



PRESQUE ISLE YACHT CLUB

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Commodore:
Tony DiNicola PC



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

The April membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, April 14th 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.



MANDATORY SAFETY CLASS

The club will be conducting a mandatory safety class on Saturday, April 13th 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. You also must attend if you would like to be a member of the ground crew. Dale Oregia will be the instructor. If you have any questions regarding the safety class, please contact Dale Oregia or Rear Commodore Gene Krahe. We are also looking for a few more people to be on the ground crew and so please contact Commodore Tony DiNicola if you would like to be part of the ground crew team.



SPRING THEME PARTY

Fleet Captain Lloyd Hollister will be holding the Spring "Italian Night" Party on Saturday, April 13th in the clubhouse beginning at 6:30 p.m. The menu consists of lasagna, hot and regular Italian sausage, salad, garlic bread, wine, coffee, soda, and beer. The cost is only \$8.00 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. Music that night will be provided by Millennium Sound. Captain Logo Kathy DiNicola will also be hosting the spring fashion show at this party. You will want to attend to see the new line of PYC apparel that will be available this summer. The signup sheet is available in the clubhouse foyer. You may also put in your reservations by calling Lloyd at 825- 5292.



MANY THANKS

As I write this, we are waiting for a weather window of opportunity to pour concrete and thus finish the last major phase of the project. Other than some last details, by the time you read this we will (hopefully) have completed the work and indeed should have already put a few early birds in the water.

As the work is drawing to a close I would like to thank on behalf of the club and for the record all the people who were involved and had a hand in the project's implementation. This was truly a collaborative effort and I for one am very proud, not only of the project itself, but even moreso of the team effort of all the persons involved and the bringing together of our collective diverse talents in bringing an idea to reality. I personally learned a great deal from the various people involved throughout the different phases of the job. In particular I learned a lot from Joe Skindell. Amongst other things, I learned that when you think your working your hardest and doing your best, you can always do a little better and a little more, at least if you want to keep up with Joe. Joe was responsible for most of the preliminary work and in actually getting the project off the ground. He was instrumental in, among many other things, working with Marine Services and getting the pilings placed and installed, which is the very foundation of the work.

Thanks to others; Bill Allen, Gary Dearbeck, Al DelMastro, Bob Franz, Mike Gangle, Lloyd Hollister, Bob Jenkins, Don Kenton, Paul Krieger, Don May, Pat McGraw, Bob Rzepecki, Jerry Skolnik, and Roger Thayer (as well as any others that I regrettably may have failed to mention due to the time that has gone by). All of whom worked at various times and throughout lending a hand with the myriad of different chores that needed to be completed. (Who there can forget pouring concrete into the poles in fifty mph winds?) The 2001 board of directors and bridge, who made a difficult decision involving a change in course for the project and then efficiently implemented that decision when time was getting short. Anne Eisert for providing and obtaining consultation on the engineering aspects of the work. Anne also, along with her friend Daryl Georger, recruited and worked with Carrara Steel in getting the lift well ramps designed, built, painted and installed, all at a price we could manage. Our most recent past commodore Bob Franz for his support and leadership. My friend (and, as he repeatedly reminds me, our present commodore) Tony DiNicola was a tremendous help in the later stages of the project. When things were seeming to bog down, Tony was successful in getting and keeping the steel contractor motivated and in keeping our job at the top of their list so that we weren't waiting until July to put our boats in. Bill Allen, Joe Baniewicz, Mike Barrett, Gary Dearbeck, Tony DiNicola, Gene Krahe and Roger Thayer who spent hours on a jackhammer removing the seemingly six feet of old concrete from the well apron in preparation for the new. Our ministers of concrete, Sam Best, Tony DiNicola, and Jim Moorehead who designed and built the forms for the new apron and who will have poured and finished it by the time this reaches you.

All these people as well as the club as a whole can be proud of a job well done and a finished project that will serve us favorably for years to come. Thank you all again. Jim Howard

RAMBLIN'S

Condolences to club member Ed Hansen and his wife Lorie on the death of Ed's mother, Grace Mary Hansen Dodson, who passed away on Wednesday, February 27 at Saint Vincent Health Center. She will be sadly missed by her entire family.....Condolences to club member Chuck White and his wife Lorre on the death of Chuck's father, Norman Paul White, who passed away on Monday, March 11 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He was 78 years old. He will be sadly missed by his entire family.....Congratulations to club member Jim Campbell PC and his wife Judy, on the birth of their grandson, Joshua Nathaniel, who was born on Thursday, March 14 to their son Jim and his wife Pam. Joshua is Jim and Pam's fourth son and weighed in at 8 lbs., 15 oz. He's a keeper!.....Congratulations to Rear Commodore Gene Krahe and his wife Karen on the birth of their grandson, Zachery Tyler, who was born on Thursday, March 21 to their son Gene and his wife Lori. Zachery weighed in at 9 lbs, 3 oz. Everyone is doing great!.....Don't forget to submit your nominations for the Harold Eisert, Sr. award to Commodore Tony DiNicola..... The Blue Gavel is looking for a few good people! They are trying to increase their membership and so all Past Commodores are urged to join and get involved. Please see Perry Ross for more information.....It looks like all the snow birds are starting to return to Erie after spending the winter months in sunny Florida.Congratulations to Roger Thayer, this month's money winner.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Allan Belovarac, Bob Besch, Mark Brabender, Bill Eppinger, Kathleen Hollister, Carl Holmes, George Macey, Cindy McGraw, Theresa Ramey, Jim Rich, Paul Schroeck, Kathy Jo Skolnik, Les Stone, Arnold and Patricia Thunborg, Carl and Dolores Zawistoskiall born in the month of April.

WORK PARTIES

Work parties will begin on Saturday, April 6th and will continue until May 25th. 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 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 Gene Krahe.

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. 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 DINNER

This year's Commodore's Appreciation Dinner was held on Saturday, March 9th at the Seibenbuerger Club. Rear Commodore Gene Krahe and the membership presented outgoing Commodore Bob Franz with a beautiful picture of the Erie Lighthouses for his efforts over the past several years. Each Past Commodore in attendance also received a photo of the Flagship Niagara, including Sam Best, Jim Campbell, Tony DiNicola, Dan Krahe, Perry Ross, Dave Turner, Buzz Chatham. Everyone in attendance truly had a

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