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Presque Isle Yacht Club Newsletter

Commodore: Steve Mullen

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Membership Meeting Notice

The April membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, April 11th at 1:30 p.m.**

Commodore Steve Mullen will preside. The officers will be discussing plans to get the club ready for the

upcoming boating season including work parties and work needing done on Peach Street.

Upcoming Events

April Member-ship Meeting April 11 1:30 p.m.

Commodore Dinner— April 24 6:00 p.m.

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Work Parties April 10, 17, 24 May 1, 8, 15, 22 8:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.

Opening Day Ceremony May 30 12:30 p.m.
Tureen Dinner 2:00 p.m.

Commodore Dinner

Read all about the Commodore Appreciation Dinner in the enclosed flyer. The dinner will be held on Saturday, April 24th at the Presque Isle Yacht Club beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour and dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the party is \$20 per person. The dinner menu, which is being catered, will be roasted

chicken, homemade meatloaf, broiled Alaskan pollock, tossed salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans. In addition, there will be meat and cheese trays, vegetable trays, and a fruit tray. Refreshments include Manhattans, Whiskey Slush, and beer. Please have your reservations in by Sunday, April 18th. 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 Gary Roesch at 814-490-5468 or email him at groesch@maerie.org.

Officers' Comments

Just a reminder to send in your nominations for the Harold Eisert, Sr. boating award. Please submit your nomination letters no later than April 15th. Keep your eye on the board for work party sign up sheets to help Rear Commodore Salchak ready the club for the upcoming boating season. Vice Commodore Miller did a good job getting all the members stalls for the season. He will need lots of help getting the docks and Peach St in order for the season. Don't forget about the upcoming Past Commodore's dinner honoring PC Paul Schroeck. Fleet Captain Roesch promises a good time to be had by all.

Commodore Steve Mullen

Every member who asked for a stall received a stall this year. Out of the 120 stalls assigned, 77% received their first choice, 7% received their 2nd choice, 5% received their 3rd choice, and 10% received other choices. We still have 7 open stalls on B dock and 5

on Peach Street. If you have any problems with your stall this summer, contact VC Charlie Miller and he will try to help you. Also, look for open stall postings on the bulletin board as they become available throughout the summer. Per the Dock Rule #13, all open stalls will be posted for 3 days and the Vice Commodore will then assign the stall in the club's best interest. And since there are a few open stalls this year and if you'd like a 2nd stall for another boat, please see RC Miller and he will assign the stall per Dock Rule #11.

VC Charlie Miller

The work parties this spring will be held on Saturdays starting April 10th until May 22nd from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. with lunch being served afterward. Sign-up sheets will be available on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Peach St electric and water will be the major project to be completed during the work parties. Also, if there is any-

one who would be willing to prepare lunch for the work parties for work hours or if you have any questions regarding the work parties please contact RC Bill Salchak at 833-4787 or 746-6505. The work hours are also updated on the PIYC website and so you may check to see how many hours you still need to complete for the year. With the spring launch fast approaching please make sure you schedule and contact your lift with a lift operator and a ground crew person. Please make sure you have support people to help. The lift operator can refuse to lift you if you do not have the required people to help you with your boat. Also please make sure your registration stickers are up-to-date before your boat leaves its cradle or jack stands. Any one who plans on leaving a trailer on the club grounds during the summer will require a 2010 sticker and these are available for \$40 (per the 2010 Fees schedule). Please see RC Salchak for the sticker.

RC Bill Salchak



Happy Birthday:

- Allan Belovarac
- Denise Ednie
- Kathy Hollister
- Carl Holmes
- Cindy McGraw
- Gary Roesch
- Bill Salchak
- Paul Schroeck
- Kathy Jo Skolnik
- Carl and Dolores Zawistoski

2009 Pennsylvania Boating Accident Analysis

The total number of reported recreational boating accidents in Pennsylvania in 2009 was similar to 2008. Boaters and officers reported only 60 recreational boating accidents of all types, a decrease of eight reported accidents from 2008 and a tie for the lowest number reported in modern times. The number of vessels involved in reported accidents totaled 77, a decrease of 15 from 2008, a very low number. Pennsylvania boaters reported 60 injuries requiring medical treatment, two more than in 2008. Property damage to vessels totaled \$198,413, \$15,524 more

than the figure reported last year. One accident comprised \$73,500 of that total. Most accidents with property damage or minor injuries are not reported. The numbers of Pennsylvanians plying the waterways continued to decrease in 2009. Gasoline prices remained very high and the number of registered boats again decreased. We had more rainfall than in 2008 and weather dramatically affects participation in boating. Of the 60 reported accidents, 15 were collisions (includes striking a submerged object), 10 of which were collisions between vessels. The types of reported

accidents were as follows: Skier mishap—11; Collision with vessel—10; Capsizing—10; Flooding/swamping—8; Falls overboard—5; Person leaves/ejected from vessel—3; Collision with fixed object—3; Sinking—2; Grounding—2; Fall in boat—1; Struck by boat—1; Fire/explosion—1; Struck submerged object—1; Collision with floating object—1; Carbon monoxide poisoning—1. Eleven recreational boating accidents resulted in twelve fatalities. This is four more fatalities than the number reported in 2008 and nearly identical to the last 10-year average of 12.5. Only

three of the 12 victims were wearing life jackets at the time of the mishap that resulted in their death. In three of the accidents there were wearable life jackets onboard the boat but the victims did not wear them, and in four accidents the boat was not legally equipped with PFDs. In one fatality life jacket use was not a factor. Chance is always a factor in the number of recreational boating fatalities, and 2009 was an average year.

By Dan Martin – Director, Bureau of Boating and Access

Ramblin's

Condolences to club member Gary Dearbeck on the death of his father-in-law, Daniel C. Baer, who passed away on Friday, March 12th at the age of 91.

Also, condolences to club member Heather Klan and her husband Andy on the death of Andy's grandmother, Eleonore Rewers Lacey, who also passed away on Friday, March 12th at the age of 95.

Club member Bob Coccarelli recently had knee replacement surgery. Hopefully, he'll be up and moving around soon so that his boat

will be in the water in time for boating season.

Rear Commodore Bill Salchak is looking for more caretakers for the summer. They will earn approximately \$7/hr and so if you know of anyone (over the age of 18) who would like to be a caretaker, please contact RC Salchak.

The I-LYA will be holding its spring meeting April 9—11 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, OH. Visit www.i-lya.com for more information.

If you would like to be on the

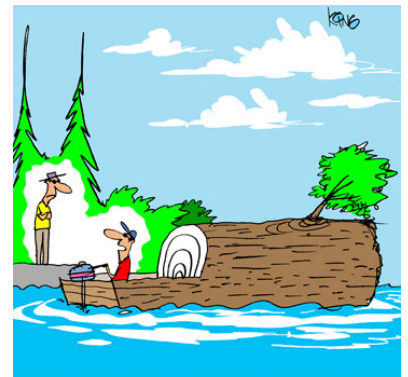
Ground Crew or a Lift Operator Trainee, please contact Commodore Steve Mullen for more information. It takes a tremendous amount of work to get the boats in and out of the water and help is always needed.

If you would like to be a sponsor on the PIYC website, please contact webmaster Mark Eisert. The cost is only \$25 per year!

Don't forget to visit PIYC on Facebook and connect up with other PIYC Facebook fans.

Congratulations to Roger

Thayer, this month's money winner (for the third month in a row and he won last April too!).



"I'm making a boat out of a tree. If you haven't already noticed, I'm not quite finished yet."

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Happy Easter!