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# Presque Isle Yacht Club Newsletter

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## Membership Meeting Notice

The April membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, April 5th at 1:30 p.m.** It has been moved up one

week this year due to Easter being on April 12th. Commodore Paul Schroeck will preside. Plans will be discussed to get the club

ready for the upcoming boating season.

## Upcoming Events

April Member-ship Meeting April 5  
1:30 p.m.

Safety Training April 11  
10:00 a.m.

Safety Training April 16  
6:00 p.m.

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



Work Parties April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23  
8:00 a.m.—  
12:00 p.m.

Opening Day Ceremony May 24  
12:30 p.m.

## Commodore Dinner

Read all about the Commodore Dinner in the enclosed flyer. The dinner will be held on Saturday, April 18th at the Erie Maennerchor Club 1607 State Street beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour (cash bar) and dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the party is \$20 per person and this will be a sit-down dinner. Dinner

choices consist of either Oven Roasted Beef or Chicken Cacciatore. Please state your choice when making your reservations. Also included in the dinner is sugar snap peas, parsley parisian potatoes, dinner salad, rolls, coffee, tea, and dessert. Please have your reservations in by Sunday, April 12th. All Past

Commodores are encouraged to attend the dinner to be recognized. This party is open to all members and guests and you are all encouraged to attend this very nice event. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Fleet Captain Randy Howarth at 814-454-4985 or email him at onthewind5@msn.com.

## Stall Assignments

Vice Commodore Steve Mullen did an excellent job assigning 120 stalls this year. He spent many hours tackling this very tough job and did his best to give the members their first choice stall. Everyone who asked for a stall received a stall and there are several empty stalls on A, B, D docks and Peach St. Out of the 120

stalls assigned, 90 received their first choice (75%), 9 received their 2nd choice (8%), 9 received their 3rd choice (8%), 8 received their 4th choice (7%), 3 received their 5th choice (3%), and 1 received his 9th choice. If you have any problems with your stall this summer, contact VC Steve Mullen and he will try to help you. Also,

look for open stall postings on the bulletin board as they become available throughout the summer. Per the Dock Rule #13, all open stalls will be posted for 3 days and the Vice Commodore will then assign the stall in the club's best interest.

## Fitting Out Time

Rear Commodore Charlie Miller has announced that the work parties this spring will be held on Saturdays starting April 25th until May 23rd from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. with lunch being served afterward. Sign-up sheets will be available on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. We will be doing repairs on the picnic shelter, replacing any missing shingles on the clubhouse roof. Inside we will be repairing

the west wall paneling. We also need 3-4 volunteers to do a thorough cleaning of the galley prior to April 25. Sign up sheets will be posted. If you have any questions regarding the work parties, contact Rear Commodore Charlie Miller. The work hours are also updated on the PIYC website and so you may check to see how many hours you still need to complete for the year.

With the spring launch fast approaching please make sure you schedule and contact your lift with a lift operator and a ground crew person. Please make sure you have support people to help. The lift operator can refuse to lift you if you do not have the required people to help you with your boat. Also please make sure your registration stickers are up-to-date before your boat leaves its cradle or jack stands.




## Happy Birthday:

- Allan Belovarac
- Kathy Hollister
- Carl Holmes
- Cindy McGraw
- Gary Roesch
- Bill Salchak
- Paul Schroeck
- Kathy Jo Skolnik
- Carl and Dolores Zawistoski

## Officers' Comments

Spring is in the air! It is time to think about getting our boats ready. I would like to thank VC Mullen for the great job he did placing the boats for this year. It is certainly a difficult job, and he pleased most members while keeping the best interests of the club and all members. When preparing your boats for spring launch, please clean up after yourself daily, we are certainly under the ever watchful eye of the Port Authority. If you have not removed your dock box, please do so before the first work party. The support triangles for the dock boxes are being replaced. The shrink wrap recycling program is in effect again, see RC Miller with any questions, and locations of collection points. This is going to be a busy year at PIYC. The parking lot repair and the Peach Street project are certainly major projects. Remember this is *our* club, and if you are asked to do a little extra, please help, it is for the benefit of all members. Thank you again for your support, and I'll see you at the club.

Commodore Paul Schroeck



This year I will be putting out a dinghy registration form to be filled out yearly to help the Treasurer with billing and keeping track of how many are at the club and who has paid their fee for the season. The forms will be in the clubhouse on the table by the beer tap so they should be easy to find. Fill in all information and deposit in the brass mailbox. This year dinghy owners will not be allowed to leave them tied to the walls or in empty stalls. No exceptions. You will be able to have them tied to your boat or inside your stall with your boat for short periods of time as long as they do not impede other member's access to and from their stalls. If you are not at the club please be sure to pull your dinghy and place in the designated area. We will be starting to re-deck some finger docks and corners along with painting and capping all pilings. Some floats need to be replaced that were damaged from last season. If you can help with any of these tasks then please sign up for RC Miller's work parties when posted. Re-

minder that no hoses or electrical cords are to be laying on any docks or wrapped around any electrical boxes or pilings. These are extreme safety hazards and should be tucked away and stored properly out of the way. Thanks to all of you!

Vice Commodore Steve Mullen



Notes from the Fleet Captain My first big party is March 21<sup>st</sup> and at last count, we had over 50 signed up. It think it is Cindy's Awesome Apple Pie that really brought 'em in!! Special thanks to Charlie for getting me the grills I needed and to Don Wright and Dave Golab for volunteering to clean them for me! The next big event is the Commodore's Appreciation Dinner at the Erie Maennerchor Club April 18<sup>th</sup>. See flyer for details. Come and let Jim know how much we appreciated his service, not just as Commodore, but for all he does, especially his continued service as technical consultant for every-stupid-thing-that-breaks. As you know, the corn roast is off

this year per the vote at last meeting. The question now is, should we have something a little more modest on that weekend? I'm thinking maybe a rib roast? Also I was thinking about running a summer-long raffle for a flat screen TV worth around 500 bucks. I bet we can sell a thousand chances over the course of the summer. Maybe we can do the drawing at the August Dock party and if all goes well, we could do another one with the drawing at the Christmas Banquet.

OK, now the sailboat hat is on: sailboaters: if you're interested, SailErie is sponsoring a small diesel (and maybe outboard) workshop at the Bayfront Center for Maritime Studies on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>. I'll announce more details at the meeting, but for a modest donation to the center, you'll get a chance to see a running diesel close up without having to be on all fours holding a flashlight in your mouth while you're trying to find the wrench you just dropped.

Fleet Captain Randy Howarth

## 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 as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Commodore Paul Schroeck.

## US Coast Guard to Discontinue LORAN Stations

Last month, the US Coast Guard <<http://www.uscg.mil/>> announced that due to economic conditions, they would be closing down the 24 LORAN-C (Long Range Aid to Navigation) <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/loran/default.htm> stations operated under the auspices of the USCG. LORAN stations provide navigation, location and timing services for both civil and military air, land and marine users.

According to the USCG, LO-

RAN-C is approved as an en route supplemental air navigation system for both Instrument Flight Rule (IFR) and Visual Flight Rule (VFR) operations. The LORAN-C system serves the 48 continental states, their coastal areas and parts of Alaska.

LORAN-A stations were developed beginning in World War II, and signals were transmitted on frequencies in and around our present-day 160 meter band.

LORAN-A was responsible

for reduced amateur radio operations, including frequency and power limitations, on 160 meters in the United States. In 1979, the Coast Guard phased out the LORAN-A stations; they were replaced by LORAN-C stations. The newer stations operated on 100 kHz, enabling the restrictions on the 160 meter amateur band due to LORAN functions, to be dropped.

According to the Coast Guard, the nation's oldest

continuous sea-going service will continue to operate the current LORAN-C system through the end of fiscal year 2009; it is in the process of preparing detailed plans for implementing the fiscal year 2010 budget. According to USCG Vice Commandant and Chief Operating Officer Vice Admiral V. S. Crea, further details of the LORAN-C termination plan will be available upon the submission of the President's full budget.

## Ramblin's

At the March Membership meeting, the members voted not to have a Corn Roast this summer due to the amount of work it takes to put on. If you have any suggestions on a replacement party, please contact Fleet Captain Randy Howarth.

Webmaster Mark Eisert recently created a PIYC Facebook page for those members and friends of PIYC who would like to download photos and other information to share with other members. Once in Facebook, just do a search on Presque Isle Yacht Club and you will find it. So far, there are about 25 who have joined the page.

Rear Commodore Charlie is looking for more caretakers for the summer. They will earn approximately \$7/hr and so if you know of anyone (over the age of 18) who would like to be a caretaker, please contact RC Miller.

Please remember to clean up after yourself while at the club during the spring months. We don't have a caretaker during this time and must rely on club members to clean only once a week.

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.

If there are any specific logo-sales items you would like, please contact Jerry Riblet Jr. as he will be placing orders soon.

If you would like your newsletter sent via email, please contact newsletter editor Anne Eisert. You will receive the newsletter in same format as the one sent via USPS. Also, if you've recently changed your email address, please let us know.

If you would like to be a

sponsor on the PIYC website, please contact webmaster Mark Eisert. The cost is only \$25 per year!

Congrats to Roger Thayer, this month's money winner.



*"It's time we started spending more time together. How fast can you learn to work on boat engines?"*

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Happy Easter!

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