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Presque Isle Yacht Club Newsletter

Commodore: Paul
Schroeck

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Membership Meeting Notice

The February membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, February 8th at 1:30 p.m.**

Commodore-elect Paul Schroeck will be installed by outgoing Commodore Howard and then will preside over the meeting.

This will be the first meeting with our new leaders in the helm. Let's have a good turn-out to support our new officers.

Upcoming Events

February Theme Party—Blind Wine Party Feb 7 7:30 p.m.



February Membership Meeting Feb 8 1:30 p.m.

Dues and assessment fees due Feb 28

Stall request forms due Feb 28

Commodore's Comments

Members,

Let me take this opportunity to thank one and all of you for putting your faith in me, to continue the forward progress of the Presque Isle Yacht Club. Certainly it is an honor to know that your trust in me has brought me to this position. Throughout the coming year you may be asked to put forth extra effort, or to do a specific task for the betterment of the club. Let me thank you in

advance for your willingness to participate in these necessary tasks for the good of our club. This is one thing that is sometimes forgotten. This is OUR club. The Presque Isle Yacht Club is more than simply a place to dock your boat, it is an entity that we all have all chosen as a long term organization, a place to belong, a family of members. Although we all have differing opinions, we must rise above, and remember we all benefit from im-

provements to OUR club.

I would also like to thank all of the other officers, board, and committee members for their commitment to our club. I'm sure we will all try to make the 2009 boating season a great one. Let's hope that the weather and the gas companies will cooperate. Even though it doesn't look like it, spring is not far off!

Warmest regards, Commodore Paul Schroeck



Happy Birthday:

- Greg Bax
- Ron Berarducci
- Suzanne Bunting
- John Flecken
- Bob Jenkins
- Jim Koenig
- Karen Krahe
- Dennis Lorelli
- Bonnie Magee
- Marc McAndrew
- Steve Mullen
- Dale & Cheryl Oregia
- Susan Orinko
- William Ramey, Sr.
- Donna Roesch
- Bob Rzepecki
- Jeromy Vogt
- Gayle Wright

Blind Wine Party

Read all about Fleet Captain Randy Howarth's first party of the year, the Blind Wine Party, which will be held in the clubhouse on Saturday, February 7th beginning at 7:30 p.m. PIYC members and their guests should bring one bottle of wine per person each costing no more than \$12 maximum. All labels will be covered and each wine will be blind tasted and rated by everyone. Whoever brings the most popular wine in ei-

ther category (red or white) as rated at the party will win a gift certificate to the wine and spirits store (How big depends on number of entries). Also, wine experts will talk about food and wine combinations. The cost is only \$7.00 per person. If your last name begins with the letters A-L please bring red wine. If your last name begins with the letters M-Z please bring white wine.

Please call Randy at 814-454-4985 or email at onthewind5@msn.com to reserve your spot and so he and Cindy can make / bring enough yummy appetizers for everyone. There will also be a sign up sheet in the clubhouse.



Stall Guidelines

Stall request forms are included with the Tax & Lease, Dues and stall deposit statements / bills. Please make sure to follow the instructions as printed on the form and that the form is filled out completely. Please also check the current information contained on the form closely for accuracy. Decisions concerning stall placement are based on much of this information and the responsibility of assuring accuracy falls on both the individual Members as well as the club officers. It is also critical that all stall choice options (1st, 2nd, 3rd, Etc.) be filled out. Newer, lower point members may wish to add even more than are actually requested on the form. Some members have indi-

cated as many as ten or twelve choices in past years. If a member only indicates one (or two) choices and for whatever reason that stall cannot be granted them, best discretionary judgment will be used in lieu of absence of the required information. This club is the responsibility of all the Members and all the membership's cooperation is necessary as well as appreciated. The stall requests, along with the required \$100 deposit are due by midnight of the last day of February.

Stall requests will be considered and granted based upon Art VI, Sect III, paragraph B-3 of the PIYC Constitution: "The Vice Commodore shall assign boats to stalls based on **published stall parame-**

ters and members points" as well as PIYC dock rule #2: "The Dockmaster will assign stalls per member's written request on a **beam, length, and draft basis according to the published stall parameters**. Points will prevail per article VI, Section IV, point system, Paragraph D, of the by-laws." Stall parameters as well as last year's stall assignments are posted in the clubhouse. You can still bid on any stall you wish, and you may possibly get that stall but if you do bid outside the stall parameters, your points may not prevail per the by-laws section 4 article D that states: "Points may be used, however, to the extent such docks or moorings or storage

locker or other facilities, are actually available for the appropriate vessel or yacht involved."

In anticipation of the stall assignment announcements to be made at the March meeting, it is important to remember that if a member has a dispute concerning dock assignment, he or she must seek relief in the following sequence: By contacting the Vice Commodore, by then contacting the Commodore and if still failing resolution, contacting the Board of Directors who has the final decision. A copy of this will be in the February newsletter and also on the bulletin board.

Thank you, Vice Commodore Steve Mullen

2009 Club Calendar

Enclosed is the tentative 2009 club calendar listing the year's events. Many great activities will be taking place this year and by taking part in these

events will help make 2009 a great year for the club. A few changes were made from previous years. Also our Junior Members will once again

be serving breakfast several times this year. These will be announced as they come up. Please make every effort to attend these great

functions to help support the club and the people who put a lot of hard work into putting on these functions.

Fleet Captain's Comments

I look forward to hosting a solid menu of social events for the club this year. The schedule will be a mix of familiar and new items. Especially I hope to attract members who tend not to come to these things. The real purpose of a club like ours is to strengthen the social bonds among boaters, not merely to provide a place to put your boat. Unfortunately, many of our mem-

bers do not connect socially at the club. Obviously, for some, it is merely a matter of time and competing commitments, or maybe the time and distance to travel. But for others, it is a choice NOT to attend based on past experiences. I would like to benefit by hearing more about what you want. For example, as I am working on the schedule of events, I have no-

ticed that there are conflicting ideas about the Corn Roast. For starters, there is some exhaustion on the part of those who have been working on it for the last few years and only a limited selection of members seem to attend. I have even heard it said that it is not worth doing at all. Lets talk about this; what is wrong? What is right? Specifically, I have two questions to ask of

you: First, If you could wave a magic wand and make the Corn Roast perfect, what would this look like? Second, would you consider working with me to make it happen in that way? You can email me at onthewind5@msn.com or call me at home 454-4985. Randy (If you don't know me, I'm the one with the beard and the slightly psychedelic paint job on the sailboat).

Fees Due

Don't forget to pay your club membership dues, stall request deposit and assessment fee by February 28th, 2009. Everyone should have received their dues statement by this time. If you have not, you may call Treasurer Dan Krahe at 825-9748. Be sure to fill

out the back of the statement and return it with your payment. This is very important! Failure to pay your bill by the end of February could result in the loss of your mooring for the upcoming season.

Safe Boating Course

The US Power Squadron will be holding a safe boating course starting on Monday March 9th and will continue for 8 weeks. It will be held at the Bay-front Center for Maritime Studies 40 Holland St 16507. Registration will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 9th and the class

will begin that evening from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$45 for books only and the class itself is free. For more information, please contact Anthony Kloszewski at 814-899-6204 or email him at akloszewski@roadrunner.com.

Ramblin's

Condolences to club member Bob Lansberry and his wife Joyce on the death of Bob's mother Helen Lansberry who passed away on Sunday, January 4th at the age of 91.

Congratulations to club member John Downey and his wife Jeanne on the engagement of their daughter Colleen to Kale Fisher, who is a Marine stationed in Afghanistan. They will be married in July of this year.

Also congratulations to club member Chuck Janicki who married Ronda Gorenc in October 2008 on the beach in Ambergris

Caye, Belize.

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.

If you would like to be on the Ground Crew or a Lift Operator Trainee, please contact Commodore Paul Schroeck for more information. It takes a tremendous amount of work to get the boats in and out of the water and help is always needed.

The 2009 stall guidelines are posted on the wall of the clubhouse. Take a

look at it when trying to decide which stall would best fit your boat for this boating season. Please review the stall request guidelines as outlined in this newsletter before requesting a stall. Call VC Steve Mullen if you have any questions.

While Al Wright was in Florida this past fall, he had the opportunity to talk with P/C Barney Barcio, who is now 104 years old and doing well. Charlie is still healthy and if anyone is in the St. Cloud, FL area, he would love to have visitors.

Don't forget to continue to check the PIYC website at

www.piyc.com. The 2009 activities along with other important information such as committees, officers information, etc. will soon be posted.

Congratulations to John Flecken, this month's money winner.



"How rude of me, I've been talking about my boat all night. I haven't given you a chance to talk about it."

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Happy Valentine's Day!

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