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Commodore: Jim Buto

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Membership Meeting Notice

The April membership meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, April 9th at 1:30 p.m.** Commodore Jim Buto will

preside. The officers will be discussing plans to get the club ready for the upcoming boating season including work parties

and work needed on the club grounds.

Upcoming Events

April Member-ship Meeting April 9 1:30 p.m.

Equipment Operator Safety Meeting April 15 & May 27 12:00 p.m.

Work Parties April 29, May 6, 27 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Commodore Dinner—April 22 6:00 p.m.

Siebenbuerger Club



Happy Hour / Fry Party May 5 5:30 p.m. PIYC Clubhouse

Commodore Dinner

The Past Commodore Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd with a social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. and dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Siebenbuerger Club at 2114 French St. The Grand Buffet menu consists of sliced prime rib of beef au jus, chicken breast stuffed with cornbread stuffing,

mashed potatoes with gray, vegetable du jour, crisp garden salad, assorted relish tray, dessert special, rolls, butter, and coffee. The live entertainment that evening will be provided by Acoustic Acolaide. The cost to attend is only \$25 per person and this includes two drink tickets. **ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!** Please

contact Fleet Captain Kurt Fesenmyer at 814-823-9326 or kfesen1@gmail.com to sign up or if you have any questions. A sign-up sheet is also available in the PIYC clubhouse. Please sign up by April 16th. In addition, logo master P/C Tony DiNicola will have a logo sales table set up that evening with the new PIYC logo items for 2017.

Commodore's Comments

Activity will soon be ramping up at the club and as we prepare our boats for launch, membership meetings will wind down for the summer. At the next membership meeting, I am going to bring up a couple of topics for discussion and I'd like the discussion to continue over the summer. When we begin membership meetings again in the fall, we can decide what direction we would like to go.

The first topic is changing the schedule we use to bid slips. I would like to propose moving the slip assignment schedule to November or December. The other clubs in our area have

their slip assignments worked out by year end. Shifting our schedule to match is going to allow new and prospective members time to get slips at other marinas if necessary. I think this is going to become more and more of an issue as our club fills up. Give it some thought. I will allot some time for discussion at our next membership meeting.

The next topic is one that has been kicked around before. There had been discussion of broadening the definition of membership to include the entire member's household or

perhaps just spouses. We have looked into this before, but we have never discussed all the pros and cons and come to a decision. If a change like this were made, it could have a positive effect on club participation as more spouses might be willing to help out if the membership were more inclusive. Of course, much work will be needed to change the Constitution regarding work hours, voting, points, and other issues that we probably haven't thought of. I will allot time to begin discussion for this as well.

Commodore Jim Buto

Sailing News

We'll basically follow Randy's schedule for 4 races this summer with 3 in the bay and 1 in the lake. As in the past, if you don't give me your boat's PHRF handicapped number, I will assign.

The race schedule for 2017 is as follows: Saturdays July 1, July 29, August 12, and September 9. We'll meet at the All Right Cove at 9:00 a.m. to set the course and the start gun will be at 10:00 a.m. Several comments on racing and sailing—we are not high-tension, shout and scream racers. Racing is just an excuse to get out on the water. Yes, we

have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, but we just have fun. Racing is not that difficult and we'll help you if you're new. While I'm not an expert, nor do I want to be known as one, I have some knowledge that I'd be happy to pass on. Like that Farmer's Insurance Ad, "We know a few things 'cause we've seen a few things". If you are a power boater and want to learn more about sailing or if you want to crew, but may be reluctant to volunteer, let's bridge the gap between power and sail. "So, come on guy, don't be shy and pass it by. Come on girl, give it a

whirl." On another note, here is an idea that could sink or float. Would you be interested in a parade of boats in a circle around the bay for both sail and power? It would be slow speed and in no particular order and perhaps decorate our vessels. It could be on an evening during the week with hot dogs and beer afterwards. Just another excuse to get out on the water. Maybe we can kick the idea around at the next meeting (our Commodore's suggestion).

Gary Larson

Happy Anniversary

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

5-Year: Jim Buto
15-Year: Randy Howarth



Happy Birthday:

- Allan Belovarac
- Tricia Bryson
- Gerry Butts
- Bobbie Czerwinski
- Joslyn Dombroski
- Kathy Hollister
- Carl Holmes
- Nancy Kelley
- Jeff Kim
- Gary Koenig
- Gary Roesch
- Bill Salchak
- Paul Schroeck
- Kathy Jo Skolnik

Attention Lift Operators

New Cold Weather Warm-up Procedure for Travel Lift Hydraulic System & Winches

▲ WARNING ▲

Failure to properly warm up the winch, particularly under low ambient temperature conditions, may result in temporary brake slippage due to high back pressures attempting to release the brake, which could result in property damage, severe personal injury or death.

Per the winch manufacturer (Braden/Paccar Winch): "A warm-up procedure is recommended at each start-up and is **essential** at ambient temperatures **below +45°F.**" The lift motor should be run @ Approx. 1,000 - 1,200 RPM with the winch controls in the neutral position for about 10-15 minutes to warm the hydraulic system. The winches should then be operated at this same low engine speed, forward and reverse, to prime the system with warm hydraulic oil and to circulate gear lubricant through the winch gear sets and brake clutch packs. This procedure shouldn't require too much additional time or difficulty as we should already be allowing the lift motor to warm up to 80° be-

fore beginning operation (As well as plugging in the engine block heater for about twenty minutes prior to starting the motor at Temps. below 45°). The winches can then be operated individually or in pairs, lowering them once (At the above specified engine speed), to about frame level and then raising them back to the travel position would be sufficient to accomplish their warm-up. This process should only be necessary for the first use of the day and can as such be included in the regular daily (first use) inspection routine. A copy of these instructions will also be posted near the Lift sign-up & log in the clubhouse.

Just a reminder that an Equipment Operator and Ground Person Safety Meeting will be held on Saturday, **April 15th** and again on Saturday, **May 27th** at approximately 12:00 pm or ASAP following that day's scheduled work party & lunch. **All current and prospective Lift Operators, Ground Men and Fork Truck Operators must attend a safety meeting annually per PIYC**

Safety Rule #1. If you are not currently an operator or ground person but wish to do so, you are more than welcome and must attend a required Safety Meeting. Training as necessary is then completed in a hands-on manner under supervision of a previously qualified member(s). These will be the last scheduled safety meetings until fall of this year. If you attended the fall meeting held in October of last year, you are still qualified per the PIYC safety rule of attending a safety meeting annually and can renew in the fall of 2017 but are of course also welcome to attend one of these meetings if desired. If anyone has any particular circumstances presenting difficulty in meeting this requirement, please contact me so that some other accommodation can be made.

An updated safety meeting status list is posted in the PIYC clubhouse. If any questions, corrections or for additional information, please contact Safety Chairman, Jim Howard.

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Welcome New Members

The Board and Officers have decided to take in new members at their last meeting.

Thomas Kelley O.D. and his wife **Nancy.** Thomas is an Optometrist. He and Nancy have one child; Shane.

Thomas (TJ) King and his wife **Jessica.** Thomas is the Director, Erie Region at Bridgeway Capital

Jeffrey Scarpitti and his wife **Nicole.** Jeffrey is the Director of Operations at Health Group Telecommunications. He and Nicole have five children; Justin, Ryann, Drew, Nico, and Gino.

Arron Petermann and his wife **Robyn Kline.** Arron works at Accudyn Products. He and Robyn have four children; Orrin, Nick, Natalie, and Nathan.

If you see any of our new members and their families around the club, please introduce yourself and make them feel like part of the PIYC family.

Ramblin's

Condolences to club member **Roger Thayer** on the death of his wife **Amelia.** Amelia passed away on Friday, March 3rd at the age of 71.

Congratulations to club member **Josh Alger** and his wife **Noelle** on the birth of their daughter, Andie Lucille, on March 20th.

Don't forget to submit your nominations by April 15th for the

Harold Eisert Sr. award which will be handed out at the Opening Day Ceremony.

Please do not put your used shrink wrap in the club dumpster. Once again, Engineered Plastics will accept clean and band-less shrink wrap material this year. Any marina or individual boaters that wish to participate in the program can drop off shrink wrap on Wednesdays

between 12:00 - 3:00 PM directly at the Engineered Plastic facility located at 1367 West 12th Street.

A copy of the PennDOT Bayfront Parkway Study report which was discussed at the last membership meeting is in the member area of the website along with the newly revised version of the Constitution.

If you would like to be on the

Ground Crew or a Lift Operator Trainee, please contact **Commodore Jim Buto** 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.

Remember that dock fees are due when you launch your boat or no later than May 15th.

Congratulations to **Jim Wronek**, this month's money winner.

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Happy
Easter!

