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Installation of 2009 Officers—January Membership Meeting

The annual meeting was held on December 14th and all the officers thanked the members for the help they received throughout the year to make the 2008 boating season successful. After the reports, the following officers were elected into office: Commodore—Paul Schroeck, Vice Commodore—Steve Mullen, Rear Commodore—Charlie Miller, Fleet Captain—Randy Howarth, Secretary—Joe Orinko, Treasurer—Dan Krahe. The board members also elected

were: Tony DiNicola, Mike Gangle, and Bill Pebley. Tony DiNicola and Bill Pebley will serve on the board for two years and Mike Gangle will serve for one. The carry-overs from the 2008 season were Terry Braden and Chuck White. Following a brief membership meeting in the clubhouse on **Sunday, January 11th at 1:30 p.m.**, the newly elected 2009 officers will be installed. The entire family is invited to the membership meeting to

watch the installation. Following the installation, a **TUREEN DINNER will be served at 4:00 p.m.** The club will furnish the meat, beer, coffee, and pop. Please bring one or two dishes to share with the other members as well as your own place settings. If you have any questions regarding the dinner, please contact Fleet Captain Bill Pebley at 440-5574. Let's have a nice turnout for this first social event of the year.

Upcoming Events

January Membership Meeting—Installation of officers Jan 11 **1:30 p.m.**

Tureen Dinner Jan 11 **4:00 p.m.**

Annual Boat Show—Cleveland, OH IX Center Jan 16—25

(Outgoing) Commodore's Comments

As my term as Commodore draws to a close, I would like to thank my fellow Bridge officers including our club Secretary and Treasurer, the Board of Directors and the membership for a reasonably successful year. One notable exception, which I view with more than a little disappointment and frustration, was my inability to bring the Peach St. project to fruition during my term. The project was at the top of my agenda coming in and although many of the circumstances involved ultimately proved to be beyond my control, I make no excuses and strongly regret failing to achieve completion of that project. I remain however a

firm advocate of the project, particularly in the form as was presented and agreed to by the membership earlier this year. To that end, I will continue efforts to bring the project to completion in whatever capacity the incoming Bridge and Board will have me. Irrespective of that, the year was mostly uneventful and my office largely ceremonial due to the efforts and competence of Vice Comm. P. Shroeck, Rear Comm. S. Mullen, Fleet Captain W. Pebley as well as my committee chairs and members. I at times had the unsettling feeling that I could or should be doing something or other but more often than not found that it had

already been done. My personal thanks to all, they served the club well.

This for me marks the end of eight years of elected service to the club. It has been an honor and a privilege and although it hasn't always been easy, I have learned much and will forever be grateful for the experience as well as the opportunity. I would also be more than remiss not to give special thanks to my wife Patti, not only for her assistance and cooperation but especially her tolerance and understanding throughout. I volunteered whereas she rather had no choice. Thank you all again!



Happy Birthday:

- Steve DeHart
- Frank DeWolf
- John Downey
- Kathy Eisert
- Dan Galvin
- Nancy Gangle
- Lloyd Hollister
- Debby Holmes
- George Hooker
- Heather Klan
- Janet Kuneman
- Joyce Lansberry
- Michelle McAndrew
- Tami McClimans
- Carol Pavloff
- Al Sarti
- Matt Siemieniak
- Msgr Tom Snyderwine
- Dawne Thomas
- Gladys Turner
- Mary Zawistoski

Online Safe Boating Class

If you've never taken a safe boating class or if you like to take a refresher course this winter, you may take an online safe boating class at www.boat-ed.com/pa/pa_internet.htm. The class itself is free, however, there

is a \$15 fee to take the test and another \$10 fee to get a permanent certificate from the PA Fish and Boat Commission. If you'd rather take a class in person, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Power Squadron offer them

in the spring at various locations. More information will be available in the spring. Winter/Spring is always a good time to take a refresher course before the boating season starts back up again.

Tax and Lease Fee

At the December membership meeting, the following motion was made, voted on and passed: "The Board of Directors will institute and annually determine a fee with purpose to fi-

nance the full annual tax and lease payment obligations of the PIYC and that this fee be levied equally upon each and every member, active and associate, payable by the end of Feb-

ruary of that year and that collection of this fee be in accordance to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Presque Isle Yacht Club."

Happy Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to those members who will celebrate their anniversary in January as PIYC members:

55-Year: Margaret Penna

Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Bob Renner** on the death of this father, Matthew Renner, who passed away on Friday, November 21st at the age of 81.

Also, condolences to club member **P/C Gene Krahe** and his wife **Karen** on the death of Karen's father, Geno Panighetti, who passed away on Sunday, December 7th, at the age of 87.

The Annual Christmas Party was very well attended with 55 guests. Everyone had a great time and the food which was catered by Lakeshore Teresa's was delicious. Many thanks to everyone for coming and supporting the club functions.

Please keep the doors of the clubhouse clear of snow if you happen to be at the club. Shovels are located at each of the doors for your convenience. This will help to avoid accidents.

Don't forget that all outstanding monies including winter storage must be paid in full by December 31st.

Congratulations to club member **Pat Davis** for being honored in the Erie Times News as one of Erie's 2008 Most Notable People. Pat coordinated the BaySwim2008 event this past summer. This event symbolized that Presque Isle Bay is clean enough for people to swim in after a 20-year effort of getting it clean again.

Also, club member **Marty Eisert** was featured in this month's Lake Erie Lifestyle magazine for his leadership at Holy Trinity Church. Marty is a Deacon there and is responsible for running the rectory and church.

Please check your jack stands and chains on your jack stands. It is the responsibility of the member

to ensure the jack stands and chains are in their proper place and secured. With the high winds we experience every winter, improperly secured stands could fail and the boat could fall over. Also, ensure your name and phone number is on your boat in case of an emergency.

FYI... The US Coast Guard issued a press release reminding the maritime community that older Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) that broadcast analog signals on the 121.5 or 243 MHz frequencies will not be monitored by the CO-SPAS/SARSAT satellites as of 1 February 2009. Mariners should promptly replace the old EPIRBs with newer ones that transmit digital signals on the 406 MHz frequency.

Congratulations to **P/C Gene Krahe**, this month's money winner.



"It looks like we won't be having a mouse for a week. There's a boat parked outside his hole, so he's going on a boating trip."



"I'm going boating, so my son here will operate on you instead. He's in his first year of med school, so he needs the practice."

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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