



PRESQUE ISLE YACHT CLUB, INC.



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Commodore:



MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

The April membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday April 11th at 2:30 p.m.** Commodore Ron Berarducci will preside. Plans will be discussed to get the club ready for the up-coming boating season. It was nice to see so many members at the March membership meeting. Let's again have a good turn-out to support our officers.

SPRING FLING!

Read all about the Fleet Captain's Spring Fling Party in the enclosed flyer. The party will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse on Saturday, April 17th. Fleet Captain Bob Franz will be serving spaghetti, ravioli, meatballs, and sausage, garlic bread and tossed salad along with beer, soft drinks wine, and coffee. The price is only \$4.00 per person. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share with the other members. The sign-up sheet is  located in the clubhouse foyer. Call Bob at 796-3651 for more information. Hope to see you all there!!

PWC SAFETY

PWCs are the fastest growing segment of recreational boating in PA as well as across the nation. Statistics show that more than 50% of all reported collisions between boats involve at least one PWC. Many PWC operators do not seem to realize that PWCs are boats and that they must follow the same laws and regulations as other boaters. This is just a reminder of the safety rules for PWC operators. All PWC operators must have a safety certificate by January 1, 2000. All persons on board a PWC must wear a PFD at all times and inflatable PFDs are not acceptable. PWC operators must carry a fire extinguisher and also a sound-producing device on board. A safety lanyard for the kill switch must be attached to the body, clothing, or life jacket. It is illegal to operate a PWC from sunset to sunrise. It is also illegal to tow a water skier behind a PWC with capacity of two people or fewer, and to tow more than one skier.

WORK PARTIES

Work parties will begin on Saturday, April 17th and will continue until May 29th. They will begin at 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the club to get the club grounds ready for the upcoming boating season. The work parties will be run a little differently this year. The parties will be limited to approximately 15 people so that people are not standing around looking for work to be done. A sign up sheet will be available in the clubhouse foyer for these work parties. Additional work parties will be run during the summer months. Hours will be needed in June to clean the club grounds. In July, the travel lift needs to be painted, and in August hours are needed to help get the club grounds ready for the corn roast. Also, work hours will be given to four members who will be willing to pick up door prizes for the corn roast and work hours will also be given to those who help clean up after the corn roast. This is a big job and we need as much help as we can get. Sign up sheets will be available for these summer projects as well. If you have any questions regarding the work parties, contact Rear Commodore Tony DiNicola. Also, the jobs needed to be done will be posted on the bulletin board for those members who are unable to make the work parties.

FITTING OUT TIME

Spring is here and it's time to start fitting out our boats and the club for the season. Before you put your boat in the water, make sure that you drain the antifreeze from your engine. The U.S. Coast Guard is keeping a watchful eye out for those discarding antifreeze in the water. You could endure a heavy fine if you are caught flushing these type of environmental hazards into the water. As you work on your boat this spring, be sure to clean up the area around your boat so that you do not create any safety hazards. Also, make sure your ladder is locked to your cradle to prevent break-ins.

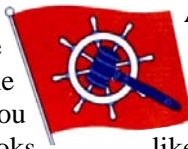
COMMODORE'S BALL

This year's Commodore's Ball was held on Saturday, March 8th at the Erie Maennerchor Club. The event was sold out with 80 people in attendance. Commodore Ron Berarducci presented outgoing Commodore Dan Krahe with a certificate of appreciation. Fleet Captain Tony DiNicola presented Dan with a photo album filled with photos of the past year and the membership presented Dan with a wonderful picture of the Presque Isle Peninsula Lighthouse for his efforts over the past several years. Each Past Commodore in attendance also received a PYC hat, including Sam Best, Jim Campbell, Dan Krahe, Jerry Munz, Don May, Dale Oregia, Joe Skindell, and Jerry Skolnik, Sr. Everyone in attendance truly enjoyed themselves.



RAMBLIN'S

On Saturday, April 17th, the Blue Gavel will be hosting a Spring Fitting Out Party at the Commodore Perry Yacht Club. Captain Walter P. Rybka of the Brig Niagara will be the guest speaker. All Past Commodores and spouses are invited even if you are not a member of the Blue Gavel. Contact Jerry Munz if you would like additional information.....It looks like all the snow birds are starting to return to Erie after spending the winter months in sunny Florida. Let's hope the snow will stay away now.....Daylight Savings Time is finally here and so don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, April 6th. Summer is getting closer.....It was nice to see long time member Peggy Stow at the membership meeting in March.....Don't forget to visit PYC's web site at www.pyc.com. It has a lot of information about the club and you can also have your name listed in the club roster if you'd like by contacting Mark EisertLloyd Hollister is now the PYC representative for the Greater Erie Boating Association. Contact Lloyd if you would like any information regarding this organizationThe PFBC now has the 1999 boating handbook on-line. You can access it at www.state.pa.us/fish. This is a great web site. It's very informative.Congratulations to club member PC Dave Turner and his wife Gladys on the birth of their granddaughter, Tiana Angeline, who was born on March 6 to Dave and Gladys's daughter Cheryl Petrone and her husband Joe.....Look for the new line of PYC clothing to be presented at the Spring Fling Party on April 17th. You don't want to miss this opportunity to be the first to see this year's PYC fashions.....Trivia: Recreational boaters spent about \$17.7 billion on boats, motors, trailers and accessories in 1996.....Congratulations to Anne Eisert, this month's money winner.



STALL



ASSIGNMENTS

Vice Commodore Jerry Skolnik, Jr. did an excellent job assigning stalls this year. He spent *countless* hours tackling this very tough job and out of the 132 stalls assigned, 67% of the members received their first choice stall. That's a great feat! If you have any problems with your stall this summer, contact Jerry and he will help you out.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to



Allan Belovarac, Mark Brabender, Bill Eppinger, Kathleen Hollister, Carl Holmes, George Macey, Cindy McGraw, Theresa Ramey, Jim Rich, Kathy Jo Skolnik, Arnold and Patricia Thunborg, William Williams, Carl and Dolores Zawistoskiall born in the month of April.

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HAPPY EASTER!



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