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MARGARITAVILLE PARTY

Read all about the Margaritaville Party in the enclosed flyer. This is the replacement party for the Corn Roast and it will be held on the club grounds on Saturday, August 11 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. only. The cost is only \$8.00 for adults (12 and older) and \$3.00 for children under the age of 12. Beer tickets are \$5.00 per person which permits all you can drink throughout the evening. Margaritas will also be available for sale throughout the evening. Live entertainment will be provided by Dave and Mark Eisert singing great Jimmy Buffett tunes with Millenium Sound DJs playing your favorite songs during their breaks. Door prizes will also be raffled off during the evening and raffle tickets are available for \$1 each. Two raffle tickets are enclosed in this newsletter for your convenience. This party is for members and guests only. There is no limit on the number of guests but a sign-up sheet will be available for attendance estimation. Please sign up in the clubhouse. Fleet Captain Gene Krahe could also use your help with cooking, serving, or selling tickets. A sign-up sheet is also available in the clubhouse. Please offer just one hour of your time to this activity. It will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the Margaritaville Party, please call FC Gene Krahe at 825-5101 during the day or at 739-2743 or you can e-mail him at gkkrazy@aol.com. See you at the party!!!!



WE NEED YOUR PYC PHOTOS

We plan on putting together a slide show of all the photos taken at the different events throughout the year. If you have any photos, whether electronic or not, please get in touch with RC Anne Eisert.



WE LOVE ERIE WEEKEND

Pon't forget about We Love Erie Weekend which will be held Thursday, August 16th through Sunday, August 19th. Fireworks will be held on Sunday evening at 10:00 p.m. and the club is a great place to view them. Please meet your guests at the gate because the gate will not be left open. This is to help protect your property. Also, the West Basin Channel will be closed to all boats from 9:00 p.m. until the end of the fireworks.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Fire aboard a boat can be a terrifying experience. A person may only have a split second to act to save themselves and all passengers. The importance of having fully charged fire extinguishers on hand is vital. Most boat fires can be put out rapidly if you act immediately. Do not hesitate. If a fire starts, grab the extinguisher, activate it and direct it at the base of the flames. Use short bursts and sweep it from side to side. Do not wait until a fire starts to read the directions on the label. Take the time to make sure that you and those who boat with you regularly know and understand exactly how to use the fire extinguisher. There are several preventable measures to take in order to avoid most boat fires: — Clean bilges often and maintain proper gear stowage — Make sure short-tie cables are properly connected — Place oily rags in covered trash cans or dispose of them on shore — Store propane fuel for stoves in a secure area. If and when a fire does break out on board your boat, never use water on fires started electrically, by gasoline, oil, or grease. Water will spread a gasoline fire and since water is a conductor of electricity, you may receive a damaging shock from an electrical fire. Water should only be used to extinguish burning wood, mattresses, rags, rubbish, and alcohol. When extinguishing the fire, make sure it is completely out. If not, it may smolder for a long while and possibly start again. If possible, soak burning materials over the downwind side of the boat. Also remember to avoid littering the waterways by removing any debris after the emergency is over. Follow these steps if fire breaks out while you are underway in order to prevent the fire from spreading to other parts of the boat:

- Slow or stop the boat. Wind from the boat's motion feeds the flames.
- Keep the fire downwind. If the fire is aft, head the bow into the wind. If forward, put the stern into the wind.
- If the motor catches fire, shut off the fuel supply immediately.

Always remember not to panic. Many boats burn to the water line because people jump overboard without assessing the situation first. If you realize that the fire cannot be put out with the fire extinguisher, put on your life jacket and exit the boat upwind of the burning craft. Use a radio, cellular phone, or visual distress signals to gain assistance.

Article from www.safeboatingcouncil.org

RAMBLIN'S

PC Harold Eisert Sr. is now back at Sarah Reed Retirement Center and is doing very well....Congratulations to David Parker of EYC and Christopher Barrett, son of club member Mike and Rosie Barrett, for placing first the Sailing Regional Finals with seven first place finishes. They qualified to compete in the US Sailing National Finals at the San Francisco Yacht Club. This is the second year they have attended the National Finals. The trophy is located in the clubhouse for your viewing.....Happy Birthday to Patti Howard who turned the big 4-0 on Wednesday, July 25th.....Mark Eisert would like to offer his many thanks to Perry Ross, Roger Thayer and the rest of the crew, for acting so quickly to get the lift ready for his boat during his emergency last week!!



FAMILY FUN DAY

everyone had a great time at this year's Family Fun Day which was held at the club on Saturday, July 28th. Over 100 members, spouses, kids, and grandkids had a great time with all the games, snacks, refreshments, and dinner. If you like to see some great photos of Family Fun Day, you can see them on PYC's main web page at www.pyc.com. Congratulations to Jill Franz for winning the jar of candy! She is the daughter of Commodore Bob Franz and his mate Donna.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Joe Baniewicz, Mary Czarnecki, Kathy DiNicola, Craig Engel, Mike Gangle, Neal Hammill, Sr., Edgar Holmes, Mike Lenz, Donna McClellan, Pat McGraw, Dick Pasquale, Al Renshaw, Mary Jane Rich, Jim Szymanowski, Randy Turner, Julie Werling, Ron Wisniewski, John Wronek, Turk Wronek.....all born in the month of August

PIG ROAST

This year's annual Pig Roast will be held on Saturday, September 8th. Don't forget to leave that date open!! Watch the bulletin boards, next month's newsletter, the web page, and e-mail for more information. As soon as the information becomes available, we will get it out to you.



NEW LIFT

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the lift committee has found a lift and it will be here shortly. The committee has decided to start changing the lift well after the boats are out of the water this fall to ensure that they have plenty of time to get the new lift put together and get the lift well modified. The boats will be lifted out of the water by the current lift and will be spaced in the yard according to the dimensions of the new lift. The committee would like to get started early in the fall in order to finish the modifications by the time the bad weather starts which is sometimes very early here in Erie. In order to accommodate the modification of the lift well **ALL BOATS MUST BE OUT OF THE WATER BY OCTOBER 15th.** The 15th is only one day after the October membership meeting and so you will only be notified in advance by newsletter. This will be strictly enforced. If you don't have your boat out of the water by October 15th, then you must have your boat lifted elsewhere. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact one of the officers.

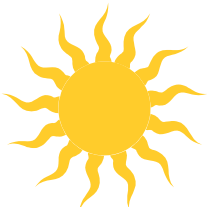


The club now has a nice dinghy ramp near the gate to help facilitate the dinghies going into and out of the water. Remember, you must remove your dinghy from the water each day. You will be charged \$3/day if you

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