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# Presque Isle Yacht Club



## Newsletter



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### Upcoming Activities

Don't forget about the second **Dock Party** of the year which will be held on **Friday, August 11th** beginning at 6:00 p.m. Docks C, D, and E will be hosting this dock party. Please have a dish or

two to share with the other members at your boat.

Also, the **Annual Raft Up** will be held on **Sunday, September 3rd**. The party will begin at 12:00 p.m. in the Presque Isle Marina.

The club will not be providing refreshments, therefore, no cost will be associated with the party but please have some snacks on your boat to share with the other members.

### Upcoming Events

*Skallywags I* August 4  
6:00 p.m.

*Rock the Dock II* August 11  
C, D, E Docks 6:00 p.m.



*Skallywags II* August 25  
6:00 p.m.

*Annual Raft Up* September 3  
Marina 12:00 p.m.

*Membership Meeting* October 8  
1:30 p.m.

### Officer Comments

We are in the middle of our traveling year so please remember to let us know when you will be gone so your stall can be utilized for transients as we are booked many weekends with them. Remember to check your boats regularly due to fluctuating high water levels. During the first week of August, we plan to put in a trench between the light poles in the yard to bury the electric lines and upgrade the lights to LED. That area will be taped off and marked. The work on the Penelec building is moving along. It now has a fresh coat of paint and some other touch-up projects are on the list as well. Please be cautious and look for wet paint

signs. The Junior Members help fund their coffers by collecting cans. Please recycle your cans and don't put them in the dumpster. In the past, the Junior Members have purchased several tables in the picnic shelter, the TV in the clubhouse, and some of the hauling carts. Your help with this is appreciated by all. If you see anything that needs attention please let one of the officers know so we are able to address them. The internet service is in the process of being updated. We realize that we have areas with bad reception and are working on those areas. This really is a tremendous undertaking considering the size of our

coverage area. Your patience is appreciated during the installation but in the long term, this will be a great system.

VC Herb Torrance

### August Board Report

Rodney Snyder was voted off probation. An appeal letter from a member for board action was received and the board's original decision remained. Replacement washers and dryers will be coming soon. A deal was found on them from a defunct business. The grant for the camera system is on its way. WiFi problems still being looked at but getting much better.

### Ramblin's

A reminder that Celebrate Erie Weekend will be held Thursday, August 17 through Sunday, August 20. Fireworks will be held at Dobbins Landing on Sunday evening at approximately 9:30 p.m. and the club is a great place to view them. Please meet your guests at the gate because it will not be left open.

Congratulations to Team Hirsch from the EASE organization for being the Top D.O.G. in the annual poker run this year. Second place goes to Team Alger and Mad

Dog went to Team McClimans!! Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's poker run. It was another huge success for EASE which is an all volunteer-run organization. They appreciate all we do for them!

If you would like to run for an office or the board for the 2018 season, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee—**Frank DeWolf, P/C Mike Galbreath, P/C Gene Krahe, Sr.** or before the Novem-

ber membership meeting.

Congratulations to **Bob Coccarelli** on winning the 50/50 at the Super Big Party. **FC Kurt Fesenmyer** and his crew did a great job on the party and everyone had a great time!!

### Happy Anniversary

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

**5-Year:** Earle Smith  
Steve Vogt



"My motto has always been—you can never have too much power."



### Happy Birthday:

- Joe Baniewicz
- Kathy DiNicola
- Mike Gangle
- Neal Hammill, Sr.
- Valerie Krahe
- Brian Logan
- Deb McGraw
- Malaine Salchak
- Raylene Schroeck
- Paula Snyder
- Mark Sturdivant
- Jim Szymanowski
- Mary Margaret Torrance
- Randy Turner
- Turk Wronek

## Interactive Titanic museum being planned for Niagara Falls, Ont.

An interactive museum that hopes to recreate the experience of sailing on board the Titanic may be coming to Canada. A group in Niagara Falls, Ont., has conditionally purchased land that would house the museum and is moving ahead with plans to launch an exhibit dubbed "Experience Titanic." David Van Velzen, who's spearheading the project, says the museum will differ from many similar efforts around the world by focusing on an interactive audience experience. Van Velzen says the museum will feature rooms that replicate those on the doomed ocean liner that sank in 1912, and will aim to recreate the experience of striking the iceberg that brought the

"unsinkable ship" down. He also says the exhibit will try to educate guests about the various Canadian connections to the ship. He says those connections make Niagara Falls a natural choice for the museum, but says the subject has appeal well beyond the local community. "Titanic is a global subject," Van Velzen said in a telephone interview. "It appeals to everybody around the world, and there are permanent exhibitions about Titanic in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, in Branson, Missouri, in Las Vegas, Nevada, so why not Niagara Falls?" Van Velzen said many of the roughly 130 Canadian passengers on board the Titanic had ties to

southern Ontario, particularly the area between Toronto and Fort Erie. He said he hopes to build the stories of those passengers into the museum experience. He said guests would be given a boarding pass with the name and details of a real passenger and will learn facts about that person as they travel through the exhibit. Video screens and tablets throughout the museum would provide trivia facts, video content and other material to educate potential visitors. But the primary focus, he said, will be on creating a realistic experience of life aboard the Titanic. "We are going to put you on the ship," he said. "You will go through a boiler room, an engine room, a third-

class cabin, a first-class cabin. ... We'll put you on the deck of the ship just as it hits the iceberg." Van Velzen plans to take a multisensory approach to the project, including using sound to replicate what passengers may have heard as the iceberg approached, and a refrigerated wall that people can touch to get a sense of the temperature that night. He said he hopes to finalize the purchase of the museum property and is aiming to open the exhibit for business in spring 2018.

By Michelle McQuigge  
The Canadian Press

## 2016 PA Boating Accident Analysis

The total number of reported recreational boating accidents in Pennsylvania in 2016 increased from 2015. Boaters and Waterways Conservation Officers reported 70 recreational boating accidents of all types, an increase of 12 reported accidents, or 17% more than 2015. The number of vessels involved in reported accidents totaled 80, an increase of 2 from 2015. Accident reports indicated 42 injuries requiring medical treatment, 2 less than in 2015. Property damage to vessels totaled \$202,006 which was \$110,513 more than the amount reported in the previous year. One

accident comprised \$40,000 or 20% of that total. Federal and state law requires that accidents involving death, disappearance, injuries requiring medical treatment beyond first aid, and property damage exceeding \$2,000 be reported to the state. Accidents with lesser property damage and/or minor injuries are not required to be reported. Of the 70 reported accidents in 2016, the most common type of accident was collision with fixed objects. The types of reported accidents were as follows: Collision with fixed object - 12; Falls overboard - 9; Skier

mishap - 9; Flooding/swamping - 7; Fire/explosion - 6; Capsizing - 5; Grounding/Sinking - 5; Collision with floating object - 4; Collision with vessel - 4; Struck by boat - 2; Improper loading - 2; Fall in boat - 2; Ejected from vessel - 2; Struck by prop - 1. In 2016, nine recreational boating accidents resulted in 11 fatalities. This is an increase of 7 fatalities that occurred in 2015 and below the last 10-year average of 11.8 victims. Factoring in the 2016 fatalities, Pennsylvania's new 10-year average is 11.9 victims. Only three of the 11 victims in 2016 were wearing a life jacket at

the time of the mishap that resulted in death. Seven of the 11 victims (64%) were not wearing a life jacket but did have them onboard the boat. The recap's last page (online) details statistical information about 2016's fatal boating accidents. This recap is intended to provide information to illustrate the importance of safe boating practices and to help improve boating safety in the Commonwealth.

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