



PRESQUE ISLE YACHT CLUB.

Vol. 21, No. 9
September 1998

Commodore:



INC.



PIG ROAST

Pon't forget about the Pig Roast which is being held at the club on **Saturday, September 12th**. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. and the menu will consist of meat, potato salad, macaroni salad, rolls and butter, pop and beer. DJ will be I also want tThe cost of this event is \$12.00 per person. If you need additional information you can call Dave Golab at 454-5072. See you there!!



SAFE BOATING CLASS

Read all about the Safe Boating Course put on by the Coast Guard Auxiliary in the enclosed flyer. The classes start on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 773, 4109 West 12th Street. For more information regarding these classes, call Vinnie Cifelli at 833-8390. These are great classes for the entire family and you can save money on your boat insurance. Also, with the new PWC mandatory education regulations coming into effect on January 1, 2000, this is a great time to take the course before the rush.



"IT'S A DIFFERENT WORLD ON THE WATER"

To help boaters stay safe while enjoying boating, the Coast Guard is launching a new multi-year campaign, "It's a Different World on the Water," to educate the public about boating safe and sober. "The Coast Guard wants boaters to realize that Boating Under the Influence is just as grave and deadly a problem as Driving (an automobile) Under the Influence," said U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral James D. Hull. "Surveys show that most pleasure boaters include alcoholic beverages among their refreshments when boating. When you combine that with sun, wind, vibration and exposure, the effects are extremely heightened."

The effects of alcohol on a person while boating can be devastating. Waterways are second to only highways when it comes to accidental deaths. Alcohol is a major contributing factor in recreational boating casualties. A boat operator with a blood alcohol concentration above .10 is ten times more likely to be killed in a boating accident than a boater with zero blood alcohol concentration. Alcohol effects your balance, vision, judgment and coordination. Research has shown that alcohol, combined with boating stressors, such as sun, wind, noise, vibration and motion, can impair a person much faster than alcohol consumption on land. Passengers are also at risk-more than half of all boating fatalities are the result of a boater falling overboard, not operator error. Drinking alcohol produces certain physiological responses that directly affect the safety of everyone around the water.

Consuming alcohol while boating can result in: Diminished judgment, motor skills, peripheral vision, balance, and the ability to process information. Slowed reaction and reflexive response time. Reduced depth perception, night vision an focus. An inner ear disturbance, which can make it impossible for someone suddenly immersed in water to distinguish up from down. An accelerated onset of hypothermia, if a person has been consuming alcohol and is immersed in water. Increased alcohol absorption-for every 18-degree increase in air temperature (above room temperature) the body's absorption rate for alcohol doubles. That means that alcohol is absorbed twice as fast at 93 degrees than at 75 degrees.

The Coast Guard offers the following tips to help keep boaters safe on the water: Wear life jackets. Don't drink alcohol and boat. File a float plan; tell people when you are leaving, where You're going and when you'll return. Be weather wise. Check the forecast before you go and bring a radio to regularly check weather reports. Don't overload the boat with too many passengers or equipment. Take a boating safety course to learn the rules of the water.

ANCHORS

An anchorage can be truly appreciated once you've anchored your boat securely with appropriate swinging room and know that your anchor will hold even if the wind strengthens and/or changes direction. To choose the correct anchor for the circumstances, a design that will allow you to set it with confidence, you need to answer a few simple questions, in this order: (1) In what type of bottom will you be anchoring? (2) How big an anchor do you need for your boat? (3) how will you store your anchor? If you sail in areas with more than one bottom type, you will need to carry at least two types of anchors. Having two anchors and two rodes (the rope and/or chain combination between the anchor and your boat) increases safety and convenience. If you lose an anchor for any reason, the others are backups. And if you're anchoring in close quarters with a minimum of swinging room, you can set one anchor at the bow and one at the stern to hold you in place, or you can set both off the bow so that you swing in a small circle. The following tables are based from manufacturers' recommendations and recommendations from such authorities as Chapman Piloting, Seamanship, and Small Boat Handling. Anchor weights are for a general-purpose anchor suitable for lying-to overnight. For a storm anchor, choose an anchor about twice the weight suggested in the tables.

Anchor Weight Guide

Anchor Rode Guide

BOAT SIZE		ANCHOR WEIGHT						ANCHOR RODE		
Length(ft)	Weight(lbs)	Bruce(lbs)	Danforth*(lbs)	Fortress(lbs)	Plow(lbs)	Yachtsman(lbs)	Chain (dia.-inch)	Nylon (dia.-inch)	Length (ft)	
20-25	2,500	4.4	8-S, 5-H**	4	10	15		3/16	7/16	90
26-30	5,000	11	13-S, 12-H	7	15	25		1/4	7/16	135
31-35	10,000	11/16.5	22-S, 12-H	7/10	20	35-40		5/16	1/2	190
36-40	15,000	16.5	22-S, 20-H	10	25	50		3/8	9/16	225
41-45	20,000	22	40-S, 20-H	15	35	65		7/16	5/8	240
46-50	30,000	22/44	65-S, 35-H	21	45	75		1/2	11/16	315
51-60	50,000	44	85-S, 60-H	32	60	100	9/16		3/4	360

*Danforth is a registered trademark. Similar-style anchors may differ significantly in performance. **S indicates standard anchor; B indicates high-tensile anchor



RAMBLIN'S

Congratulations to Tony and Kathy DiNicola and also to Dale and Cheryl Oregia on the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Nick and Norma Andrews, Jim

Arndt, Anne Baughman, Toni Perkins, Jim Campbell, Patricia Chiz, Al DelMastro, Dick DuMond, Dee Engel, Marge Flecken, Sherri Galvin, Jim Hammill, Bob and Jackie Jenereski, Alice Koenig, Paul Kreger, Jim McAninch, Bob Pratt, Charlene Renshaw, Julie Sanner, Amelia Thayer, Dave Turner, Rita Williams, Margaret Wisniweski, Helen Wronek.....all born in the month of September.



Bill Heidler, Commodore of the ILYA, would like to thank all the PYC members for helping

Another big trip of the Sandusy Boat Show is being planned. The boat show will be held on September 17th through the 20th. If you need information regarding hotel accomodations, contact Dale Oregia.....If you don't have all your work hours in yet, contact Rear Commodore Jerry

PYC Newsletter

Volume 21, No. 9
September 1998

Next news deadline -
September 20th
Editor, Anne Eisert



Presque Isle Yacht Club
P.O. Box 1075
Erie PA 16512

