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Presque Isle Yacht Club Newsletter

**Commodore: Paul
Schroeck**

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Membership Meeting Notice

The March membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, March 8th at 1:30 p.m.** Commodore Paul Schroeck will preside. Plans will be discussed to get the club ready for the upcoming

boating season. Also, your 2009 stall assignments will be passed out after the meeting. Please note that Daylight Savings Time goes into effect on Sunday, March 8 this year which is the day of the membership meeting.

Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour or you will be late for the meeting. ☺



Upcoming Events


Stall Requests Due February 28

March Membership Meeting March 8 **1:30 p.m.**

Spring is Finally Here Party March 21 7:00 p.m.

Safety & Lift Training April 11 10:00 a.m.

Safety & Lift Training April 15 6:00 p.m.

Commodore Dinner—Erie Maennerchor Club April 18 6:00 p.m.


New Gate Cards

The 2009 gate card keys will be given out at the March membership meeting to all members who paid their 2009 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 14th, weather permitting. The new cards will be **yellow**. Don't forget to carry your 2008 gate card with you until the gate is changed. If you do not receive your new cards by March 14th, call Dan Krahe

at 825-9748. 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.

“Spring is Finally Here” Party

Read all about the “Spring is Finally Here” party in the enclosed flyer which is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st in the clubhouse beginning at 7:00 p.m. Fleet Captain Randy Howarth and his first mate, Cindy, will be doing all the cooking for this event. All dishes are made from scratch with loving care!! The menu consists of a 7 oz.

Filet Mignon Gorgonzola, buttermilk basil mashed potatoes, roasted vegetable salad, and Cindy's “totally awesome and still hot” homemade apple pie. The cost only is \$16 per person (no way can you beat this price for what you will get). This is a BYOB party and please bring an appetizer to share with other members. Please

have your reservations in by Thursday, March 19th. You can sign up in the clubhouse or call Randy or Cindy at home at 814-454-4985 or you can email Randy at onthewind5@msn.com. Let's have a good showing for FC Randy's first event of the year!



Happy Birthday:

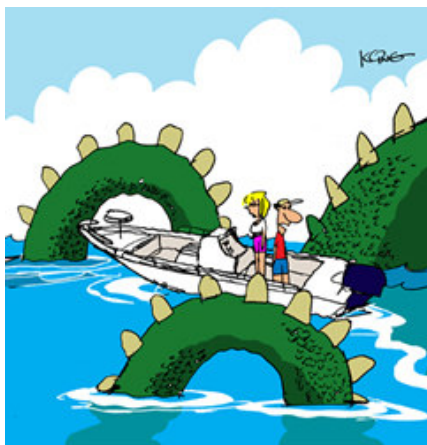
- Eric Anderson
- Lori Baniewicz
- Charlie Barcio
- Bob Cass
- Jim Cassella
- Bob and Cori Coccarelli
- Bill Cohen
- Linda DeHart
- David DeMarall
- Harold and Janet Eisert
- Mike Galbreath
- Nancy Hammill
- Bob Lansberry
- Charlie Miller
- Terry Mueller
- Peggy O'Brien
- Dave Pavloff
- Perry Ross
- Bill Sliker
- Dennis and Ellen Stratton
- Patty Vogel
- John Winschel
- John Wolf

Welcome New Member

The Board of Directors along with the Officers decided to bring in another new member.

Mike Galbreath— Mike is a Territory Manager for H&S Manufacturing Co.

If you see Mike around the club, introduce yourself and make him feel like part of the PIYC family. Welcome Mike!!



“When we get back home, I'm investing in a bigger boat.”

Happy Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to those members who have recently celebrated their anniversary as PIYC members:

30-Year: Jim Campbell

50-Year: Al Wright, Jr.

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 (does not have to be a PIYC member) 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 Paul Schroeck.

Officers’ Comments

Please remember to have your fees paid and your dock space request in by 2/28/09. Remember to think about the future of the corn roast. Take time and discuss this issue with fellow members. If this gathering is to be successful and profitable, additional member involvement will be needed. This has been a large money maker for the club in the past. All opinions will be heard at the next meeting. Think Spring!

Commodore Paul Schroeck



As I sit here contemplating my next daunting task, stall assignments, I can only cringe. After several conversations with several members giving me their thoughts, ideas and ultimatums I can only come to the conclusion that this years assignments are going to

take a lot of cooperation from you, the members. Due to several members buying new, larger boats there is a possibility of a domino effect of “bumping” this year. I promise I will try to accommodate all requests as best I can. Remember that the stall sizes and parameters stay the same each year and do not change because of the growing number of larger boats. So I ask that you please look closely at the stalls, parameters and think of how your actions effect the club as a whole before making your choices. I look forward to working on the docks with you all this spring and enjoying a great boating summer!

Thanks to all of you!

VC Steve Mullen



First: Cindy and I hope you can join us for dinner in the clubhouse on March 21st (the first full day of Spring). We’re doing all the cooking ourselves using all top quality ingredients. A few of you have been to our house for dinner so you know we take cooking seriously. Feel free to invite your friends; we sure will! When you put your reservation in, be sure and tell us how you want your filet cooked but do it by color(I like mine pink). You will love Cindy’s pie. In fact, she might make an extra one to raffle off. **Second:** I’m still looking for input concerning the corn roast. One idea I had was to make it a pig *and* corn roast. Another was to set up some friendly competitions between, let’s say, the power boaters and the sail boaters. What kind? Not sure... maybe a series of

events... How about croquette armed with water balloons, tug of war, and checkers? You can see I really some help with this!! **Finally,** let me put my (sail) fleet captain hat on and announce a July series of fun races. On Saturdays July 11, 18, and 25th. I will arrange a power boat to be anchored somewhere 6 or 7 miles up wind. We will race to it and back from somewhere near beach 11. We will probably use a jack rabbit start so we don’t need a committee boat to start. Nothing hard core, just a little fun. Best two out the three races gets his name carved on one of those dusty trophies in the display case. Sound good? More later.

FC Randy Howarth

Safety Training and Equipment Operator Qualification List

The club will be conducting an equipment operator safety class on **Saturday, April 11th at 1000** in the clubhouse and again, if interest warrants, on **Wednesday, April 15th at 1800**. The class runs approximately one hour in length. Sign up sheets will be pro-

vided on the bulletin board. This class is **mandatory** for any member desiring to be on the lift committee (lift operator), ground crew or to operate the club’s forklift. **You must attend the class only if you haven’t previously attended one of the PIYC Safety classes** but are

also welcome to attend as a refresher if you have attended a previous class. The club is always looking for members to be on the lift committee and ground crew team as well as forklift operators. After completion of the required safety class, training as necessary is then

completed in a hands on manner under supervision of a previously qualified member(s). If any questions or for additional information, please contact equipment committee chairman Jim Howard.

WHTI Land/Sea Final Ruling Recap

Don't forget that beginning June 1, 2009, the office of Homeland Security has announced that anyone traveling to Canada by land or by sea must present a **single** form of documentation declaring both citizenship and identity. The documents required to be shown at the border may be either: 1. Passport; 2. Passport card; or 3. NEXUS card (Canada only).

The cost of obtaining a passport is around \$100 plus fees. It's relatively easy to get and you may visit www.travel.state.gov for more information regarding the application process.

A passport card is a low-cost, limited-use travel document produced by the U.S. Department of State acceptable for land and sea travel within the Western Hemisphere. The passport card will facilitate entry and expedite document proc-

essing at U.S. land and sea ports-of-entry when arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. **The card may not be used to travel by air.** It will otherwise carry the rights and privileges of the U.S. passport book and will be adjudicated to the exact same standards. The card will have the same validity period as a passport book: 10 years for an adult, five for children 15 and younger. Adults who already have a fully valid passport book may apply for the card as a passport renewal and pay only \$20. First-time applicants will pay \$45 for adult cards and \$35 for children. You may visit www.travel.state.gov for more information.

The NEXUS pass is a little more difficult to obtain only due to the extensive procedures but is designed to expedite the border clearance

process for low-risk, pre-approved travelers into Canada and the United States. The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) are cooperating in this joint venture to simplify border crossings for members, while enhancing security. The non-refundable processing fee for NEXUS is \$50 per applicant. Membership is valid for five years. Children under the age of 18 must apply but, if eligible, are admitted to the program free of charge. When crossing the border by boat, the boat master is the person in charge of the boat. Boat masters are responsible for presenting themselves and their passengers and reporting all goods on behalf of the NEXUS members on board. All persons on board must be NEXUS members in order for the boat to take advantage of NEXUS reporting

procedures. The boat master must provide advance notice to the CBSA or CBP at least 30 minutes (minimum) and up to four hours (maximum) before arriving in either country, provide an estimated time of arrival (ETA), and provide the name and location of the landing site of arrival. Additional questions will be asked once in the country but for more information, you may visit www.getnexus.com for more information.

As of June 1, 2009 US citizens under the age of 16 (or anyone under 19, if traveling with a school, religious, or other youth group) need only present a birth certificate, Consular Report of Birth Abroad, or a naturalization certificate. Birth certificates can be an original, photocopy, or certified copy.

Club Fees

The board of directors reviewed and revised the club fees for the 2009 year. They are posted on the bulletin board inside the clubhouse and on the web-

site for your review. Several changes were made from last season. Work hours went back down from 15 hours to 12 hours. Also, the fee for the Internet usage for

transients and club members has been eliminated. Bag and block ice both remain the same as last year at \$1.50 and \$2.75 respectively. All other fees remained the

same. If you have any questions, please contact an officer or board member.

2009 Officers

The following is a list of the 2009 officers along with their telephone numbers. If you have any problems or questions, feel free to give them a call.

Commodore Paul Schroeck	897-0132
Vice Commodore Steve Mullen	838-1472
Rear Commodore Charlie Miller	835-8233
Fleet Captain Randy Howarth	454-4985
Secretary Joe Orinko	456-6469
Treasurer Dan Krahe	825-9748
Board Tony DiNicola (Chairman)	452-6612
Terry Braden	474-3501
Mike Gangle	476-1339
Bill Pebley	898-4810
Chuck White	835-8234

2009 Committees

Commodore Paul Schroeck has named his committees for the 2009 season.

Blue Gavel	Perry Ross PC
ILYA	Charlie Miller
Sail	Randy Howarth
Port Authority / Welfare Insurance	Msgr. Tom Snyderwine
Newsletter / Parliamentarian	Mike Eisert
Supply Officer	Anne Eisert
Long Range Planning	Al Wright
Logo Sales	Bill Salchak
Legal Advisor	Jerry Riblet Jr.
Maintenance/Safety/Yardmaster	Don Wright
Financial Advisor	Jim Howard
Jr. Member Advisor	Bob Jenkins
Webmaster	Bill O'Brien
	Mark Eisert

Ramblin's

Condolences to club member John Mueller and his wife Terry on the death of John's mother, Christine Mueller, who passed away on Tuesday, February 3rd at the age of 82.

Also condolences to club member Herb Torrance and his wife Mary Margaret on the death of Mary Margaret's father, Leo Hirsch, who passed away on Wednesday, February 4th at the age of 89.

Don't forget that all stall request forms along with your dues and other fees are due no later than midnight, February 28, 2009. If you fail to do so, you will go to the bottom of the stall assignment list and may not get summer dockage. Contact any officers with questions.

Please check your jack stands to ensure that they are secure. Due to the high windstorm that Erie encountered on February 12, one boat fell off its stands, and several other boats were found wobbling and the jack stands were tightened by passing members and officers. It's a good idea to check them several times throughout the winter to ensure they are secure. Also, ensure the chains or cables securing the stands are tight. You are responsible if your boat causes damage to any other members' boat.

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.

Rear Commodore Charlie Miller has announced that the work parties this spring will be held on Saturdays starting at the end of April and will continue until the end of May. Stay tuned for more information regarding these work parties and sign-up sheets will be available on the bulletin board in March. Remember that you need 12 work hours this year. Contact RC Charlie Miller with any questions.

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.

If you would like to be a member of Boat U.S., you can receive a substantial discount just by referencing PIYC's group number on your application. The standard price for joining Boat U.S. is \$25.00 and as a member of PIYC, you can receive a 50% discount on your annual Boat U.S. membership. The cost to you will be only \$12.50. PIYC's group number is GAB4813Y. Boat U.S. membership applications are available at the club. Please see Al Wright for the applications.

The PA Fish and Boat Commission / DCNR will also be holding their next safe boating class at

the Tom Ridge Environmental Center on Saturday, March 21st from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please contact Linda at 814-833-2829 or email her at lwoznicki@state.pa.us to pre-register. The class will be held in room 110 and lunch will be on your own. If you cannot make that class, there will be another one at the Erie Yacht Club on Saturday, April 18th. Please contact Nick Virgilio at 814-868-1998 or call the Erie Yacht Club at 814-453-4931 for more information.

The Winter Storage Rules, Dock Rules, House and Ground Rules, and Lift Rules have been reviewed for the 2009 year and there are no changes from last year.

For anyone who has an older 121.0 or 243.0 MHz emergency position indicating radio beacon, EPIRB. The USCG and all other search and rescue personnel will no longer receive distress signals from any 121 or 243 MHz EPIRBS. All prudent mariners or aviators should switch the new 406MHz. The 406 is 50 times stronger than the old units, allowing satellites to better detect its signal and provide a much more accurate search area for rescue crews. The life you signal for may be yours.

PIYC will once again be selling logo items this year and we are looking for ideas on items you would like to purchase. Please send your logo ideas to Jerry

Riblet, Jr. at xmeter@aol.com or Anne Eisert at anne.eisert@ge.com.

Bill Heider, PC of CPYC, passed away on February 15th while in Florida. He was very active in the Erie boating community and also the I-LYA.

One note to add, Donna McClellan, wife of past-member John McClellan, passed away on Sunday, February 1st, after a long battle with cancer.

Joyce Ross, wife of PC Bud Ross, was recently highlighted in the Penn State Behrend Magazine. Joyce grew up on a farm adjoining the Behrend property and she and Bud still live there today!

A calculator that is normally sits on the mantel in the clubhouse has come up missing. If you know where this calculator is, please let Al Wright know.

Congratulations to PC Gene Krahe, Sr., this month's money winner.



"This draught is taking all the fun out of our boating trip."

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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