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November Membership Meeting

The second of the fall membership meetings will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, November 8th at 1:30 pm.** This will be a very important meeting because the nominating committee, consisting of Rick Anderson, Joe Baniewicz, and Dave Mathes, will announce their recommendations for officers

for the 2010 season. If you would like to be nominated for an office, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee. Further nominations can be taken from the floor at both the November and December membership meetings. In order to vote, you must be an active member which means that you must

moor a boat at the club (have an assigned stall) and must have attended at least 50% of the general membership meetings during the past year. Please check the eligible voter list posted on the bulletin board and get any issues resolved prior to the December membership meeting.

Upcoming Events

<i>Work Party</i>	<i>October 31</i>
	<i>8:00 a.m.—</i>
	<i>12:00 p.m.</i>
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<i>Work Party</i>	<i>November 7</i>
<i>(if needed)</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.—</i>
	<i>12:00 p.m.</i>
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<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Nov. 7</i>
<i>Dinner</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
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<i>November</i>	<i>Nov 8</i>
<i>Membership</i>	<i>1:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Meeting</i>	
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<i>PIYC Christmas</i>	<i>Dec 12</i>
<i>Party</i>	<i>TBD</i>

2008 PA Boating Accident Analysis

The PA Boat and Fish Commission finally released the report on the 2008 PA Boating Accidents.

The total number of reported recreational boating accidents in PA in 2008 was nearly identical to 2007. Boaters and officers reported only 68 recreational boating accidents of all types, an increase of three reported accidents over 2007. The number of vessels involved in reported accidents totaled 92, an increase over 2007 but still a very low number. PA boaters reported 58 injuries requiring medical treatment, one more than in 2007. Property damage to vessels totaled \$182,890, \$16,863 less than the figure reported last year. Most accidents with property damage or minor injuries are not reported.

The numbers of Pennsylvanians plying the waterways continued to decrease in 2008. Gasoline prices were at record highs and the number of currently registered boats decreased. We had more rainfall than in 2007 but the 2008 boating season will be remembered as being sunny and fairly dry, especially in August. Weather dramatically affects participation in boating and it is a factor that cannot be ignored when comparing statistical safety data from year to year. In PA, the amount of rainfall varies across the state. The State College weather station reported that in

June there were 13 days with greater or equal to .01 inch of rainfall (normal is 12); July had 10 days (normal is 13) and August had only six days (normal is 12); so overall there were 29 days with some measurable rainfall when 37 days is normal.

Of the 68 reported accidents, 23 were collisions (includes striking a submerged object), 20 of which were collisions between vessels. The types of reported accidents were as follows:

- Collision with vessel 20
- Falls overboard 12
- Capsizing 9
- Ejected from vessel 4
- Skier mishap 4
- Hit by propeller 4
- Fall within boat 3
- Fire/explosion 3
- Sinking 2
- Struck submerged object 1
- Grounding 1
- Collision with fixed object 1
- Swamping/flooding 1
- Collision with floating object 1
- Carbon monoxide poisoning 1
- Unknown 1

Personal watercraft (PWC) were involved in 16 accidents in 2008, six more than in 2007. Ten of the accidents involving PWC were collisions, accounting for 43 per-

cent of the total number of collisions for all boats. Thirteen injuries were reported in accidents involving PWC. There were no fatalities on PWC or in accidents involving PWC in 2008.

Eight recreational boating accidents resulted in eight fatalities. This is three less fatalities than the number reported in 2007 and 4.1 fewer than the last 10-year average of 12.1. Only one of the eight victims was wearing a life jacket at the time of the mishap that resulted in his death. Six of the victims had wearable life jackets onboard the boat but did not wear them, and in one fatality life jacket use was not a factor (carbon monoxide poisoning). Chance is always a factor in the number of recreational boating fatalities, and 2008 was a much safer-than-average year.

By Dan Martin – Director, Bureau of Boating and Access



Happy Birthday:

- Carolyn Bauer
- Terry Braden
- Tammy Brown
- Peggy Chatham
- Kerry Corbett
- Pauline DeMarall
- John Ednie
- Mark and Amy Eisert
- Meg Eisert
- Dave Golab
- Lois Hammill
- Jim Howard
- Ron Kowalewski
- Lecia Lenz
- John Matts
- Jody Miller
- Linda Moorhead
- Donna Nishnick
- Lynda Sceiford
- Carolyn Schenker
- Lorraine Sliker
- Jerry Sobrowski
- Jon Vandall
- Matt Visosky
- Ken Worley
- Hank Zawistoski



"Do you have to carve a life-size boat? That pumpkin cost a fortune!"

Commodore Dinner

Don't forget all about the Commodore Dinner which was mentioned in last month's newsletter. This dinner will be honoring PC Jim Howard. Due to Jim's schedule in the spring, the dinner had to be moved to November. The dinner will be held on Saturday, November 7th 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, November 1st. 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.

Ramblin's

PC Bud Ross and his wife Joyce would like to thank all the members who sent cards and gifts to them while Bud was under the weather and in the hospital. They truly appreciate the gestures. It was nice seeing Bud at the membership meeting in October.

The caretakers are now done for the season. Although we do have some members cleaning the clubhouse once a week for work hours, please clean up after yourself while using the clubhouse and if you see something that needs done, please take care of it. Remember, this is your club.

Don't forget to put your name on your boat during the winter so that you may be contacted should something happen to your boat and also, do not tie your winter cover to your jack stands. This could cause a safety issue should a storm arise. Also, as a reminder that all ladders should be chained and locked to your

jack stands or cradles to help prevent break-ins. And one more reminder that all electrical cords should be unplugged when boat is unattended.

Many thanks to Yard Master Dale Oregia for doing a fine job arranging the boats in the yard this past fall. This is always a challenge and he did a great job. Thanks again!

Don't forget about the last few work parties which will be held on Saturdays, October 31st and November 7th (if necessary) from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to get your work hours in for the year. All the work hours are posted on the bulletin board. Contact RC Charlie Miller if you have any questions on them.

The I-LYA fall meeting will be held over the weekend of December 4th in Perrysburg, OH. Please contact RC

Charlie Miller for more information.

Also, don't forget to put the annual Christmas Party on your calendar which will be held in the clubhouse on Saturday, December 12th. More information will be coming in next month's newsletter.

It was mentioned at the membership meeting that with the Bayfront Convention Center being next door, that PIYC is very much in the public eye and people do notice us. Many people have commented on how nice our club property looks and so please continue to keep the property and your docks free from clutter and let's continue to be seen as a positive asset on the bay front.

Many thanks to those who helped remove all the docks for the winter. This is always a tough job and the work is greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to the group at the west table, this month's money winners.

Happy Anniversary

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

40-Year: Harold Eisert PC
Marty Eisert
Carl Zawistoski

45-Year: Tony D'Angelo PC

New Member

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

Brian Logan—and his wife Catherine. Brian works at Auto Express Suzuki. Brian and his wife have one child—Jeffery. If you see Brian or his family around the club, introduce yourself and make them feel like part of the PIYC family.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!