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# Presque Isle Yacht Club



## Newsletter



**Commodore:**  
**Kurt Fesenmyer**

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### December Membership Meeting

The election of the 2021 club officers will take place at the December membership meeting on **Sunday, December 13th at 1:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the **Polish Falcon's Club** located at 431 East 3rd St. The nominating committee, consisting of **PC Mike Galbreath, Gary Roesch, and Dan Casey** have proposed **Jim Mazza** for Commodore, **Mike Howard** for Vice Commodore, **Adam DiNicola** for Rear Commodore, **Jennifer Skolnik** for Fleet Captain, **Bob Green** for Secretary, and **Charlie Longua** for Treasurer. They also nominated **Kurt Fesenmyer, PC Herb Torrance, Bill Verdecchia, Brian Logan,**

and **Jon DeMarrall** for the Board of Directors. The board members that are carried over from 2020 are **PC Gene Krahe** and **Paul Sauer**. Three board members will be elected and the two board members with the most votes will be on the board for two years. The other winner will serve on the board for one year. Further nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the elections. To be an eligible voter: 1—You must be an active member 2—You cannot be a probationary member 3—You had a boat in a stall (this year), and 4—You had attended (signed the meeting sheet) or got a board excuse for at least 4 of the last 8 general meetings

(Dec 2019, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Oct, Nov 2020). Attending the December 2020 meeting does not affect voting at the December 2020 meeting. The voting list in the bulletin board case and on the website shows the members who meet the above criteria. The only changes to this listing may result from any meeting credits granted by the board at their December meeting. To request credit for **any** missed meeting, please use the form on the magazine table, the form on the web site, or an email to any board member. All discrepancies must be resolved before the meeting in order to make the voting procedure run smoothly.

### Upcoming Events

*Christmas Party*      *canceled*

*December Member-ship Meeting— Election of Officers*      *Dec 13 1:30 p.m.*  
**Polish Falcon's Club**

*All 2020 Fees Due*      *Dec 15*

*January Membership Meeting—Installation of Officers*      *Jan 10 1:30 p.m.*

*Tureen Dinner*      *Jan 10*

### Happy Anniversary!

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

**50-Year:** Jim Szymanowski



### Happy Birthday:

- Josh Alger
- Lee Anna Belovarac
- Carol Lee Dinardo
- Mike Dunlavy
- Helen Freeland
- Dave Henry
- Stacie Hiott
- Colleen Hooker
- Ryan Janes
- Dave Kuneman
- Nick Kuneman
- Jim Mechling
- Joe Orinko
- Winnie Ramey
- Joyce Ross
- Tracy Roth
- Lynn Swain
- Tom Todd
- Jim Tracy

### Ramblin's

Condolences to **PC Gene Krahe** and his wife **Karen** and **Sharon Krahe** on the death of their sister-in-law. Jane Patterson Krahe passed away on Thursday, November 5th at the age of 61.

Condolences to club member **Dave DeMarall** and his wife **Pauline** and also to club member **Jon DeMarall** and his wife **Ali** on the death of their father and grandfather, respectively. Joseph DeMarall, Jr. passed away on Tuesday, November 24th at the age of 92.

Don't forget that all club fees must be paid by December 15, 2020. If you have any questions or are not sure if you owe any money, please contact **Treasurer Charlie Longua**

before December 15th. If you are having issues getting to the member area of the PIYC website, please contact **Herbie Torrance** at shock3415@gmail.com or **Secretary Bob Green** at greenologist.bg@gmail.com.

Although we've had almost no snow so far this year, please clear the walk of any snow using the shovels provided near the entrance ways.

The large trash bin located on club property will not be emptied until spring. Please help out the club and compact your trash before placing it in the bin. This will help keep the costs down.

The following is the recent local fishing report from the PA Fish and Boat Commis-

sion. Erie County Area Steelhead Tributaries— Depending on conditions, anglers are catching Steelhead on a variety of flies, single eggs, minnows, and nightcrawlers. When the water is low and clear, try using a more natural presentation with light 4-pound test line. Lake Erie—Anglers are catching Lake Trout off North East Marina and Shades Beach in about 17-20 feet of water. Anglers are using shiny chatter-baits, bucktail jigs, and blade baits to catch these big Lakers.

Fishing licenses and vouchers for the 2021 season go on sale at the PA Fish and Boat Commission website on December 1st. These make great Christmas gifts!

## Officers' Comments

I would like to wish all the membership and their families a joyful and safe holiday season. The next thing you know, it will be time to get ready for the next boating season and hopefully without having to maneuver around COVID-19 restrictions.

The December 13th membership meeting will be held at Polish Falcons, 431 East 3rd St. This location will provide enough space to be in compliance with the CDC. Beverages and a light snack will be served after the meeting. You must wear a mask to enter the building.

By recommendation of the long range committee the contract for the replacement of the three entrance doors has been awarded to Builders Hardware. We can expect the installation to take place sometime in February.

Commodore Kurt Fesenmyer

Hello everyone. Even though this year was much different than years we have seen in the past, it turned out to be a great summer of social distance boating.

The slip requests have been received and the slip assignments for the 2021 season have been updated and posted on the club website. I will also have the map printed out at the December membership meeting for every one's review.

As we move into the Holiday Season, I want everyone to be safe and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

VC Jim Mazza

Hello Everyone, I just wanted to take a minute to say thank you to everyone who made 2020 a success for PIYC. This year has certainly been different and at times challenging. It is because of the efforts of the membership throughout the year that we were still able to have a very successful and enjoyable season. I also want to thank everyone who has helped me this year around the club. Many hands made light work of everything and made my job easy.

The work hours have been updated with the end of year totals. If you have any

questions or concerns please let me know. It's been a pleasure working with you all this year as the Rear Commodore and I'm looking forward to seeing what next year brings.

RC Mike Howard

I would first like to say thank you very much to Past Commodore Robert Wilson and his wife Ann for changing their travel plans over and over again so they could be at the Commodores' Appreciation dinner. We ended up having 49 people in attendance and it turned out to be a great event. Thank you to everyone that came and supported the event. Unfortunately, with the recent increased numbers of active COVID-19 cases in the area, the PIYC officers felt that it is in the best interest of the club members to cancel this year's Christmas Party. Thank you for your understanding. Lastly I would like to say even though it wasn't the year any of us planned for, thank you to everyone who helped make the few events we were able to have this year

a success. I look forward to next year!

FC Adam DiNicola

I hope this newsletter finds all our PIYC members and their families in good health.

There was not a lot on the agenda for the Board of Director's December meeting. The BOD received the usual reports from all of the officers. There were five members who requested meeting credit for the November membership meeting. All were for acceptable reasons so all were approved.

Please find a full report on the meeting posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse as well on the Club's website.

And on behalf of the Board of Directors we wish all a safe and happy holiday season.

PC Gene Krahe Sr.  
Board Chairman

Everyone have a safe and Happy Holiday. May 2021 be a very prosperous and healthy year (and good boating weather)!!

## Safe Boating Courses

With just about everything being canceled recently including all the winter boat shows which definitely helps with cabin fever, this is the perfect time to get your safe boating certificate online, brush up on your boating education skills, or even get your captain's license. It never hurts to take the safe boating class several times in your life. It's amazing how much one can forget over the years. In addition, Boating Safety Education Certificates are required to operate a personal watercraft and also for persons born on or after January 1, 1982, in order to operate boats

powered by motors greater than 25 horsepower. Visit the PA Fish & Boat Commission website for more information.

The US Power Squadron currently has an in-person safe boating course starting March 1, 2021 at the Bayfront Maritime Center. More information will be available in the February newsletter. In addition, for those of you who live south of Erie, the Community College of Beaver County is also holding an in-person class on Saturday, March 20, 2021.

Although the Captain's training classes won't be

held in person in Erie this year, there are many websites available where you can attend classes virtually or complete self-learning courses online.



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