

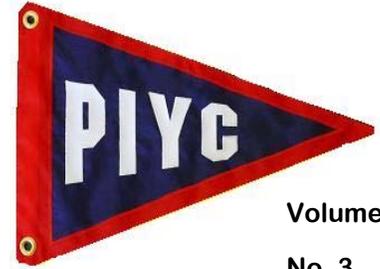
A Seasonal Bulletin of The Presque Isle Yacht Club



The Masthead

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Our Mission Statement- *To promote activities, tourism, and a spirit of comradeship among boaters interested in the welfare & development of Lake Huron's beautiful Presque Isle Harbor.*

Featured Stories

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Now is the season for sun and fun on our

beautiful lakes. Sights and sounds of summer and the wafting aroma of sunscreen are in the air.

The spectacular fireworks displays and celebrations of our nation's independence may have come and gone, but the spirit of joy and hope persists!

Here is a wish that this summer brought nothing but the best and that the fond memories created will warm our hearts and smiles through the seasons to come.

(Please be sure to note the upcoming meeting schedule on page 4)

What is the Knot shown at the top of this page?

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Words from Commodore

Rick Gentges

Some of you may have heard that Sand Bay Marina on the north end of Grand Lake has changed ownership. The new owners are Gary Plankell and Todd Chase and they have some great plans for the facility. The new name of the facility is Sand Bay Trading Co. Part of their plans include converting the front of the building to a small party store and deli, and the water side of the building to a bar & grill. They're shooting to have the party store open this coming winter and the rest of the facility by next summer. The bar area will have TV's as well as internet service. The planned menu will include burgers, pizza, sandwiches, and fish specials. Outdoor seating during the summer is in the works along with an ice cream parlor for those of us with a sweet tooth. They will continue to sell gasoline and propane as well. The party store will remain open year round. For local fishermen, they will be set up to sell fishing and hunting licenses as well, and will have a ventilated bait room.

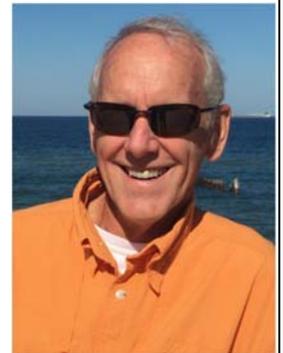
Separate from Todd and Gary's enterprise, Kevin and Brandie Krajniak will be opening the "new" Sand Bay Marina, which is currently under construction on the corner of US 23 and 638. Their facility will remain open year round and sell Crest Pontoons, Mercury outboards, docks, and boat hoists. They will also provide outboard mechanic service in general. Outdoor storage is available as is dock install/removal service.

These new facilities will be a nice addition to the Grand Lake community.

Just a reminder, our annual meeting is scheduled for September 21st and will be held at the Presque Isle Lodge. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us there. Cocktail hour starts at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

As the dinner will be catered by the Hide-A-Way, ***advance reservations are necessary***. Please be sure to contact Pat Hamman to reserve the appropriate number of meals, at 989-595-3580 or by email to dixwayne@aol.com. Please see the annual meeting notice on Page 4, for additional details.

Rick



Upcoming Presque Isle Area Events

Sept 8-10 -- Posen Potato Festival
Sept 30th -- Michigan Trails Day@ Rockport State Park

PIYC Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reported at the August meeting by Commodore Rick Gentges, with the following balance:

Banking Balance: \$9,531.28

For any who have not sent in their dues, please be sure to support your club with your dues.

Member Adventures & Trips

If any of you have experienced any special adventures, whether by land or by sea, and would like to share those experiences with the group, including pictures, please contact the editor, Dave Wolf (Dave.Wolf@Comcast.net) and share any stories and photos that might be of interest!

Bev and I had a couple of weeks' sailing in the North Channel this summer, in early August, aboard the Wolfgang. Our adventure once again reaffirmed for us how fortunate we are to live on the Great Lakes and be able to enjoy the pristine waters that make up northern Lake Huron. The lake water was beautifully warm and the weather was spectacular—other than for a few wild storms that passed through. On at least two occasions, in anchorages, we had lightning strikes where the thunder clap and flash were simultaneous, although there were no vessels hit or visible tree damage on shore. When one of those lightning strikes occurred, in Fox Harbor, we were amazed at the agility of our 2-year old Wheaten Terrier (Sully) who seemed to “shoot” from the main cabin and land, facing back toward the main cabin, between us on the v-berth, where he buried his head. I wish we could have had a video of his Olympiad-worthy leap! He certainly knew where to find comfort, although we didn't offer any real protection. (Just don't tell him though!)

Dave Wolf

This issue's featured knot is the:

Turk's Head Knot, which is often used as a decorative knot. It can be tied around a steering wheel to mark its centered position which, on a boat, can often be impossible to determine without being able to see the rudder position. It is also used as a “woggle” or decorative slide for scouts' scarves.

There is an excellent tutorial for this hitch at [Animated Knots website](#), where the image was obtained.

A Visit to Lake Tahoe

In the Spring of 2015 the Mitchell's started a long track back from San Francisco to Presque and stopped in Lake Tahoe. Extraordinary weather and a revisit including the Yacht Club is the scope of this writing.



The lake is crystal clear, two cycle outboards are no longer allowed, all boat launches are gated and access is only granted after papers showing that a boat has been inspected and the engine and out drive flushed with microorganism disabling—ecofriendly and biodegradable chemicals approved/administered by the State and County or the marinas licensed to carry out the service 100 feet away from the water in special service areas around the lake (there are no Zebra Muscles to be found).

Two years ago the lake was down more than 10 feet due to drought. This year, thanks to the snow pack in the Sierras and the extraordinary rain [Lake Tahoe is back to historical levels](#).



A visit to the Lake Tahoe Yacht Club like many may be sought through the Yacht Club of America. www.ycaol.com The Club was founded in

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1925 and ranks among the oldest in the West enjoying a reputation for its hospitality, enviable lake front facility and year round programs.



TYC hosted the 2017 US National Laser fleet & USAA Singlehanded Championships July 19-23. The event was expected to attract the best sailor athletes including Olympic hopefuls for the competition. The Club over the winter also decided to sponsor an official TYC Sail Team and formed a partnership with the Tahoe Community sailing foundation (TCSCF). The activity will allow the team to travel and represent the club in regattas outside the area. A special fundraiser/lecture series open to the community will aid this latest effort.

Several categories of membership exist at the Tahoe Yacht Club and are summarized below for your information and review:

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

REGULAR (Age 36 and over)
 Voting Membership
 Reciprocal Privileges
 Initiation Fee: \$1,000
 Yearly Dues: \$1,125
 Yearly Minimum: \$250

YOUNG ADULT (Ages 22 thru 35; must include proof of age)
 Voting Membership
 Reciprocal Privileges
 Initiation Fee: \$250
 Yearly Dues: \$520
 Yearly Minimum: \$100

JUNIOR (Ages 14 thru 21; must include proof of age)
 Non-voting Membership
 Reciprocal Privileges
 Initiation Fee: \$100
 Yearly Dues: \$90
 No Yearly Minimum

NON-RESIDENT (Principal residence more than 310 statute miles from Tahoe City, Calif., clubhouse)
 Non-voting Membership
 No Reciprocal Privileges
 Initiation Fee: \$750
 Yearly Dues: \$740
 Yearly Minimum: \$150



Tahoe Yacht Club Facility

Editor's Note: When I was 12 years old, I spent a couple of days in the Lake Tahoe area with my parents, on a summer trip to California. Over the past couple of decades, Bev and I have spent a week or more each year skiing in the Lake Tahoe region, when snow and ice abound. Bob and Gwen's adventure really make me long to return for a summertime visit to Lake Tahoe. As Mark Twain is reported to have said, "To breathe the same air as the angels, you must go to Tahoe". With the lake's elevation at 6,225' above sea level, and surrounding peaks rising to well over 10,000', it is truly a breathtaking place, in more ways than one.

As the lake's surface never freezes, I have often been intrigued by the many mooring balls that appear in the water throughout the winter months. Over the years, I have only observed a couple of sailboats at mooring during those cold months—probably some really-hearty souls who enjoy a brisk sail!

Tahoe Yacht Club is a fabulous facility, located on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. The Tahoe Yacht Club's [web-site](#) offers more information on their offerings and membership.

Thanks, Bob, for the great write-up!

P.S. I think we can all appreciate the dues we pay to belong to Presque Isle Yacht Club, especially when compared to those of the Tahoe Yacht Club.

The Masthead

This publication of the Presque Isle Yacht Club is issued 4 times per year; in the fall, winter, spring, and during the summer of each year. Depending on the amount of input from members, the size may vary as needed.

We welcome any comments, ideas, concerns, congratulations or complaints, but especially appreciated are pertinent articles or images that will be of interest to our members. Please submit such communications to the Editors as soon as possible.

Meeting Dates

Nominally we meet on the 3rd Thursday of April through October, inclusive. There may be variations on the meeting locations; members will be advised of any changes in a timely manner.

**Club Meeting
Dates For the
Remainder of 2017**

Thursday, September 21st (At Presque Isle Lodge)
Thursday, October 19th

**Gathering at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at about
7:00 p.m., followed by dinner**

AHOY MATEYS!!!

PIYC Sept 21, 2017

This is our annual meeting held at the Presque Isle Lodge
6pm for cocktails and appetizers
A bite from the sea
FOOD BY HIDEAWAY
Prime rib or chicken
\$50.00 couple
BYOB
MUSIC: Way-out-Wayne

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Call Pat Hamann by Sept 11
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"YO HO HO THE WIND BLOWS FREE. OH, FOR THE LIFE ON THE ROLLING SEA" !!!

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Planning Ahead for future Issues: If you have anything that is pertinent or of general interest, please get it to the New Editor via Email. Please submit text in **MS Word** format (*preferred*), .txt (Plain Text) or .rtf (Rich Text Format).

Images in ‘.jpg’, ‘.bmp’, or TIFF format are preferred, although others can usually be handled easily. The biggest issue with images is clarity (not “grainy”). We can work with some contrast and color issues.

PI Yacht Club Clothing

We are also looking for new styles and new items for our next meeting. Show your seasonal spirit !!

Great items for you and the rest of your family !!

Contact Janet Young **989-619-1226**

Membership In The Presque Isle Yacht Club

Presque Isle Yacht Club

Presque Isle, MI 49777

Date _____

The Presque Isle Yacht Club is a civic organization dedicated to the establishment and growth of a yachting community in Presque Isle Harbor Michigan.

Annual dues are \$100 with a one-time burgee fee of \$25. There is no initiation fee for membership. From time to time clothing and nautical accessory items may be available at market prices.

The club membership year is January 1st through December 31st. Applicants filing after September 1st are considered as having filed as of the following January 1st. The months between are free.

PIYC Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month, April through October. Social Hour begins at 6:30 p.m., dinner/meeting follows.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Business) _____

Boat Name _____ **Length** _____ Power/Sail

Sponsoring Member

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Applicant

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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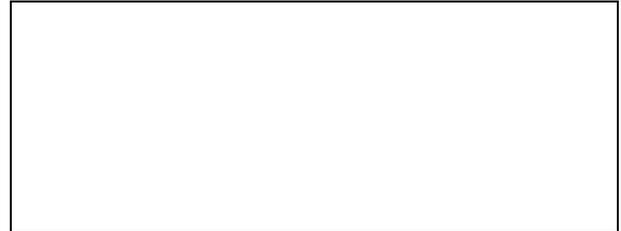
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Grand Lake Rd

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