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MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

The May membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, May 7th at 2:30 p.m.** The meeting has been moved to the **first** Sunday of the month instead of the second due to Mother's Day. This is different than in the past and so please mark your calendars accordingly. Commodore Dan Krahe will preside. Plans will be discussed to get the club ready for the upcoming boating season. Let's have a good turnout for this last meeting before the summer arrives.

OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

The club will open its 62nd season with a Memorial Service on the club grounds on Sunday, May 28th at 12:30 p.m. All club officers and Past Commodores are invited to take part in the colorful ceremony honoring our deceased members. Club Chaplain, Monsignor Tom Snyderwine, will give the invocation. Also, the Harold Eisert, Sr. Boating Service Award will be given to the recipient nominated by the committee. Following the ceremony, a tureen dinner will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the clubhouse as stated in the enclosed flyer. Please bring two dishes to share with the other members and also your own place settings. The club will provide the meat, coffee, pop, and beer. Let's have a nice turnout for the first day of boating season.

STALL OPENINGS

Don't forget to check the bulletin board for stall openings throughout the season. All stall openings are posted for only 72 hours and the member with the most points and with a boat that fits the stall will get the stall. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Vice Commodore Mark Eisert.

If you plan on traveling with your boat this summer and your stall will be vacant for any period of time, you **must** notify the Vice Commodore of the stall vacancy. We only have a couple of guest slips and we need to utilize the members' stalls for our guests while you are away or guests could be turned away. Having guests visit our club is one of the areas of revenue for PIYC. Please help out the club and notify us when your stall is vacant.

STALL PAYMENT IS DUE

Don't forget that your stall payment is due **May 15th** or when your boat occupies the stall if before May 15th. Also, your boats need to be in the water no later than June 15th this year. This is a new rule change as approved by the Board of Directors.

SEVEN TIPS FOR IMPROVING YOUR BOAT'S FUEL EFFICIENCY

Today's higher prices for diesel and gasoline make squeezing the most out of every drop of fuel more important than ever. Besides the money-saving factor, you'll want to ensure that you have maximum range capability each time you fill up your tank. So what steps can you take to optimize the fuel efficiency of your boat and motor? Here are some useful tips: **Run Mean and Lean:** Lighten the load whenever possible by taking along only essential gear and supplies. If you're going on a one-day offshore trip, don't pack enough gear and supplies onboard for a six-day cruise. By limiting the amount of rods and reels, tackle boxes, ice chests and the like, you'll reduce the weight and drag of your vessel significantly. Not only will you burn less fuel, you should experience notable improvements in handling and performance as well. **Distribute Weight Evenly:** In addition to reducing the weight of your craft by eliminating unnecessary equipment and excess "baggage," distributing onboard gear evenly will also help you get more out of every gallon. If your boat is listing to one side or the bow is weighted down due to improper placement of onboard gear, your fuel efficiency will suffer. Instead, see that all onboard equipment and accessories are properly distributed and balanced. This will help ensure both a smoother ride and increased mileage. **Put Technology on Your Side:** A quality onboard fuel computer will help you efficiently manage what you have in your tank by supplying accurate, real-time readings of how much fuel you are using at any given moment. This is a highly desirable alternative to the notoriously inaccurate fuel gauges that come standard on many boat models. **Tune Her Up:** Regular engine maintenance and tune-ups will contribute greatly to your boat's overall fuel efficiency. If your motor is not operating the way it should, chances are the system will be working overtime and consuming more fuel. Have a professional marine technician overhaul your engine at least once a year. Also make sure you are running your boat within the RPM range recommended by the manufacturer for optimum fuel efficiency. In addition to proper engine maintenance, check other components of your craft's propulsion system, such as the propeller, for fuel-robbing defects. An improperly sized or bent prop can also contribute to fuel inefficiency. **Time for a Trim:** Installing a quality trim-tab system on your boat will not only improve the ride of your boat, it will help you go farther on a tank of fuel. Trim tabs allow you make necessary adjustments to the way your boat cuts through the water, planes and handles. By Adjusting your trim according to boat speed/load and the current water conditions will help optimize performance and save fuel. **Don't Carry Along Unwelcome Guests:** The hulls of boats kept in the water often have so many "cling-ons," they resemble coral jungles. If you are carrying a small eco-system of algae, barnacles or other marine growth on your hull, you will definitely experience fuel-consuming drag when underway. Regular inspections of your boat's underside, along with the use of anti-fouling paint and anti-fouling cleaners will help prevent unwelcome guests from hitching a ride. **Drain that Water:** The water in your boat's bait tank and live wells can add a surprising amount of weight to your vessel. Instead of heading home at the end of the day lugging along all this extra weight, empty your tanks of unnecessary water (and bait) before making that long run back to the docks. You'll lighten your overall load significantly and get better mileage.

Excerpt from www.boatersworld.com

MOTION PASSED

At the April membership, the members passed the motion to spend the funds to improve the parking lot. The plan is to put a new driveway from the gate to the existing parking lot. As soon as all the boats are in the water, the work will begin and while the work is going on, the members will use the old gate until everything is complete. You will be notified via newsletter and website as to the schedule of the work. Please contact an officer if you have any questions on this.



GOOF-OFF AND RETIREMENT PARTY

Mark your calendars for the Annual Goof-Off and Retirement Party which will be held on Wednesday, June 14th. Fleet Captain Bob Coccarelli will be hosting this annual event and additional information will be available in next month's newsletter.



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

For those members that have never participated in an Opening Day Memorial Service you are missing a big part of what belonging to a club is about.

For about forty minutes we remember those that have gone before us, and then look forward to a renewal and beginning of summer with the hopes for another great boating season.

I think everyone that attends is touched in some way, so please make plans to join us at "your club" and be prepared to feel a camaraderie that may have been missing.

Commodore Dan Krahe



PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Several times each year, you will be asked not to park in certain areas of the parking lot to accommodate club events. Most of the time, the restriction applies only to the first two rows of the parking lot closest to the picnic shelter. The events that need this extra room are: Memorial Day services - Sunday, May 28th; Family Fun Day - Sunday, July 23rd; PIYC Fest - Saturday, August 5th. Please be courteous and obey the restrictions, otherwise, you will be asked to move your car.

RAMBLIN'S

Condolences to club member Mike Barrett and his wife Rosemary on the death of Mike's stepfather, James M. Reynolds, who passed away on Tuesday, March 28thCongratulations to club member Dale Oregia and his wife Cheryl on the birth of their granddaughter, Haiden Elise Manning, who was born on March 31st at 4:48 p.m. She weighed in at 6 lbs. Haiden was born to Dale and Cheryl's daughter Kelly and her husband Dale Manning.....Condolences to club member Sam and Becky Best on the death of Becky's sister, Linda Kirk May, who passed away on Tuesday, April 11th.....Condolences to club member Brian Czarnecki and his wife Tabitha on the death of Brian's stepfather, Bill Schuler, who passed away on Sunday, April 16th at the age of 73.....At the time of this writing, club member Bill Sliker is in the hospital after undergoing double bypass surgery. We hear he is doing well and recovering nicely.....After the long winter that we just endured, many members are itching to get boating. The weather has finally broken and boats are finally being launched. Many thanks to Jim Howard for getting the lift ready to launch the boats.....Don't forget that you have 72 hours after launching your boat to clean up the area where your boat was occupied or you will be charged \$25 if the yard master has to clean up the area. Contact RC Jim Howard if you have any questions regarding this. Also, work parties will continue until Saturday, May 27th from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. You only need 12 work hours this year and these work parties are the best opportunities to get them in.....For those of you who keep your trailers in the yard during the summer, please tag them with your name and phone number. Also, you need to purchase a yard permit and you can get that from the Treasurer.....Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and grandmothers in the club!.....Congratulations to Jim Wronek, this month's money winner.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Charles Bauer, Wendy Brabender, Mary Cass, Frank Chiz, Mike and Linda Corsi, Bill Coyne, Jeanne Downey, Mary Lou DuMond, Rebecca Flynn, Bob Franz, Linda Geyer, Elaine Hamilton, Lorie Hansen, Randy Howarth, Chuck Janicki, Chuck Kindle, Sharon Krahe, Dolores Kreger, Dave Mathes, Dave Mead, Chris Mullen, Bill O'Brien, Al Sceiford, Bob Schenker, Joe Skindell, Dick and Marge Spaeder, Charles Sublinsky, Roger Thayer, Herb Torrance, Bill Vogel, Donald Wright, and Jim Wronek, Mary Yonkersall born in the month of May.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



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