please find the complete Board meeting report posted in the Clubhouse as well as in the members area of the PIYC website.

PC Gene Krahe Sr.
Board Chairman



Happy Birthday:

- Pamela Armstrong
- Dan Casey
- Peggy Chatham
- Pauline DeMarall
- PC Mark and Amy Eisert
- Meg Eisert
- Tom Fromknecht
- Jim Fulton
- Bob Green
- Melissa Henry
- PC Jim Howard
- Michael Howard
- Gary Larson
- Charlie Longua
- Jody Miller
- Donna Nishnick
- Lynda Sceiford
- Carolyn Schenker
- Jennifer Skolnik
- Matt Visosky
- Ken Worley
- Rick Zemanek

Commodore Dinner

The Commodore Appreciation Dinner will be held on **Saturday, November 14th** at the Siebenbuerger Club located at 2114 French Street. The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a happy hour followed by dinner. The buffet menu consists of: Baked Top Round Beef, Baked Chicken, and Baked Ham, Meatballs, Pasta with Sauce, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetables, Salad, and Fresh Rolls with Butter. The cost is \$25 per person which includes two drink tickets. There will be a

cash bar available and reservations must be in by **November 7th.** There is a sign up sheet in the clubhouse. Due to COVID restrictions, the party is limited to 75 people and you must wear a mask to enter the building. All Past Commodores are encouraged to attend and this party is open to all members and guests. Please contact **Fleet Captain Adam DiNicola** at adinicola91@gmail.com or call him at 814-464-6750 with any questions.

Equipment / Safety Updates

We are awaiting any further word on the status of our new fork truck from Penn West and Toyota. The last estimate on completion and delivery was for November of this year and perhaps no news is good news in regard to any possible further delays? We are assured use of our current loaner truck, which has served fairly well in the interim, for as long as it takes and at continued no cost to the club.

The straps on the Travel Lift are becoming quite dog-eared and are on the agenda for replace-

ment prior to next spring's boat launch. They will suffice for the remainder of this year especially since haul outs are almost complete but be sure to inspect them even more carefully for any dangerous tears, separation, etc. that may occur in the meantime. We do have a spare partial set of straps should it be necessary.

The equipment operator safety meetings, of which annual attendance is required per PIYC safety rule, will resume this coming spring barring any fur-

ther CV19 complications, most likely in early April and again in early to mid May. On a related note, I would like to thank the Lift and Ground Operators for a safe and uneventful haul out operation as well as the membership for their cooperation with the lift crews.

Thank You,
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Equipment/Safety
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Sail News

The 2020 sailing season ended as what has to be one of the most competitive seasons at PIYC. A total of 10 boats entered races with 8 boats racing enough to be scored for the series. As a fleet, nearly everyone was in contention to win at least one of the races, and finish times were often seconds apart. Before the last race, there were several boats still in contention for the series win. When the final results were in, 3 boats tied for first place in the 5-race series: **Gerry Butts** and crew on Affinity, **Don DiNardo** and crew on Emerald Lady, and **Allan Belovarac** and crew on Moonbeam. In the case of a tie, top honors are given to the boat with the highest finishes, and for this series, this goes to Don and his crew on Emerald Lady with 2 first and 1 second place finishes. Gerry and the Affinity crew took second with 1 first and 2 seconds, and Alan and his crew took third with first, second and third place finishes. Full results are posted on the Members' Area of the PIYC website.

Earle Smith did an outstanding job as our committee boat and race timer, and all of us who sailed want to give a big thanks to him and his crew on Old Spice for their efforts to make this a successful season. We also had several non-sailors join the fleet as crew at times, and their willingness and effort is also much appreciated. Finally, a big thanks to **Commodore Kurt Fesemyer** for his support of the Commodore's Cup Regatta.

Bob Green
Sail Chairman

2019 PA Boating Accident Analysis

The total number of reported recreational boating accidents in Pennsylvania in 2019 decreased from 2018. Boaters and Waterways Conservation Officers reported 57 recreational boating accidents of all types, a decrease of 4 reported accidents, or 7% less than 2018. The number of vessels involved in reported accidents totaled 72, a decrease of 9 from 2018. Accident reports indicated 37 injuries requiring medical treatment, 4 more than in 2018. Property damage to vessels totaled \$117,580 which was \$89,204 less than the amount reported in the previous year. One accident comprised \$20,000 or 17% of that total. Federal and state law requires that accidents in-

volving 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 57 reported accidents in 2019, the most common type of accident was capsizing.

The types of reported accidents were as follows:

Capsizing—18; Collision with vessel—10; Skier mishap—8; Struck submerged/fixd obj.—5; Fire/explosion—4; Struck by boat—4; Falls overboard—3; Ejected from vessel—2; Collision w/floating obj.—1; Dam—1; Unknown—1.

In 2019, eight recreational boating accidents resulted in 8 fatalities. This is a decrease of 5 fatalities from the previous year and below the last 10-year average of 12.9 victims. Factoring in the 2019 fatalities, Pennsylvania's new 10-year average is 12.5 victims. Only one of the 8 victims in 2019 were wearing a life jacket at the time of the mishap that resulted in death. Three of the 8 victims (38%) were not wearing a life jacket but did have them onboard the boat.

By Ryan C. Walt – Boating Accident Review Officer PA Fish & Boat Commission

Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Jerry Skolnik Jr** and his wife **Kathy Jo** on the death of Kathy Jo's mother. Kathleen Macaluso passed away on Tuesday, September 15th at the age of 80.

Condolences to club member **Tom Todd** and his wife **Mary Jane** on the death of Mary Jane's brother. Nicholas Runser passed away on Saturday, October 3rd at the age of 80.

The I-LYA fall meeting and Christmas Party will be held December 4-6 at the Holiday Double Tree in Westlake, OH. Please contact **P/C Charlie Miller** or visit www.i-lya.org for more information.

Keep Saturday, **December 12th** open for the PIYC annual Christmas Party. More information will be available in the December newsletter.

The winter storage invoices have been sent to all the members and as a reminder, all fees including winter storage, summer dinghy and trailer storage, etc. are all due by **December 15, 2020**. This will give the Treasurer time to close out the books for the year. If you have any questions on your invoice, please contact **Treasurer Charlie Longua** at 814-449-3390.

The PA Fish & Boat Commission is requesting that all PA boat owners fill out a fuel usage survey available on their website. It's important to fill this out because the fuel tax from your purchase goes towards boating programs in PA. In addition, you may purchase your 2021 fishing license on their website starting December 1st. Don't forget that Mandatory Cold Weather Life Jacket Wear goes into effect on

November 1st. Refer to their website for further information.

One who conquers the sea today is ready to conquer the ocean tomorrow—Matshona Dhlwayo - Philosopher / Author

Everyone have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



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