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Installation of 2017 Officers—January Membership Meeting

The annual meeting was held on December 11th and all the officers thanked the members for the help they received throughout the year to make the 2016 boating season successful. After the reports, the following officers were elected into office for the 2017 season were Commodore—**Jim Buto**, Vice Commodore—**Herb Torrance**, Rear Commodore—**Robert Wilson**, Fleet Captain—**OPEN**, Secretary—**Bob Green**,

Treasurer—**Gary Koenig**. The board members also elected were: **Jeremy Vogt** and **P/C Tony DiNicola**—they will serve on the board for two years, and **P/C Dale Oregia** will serve for one. The carry-overs from the 2016 season were **P/C Mike Galbreath** and **P/C Tim McGraw**. Following a brief membership meeting in the clubhouse on **Sunday, January 8th at 1:30 p.m.**, the newly elected 2017 officers will be installed. The

entire family is invited to the membership meeting to watch the installation. Following the installation, a **TUREEN DINNER will be served at 3:00 p.m.** The club will furnish the meat, beer, coffee, and soda. Please bring one or two dishes to share with the other members as well as your own place settings. Let's have a nice turnout for this first social event of the year.

Upcoming Events

January Membership Meeting—Installation of Officers	Jan 8 1:30 p.m.	
Tureen Dinner PIYC Clubhouse	Jan 8 3:00 p.m.	
Annual Boat Show—Cleveland, OH	Jan 12—16 2017	
February Membership Meeting	Feb 12 1:30 p.m.	

Family Fishing Programs

The PA Fish and Boat Commission recently created a position that primarily focuses on youth and women's fishing programs. These newly created Family Fishing programs are designed for families and friends with little or no fishing experience. The program introduces participants to basic fishing skills and provide an opportunity to practice those skills while fishing together. Basic skills taught include - safety, knot tying, casting, rigging, types of fish, where to fish and fishing. They also launched a new Facebook page—**FISH PA—Youth and Women's Programs** where you will find the schedule of events along with the most current information regarding fishing in Pennsylvania. You can also go to http://fbweb.pa.gov/Calendar/All_Gridview.aspx?TN=family_fishing&DAY=ALL to find more information on other programs offered or to <http://fbweb.pa.gov/calendar/> to view the calendar of

events. In addition to these programs, vouchers and fishing licenses are now on sale for the 2017 season. Vouchers can be purchased for an annual license or for 3-year, 5-year and 10-year licenses. The 10-year license is new this year. A 3-year resident license can be purchased for \$64.90, a 5-year for \$106.90 and a 10-year for \$211.90. You can also buy multi-year trout/salmon, Lake Erie and combo permits and experience similar savings. A resident annual fishing

license costs \$22.90. Vouchers and licenses can be purchased online at www.gonefishingpa.com, at more than 900 issuing agents, at county treasurers' offices, and at the following PFBC regional offices:

Northwest Region - Meadville (Crawford County), 11528 State Highway 98, Meadville, PA 16335

Walnut Creek Access Area - Fairview, 241 Manchester Road, Fairview, PA 16415-1710



"When will you admit the boating season is over?"

Happy Anniversary!

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

- 5-Year: Erkal Eren**
- 10-Year: Tim McGraw**
- 30-Year: Jim Hammill**



Happy Birthday:

- Tim Dalton
- Lucas DeHart
- Steve DeHart
- Frank DeWolf
- Charles Dombroski
- John Downey
- Kathy Eisert
- Dan Galvin
- Nancy Gangle
- Richard Guzowski
- George Hooker
- Chuck Kahn
- Heather Klan
- Janet Kuneman
- Sarah Larson
- Tami McClimans
- Al Sarti
- Kim Sauer
- Doug Smith
- Earle Smith
- Msgr Tom Snyderwine
- Gladys Turner

Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Dick Spaeder** on the death of his brother-in-law. Bernard "Bernie" Mereghetti passed away on Wednesday, December 7th at the age of 91.

Also condolences to club member **Frank DeWolf** and his wife **Ann Marie** on the death of Ann's father. Stephen Cieslak passed away on Friday, December 9th at the age of 84.

Also condolences to club member **Mike Corsi** and his wife **Linda** on the death of Mike's father. Mike L. Corsi passed away on Saturday, December 17th at the age of 90.

The Mid-American Sail and Power Boat Show will be held at the IX Center in Cleveland from January 12—16. The cost is \$14 per adults and \$12 for Seniors (age 60+). You can get more information regarding this Boat Show at www.clevelandboatshow.com.

Keep Friday, February 10th open. Once again, The Bayfront Maritime Center will be hosting Ales for Sails which will benefit EASE (Erie Adaptive Sailing Program). They will have several breweries there along with snacks from local establishments. The cost is \$40 per person and no tickets will be sold at the door this year. You must purchase them online prior to the event at <http://bayfrontcenter.org/events/ales-for-sails/>.

Please remember to 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.

The clubhouse is rented on December 30th.

As soon as the new officers and board members are installed, watch for the 2017

Club Calendar which will have all the upcoming events and parties listed on it. Please be sure to attend these events which help support the club.

The PIYC Annual Christmas Party, held on December 13th, was a success again this year. **FC Robert Wilson** did a great job organizing this event and everyone truly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to everyone for coming and supporting the club function.

When you purchase fuel for your boat, you pay state and federal Liquid Fuels Taxes. The state tax is refunded to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) where it is used to provide benefits for power boaters. The amount of tax refunded to the PFBC by the State Treasurer is based on the fuel usage information you supply on your Pennsylvania boat registration renewal card or Boat Fuel Usage Survey. When

you renew your boat registration, please report the total number of gallons of fuel used or purchased. Many boaters write zeros in the fuel reporting boxes on the registration renewal card when they're unsure of the number of gallons used or purchased. When zeros are reported, the taxes that have been paid are not refunded to the PFBC and are not available to fund boating programs. If you're unsure, leave the fuel reporting section blank; do not enter a zero. You can also go to www.reportboatfuel.com for more information.

Don't forget that all outstanding monies including winter storage must be paid in full by December 31st.

Congratulations to **Robert Wilson**, this month's money winner.

Everyone have a very safe and Happy New Year!

Winter Use of Travel Lift

Earlier this year, while investigating the possible cause and repair of an oil leak in one of the winches on the travel-lift, information was found in the technical manual of the winch manufacturer that there are some important low ambient temperature considerations for the safe and proper operation of the lift winches. This information was not previously realized as it is not included in the ACME lift general operating manual. Time and space limitations of this newsletter prohibit a detailed technical explanation but suffice it to say that operation of the lift

in temperatures approaching forty degrees or below require some different and additional operating procedures and considerations in order to prevent undue wear and possible damage to the lift components but more importantly to preclude possible hazard of injury to the lift crew or damage to a boat being lifted. Additionally, in no case should the lift be operated below twenty degrees due to the limitations of the hydraulic fluid and winch gear and clutch lubricating oil at those temperatures. These concerns

will of course be addressed with the lift operators and ground crew, to which they are most relevant but also are being circulated to the membership for the general good of the order in understanding that there are difficulties involved with utilizing the lift during the colder winter months. Since most of our boats are usually pulled or launched before or after these temperature parameters come into play, this is mostly of routine concern but the point needs to be stressed that should circumstance make it absolutely necessary to move

a boat during the winter months, whether it be due to delivery of a purchased boat, removal of a sold boat or otherwise, it would be best to schedule such events in the earlier or later months of winter when temperature are more likely to be above the minimum required to operate the lift and even then to notify the club in suitable advance so that proper preparations of the lift and crew can be made. It would of course be best to avoid this situation entirely if at all possible.

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