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December Membership Meeting

The election of the 2008 club officers will take place at the December membership meeting held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, December 9th at 1:30 p.m.** In order to vote, you must be an active member which means that you must moor a boat at the club and must have attended at least 50% of the general membership meetings during the past year. The nominating committee, consisting of Ron Berarducci, Bill Salchak, and Don Wright have proposed Jim Howard for Commodore, Paul Schroeck for Vice

Commodore, Steve Mullen for Rear Commodore, Joe Orinko for Secretary, and Dan Krahe for Treasurer. The Fleet Captain position is still open and they need someone to run. They also nominated Terry Braden, Mike Gangle, and Dale Oregia for the Board of Directors. The board members that are carried over from 2007 are George Hooker and Gene Krahe. The two board members with the most votes will be on the board for two years. The other winner will serve on the board for one year. Further nominations will

be accepted from the floor prior to the elections. This is a very important meeting and so make every effort to be there. Also, please check the eligible voter's list before the December membership meeting. Secretary Joe Orinko has this list. It is also posted on the bulletin board and on the website. All discrepancies must be resolved before the meeting in order to make the voting procedure run smoothly. Also, a presentation on the 2007 operating expenses will be reviewed at the meeting.

Upcoming Events

<i>Christmas Party</i>	<i>Dec 8 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>December Membership Meeting— election of officers</i>	<i>Dec 9 1:30 p.m.</i>
<i>All 2007 Fees Due</i>	<i>Dec 31</i>
<i>Annual Boat Show</i>	<i>Jan 11-18</i>



Happy Birthday:

- Msgr. Dan Arnold
- Lee Anna Belovarac
- Tina Braden
- Judy Campbell
- Carol Lee Dinardo
- Helen Freeland
- Sherry Ryan
- Dick Hamilton
- Colleen Hooker
- Sis Jenkins
- Andy Klan
- Dave Kuneman
- Carol Lapiana
- Ruth Mathes
- Sandi Matts
- John Mueller
- Joe Orinko
- Bill Ramey Jr.
- Winnie Ramey
- Jerry Riblet, Jr.
- Joyce Ross
- Barb Rzepecki
- Lori Shollenberger
- Al Wright
- Dave Yonkers

ACME Marine Hoist Info & Thanks

The new ACME lift was delivered and assembled on October 18th. Every aspect is satisfactory and according to contract. A detailed first person account of the proceedings, as written by Harold Eisert, can be found in last month's PIYC newsletter. The lift is operating to expectations, has been placed in regular service and at this writing has been prepared and stowed for winter. The old lift has been retired for our purposes and the buyer contacted to make arrangements for executing the sale and transfer. Details are still being worked out to that end. Only a relative few of the lift operators

have currently been trained and familiarized with the new machine due to time being short and most all of the boats already having been pulled by the time of it's arrival. A training & information class or more as necessary will be held in the early spring next year to include all the operators and ground crew. A copy of the ACME lift operation manual will also be available over the winter in the clubhouse to go over for anyone interested.

I would like to express my particular and sincere personal thanks to the lift assembly crew consisting of Bill Allen, Rick Anderson, Gary Dearbeck, Larry

Harmle, Dale Oregia, Herb Torrance and Bill Vogel as well as to Harold Eisert, Bob Schenker and others that were present and contributed otherwise to the effort. It was truly a pleasure and a privilege to work with you, both individually and as a group, to accomplish a task of such importance to the club. It is this type of exemplary spirit and effort that built this club, keeps it afloat today and that will continue to be vital in ensuring our collective survival and prosperity in the future. Thank you all again!

J. Howard

H.R. 2550

In May of this year, Congress introduced to the House H.R. 2550 – Recreational Boating Act of 2007. This bill amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (popularly known as the Clean Water Act) and is intended to preserve the status quo for recreational boaters. It reads that the water running off of or out of a properly-functioning recreational vessel will not be considered a pollutant. It also reads that a recreational vessel is any ves-

sel intended or used primarily for recreation (no size limitation imposed).

This bill was written in order to exempt recreational boaters from a new EPA permit process designed to prevent large commercial vessels from bringing invasive species (like zebra mussels) to new ports in their bilge water. This bill is intended to save recreational boaters the cost of the permit (which might cost \$20 to \$100 per year), associated

paperwork, and the cost of modifications to existing or new boats. The EPA has not yet developed the permit process, and has until September 2008 to do so. The latest major action occurred on 5/25/2007 when it was referred to House subcommittee. It was then referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

Please write to your Congressman regarding this bill. Remember that

this bill is an exemption to the Clean Water Act so that the recreational boater does not have to purchase permits for their “pollutants” including any deck runoff, engine cooling water, gray water, bilge water effluent from properly functioning recreational marine engines, laundry, shower, and galley sink wastes, or any other discharge incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel.

Christmas Party

Read all about the Fleet Captain’s Annual Christmas Party in the enclosed flyer. The Christmas Party will be held in the PIYC clubhouse on Saturday, December 8th beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a cocktail hour and dinner will be served at

7:00 p.m. The dinner will be catered by Better Catering and the menu consists of stuffed chicken breast, baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert. Before dinner, appetizers will be served along with a Manhattan

punch, Champagne punch, non-alcoholic punch, wine, beer, and soda. The cost of the party is only \$18 per person. The sign up book is located in the lobby of the clubhouse and please sign up by Sunday, December 2nd.

You may also email FC Anne Eisert at anne.eisert@ge.com with your reservation.



Commodore’s Comments

It is hard to believe that 2007 is almost over. I would like to take this time to thank my officers Jim Howard, Paul Schroeck, and Anne Eisert for putting in the time and energy over the past year. As I look back, each of them did outstanding work. Anne did a wonderful job keeping the parties going and did an amazing job with the Corn Roast again this year. Paul hired some great caretakers and had

our club house and grounds cleaner than ever. I cannot say enough about the efforts of Jim Howard, from the maintenance, dock assignments, doing all the leg work with the new lift, and all the other incidentals that he does. I extend to them my greatest appreciation.

I would also like to thank our treasurer Dan Krahe and secretary Joe Orinko for a terrific year. Both of

these members put in a ton of time to make sure that the club records and finances are in great shape. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for their efforts this past year. Board Chairman John Mueller and board members Gene Krahe, Terry Braden, George Hooker, and Rick Anderson did a tremendous job making sure that the club ran like clockwork.

Finally, I would also like to thank the membership for the opportunity to be Commodore. Our club has been the foundation of many memories over the years and this year was no exception. We brought in 11 new members this year, extending the boating family, and I would like to thank all the new members and their families and welcome them to our club.

Commodore Mark Eisert

Haul Out Awards

PC Tony DiNicola and did an excellent job emceeding the 2007 Haul Out Awards presentation. He spent the entire year gathering information from various club members and then gave the 'deserving' awards

Here is the list of all the award recipients:

Bill Magee – "Money Laundering"; Don Wright – "Skid Marks"; John Magee – "Big Key"; Rick Anderson –

"Velcro Strap"; Gene Krahe – "Wardrobe Malfunction"; Mike Barrett – "Barrett Bowl"; Don Kenton – "Kenton in a Manhole Toy"; Steve DeHart – "Great Balls Of Fire"; Anne Eisert – "Giant Mushrooms"; The Gangles – "Top Dog"; Charlie Miller – "Almost a Power Boater"; Jeromy Vogt – "Map of the Marina"; Dan & Sharon Krahe – "Mr & Mrs Wizard"; Sam Best – "Priceless"; Ron Berarducci

– "Lilly Pad"; Lloyd Hollister, Mike Gangle & Bob Franz – "Bad Salad"; Paul Schroeck – "Shallow Water"; Mike Lenz – "Little Buddy"; Matt Siemieniak – "Almost a Member"; Jim Howard – "Tomorrow"; Gayle Wright – "Glasses and Strap"; John Winschel – "Gold Anchor and Chain"; Bob Shenker – "Mr Green Thumb"; Mark Eisert – "Yakmaster"; Sherm Shollenberger – "Mr Talent"; Bill Sal-

chak – "Jewell"; Andrew Klan – "WOMen's Room"; Steve DeHart & Don Kenton – "Sanford & Son"; Joe Orinko – "Broken Bolt"; Joe Baniewicz – "Solo Pirate"; Special Award for the Commodore – "Trailer Wheel"

Best of Show—Bill Pebley.

Everyone had a great time and the food, catered by Westlake Road Teresa's, was delicious.

Ramblin's

Condolences to the family of PIYC member Edwin Kaminski. Ed passed away on Saturday, November 17th at the age of 90. Ed had been a member of PIYC for over 40 years and he was known as one of the more famous Erie fisherman as he was out constantly on "Nine Angels" fishing. He will be sadly missed by his wife Rita and their children.

PC Lloyd Hollister has been under the weather lately. He has been in and out of the hospital. We all hope he is up and around soon.

Also, PC Jerry Galvin will be undergoing several surgeries. We all wish him good luck and hope he recovers quickly.

At the November membership meeting, it was mentioned that the Tax and Lease assessment must be raised for the 2008 boating season because the amount of money collected from the membership does not cover the cost of the taxes and the lease. At the December membership meeting, a motion will be made and voted on to assess each member, active and associate \$325 to help cover the cost of the taxes and lease.

RC Paul Schroeck would like to thank everyone who has participated in the work parties throughout the year. A lot of work was accomplished at these work parties this year and the work couldn't have been

done without everyone's help. Jim would also like to thank the lift committee and the ground crew. He had an appreciation happy hour on November 7th to extend his thanks to everyone for their help this past year. They did a tremendous amount of work as they do every year and their dedication is very much appreciated!

Please check your work hours posted in the clubhouse bulletin board or online. These are up-to-date and if you feel that there is a discrepancy, please contact RC Paul Schroeck.

The last trash pickup of the year will be at the November and it won't be picked up again until April. Please break everything down be-

fore disposing in the bin.

ILYA will be holding their fall meeting at the Holiday Inn in Perrysburg, Ohio over the weekend of November 30—December 2. Contact Charlie Miller or get the information online at www.i-lya.com.

The Mid-American Sail and Power Boat Show will be held at the IX Center in Cleveland from January 11th—18th. The cost is \$12 per adults and \$11 for Seniors (age 60+). You can get more information regarding the Boat Show at www.clevelandboatshow.com

Congratulations to new member Larry Harmle, this month's money winner.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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