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Sandusky Boat Show

The 2009 North American In-Water Sail & Power Boat Show will be held at the Cedar Point Marina, Sandusky, Ohio on September 16th through the 20th. The Great Lakes' biggest In-Water Boat Show features 700 of the latest power and sailboats. From 6' inflatables, personal watercraft, and pontoons to 62' motor yachts priced at more than \$1 million, this year's North American Sail & Power Boat Show fleet is sure to excite boating enthusiasts. Virtually every major power and sailboat builder will be represented in the 700 boat fleet, including the strongest international contingent in show history! Sev-

eral of the activities and seminars currently scheduled are: Boats Under \$15K and Boats \$15K-\$25K Pavilions, Discover Sailing Center with free sailboat rides courtesy of Harbor North, Brokerage Pier, Demo Dock where powerboat test drives are offered through the dealers, Vintage Dock where boats built before 1996 will be on display, and of course the Party Barge. The cost of the show is \$9 per adult, free for children 12 and under and \$7 for adults over the age of 60. If you are a BoatUS member, you can also purchase tickets for \$7.00 but they must be purchased online at

https://tickets.lemta.com/order_tickets.asp? Here are the hours for the show: Wednesday, September 16 Noon - 7pm; Thursday, September 17 Noon - 7pm; Friday, September 18 Noon - 7pm; Saturday, September 19 10am - 7pm; Sunday, September 20 11am - 6pm. You can also purchase your tickets online if you wish. Of course, parking is not included in the price for the show itself. For more information on the boat show, visit www.cedarpointboatshow.com.



Upcoming Events

Annual Raft Up—Marina	September 6 12:00 p.m.
Happy Hour Picnic Shelter	September 11 6:30 p.m.
Sandusky Boat Show	September 16—20
PIYC Membership Meeting	October 11 1:30 p.m.

Happy Anniversary!

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

10-Year: Jim Owens



Happy Birthday:

- Anne Baughman
- Toni Berarducci
- Jim Campbell
- Don Dinardo
- Dick DuMond
- Marge Flecken
- Sherri Galvin
- John Garhart
- Jim Hammill
- Larry and Jolene Harmle
- Cindy Howarth
- Bob and Jackie Jenereski
- Alice Koenig
- Paul Kreger
- Bill Pebley
- Charlene Renshaw
- Amelia Thayer
- Dave Turner
- Susan Vogt
- Jason and Susan Wood

Ramblin's

Several of our members have been under the weather lately. **P/C Neal Hammill** recently underwent bypass surgery. He's up and around and recovering nicely. **Terry Braden** had surgery recently and is also doing ok now. **P/C Perry Ross** is doing much better now and has been moved to Health South for recovery. **Don Wright** also underwent successful surgery and has recovered. Everyone, please stay healthy!

Congratulations to **P/C Ron Berarducci** and Toni Perkins who were married on August 15th.

Condolences to club member **Bob Coccarelli** and his wife Cori on the death of Bob's stepmother, Doris "Jean"

Coccarelli, who passed away on Wednesday, August 12th, at the age of 70.

Recently, the Erie Times News had a really nice article on club member **Marty Eisert**, on how he's an integral part of running Holy Trinity Church.

The Erie Power Squadron will be holding a safe boating course at the Erie VA Medical Center/Conference Room #1 & 2 located at 135 E. 38th St. on Tuesday, September 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m. with registration at 6:30 p.m. Note that the location is different from last year. The cost of the class is \$45 and if you would like additional information, please contact Anthony Kloszewski at 814-899-6204

or at akloszewski@roadrunner.com.

Hopefully the weather in September will be much better than it has been all summer. We truly deserve some nice weather to get in those last few days of boating before pulling the boats for the winter.



"But tonight will be romantic, dear. We'll drink a bottle of wine while I work on my boat."

Officers' Comments

Just a few reminders. Keep your dock area free from any tripping hazards. No power cords or hoses should be wrapped around the power boxes. Also remember to show your dockmates the same respect that you expect by not adjusting their dock lines for any reason except in a emergency to prevent damage to the boat or dock. Thanks go out to all the members who have had a hand in rebuilding Peach St wall under the direction of PC Howard. We still have a few things to do to have it ready for spring 2010. Work party sign up sheets will be posted for these projects as they come up so please keep your eye on the board. Thank you also for coming to the 2009 "Goof off Party". I know it was short notice but we still had 62 members & guests. Great food and fun was had by all. Special thanks to my wife Chris, Ruth Mathes and Amelia Thayer for their help along with Al Wright for taking care of the wrist bands. Our club is only as good as those who get involved. Please get involved to help improve YOUR club.

FOUND: Battery charger in the boat yard. Call me @ 882-7799 with a description

to claim.

VC Steve Mullen

There is a move afoot in the gasoline industry to boost the ethanol content to 15% without any hearings by regulators. Past problems with 10% ethanol caused costly repairs particularly in boats with FRP fuel tanks. There was some concern about the condition of fuel hoses and lines as well, but these could not be separated from the FRP tank issue. Old fuel lines can become deteriorated from the inside out, look perfectly fine but still disintegrate into the fuel and cause problems in the fuel delivery system and combustion chambers. Additional problems form higher ethanol content revolve around water separation inside the tanks which settles to the bottom and can corrode the welds, primarily, ad the aluminum plate. Since it is so hard to discover how much ethanol is being used, it is a good idea to check the fuel hoses and the tank condition regularly for condition. Pull the fill hose, overflow, feed and return (if diesel) lines and check the interior. Look at and tap with a hammer (LIGHTLY) the welds

and plates near or on the bottom of the tank and check the tank top for corrosion around all the fittings. Also check the tank top after a good rain for any standing water. These small things could save you a bunch of money.

RC Charlie Miller

Fleet Captain News: We had a great success for the A/B Dock party. Special kudos go to Greg and Brenda Bax for arranging the DJ. The mix he provided was obviously a big hit as people did a LOT of dancing!! The TV raffle winner was Susan Wood. Congratulations!! Proceeds from the raffle went primarily to cover the music from BOTH the C/D/E Dock party AND the A/B dock party (and of course the TV). We did not cover the full cost, but we did cover quite a bit of it of it. Next up is the Marina raft up on Sunday, September 6th starting at 12:00 p.m.. Bring an anchor, bumpers, and some party supplies. Don Wright tells me this is one of his favorite events and this year I am going to find out why! You should too as there's plenty of parking. And if you have water toys, this is the time to play with

them. Later that week (Friday September 11) I'll be cooking burgers, dogs, and serving beer under the shelter at the second "Hot Dog Happy Hour" beginning at 6.30 p.m. Bring a dish if you like and definitely bring \$3.00 to help pay expenses. Looking ahead, in October look for the Pumpkin carving party/contest. This will be a family oriented event with prizes. In November, we will finally have the Commodore appreciation dinner that was canceled from last Spring. Finally, Cindy and I plan to cook for the Christmas party including more of those home made apple pies that Cindy wowed the crowd with at the Spring Party.

Sail Squadron Notes: The day after the Dock party, we had our third PIYC/Sail Erie "Fun Race." It was a great success with 6 boats attending including three from PIYC. Jim and Linda on Y-Knot-3 was the winner this time. That's three different winners in three races, all from PIYC. Next year lets see if we can bring in some more of our sailors!

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Happy Labor Day!