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Presque Isle Yacht Club Newsletter

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December Membership Meeting

The election of the 2010 club officers will take place at the December membership meeting held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, December 14th at 1:30 p.m.** In order to vote, you must be an active member which means that you must moor a boat at the club and must have attended at least 50% of the general membership meetings during the past year. The nominating committee, consisting of Rick Anderson, Joe Baniewicz, and Dave Mathes have proposed **Steve Mullen** for Commodore, **Charlie**

Miller for Vice Commodore, **Bill Salchak** for Rear Commodore, **Gary Roesch** for Fleet Captain, **Joe Orinko** for Secretary, and **Dan Krahe** for Treasurer. They also nominated **Greg Bax**, **Frank DeWolf**, **Don Dinardo**, **Mike Gangle**, and **Dale Oren-gia** for the Board of Directors. The board members that are carried over from 2009 are **Bill Pebley** and **Tony DiNicola**. The two board members with the most votes will be on the board for two years. The other winner will serve on the board for one year. Further

nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the elections. This is a very important meeting and so make every effort to be there. Also, please check the eligible voter's list before the December membership meeting. Secretary Joe Orinko has this list. It is also posted on the bulletin board and on the website. All discrepancies must be resolved before the meeting in order to make the voting procedure run smoothly.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party Dec 5
6:00 p.m.

December Member-ship Meeting— Election of Officers Dec 13
1:30 p.m.

All 2009 Fees Due Dec 31

January Membership Meeting— Installation of Officers Jan 10
1:30 p.m.

Tureen Dinner Jan 10
4:00 p.m.

Annual Boat Show IX Center Cleveland, OH Jan 15—24

Rule Changes for Great Lakes Boaters

Although several significant developments in the Great Lakes region on both sides of the U.S.-Canada border have an impact on recreational boaters in Canada with regard to safe boating practices, one development affects the boaters in the Erie area if you plan on travelling to Canada by boat.

In Canada, the final phase of the nation's mandatory boater safety education requirement became effective September 15 for powerboat operators of all ages. The new law is a final phase-in segment of earlier legislation designed to ensure that all Canadian powerboaters obtain some level of boater education before getting on the water and behind the wheel of a pow-

ered watercraft. The law now requires all Canadian citizens to obtain and be able to show a Pleasure Craft Operator Card when so requested by a law enforcement officer. As many as eight million Canadian powerboat operators this month were believed to be in need of obtaining their boating safety card before getting back on the water. Violators are subject to a \$250 fine.

There are two different boating laws for non-Canadian citizens. Americans and others with proper valid identification are exempt from the new law for a period of 45 days when they bring their boats upon Canadian waters. Boaters who rent or

borrow a powerboat in Canada, or who are using their own powerboats beyond the 45-day exemption period, must carry valid identification and proof of having completed an approved boating safety course. This proof, for non-Canadian citizens, can be Canada's Pleasure Craft Operator Card, or a boating education card received in the U.S. by completing a course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

For more information, go to www.greatlakesscuttlebutt.com or

www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/debs/obs/quick/quick_visitor.htm.



Happy Birthday:

- Msgr. Dan Arnold
- Lee Anna Belovarac
- Judy Campbell
- Carol Lee Dinardo
- Helen Freeland
- Kathy Garhart
- Dick Hamilton
- Colleen Hooker
- Sis Jenkins
- Andy Klan
- Dave Kuneman
- Ruth Mathes
- Sandi Matts
- John Mueller
- Joe Orinko
- Bill Ramey Jr.
- Winnie Ramey
- Jerry Riblet, Jr.
- Joyce Ross
- Sherry Ryan
- Barb Rzepecki
- Natalie Siemieniak
- Al Wright
- Dave Yonkers

Fleet Captain's Comments

Fleet Captain reports: The big thing this month is the Christmas party!! The reservations are coming in and it promises to be a great event. There will be LOTS of good food, all home made, at a great price. Those of you who came to the Spring dinner have a clue of what to expect but we intend to top that by far. So if you haven't called Randy (454-4985), or emailed him (rhowarth@mercyhurst.edu)

with your reservation, pick up the phone today and "git 'er done!" I have suggested that attendees bring a bottle of wine to share, but if you don't drink wine—or drink at all—that's fine, bring something else, perhaps nuts, or something home made and easy to nibble on before or after dinner. Be creative if possible, but mostly, just be there!

Sail Squadron Notes: Randy and Cindy both came down with flu

symptoms a few days before the Sailor reception—ARGH, Avast Ye Matey!!—at their house November 21st. Randy called all those who had rsvp'd to apologize and re-schedule for Saturday January 16th. I have heard from a few that the December date wasn't the best for them anyway so it all works out for the best. I'll send out a reminder in the next newsletter.

Ramblin's

Our deepest condolences to P/C Dick DuMond on the death of his wife Mary Lou. She passed away on Thursday, November 19th at the age of 81. For those of you who don't know PC Dick and Mary Lou DuMond, Dick did a lot of work for the club early on with his negotiating skill in securing the club's lease renewals with the city in the 60's and 70's until we worked to obtain the long term lease expansion in 1987. Dick was also the club's treasurer for many years during this time and then became the club's Commodore in 1981. Mary Lou was an active member of the Club's Ladies Auxiliary. Their boat was highlighted in the Erie Times News with a photo of a duck who nested in Dick and Mary Lou's 32' Owens Cabin Cruiser's cabin. Dick waited for the duck eggs to hatch and leave that particular spring before they went boating.

Also condolences to board member Terry Braden on the death of his wife Tina who passed away on Friday, Novem-

ber 13th at the age of 58 following a lengthy illness.

PIYC was highlighted in the Erie Times News recently for donating the proceeds from the Annual Poker Run to the American Cancer Society. PCs Anne Eisert and Tony DiNicola were pictured with Kelley Spaeder from the American Cancer Society (many thanks to Bob Coccarelli for taking the photo).

ILYA will be holding their fall meeting at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, OH over the weekend of December 4—6. Contact Charlie Miller or get the information online at www.i-lya.com.

Received a nice note from P/C Charlie Barcio who will be turning 106 in March. He's doing quite well in Florida and still rides his bike 9 to 12 miles each day!

The Mid-American Sail and Power Boat Show will be held at the IX Center in Cleveland from January 15th—24th. The cost is \$12 per adults and \$11 for

Seniors (age 60+). You can get more information regarding the Boat Show at www.clevelandboatshow.com.

If you're looking for ideas for Christmas gifts, why not consider a PIYC Logo item. We have several very nice polo shirts, both men's and women's, in the Logo Sales case along with denim shirts, PIYC burgees, sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc. Please contact Jerry Riblet, Jr. or Anne Eisert if you would like to purchase anything.

We've been very lucky not to have snow yet this year, but when we do, please help keep the doors of the clubhouse clear of snow if you happen to be at the club. Shovels are located at each of the doors for your convenience. This will help to avoid accidents.

Congratulations to Kerry Corbett, this month's money winner.



"If I look a little pale, it's because I just sold enough blood to buy a new boat. Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going home to pass out."



"Yes, mom, boating safety is important, however, a giant floaty is a little embarrassing."

Annual Christmas Party

If you haven't signed up for the Fleet Captain's Annual Christmas Party and plan on attending, please contact FC Randy Howarth right away. The Christmas Party will be held in the PIYC clubhouse on Saturday, December 5th beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a cocktail hour (please bring a bottle of wine to share) and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The dinner will be cooked and served by Fleet Captain

Randy and his wife Cindy and the menu consists of roast turkey, Cindy's Mom's top secret Ukrainian stuffing, fruit and nut cream cheese salad, buttermilk garlic mashed potatoes, home made--from the actual turkeys we are cooking--gravy, glazed carrots, Cindy's famous home made and totally awesome Grand Marnier cranberry sauce, Randy's now well known chunky apple sauce, buns and butter (trust us,

it'll be memorable), once again, Cindy's gift to PIYC is her justly famous apple pie cooked on site in the ovens of PIYC with whipped cream and a limoncello finish. The cost of the party is only \$15 per person. The sign up book is located in the lobby of the clubhouse. You may also call FC Randy Howarth at 814-454-4985 or email him at rhowarth@mercyhurst.edu with your reservation.

Everyone have a safe and Happy Holiday. May 2010 be a very prosperous and healthy year!!



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MERRY CHRISTMAS!