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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 8th at 2:30 p.m.** Commodore Bob Franz 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.



## MANDATORY SAFETY CLASS

The club will be conducting a mandatory safety class on Saturday, April 7th at 1:00 in the clubhouse. This class is mandatory for any member who is on the lift committee or would like to run any of the club's equipment. Dale Oregia will be the instructor. If you have any questions regarding the safety class, please contact Dale Oregia or Rear Commodore Anne Eisert.



## STALL ASSIGNMENTS

Vice Commodore Pat McGraw 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 (again). If you have any problems with your stall this summer, contact Pat and he will help you out.



## COMMODORE'S DINNER

This year's Commodore's Appreciation Dinner was held on Saturday, March 10th at Sabella's Union Station. Close to 60 people attended this great party! Rear Commodore Anne Eisert and the membership presented outgoing Commodore Tony DiNicola 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 duffle bag, including Ron Beraducci, Sam Best, Jim Campbell, Tony DiNicola, Dan Krahe, Don May, Jerry Munz, Dale Oregia, Perry Ross, and Joe Skindell. Everyone in attendance truly enjoyed themselves.

## SPRING THEME PARTY

Fleet Captain Gene Krahe will be holding the Spring "Taste of Italy" Party on Saturday, April 7th in the clubhouse beginning at 6:30 p.m. The menu consists of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, wine, coffee, soda, and beer. The cost is only \$6.00 per person. If your last name begins with the letters A—L, please bring a snack to share and if your last name begins with the letters M—Z, please bring a dessert to share. The party is limited to 80 people, and so please sign up early. The signup sheet is available in the clubhouse foyer. You may also put in your reservations by calling Gene at 739-2743 or e-mailing him at gkkrazy@aol.com.



## WORK PARTIES

Work parties will begin on Saturday, April 21st and will continue until May 26th. They will begin at 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 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 on the clubhouse bulletin board for these work parties. If you have any questions regarding the work parties, contact Rear Commodore Anne Eisert. 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.

## MOTION RESCINDED

At the March membership meeting, a motion was made to give each member with a stall, a lift in and out of the water regardless of whether the boat is winter stored on club property. At the April membership meeting, this motion was rescinded by the membership due to that the club fees had already been set by the board for the year 2001.



## RAMBLIN'S

Condolences to club member Jim Campbell and his wife Judy on the death of Judy's sister, Clare Power Aho. Clare passed away on Monday, March 5th at West Lake Woods Assisted Living Community. She will be sadly missed by her entire family.....Congratulations to club member Carl Holmes who is retiring from General Electric at the end of March! Carl is retiring from the propulsion engineering department..... 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.....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](http://www.state.pa.us/fish). This is a great web



site.....Congratulations to Jim Howard, this month's money winner.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Allan Belovarac, Mark Brabender, Bill Eppinger, Kathleen Hollister, Carl Holmes, George Macey, Cindy McGraw, Theresa Ramey, Jim Rich, Paul Schroeck, Kathy

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## HAPPY

## 2000 PA BOATING ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

The total number of reported recreational boating accidents in PA decreased in 2000. This decrease could be attributed to an especially rainy boating season. Boaters reported only 90 recreational boating accidents of all types. That is 35 fewer than in 1999, the least reported number in more than 12 years, however, the majority of accidents are not reported. PA boaters reported 67 injuries requiring medical treatment, 22 fewer than in 1999, the least in many years. Property damage to vessels totaling \$232,870 was reported, a dramatic decrease of \$104,564 over the previous year. One accident accounted for \$85,000 of the total. Of the 90 reported accidents, 33 were collisions, 20 of which were collisions between vessels. It is not unusual that none of the collisions resulted in a fatality. The types of reported accidents were as follows: collision with vessel—20; struck by propeller—4; capsizing—16; swamping/flooding—3; collision with fixed object—10; collision with floating object—3; falls overboard—10; struck by boat—2; fallen skier—7; sinking—2; falls within boat—6; grounding—1; other—5; fire/explosion—1. Personal watercrafts (PWC) were involved in only 13 accidents in 2000, a decrease of 23 from the previous year. Eight of these PWC involved in accidents were collisions, accounting for 24% of the total number of collisions for all boats. The year 2000 was a major turnaround year for personal watercraft accidents. There were 11% more registered PWC, but they were involved in 175% fewer accidents, 136% fewer injuries, and 163% fewer collisions than in 2000. For the eighth year in a row, there were no fatalities on a PWC. However, a PWC operator was involved in an accident that resulted in a woman's death. Eleven fatal recreational boating accidents resulted in 12 fatalities. Compared to the 1999 numbers, these figures are one more fatal accident with two more fatalities. These numbers are slightly fewer than the average for the last 10 years, and five fewer than average in the last 20 years. Eight of the 12 victims were not wearing a personal flotation device at the time of death. In two accidents, the victims were struck by a propeller or struck the shoreline while being towed, so wearing a PFD was not a factor. If a properly fitted PFD had been worn by all the victims who died in boating accidents in



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