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Presque Isle Yacht Club Newsletter

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Officers' Comments

I would like to thank all of the members who moor their boats on Peach Street for cooperating with relocation so the wall project can proceed. This is a major project that has been on the drawing board for some time. It certainly will make the club nicer when the project is complete. Unfortunately, it was supposed to happen in fall, but the contractors very quickly moved it ahead. The weather finally seems to have turned! Now that it is nice, please come down to the club and support the events. You will certainly have fun! Happy Summer!!

Commodore Paul Schroeck



After the notification of the Peach St construction and a mad scramble to reassign the displaced members I think we have found a stall for everyone. As you know the "boat in stall" was extended to the end of June instead of the 15th due to the parking lot being paved. Reminder 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. New members are advised to read the ground and dock rules for the club these rules are for the safety and protection of all members and their property and they can be found online. If you have any problems with your dock during the summer I will be glad to help in any way I can. Thank you to the members who helped with the docks during the work parties and for the extra help during the

weeks! Have a Great Summer!

VC Steve Mullen



Just before Spring Commissioning, the work to get the old homestead is progressing. The new parking lot turned out quite nicely and is now in use. There is one item regarding the lot that need addressing. When you are turning any vehicle PLEASE DO NOT do a static turn. That is when the vehicle is not moving forward or in reverse, just sitting, and you crank the steering wheel over. This action gouges the asphalt creating a damaged spot. There are a couple already in the surface. The surface is drivable but it is still soft enough that it can be damaged. So, when you are turning keep moving even if it is ever so slowly. Your turns will look like a pro and you won't damage the lot. Remember, it's your money you're tearing up. We're getting fairly light participation at the work parties. I don't know how many of us earn \$30.00 per hour on our jobs, but that is what you earn on Saturday mornings at PIYC! We may not write you a check, but you don't have to write one to us either and you don't pay taxes on it either (another 28% bonus). This is pretty good money in anyone's book particularly in this recession. Don't forget to bundle your stands and blocks and put them on a skid so we can store them for the summer. You can leave them at your site and we'll move them later. We still have some benches available for adoption. For a measly \$150.00

you can memorialize someone near and dear to with a dedicated plaque on one of our new benches soon to be seen around the water's edge. So, pick up an order form and become one of a very exclusive group of PIYC guys and gals who will be remembered in perpetuity, or at least until the club sinks from global warming. Applause is due to the bunch who did a whole lot of work on the docks, in a very short time frame. Well done guys!

RC Charlie Miller



This year's opening ceremonies and dinner seemed to go well (especially as we didn't have to tow any cars from in front of the podium). I had lots of help but special thanks go to Sue Magee for her beyond-the-call help with food and clean up. The next thing is of course the first dock party on June 26th. These are always a good time and I have no doubt that dock holders on C, D, and E will put on the dog. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated boat/slip and for best host. There will be live music from 9-11 (and longer if the kitty jar is full). We will be selling raffle tickets for a flat screen TV the drawing for which will be at the August dock party. I'll put out a poster for this and will have tickets available in the next week or so. Proceeds from the raffle will help pay for the music for both parties and if we make a little extra, we can make a donation to the Niagara. See you on the water.

Fleet Captain Randy Howarth

Upcoming Events

Dock Party June 26
C/D/E Docks 6:00 p.m.

Rock the Dock

The first Dock Party of the year will be held on Friday, June 26th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Docks C, D, and E will be hosting this dock party. Please have a dish or two to share with the other members at your boat. Refreshments will be available for \$3.00 per person. Live music will be provided by John and Marty from 9:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. There will be prizes for those with the best decorated boat/slip and raffles will be sold for a big-screen TV which will be raffled off at the last dock party.



Happy Birthday:

- Mike and Rosemary Barrett
- Becky Best
- Gary Bunting
- Phyllis Cohen
- Gary Dearbeck
- Anne Eisert
- Jerry and Ella Galvin
- Judy Galvin May
- Roy Geyer
- Patricia Howell
- Rita Kaminski
- Don Kenton
- Gene Krahe, Jr.
- Bill Magee
- John and Sue Magee
- Mike McClimans
- Jim Moorhead
- Jim Owens
- Charles White
- Marge Worley

Opening Day Ceremony

Presque Isle Yacht Club opened its 65th season with a beautiful Memorial Service on the club grounds on Sunday, May 24th. The weather turned out to be nice that day although it did sprinkle a bit during the ceremony itself as we brought in the boating season. Commodore Paul Schroeck did a great job organizing a very

nice ceremony including the PA – 791st McDowell High School Air Force Junior ROTC, Commanded by Cadet Staff Sergeant Michael Howard. He also introduced the 2009 club officers and Past Commodores in attendance. He then dedicated the Memorial Plaque to those members who recently passed away.

Monsignor Snyderwine gave the opening prayer and also blessed the fleet after the ceremony. Fleet Captain Randy Howarth declared the club in commission for the 2009 season. Congratulations to **Neal Hammill, Sr.** for winning the 2009 Harold Eisert, Sr. Award. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the ceremony.

Happy Anniversary

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

15-Year: Chuck Kindle
Dave Kuneman

30-year: Alan Belovarac
Bob Lansberry
Al Renshaw

Ramblin's

Congratulations to **Commodore Paul Schroeck** on his marriage to Raylene Hinely. They were married on Saturday, May 30th.

Condolences to club member **Roy Geyer** and his wife Linda on the death of Roy's mother, Elizabeth S. Geyer, who passed away on Wednesday, March 25th in Pittsburgh at the age of 92.

Congratulations to club member **Matt Siemieniak** and his wife Natalie on the birth of their son, Ronan. He was born on April 25th and weighed in at 7 lbs 15 oz. Everyone is doing great!

Recycle your cans! The PIYC Jr. Members are still taking care of the recycling of the cans and using the proceeds for their organization. Please remember to use the proper receptacles for the cans.

Received a really nice card from **Anne Baughman**, wife of deceased member P/C Bob Baughman stating that she is

doing well and truly enjoys reading about the goings-on of the club.

Remember that your boats need to be in the water no later than June 30th. The date has been extended from the normal date of June 15th due to the parking lot repaving project.

The PFBC has designated Sunday, June 7, as Fish For Free Days in the Commonwealth. Fish For Free Days allow anyone – not just license holders or youth under the age of 16 – to legally fish in Pennsylvania. From 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. no fishing license is needed to fish in Pennsylvania's waterways. The June 7 date is part of the observation of National Fishing and Boating Week, June 6-14.

BCMS is hosting Safe Boating Day on Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. They will have many activities including boat inspections, expired flare exchange, life jacket exchange, boat tours, and

demonstrations. For more information, please contact Sherri Towell at 814-877-6035.

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). Also, 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.

Congratulations to **Roger Thayer**, this month's money winner.

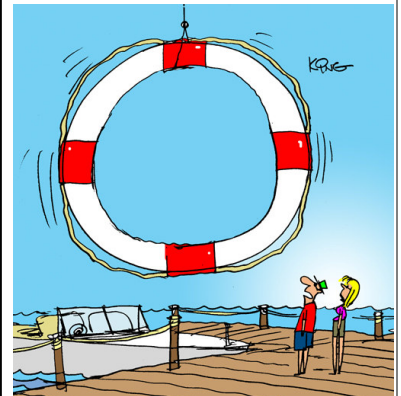
New Members

The Board of Directors along with the Officers decided to bring in two new members.

John Ednie—and his wife Denise. John is an assembler at GE.

John Garhart—and his wife Kathy. John is a judge in Erie County and he and his wife Kathy have 4 children.

If you see these new members around the club, introduce yourself and make them feel like part of the PIYC family.



"Safety won't be a problem. However, getting the life preserver into the boat just might be."

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Happy Father's Day!