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MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

The March membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, March 13th at 2:30 p.m.** Commodore Lloyd Hollister will preside. Plans will be discussed to get the club ready for the upcoming boating season. Also, your 2005 stall assignments will be passed out after the meeting. Let's have a good turn-out to support our officers.

NEW GATE CARDS

The 2005 gate card keys will be given out at the March membership meeting to all members who paid their 2005 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 19th, weather permitting. The new cards will be green. Don't forget to carry your 2004 gate card with you until the gate is changed. If you do not receive your new cards by March 19th, call Paul Schroeck at 454-6557. 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.

COMMODORE DINNER

Fleet Captain Jim Howard has all the plans set for this year's Commodore Appreciation Dinner. The dinner will be held on Saturday, March 19th at the Erie Maennerchor Club 1607 State Street beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour (cash bar) and dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. This will be a sit-down dinner. Dinner choices consist of either Roast Pork Loin or Stuffed Chicken Breast. Please state your choice when making your reservations. Also included in the dinner is green beans, roasted red potatoes, dinner salad, rolls, coffee, tea, and dessert. Please have your reservations in by Monday, March 14. All Past Commodores are encouraged to attend the dinner. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Fleet Captain Jim Howard at 833-3769. 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!



SAIL MEETING

Charlie Miller, chairman of the Sail Committee, would like to hold a sail meeting for all the PIYC sailors after the general membership meeting on Sunday, March 13th. He has some ideas that he would like to discuss with all of you. Please contact Charlie Miller if you have any questions on this meeting.

CLUB RULES

The Winter Storage Rules, Dock Rules, House and Ground Rules, and Lift Rules have been revised for the 2005 year and are enclosed with your membership cards which you will receive at the March membership meeting. The dock rules had some minor changes made to them and so please read them over to ensure that you know and understand the changes. If you have any questions regarding these rules, please contact the officers.

NOTE FROM COMMODORE

PIYC members,
Here we are looking at March and the toughest portion of winter is now behind us. Now we can get excited about spring and getting those boats back in the water. I guarantee an early spring this season, so let's get ready. If I am wrong about that, you can elect a new Commodore next year!!!!!! (A little humor there.) Seriously, let's all look forward to a great and successful boating season. There has not been any scheduled boating trips set up on the club calendar, but we will post them separately and in time so you can plan ahead. Our Fleet Captain Jim Howard has some great events lined up for us and those events that he has already put on were awesome. So don't miss out on the future events! Our Rear Commodore has some great plans in progress to spruce up the interior of our club. Mark has already installed a wonderful P.A. sound system and it is a great improvement to the clubhouse. So be sure to stop down as often as you can and maybe even lend a hand. Don't forget that February 28 is your deadline to have your stall requests in to our Vice Commodore Dan Krahe. He will be making the stall assignments and have them available at the March membership meeting.

I want to remind you, lest you don't think about it, that you belong to the greatest yacht club on Lake Erie. It was self-built and maintained, self-governed, self-owned, and associated with the best there is in boating. Let's get fired up and continue to keep our boating hearts and minds committed to PIYC.

Thank you and hope to see you at the club.

Commodore Lloyd F. Hollister



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to..... Eric Anderson, Lori Baniewicz, Bob Cass, Bob and Cori Coccarelli, Bill Cohen, Brian Czarnecki, David DeMarall, Harold and Janet Eisert, Nancy Hammill, Barb Hauck, Dennis Iaquina, Bob Lansberry, Don May, Vicki McAninch, Karen Mead, Charlie Miller, Terry Mueller, Peggy O'Brien, Dave Pavloff, Perry Ross, Bill Sliker, Dennis and Ellen Stratton, and Patty Vogel.....all born in the month of March.

CLUB FEES

The board of directors reviewed and revised the club fees for the 2005 year. They are posted on the bulletin board inside the clubhouse for your review. Several changes were made from last season. The dinghy fee was raised to \$30 and now all trailers and dinghies must have yard permits in order to be stored on club property. You can get the permits from the Treasurer when you pay your fee. The cost of ice was increased to \$1.25 for bag ice and \$2.50 for block ice and this was due to the increased cost by our supplier. Work hours will remain the same as last year at 15 hours. All other fees remained the same. If you have any questions, please contact an officer or board member.

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, please contact Commodore Lloyd Hollister.

RAMBLIN'S

Club member Rick Claffey unexpectedly passed away on Tuesday, February 22nd at the age of 63. His wife, Barb Hauck, had a wake for him in the clubhouse following a lovely Mass at St. Luke Church. The clubhouse was very crowded which just says how much Rick was loved by everyone and he will be very sadly missed.....Please 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 Sharon Krahe who was recently promoted to Director of Financial Aid at Gannon University. She has been with Gannon since 1987.....Rear Commodore Mark Eisert has announced that the work parties this spring will be held on Saturdays starting in April but the exact dates have not been set yet. It's dependent on when the weather breaks. The work parties will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. due to the amount of work that will be needed to replace the decking on B dock. Sign-up sheets will be available on the bulletin board in March. If you would like to help with the decking project, contact Vice Commodore Dan Krahe and he will get you lined up to help. Also, Dan has asked all the members who have dock boxes on B Dock to remove them so the dock material may be changed outVice Commodore Dan Krahe recently underwent surgery to repair his rotator cuff. He will be out of commission for a few months but that won't stop him from directing the work that needs done on the docks.....Check out the website. The sponsor and contact pages have been updated and also the website has been updated to include the 2005 rules, calendar, work hours, voting members, waiting list, and fees. We are also looking for more sponsors to help defray the cost of the website. As a sponsor, you only pay \$25 for the entire year and you can have your business card or flyer highlighted on the PIYC website and a link to your business website. Contact Webmaster Mark Eisert if you would like to be a sponsor.....Many thanks to the snow plow team, John Wronek, Jim Wronek, and Chuck Janicki.....The US Power Squadron will be holding a safe boating class at the Bayfront Center for Maritime Studies, Foot of Holland Street beginning on March 7. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. and the class begins at 7:00 p.m. If you have any question on this class, please contact Tom Pallotta at 866-2058.....Congratulations to Paul Schroeck, this month's money winner.

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



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