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MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

The election of 2001 club officers will take place at the December membership meeting held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, December 3rd at 2:30 p.m.** The meeting is moved up one week in order to accommodate the hunters. In order to vote, you must be an active member which means that you must moor a boat at the club and must have attended at least 50% of the general membership meetings during the past year. The nominating committee, consisting of Sam Best, Mike Gangle, and Jerry Munz have proposed Bob Franz for Commodore, Pat McGraw for Vice Commodore, Anne Eisert for Rear Commodore, Gene Krahe for Fleet Captain, Mark Eisert for Secretary, and Dan Krahe for Treasurer. They also nominated Lloyd Hollister, Mike Hornyak, Jim Howard, and Dale Oregia for the Board of Directors. The two board members that are carried over from 2000 are Joe Skindell and Bob Jenkins. Further nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the elections. This is a very important meeting and so make every effort to be there. Also, please check the eligible voters list before the December membership meeting. Secretary Mark Eisert has this list. All discrepancies must be resolved before the meeting in order to make the voting procedure run smoothly.

TAX AND LEASE ASSESSMENT

At the November membership meeting, the following motion was proposed and will be voted on at the December membership meeting: "A tax and lease assessment of \$250.00 be levied on each and every member, active and associate, payable by 28 February 2001, and that collection of this fee be in accordance to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Presque Isle Yacht Club." This motion will have been posted in the clubhouse 30 days prior to the December membership meeting.

HAUL OUT AWARDS

AND PARTY

Over 80 people attended the Annual Haul Out and Awards Party and over 20 hilarious awards were given to the members who deserved them. Commodore Tony DiNicola did a fantastic job as Master of Ceremony for the evening. Some of the awards given throughout the evening were: Mike Barrett – The Best of Show Angler Award; Les Stone – Woody Under Water Award; Bob Cass – The Net Award; Roy Guyer – Key Chain Award; Mike Corsi – Big Ugly Gold Jewelry Award; Ron Berarducci – Extension Cord Award. Not all the awards could be listed here but the rest of the awards along with the photos from the party are available on the PYC website main page at www.piy.com.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Don't forget about this year's Fleet Captain's Annual Christmas Party which will be held at the club on Saturday, December 2nd in the clubhouse beginning at 6:00 p.m. The menu will consist of Chicken Cordon Bleu, honey glazed carrots, parsley red potatoes, salad, and dinner rolls. The club will also be providing a Manhattan Punch, a Champagne Punch, soda, and beer. The cost of the party is only \$7.00 per person. Please bring your favorite holiday hors d'oeuvre or holiday dessert to share with the other club members. The party will be limited to 80 people and so sign up early. A sign up sheet is available in the clubhouse or you can call Fleet Captain Anne Eisert at 833-1840 to make your reservations. You may also e-mail Anne at anne.eisert@trans.ge.com or sign up on the PYC web site at www.piy.com on the Fleet Captain's web page. Let's have a great turn out for the last party of the year.

BOATING FATALITIES DECLINE IN US

The US Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety is projecting a decline in the total annual number of boating fatalities in the United States based on the number of fatalities counted through September. As of the end of September, there were 593 US fatalities. In previous years, an average of 85 percent of all fatalities occurred by the end of September. Based on this, the Office of Boating Safety is projecting a total of approximately 700 fatalities in 2000, a drop of more than 3 percent from 1999. In 1999 there were 724 fatalities, in 1998 there were 815 and in 1997 there were 821. In 1990, there were 865 fatalities. If the year 2000 number is 700, that would represent a decline in fatalities of almost 15 percent since 1997, and a decline of 19 percent since 1990. In 1999, the leading states for fatalities were: Florida (58); California (42); Texas (41); and Louisiana (45).

CLEVELAND BOAT SHOW

The club officers are already planning this next year's land trip to the Mid-American Sail and Power Boat Show which will be held at the IX Center in Cleveland on January 19th. Preliminary information provided to the officers indicate that the cost would be approximately \$30 per person which will include breakfast, ticket into the show, and the bus trip. The trip is limited to 55 people. More information will be provided at the December membership meeting. If you would like to go to the boat show, reservations will need to be made early along with your deposit.

TRAVEL LIFT

The board members and officers have been discussing the need for a new travel lift for the club. This was mentioned at the November membership meeting and will be discussed again at the December membership meeting. Due to the age and weight limit of the current travel lift, the board members and officers decided to get the process moving to buy a new lift to help eliminate any safety or liability issues while taking boats in and out of the water.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY toRandy Barnes, Lee Belovarac, Joe Bilecki, Roxann Burk, Judy Campbell, Connie Cooper, Sue Del Mastro, Helen Freeland, Sherry Golab, Dick Hamilton, Colleen Hooker, Sis Jenkins, Jackie Johnson, Dave Kuneman, Mary Malatesta, Ruth Mathes, Roy Mueller, Heather Oregia, Joe Orinko, Bill Ramey, Jr., Winnie Ramey, Gerald Riblet, Joyce Ross, Barb Rzepecki, Al Wright, Dave Yonkers.....all born in the month of December.



RAMBLIN'S

Condolences to club member Charlie Miller and his wife Jody. Jody's mother, Lona Shen, passed away on October 22nd in Parkersburg, WV. She was 93. Lona had visited the club many times over the years and even took her first sailboat ride at the age of 79. She will be sadly missed by her family.....Don't forget to pay your winter storage fees by December 31, 2000. You may drop your payment in the mail box located inside the clubhouse or mail it in to the club's post office box.....Congratulations to club member Monsignor Tom Snyderwine for being chosen as one of the members of the Erie Times News Reader Advisory Board. This board was chosen to help improve the quality of our local newspaper.....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.....Don't forget to tag your cradle or jack stands with your name and phone number so that you may be contacted in case of an emergency. Tags are available in the clubhouse.....Work parties are over for the year. If you still need work hours, please contact Rear Commodore Pat McGraw to find out what needs to be done.....Don't forget to unplug the electrical cords from your boats when you are not working on them and also chain and lock your ladder to your cradle when not in use. This will deter anyone from breaking into your boat or into your neighbor's boat.....If you have any changes to your personal status, i.e. address, marital status, etc. please contact Anne Eisert with the changes so that the changes can be made in the records.....If you would like your name added to the club roster located on the PYC web page, please contact Mark Eisert. This is at no cost to you to have your name listed.....Congratulations to Tony DiNicola, this month's money winner.....Everyone have a safe and Happy Holiday!!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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