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PRESQUE ISLE YACHT CLUB, INC.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

The April membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Sunday April 9th at 2:30 p.m. Commodore Tony DiNicola 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 CANCELED DUE TO CLUBHOUSE CONSTRUCTION

This year's Spring Fling has been canceled due to the clubhouse construction. By staying out of the way of the construction, the clubhouse will be more than ready for the next function of the season which will be the Opening Day Ceremony on Sunday, May 28th. A flyer containing all the information will be in next month's newsletter.


The clubhouse construction is coming along very nicely. If you get a chance, get to the club to see the progression of the construction, but please do not to bother the workers. This will help keep the workers efficient plus avoid injury due to distraction. The north and west walls of the original galley are now torn down to open up the main meeting room. The floor is poured to connect the old part of the building to the new. The original restrooms have been torn out and walls are being put in to create two offices. The room directly inside the main clubhouse door (the original Men's Room) will be the caretaker's office and this is where the guests will be checking in. The original Ladies Room will now be the officer's and board member's office. The new restrooms are now open as is the new galley. The new galley is set up with the cupboards from the original galley and also the refrigerators and stoves. The crews are now in the midst of making storage closets in there. If you get a chance to get on the website, several photos have been posted each week to show the progress of the clubhouse. This project would never had happened except for all the hard work done by the officers, board members, and the facilities committee over the past five years. We owe them all tremendous thanks!!!

WORK PARTIES

Work parties began on Saturday, March 25th and will continue until May 27th. They will begin at 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the club to get the club grounds ready for the upcoming boating season. The work parties will be run the same as last 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. Please bring some of your own tools such as shovel, spade, pick, etc. to help with the construction during the first few work parties. The club does not own enough tools keep everyone working at the same time. Additional work parties will be run during the summer months. Hours will be needed in June to clean the club grounds. Also, work hours will be given to six 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. The corn roast 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 Pat McGraw. 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 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 5th at the Erie Maennerchor Club. Over 60 people attended this great party! Rear Commodore Pat McGraw and the membership presented outgoing Commodore Ron Berarducci with a beautiful picture of the Presque Isle Peninsula Lighthouse for his efforts over the past several years. Each Past Commodore in attendance also received a PYC glass mug, including Sam Best, Dan Krahe, Jerry Munz, Don May, Dale Oregia, Joe Skindell, Jerry Skolnik, Sr., and Dave Turner. Pat certainly did a great job organizing the party and everyone in attendance truly enjoyed themselves.



RAMBLIN'S

Congratulations to Father Tom Snyderwine who is now Monsignor Tom Snyderwine. He was recently appointed Monsignor by Bishop Trautman.....Condolences to club member Allan Belovarac and his wife Lee on the death of Alan's mother. Eleonora C. Dombrowski Belovarac died on Friday, March 3rd at Hamot Medical Center after a lengthy illness. She was 80 years old. She will be sadly missed by her family.....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 2nd. Summer is getting closer! :-).The Presque Isle Marina has the equipment to install sailboat masts and this service is open to the general public. Only a release form needs to be signed. Contact the maintenance office at the marina for more information.....Don't forget to check out the PA Fish and Boat Commission website. It has a tremendous amount of information regarding boating. It has information such as the PA Boating Handbook, how to register your boat, boating laws and regulations, safety information and classes, etc. You can access it at www.state.pa.us/fish. This is a great web site!.....It was nice to see club member Jerry Riblet at the club after his knee surgery. He's moving a little slowly but at least he's up and about.....The Blue Gavel has taken over the function of the Greater Erie Boating Association which has recently been dissolved.....A special thanks to Mike Gangle for moving the boiler and connecting up the heat for the clubhouse, to Chuck Kindle for assisting Mike, to Mike Hornyak for painting the floors, to Don Kenton for helping him and to the many others who have helped with the construction.....Congratulations to Dick Burk, this month's money winner.

STALL ASSIGNMENTS

Vice Commodore Bob Franz did an excellent job assigning stalls this year. He spent *countless* hours tackling this very tough job and did his best to give the members their first choice stall. This is always a tough job to do especially this year with the low water levels. If you have any problems with your stall this summer, contact Bob 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, Les Stone, Arnold and Patricia Thunborg, William Williams, Carl and Dolores Zawistoskiall born in the month of April.



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