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November Membership Meeting

The second of the fall membership meetings will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, November 11th at 1:30 pm.** This will be a very important meeting because the nominating committee consisting of **P/C Jim Buto, P/C Mike Galbreath,** and **VC Robert Wilson** will announce their recommendations for

officers and board members for the 2019 season. If you would like to be nominated for an office, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee. Further nominations will be taken from the floor at both the November and December membership meetings. In order to vote, you must be an active member which means

that you must moor a boat at the club (have an assigned stall) and must have attended at least 50% of the general membership meetings during the past year. Please check the eligible voter list posted on the bulletin board and get any issues resolved prior to the December membership meeting.

Upcoming Events

<i>Haul Out Party</i> <i>PIYC Clubhouse</i>	<i>Nov 10</i> <i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>November Membership Meeting—</i> <i>Nomination of Officers</i>	<i>Nov 11</i> <i>1:30 p.m.</i>
<i>PIYC Christmas Party</i>	<i>Dec 8</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>December Membership Meeting—</i> <i>Election of Officers</i>	<i>Dec 9</i> <i>1:30 p.m.</i>

Officers' Comments

The 2019 slip request document is due Sunday, November 11th. All requests for next year must include the information shown on the document along with the current liability insurance declaration page from your provider and a \$100 deposit. It is a good practice for newer members with relatively fewer points to include multiple slip requests on the document (there's space for five, but be specific in your requests; for example, a request that just states "anywhere on XYZ dock is not useful. You must request a specific slip for your boat that conforms with the parameters listed).

The piyc.com website has a link showing 2018 stall assignments. Refer to that page to learn the parameters

for each slip. Remember, LOA is the basis by which your boat is measured for compatible slip assignment. The LOA of your boat is documented on your Slip Request Form.

VC Robert Wilson



I would like to remind the membership that as we prepare for the off-season, unplug your boat when you're not at the club, write your name and phone number on your shrink wrap so you may be contacted should something happen to your boat, and all ladders should be secured and locked including your swim platform ladder to help prevent break-ins. The fall work parties have been well attended despite the rainy cold weather. On Sat-

urday November 3rd, the water systems for the docks, pump-out station, and picnic pavilion will be winterized and will be unavailable until spring. If anyone is in need of work hours, please contact me right away at 814-823-9326. I would also like to mention that B-dock is nearing completion and A-dock is well under way to completion. I would like to thank all who have made this possible. We are in need of 5-gallon buckets to string the docks. Many of the current ones we have are in bad shape. If anyone knows of a good source, please let one of the officers know.

RC Kurt Fesenmyer



Happy Birthday:

- Pamela Armstrong
- Peggy Chatham
- Pauline DeMarall
- Mark and Amy Eisert
- Meg Eisert
- Tom Fromknecht
- Bob Green
- Melissa Henry
- Jim Howard
- Michael Howard
- Gary Larson
- Charlie Longua
- Jody Miller
- Donna Nishnick
- Lynda Sceford
- Carolyn Schenker
- Kathleen Smith
- Suzanne Sturdivant
- Matt Visosky
- Ken Worley

Haul Out Party

Read all about the Annual Haul Out Party which will be held on **Saturday, November 10th** in the clubhouse. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a happy hour followed by a catered dinner by Serafin's Food Market at 6:30 p.m. The buffet menu consists of lasagna, baked chicken, pork and pineapple, twice baked potatoes, fresh brocco-

li, garden salad, three bean salad and dessert. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will also be included. The cost is \$15 per person and reservations must be in by November 4th. There is a sign up sheet in the clubhouse. Please contact Fleet Captain Jim Mazza at jfmazza@aol.com or call him at 337-353-8125 with any questions.

Clubhouse Rentals

The clubhouse has been rented on the following dates. Please be courteous and not interrupt the events.

- November 3
- December 16
- December 22
- December 24
- December 29

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to those members who have recently celebrated their anniversary at PIYC.

- 20-Year:** Mike Gangle
P/C Gene Krahe Sr.
P/C Steve Mullen
Chuck White

75 Years!!

In 1944, a group of Erie boaters who rented their boat stalls from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Presque Isle State Park joined together to form Presque Isle Boat Owners Association. Their primary purpose was to improve the ailing facilities at their rented boat dockage. These members proposed to rebuild the existing docks near today's Presque Isle State Park's

Nature Center Building. The project was completely funded by the newly formed Boat Owners Association. In exchange for the service the Commonwealth, the State Park, and the Harbor Commission allowed the Club the use of the property adjacent to the Nature Center. This proved to be a worthwhile partnership with the Commonwealth. Boat dockage that would have then cost

the Commonwealth \$125,000 in repairs was reformed and expanded into a well-designed marina at no expense to the Commonwealth.

This is just an excerpt from the history book of Presque Isle Yacht Club. Next year is a big year for PIYC and we are looking forward to the celebration! Although there will be celebrating throughout the entire year,

please keep **Saturday, May 4, 2019** on your calendar for the combined Commodore Appreciation Dinner / 75th Anniversary Celebration. It will be a memorable evening for all. More details will be forthcoming as the 75th Anniversary Committee continues with the planning of that event along with other activities for next year. Please forward any of your ideas to the committee chair, **P/C Anne Eisert**.

2017 PA Boating Accident Analysis

The total number of reported recreational boating accidents in Pennsylvania in 2017 decreased from 2016. Boaters and Waterways Conservation Officers reported 69 recreational boating accidents of all types, a decrease of 1 reported accidents, or 1% less than 2016. The number of vessels involved in reported accidents totaled 96, an increase of 16 from 2016. Accident reports indicated 51 injuries requiring medical treatment, 9 more than in 2016. Property damage to vessels totaled \$250,230 which was \$48,224 more than the amount reported in the previous year. Two accidents comprised \$111,000 or 44% 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 69 reported accidents in 2017, the most common type of accident was capsizing.

The types of reported accidents were as follows:

Capsizing—23; Collision with vessel—17; Skier mishap—7; Falls overboard—6; Grounding/Sinking—3; Struck by prop—3; Struck fixed obj.—3; Fall in boat—2; Collision w/floating obj.—2;

Dam—1; Flooding / Swamping—1; Fire/explosion—1.

In 2017, fourteen recreational boating accidents resulted in 15 fatalities. This is an increase of 4 fatalities that occurred in 2016 and above the last 10-year average of 11.9 victims. Factoring in the 2017 fatalities, Pennsylvania's new 10-year average is 12.3 victims. Only four of the 15 victims in 2017 were wearing a life jacket at the time of the mishap that resulted in death. Eight of the 15 victims (53%) were not wearing a life jacket but did have them onboard the boat.

By Ryan C. Walt – Boating Accident Review Officer PA Fish & Boat Commission

Sail News

We had another great year for sail races in our club. Ten vessels participated in the four bay races and here are the results. **Mike Briglia** and his crew on Avanti regained the first position. **Alan Belovarac** with Moonbean took second place, and **Bob Green** with Ananda took third. Mike Briglia's name has already been added to the Commodore's Cup trophy in our clubhouse. Due to personal reasons, I find that I am unable to continue as Sail Chair next year but I thank the bridge and club for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. May you all have the sun at your back, steady twelves, and good fellowship as you navigate your ways through the future.

Sail Chair Gary Larson

Ramblin's

Condolences to club members **P/C Dave Nishnick** and his wife **Donna** on the death of Dave's brother. Stephen Nishnick passed away on Thursday, October 18th at the age of 72.

The I-LYA fall meeting and Christmas Party will be held November 30–December 1 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, OH. Please contact **P/C Charlie Miller** or visit www.i-lya.org for more information.

Keep Saturday, December 8th open for the PIYC annual

Christmas Party. More information will be available in the December newsletter.

The winter storage invoices have been sent to all the members and as a reminder, all fees including winter storage, summer dinghy and trailer storage, etc. are all due by **December 15, 2018**. This will give the Treasurer time to close out the books for the year.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is reminding boaters that beginning November 1 and lasting

through April 30, they are required to wear a life jacket while underway or at anchor on boats less than 16 feet in length or on any canoe or kayak. The requirement applies to all Pennsylvania waters.

If you haven't been to the club lately to see the new docks, you must make a special stop. They look fantastic.

Congratulations to **Brian Logan**, this month's money winner.

Everyone have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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