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Membership Meeting

The first of the fall membership meetings will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, October 11th at 1:30 p.m.** This being the first meeting since May, there is much on the agenda. Let's have a good turnout for this first meeting of the fall season!

Upcoming Events

<i>PIYC Member-ship Meeting</i>	October 11 1:30 p.m.
<i>Work Party</i>	October 17 8:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.
<i>Work Party</i>	October 24 8:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.
<i>Pumpkin Carving Party</i>	October 24 6:30 p.m.
<i>Work Party</i>	October 31 8:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.
<i>Work Party (If needed)</i>	November 7 8:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.
<i>Commodore Dinner</i>	November 7 6:00 p.m.

Officer's Comments

As the 2009 boating season comes to a close I would like to thank all of the officers, board of directors, and members for a successful year with many improvements to the club completed. It is with great thanks to all that cooperated during our improvements. We still have a lot to accomplish before snow flies, but a pat on the back is well deserved. I look forward to seeing all of you when the monthly meetings resume.

Commodore Paul Schroeck

Just a few reminders. After taking your boat out of the water please remove all lines, fenders, etc. Yes, this year you can leave your dock box on the dock for the winter if you choose. We will be pulling the fingers on both C & D dock this year to prevent damage to the docks this winter. Also remember if you're not sure about something reread the club rules which are posted on the bulletin board. Finally, if you see something around the club or grounds that needs attention please feel free to take care of it yourself. This is our club and we are all responsible for its upkeep. Please don't just ignore it thinking someone else can do it. That is a marina mentality and we are not a marina. FOUND: Battery charger in the boat yard. Call me @ 882-7799 with a description to claim.

VC Steve Mullen

One more summer, albeit not a particularly good one for boaters, is past. Now the finale of the season – work parties to put our club to bed for the winter. There is much to get done this fall at our work parties. Check the log posted in the case to see if you need any hours. There will be plenty for everyone this year. This fall we plan on folding the new tables, stacking them with corrugated sheets between and shrink wrapping them. The new benches can be covered stored under the shelter as well. We'll need some help lifting the boards on the north walk and inspecting just how bad this wall has become. Don't forget to keep the area around your cradle or stands policed and your cords coiled and out of the way. Safety is always the right way to go. Also remember to label your cradle or your cover or put a tag with your name and contact number in the event we need to contact you.

RC Charlie Miller

It's sad but true but the summer's end is drawing nigh (sigh!). But club activities do continue (hooray!). Please take note of the Pumpkin Carving Party coming up and although this is a kid-friendly

party, you grey-beards should not pooh pooh the idea. I have run a party like this for my friends on and off for 20 years and everybody--kids and adults--have a great time doing it. See the enclosed flyer for details. Please note also the rescheduled Commodore Appreciation Dinner for November 7th. This time Jim Howard does not have a prior commitment so let's get together and remember not only his contributions to the club, but those of all the other PCs. This year I have learned a little about how much work goes on behind the scenes and those who have made it to that position usually do so because they have contributed much energy and certainly valuable time to the benefit of all. Let's make this a banner year for this party (and Jim) and sign up in the clubhouse (or call Randy at 454-4985, or email Randy at onthewind5@msn.com). This year there will not be a Haul-Out Awards Party but we can honor (or bust) members just the same at the Christmas party this year. Cindy and I plan to cook a gourmet meal this year so please plan ahead to attend and please also email Randy with stories of members who should be recognized for unsung efforts (or crushed for sloppy sailing).

FC Randy Howarth



Happy Birthday:

- Barbara Anderson
- Kay Bojarski
- Buzz Chatham
- Tony DiNicola
- Jim Flynn
- Donna Franz
- Mike Hornyak
- Lance Howell
- Alice Kenton
- Judy Kindle
- Gene Krahe
- Garry Lombardo
- Kim Pebley
- Bob Renner
- Victoria Shafer
- Ann Skolnik
- Jerome Skolnik

Nominating Committee

Commodore Paul Schroeck has named the Nominating Committee to find the 2010 Officers and Board Members. The committee members are: Rick Anderson, Joe Baniewicz, and Dave Mathes. They will present to the membership their recommendations for the 2010 Officers

and Board Members at the November membership meeting. As always, any member in good standing may run for any office and like every year, three board positions will need to be filled. If you would like to run for an office or board position, please contact one of the committee

members. At the December membership meeting, the Commodore will be taking additional nominations from the floor. Contact Commodore Paul Schroeck with any questions you may have regarding nominations.

Happy Anniversary

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

40-Year: PC Buzz Chatham

Sailor's News

I plan to have a reception for PIYC sail boaters at my house sometime in November so we can plan some sailing events for next year. More news on this in the next newsletter. Also, please call me if you plan to attend the boat show in Annapolis as I can arrange VIP tickets. I will be there and if you go, let's arrange to meet for dinner at Cantlers for Crabs on Saturday night. Cindy and I have crew spots to race that weekend on the Chesapeake, so wish us luck. Here's to the last wisps of the boating season; may they be wonderful.

FC Randy Howarth

Ramblin's

Condolences to club member Garry Lombardo on the death of his brother, Michael A. Murray, who passed away on Wednesday, September 16th at the age of 61.

Congratulations to Susan Wood who won the flat screen TV that was raffled off at the second dock party in August. Many thanks to everyone who supported this endeavor.

The Peach St. dock project is progressing as planned for this season. We will have the cap done soon and for the spring, we intend to have water, electric, new stairs, and wood attached to the pilings for mooring. We will also have parameters established and have a footprint outlined determining the stalls prior to the time we need to request stalls. So anyone wanting to be on Peach St. will have an opportunity to pick one of the new stalls available. We have not

determined how many boats will be there yet and we have not determined the rate yet for 2010.

Treasurer Dan Krahe will soon be sending out winter storage bills. Please pay those and any other outstanding monies you owe as soon as you can. The parking lot and Peach Street projects have depleted much of our funds and we may have to use our line of credit to cover bills until other funds come in.

Please ensure you have help when pulling your boat out of the water (in addition to the lift operator and ground crew). The lift operator and ground crew do not help with blocking or jack stands. They can refuse to lift any boat without proper help. Please have enough help to set your boating safely.

In addition to RC Miller's comments, there are several

things to remember when getting your boat ready for the winter. Don't forget to chain and lock your ladder to your cradle when you are not at the club. This is especially important because this will help deter anyone from breaking into your boat. Please do not leave used oil or antifreeze on club property. You must dispose of any oil or antifreeze properly. Try to keep the area around your boat neat and clean to help avoid accidents, plus it makes the club look nice. Remember, you are responsible for how your boat is secured on its jack stands or cradle. Contact any of the officers if you have any questions.

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Happy Halloween!