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MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

The March membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, March 9th at 2:30 p.m.** Commodore Anne Eisert will preside. Plans will be discussed to get the club ready for the upcoming boating season. Also, your 2003 stall assignments will be passed out after the meeting. Let's have a good turn-out to support our officers.



MOTION

The following motion was made at the February membership meeting: *"Motion to revise the Constitution and Bylaws. Insert in by-Laws. Article V Government Section I, Paragraph E. The Board of Directors shall present to the voting membership for their approval by a majority vote, on the Second Membership meeting of the ensuing year, a full working Budget for the year. And will set a cap that cannot be exceeded without approval by the eligible voting membership with a Majority vote."* According to the PIYC Constitution and Bylaws, any changes to the Constitution and By-Laws must be posted for five (5) days and must have majority vote to pass. This will be discussed and voted on at the March membership meeting.



NEW GATE CARDS

The 2003 gate card keys will be given out at the March membership meeting to all members who paid their 2003 dues. If you cannot attend the membership meeting, your gate card will be mailed to you. The gate and clubhouse locks will then be changed on Saturday, March 15th, weather permitting. The new cards will be red. Don't forget to carry your 2002 gate card with you until the gate is changed. If you do not receive your new cards by March 15th, call Dan Krahe at 825-9748. If you need extra gate cards, not to exceed four, they will be available from the Treasurer at the April membership meeting. After that time, you can get them at the club. The cost is \$2.00 per card.

CLUB RULES

The Winter Storage Rules, Dock Rules, House and Ground Rules, and Lift Rules have been revised for the 2003 year and are enclosed with your membership cards which you will receive at the March membership meeting. The Dock Rules has two minor changes. There were two minor changes to dock rules. Rule #20 had the following added to the end of the sentence "unless approved by the Vice Commodore" and Rule #23 had the following added to the end of the sentence "docking wheel and line holder" may be used. No changes have been made to the Winter Storage Rules, the House and Ground Rules, nor the Lift Rules. If you have any questions regarding these rules, please contact the officers.



COMMODORE APPRECIATION DINNER

Read all about the Commodore Appreciation Dinner in the enclosed flyer. The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th at the Erie Elk's Club at 24th Street and Peninsula Drive honoring our Past Commodores. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour following with a dinner buffet at 7:00 p.m. including roasted rosemary chicken, ham steak with pineapple glaze, sliced sirloin of beef au jus, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetable medley, tossed salad, rolls, dessert, and coffee. The cost is \$20 per person. All Past Commodores are encouraged to attend the dinner. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Rear Commodore Lloyd Hollister at 825-5292. This is one of the rare opportunities to thank the Past Commodores for all the work they've done throughout the years at the club making the club what it is today. See you at the party!



NOMINATIONS FOR THE "HAROLD EISERT SR. BOATING SERVICE AWARD"

We are looking for nominations for the "Harold Eisert Sr. Boating Service Award." This award is presented to persons who have provided exemplary leadership or service to the Presque Isle Yacht Club and/or to the boating community. Their contribution represents sustained support, dedication and effort to encourage yachting, boating, and PYC. The proposed recipient should have continuously demonstrated contributions in the following:

Leadership—Provide consistent technical and support direction to the Bridge, Board and/or membership on various projects and issues;

Sustained Support—consistent activity and involvement in projects, social activities or operations;

Dedication—continued involvement in PYC activities and/or boating over an extended time period;

Promoting the Yachting & Boating Community—significant and recognized contributions to boating organizations, activities, and the civic community as it relates to boating.

Nominations should include the name of the nominee and statements showing how he/she meets the criteria as defined above. List specific contributions and time period of these activities. All nominations must be signed and delivered to the Commodore by April 15th. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Commodore Anne Eisert.



CLUB FEES

The board of directors reviewed and revised the club fees for the 2003 year. They are posted on the bulletin board inside the clubhouse for your review. No changes were made to the fees from last season. If you have any questions, please contact an officer or board member.



ERIE COUNTY RANKED SEVENTH

Erie County ranks 7th in the state in registered boats. Even though it's the only county with Lake Erie access, Erie ranks seventh in the state in the number of boats registered with the Fish and Boat Commission. There were 357,729 watercraft registered in 2002; just under 15 percent of the 67 counties (10) comprise 35 percent (126,126) of the registered watercraft. The leaders: 1. Allegheny, 28,476; 2. Bucks, 16,444; 3. York, 13,579; 4. Lancaster 13,097; 5. Luzerne 12,572; 6. Montgomery, 12,551; 7. Erie, 11,744; 8. Westmoreland, 11,401; 9. Lehigh, 9,693; 10. Dauphin, 9,120.

RAMBLIN'S

Congratulations to club member Dan Krahe PC and his wife Sharon on the birth of their first grandchild. Morgen Elizabeth, 6 lbs, 11oz., was born to Dan and Sharon's daughter Eryn and her husband Scott Franos on Sunday, January 26th.....Many thanks to the USCG Auxiliary for their monetary donation to the club for their use of our facilities. It is greatly appreciatedPlease remember to clean up after yourself while at the club during the winter months. We don't have a caretaker during the winter and must rely on club members to clean only once a week..... Congratulations to club member Rick Claffey and his wife Barb Hauck who became grandparents for the first time on Thursday, January 2nd. Anthony Joseph, 7 lbs, 3 oz, was born to their daughter Kelly and her husband TJ. They also became grandparents for the second time when their daughter Shannon and her husband Joe gave birth to Alexander Joseph, 8 lbs, 12 oz., on Monday, February 3rd. One more congratulation is in order for Barb as she recently was named the Director of Development for the Erie Philharmonic.....Rear Commodore Lloyd Hollister has announced that the work parties this spring will be held on Saturdays in April from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The dates have not yet been chosen but you will be informed as the dates become available. Sign-up sheets will be available on the bulletin board in March. Also, work hours required for 2003 have remained at 12 hours per member.....Equipment Safety and Training Leader Dale Oregia has tentatively planned on having an equipment safety class at the club on Saturday, April 5 at 1:00 p.m. All new members to the lift committee or ground crew must attend the class. Those who would like a refresher course are more than welcome to attend the class. More information will be available in next month's newsletter.....Many thanks to the snow plow team, John Wronek, Jim Wronek, and Chuck Janecki. They have definitely had their work cut out for them this year.....The ILYA will be holding its Spring meeting over the weekend of April 4th – 6th in Independence, Ohio (this is located in south-east Cleveland). Check out their website at www.I-LYA.com for more information.....Thanks to this year's audit committee for auditing the club's books. Thanks to Joe Wisinski and also to Bob Jenkins for stepping in for Bob Jenereski while he was out recovering from surgery..... Sam Best is the chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee. He and the rest of the committee will be holding a meeting at the end of February. Please contact him with any suggestions for club improvements. They will initially be focusing their efforts on the docks... ..Congratulations to Bill O'Brien, this month's money winner.

BOATING LAW CHANGES

Act 199 of 2002, signed on December 9, 2002, will expand and improve Pennsylvania's boating safety education programs. It states that anyone born on or after January 1, 1982 shall not operate certain motorboats on Pennsylvania waters without first obtaining a boating safety education certificate. Act 199 of 2002 takes effect February 7, 2003, 60 days after Governor Schweiker signed it into law. This means that the new requirements will be effective for the 2003 boating season in Pennsylvania. Anyone born on or after January 1, 1982 will need to have completed a boating safety education course and obtain a boating safety education certificate in order to operate a boat propelled by an internal combustion motor of greater than 25 horsepower. Boating safety certificates, good for a lifetime, will carry a \$10 fee and replacement certificates cost \$5. For more information on this new law, visit the PA Fish and Boat Commission website www.fish.state.pa.us.



SAFE BOATING CLASSES

Several Safe Boating Classes will be available to the public in the next several months. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be holding their classes on March 5th & 6th from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Red Cross located at 4961 Pittsburgh Ave. Please call 833-0942 to register. They will also hold a class on April 26 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Erie Yacht Club. Please call 453-4931 to register for that class. The US Power Squadron will be holding a safe boating class on March 3rd at the Erie County Technical School. Contact Paul Kreger for more information. This is a great time to take this class. You also will get a discount on your boat insurance for taking the class.

MARDI GRAS PARTY

Fleet Captain Joe Baniewicz would like to thank everyone for coming to the first theme party of the year, Mardi Gras. Over eighty people were in attendance and everyone had a good time!! The Photos were taken during the party and are posted on the PIYC web page. If you get a chance, take a look at the photos and see who was at the party!



MARINETTE YACHT CLUB SPRING FLING

Read all about the Marinette Yacht Club Spring Fling in the enclosed flyer. All PIYC members are invited to attend this party. The Spring Fling will be held in the PIYC clubhouse on Saturday, March 22nd starting at 6:30 p.m. with appetizers. Please bring a dish to share with the other members and Sausage & Peppers and Chicken & Biscuits will be provided along with beer, pop and Spring Fling punch. The cost is only \$6.00 per person. You may sign up in the clubhouse or call Marinette Yacht Club Commodore Ann Marie Skolnik at 825-2572 for more information or questions.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY toEric Anderson, Lori Baniewicz, Carla Barnes, Bob Cass, Bill Cohen, Brian Czarnecki, Kitty DeAngelo, David DeMarall, Harold and Janet Eisert, Nancy Hammill, Barb Hauck, Ellie Higgins, Bob Lansberry, Don May, Vicki McAninch, Karen Mead, Charlie Miller, Terry Mueller, Jerry Munz, Peggy O'Brien, Dave Pavloff, Perry Ross, Bill Sliker, Dennis and Ellen Stratton, Joe and Angie Wisinski.....all born in the month of March.

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



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