

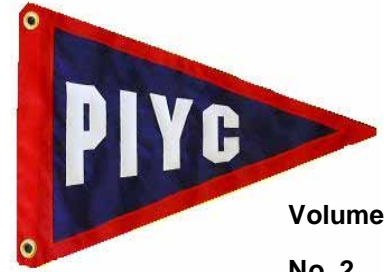
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Our Mission Statement- *To promote activities, tourism, and a spirit of comradeship among boaters interested in the welfare & development of Lake Huron's beautiful Presque Isle Harbor.*



Spring!!



1870 Presque Isle Light

DTM Photo

Words from Commodore Bob Young

Rob Van Schoeten called to invite PIYC members to the Portage for the April meeting and dinner. He's opening the restaurant for the evening although he's normally open just weekends this time of year.

That's probably a good sign of what it will take to create progress and make Presque Isle a better place for boaters and tourists. Go a bit further, do a bit more, and pleasantly surprise those who visit here. Make Presque Isle a truly warm and welcome port. What a gem we have here... lighthouses within easy biking distance from the harbor, natural beaches, peace and quiet... and that "old fashioned" ambiance that doesn't exist in many places.

Also, we must not sell ourselves short. What makes the PIYC unique and fun are the members. The monthly dinners and meetings are meant to have each of us let our hair down, or comfortably mix and mingle with an interesting group of boating enthusiasts. Naoko and I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the summer at these gatherings. We do truly appreciate the efforts and work that the various committees perform. If you have a unique story to tell about yourself, or the Presque Isle area, please forward it to our scribe Ted. (I do know you have some great stories!!)

On that note, Chuck Mosier has asked that we find someone to chair the internet service work. He'd be glad to train his replacement. He also would like to hand off the duty of alerting members about the upcoming meetings (we all recognize the "robo calls").

For those of you who are early returning snow birds, or those who stayed here through the "non-winter" of 2011, we'll see you this Thursday. For the rest of you, we'll meet again on the third Thursday of May (the 17th).

Regards,
RY



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Gary Hagen

If you have anything that is pertinent or of general interest, please get it to the Editor on a floppy disc or via Email. Please submit text in either "text," "rtf," or MSWord format. Images in 'jpg' or 'bmp' format are preferred, although others can be handled.

**PI Yacht Club Clothing Sale!!
25% Off All Stock Items**

It is time to update our clothing line so everything except our new style hats are on sale. We are also looking for new styles and new items for our next meeting, so please help us to reduce our inventory. Great items for the rest of your family too!
John Vogelheim

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Here is another view of the SS Keewadin, moored at Douglas, Mi. Note the pilot house: originally there was no pilothouse; the wheelsman was out in the weather!

Sailing Program Success By Gary Hagen

Some Editorial Thoughts

As this issue is being prepared, there remains only minimal input from PIYC members. Your contributions are important. Please forward any content that you think may be interesting to our members and others. See below for how to do this.

It has been suggested that many of our members have important stories to tell. Please do not be backward about coming forward with your biographies or other narratives.

Alert readers will notice that the editor has finally realized that he must update the page headers. Earlier issues were indicating one season behind. The Winter issue page headers showed "Fall." It just shows once again that you can't get good help these days.

The dates for the 2012 Sailing Program are July 23-27 and July 30-Aug 3. We would like to have about 50 kids this year as each year we seem to get better. Club members are requested to really spread the news and the dates for the Youth Sailing camp for 2012. We would like to see more participation from the Posen and Rogers City areas.

Additionally, we are attempting to put together an advanced class. Volunteers and equipment for this activity will be critical, so if you can offer assistance when the program is defined, it will be appreciated.

Last year Grand Lake had about 42 kids enrolled. The combination of Alpena and Grand Lake was about 96 total kids.

A handout sheet is shown on Page 5. It is suggested that this page be reproduced so that it will be available at the PI Wooden Boat Show in June.

Maritime Frequencies in MegaHertz (MHz)

Coast Guard Auxiliary/ Coast Guard

143.280, 143.875, 148.305, 148.825, 165.3375, 165.3125, 164.300, 165.2625

Tactical 162.125, 162.325, 163.125

Cutter 232.100

Search & rescue 237.900

Air/sea rescue 287.800

Coast Guard 381.800 (helicopter)

Coast Guard secondary 383.900

Coast Guard reserve 30.36, 30.38

Other Coast Guard:

30.33, 30.41, 32.19, 34.01, 40.40, 41.21, 41.23, 41.70, 41.71, 41.75, 41.83, 41.85, 162.125 (tac), 162.325 (tac), 162.225 (tns), 162.5625, 163.125, 164.550, 164.9875, 165.2125, 172.300, 172.400, 407.625, 407.925, 407.975, 409.825, 410.125, 419.650

Be Aware! And post a lookout!!

Recently a friend sent me a link to an account of what was nearly a fatal disaster. It involves a collision on the Detroit River between a freighter and a pleasure boat.

The details of this incident are well worth reading and will cause those who navigate in congested waters to be aware and certain of their surroundings.

It is hoped that the link shown below will remain valid so those who are interested can take a look at the three part story. Look for: [http://woodyboater.com/A-Life-Changing-Journey, Part 1 – The Adventure](http://woodyboater.com/A-Life-Changing-Journey-Part-1-The-Adventure) There are 2 other parts, both at this same location.

Above frequency data taken from boatnerd.com: "Facts and Figures" section.



DTM Photo

A view on Mackinaw taken on a tour during the summer of 2011. This is a very worthwhile way to spend an hour or so in Mackinaw City.

The Masthead

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

We welcome any comments, 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 Editor.:

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Membership In The Presque Isle Yacht Club and Dues for 2012

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

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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.

Members will please send your 2012 dues of \$100 to Treasurer Robin Spencer at the address shown on page 2.

Interesting Web Sites & Miscellany

This space is set aside for those items that do not fall into any particular category. If you have an interesting Web Site that has anything to do with boating and/or the Great Lakes this is the place for that information. Just forward whatever you have to your editor.

<http://www.wunderground.com> A great weather site, with astronomical data.

<Http://www.intellicast.com> Also a useful Wx site, esp on an Ipad

<http://www.firstgov.com> Info on Gov't and misc. data

<http://gethuman.com/us/> Contact a real person, not a machine

<http://www.maglite.com/knowledge.asp?>

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<http://www.cgaux.org/> US Coast Guard Auxiliary

<http://thunderbay.noaa.gov/> NOAA Shipwreck Museum

<http://www.boatnerd.com> Great Lakes shipping and gen'l info.

Tune your All Band receive radio to 10.000 Mhz for a super accurate time signal from WWV in Ft. Collins CO. Also try CHU Canada on 7.850 Mhz. Both of these services are heard on regular AM, as well as on USB.

Also listen on 10.051Mhz (Upper Side Band) for Aircraft Wx.

Meeting Dates

It looks like April 19th might be our first 2012 meeting, if the Portage is open. Other meetings will be on May 17th, June 21st, July 19th, August 16th, September 20th, and October 18th. We could have as many as 7 meetings at the Portage or one other off site dinner.

Mark your calendars.

Contact The Portage!

At a recent PIYC meeting, the group was advised that the management of the Portage would appreciate having a count of those who intend to attend a PIYC meeting.

Please call the Portage Restaurant maybe 2 days (?) prior to a meeting so that they will be able to plan for the dinner.

PIYC CLOTHING SALE

25% OFF

**NOW THROUGH OUR
JUNE MEETING ON ALL
THESE ITEMS EXCEPT
OUR NEW HAT DESIGN!**

*SOME NEW ITEMS TO BE INTRODUCED AT
OUR JULY MEETING.*

*SORRY...NO SPECIAL ORDERS OR OTHER
SIZES AVAILABLE. ALL SALES
FINAL..EXCHANGES ONLY - NEED TO
REDUCE OUR INVENTORY.*

NEW HAT SPECIAL \$13.00 EACH

Contact John Vogelheim for these apparel items.
The sale may be still going on.

FOR SALE

Sailboat, 14 ft. This is an "Ace 14," as designed by Arch Davis of Maine, and built by the seller in 2001. Google "Arch Davis" and look at images of the Ace 14 on his website. Also refer to the "Learn to Sail" (page 5) in this issue of The Masthead for an image of "Kachina." The lucky buyer will enjoy a boat that is fast, responsive, and stable. Sail controls-(halliards, jib reef line, and sheets) lead into the cockpit. Centerboard operation is easy and well designed. The only deviation from Mr. Davis' plan is the substitution of a 1/4" thick steel centerboard for the specified wood c/b.

Construction is of Okoume plywood on Mahogany frames; using the WEST system--(Wood Epoxy Saturation Technique). This assures a long life with minimum maintenance. Only timely painting will be needed. This boat is ready for the water with no maintenance requirements at this time. It is worth noting that the foredeck and quarterdeck are removable to allow access to these spaces if required. One person can erect the mast and rig the boat. As noted earlier, this boat is equipped with a furling jib; there is no reason for anyone to be on the foredeck at any time.

"Kachina" will be at the 2012 Presque Isle Wooden Boat Show. Prior to that, she will be available for inspection at the seller's home, 17537 Grand Lake Blvd. (989 95 2309) after May 25, 2012. This a perfect small boat for Grand Lake.

Ted MacKinnon, 19534 Warwick, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 248 647 1628

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Mornings 11 am– 2 pm and Afternoons
2:45 - 5:45 on

July 23-27 and July 30-August 3.

For more Info, call Gary, 989 595 9007 or Pete Wilson,
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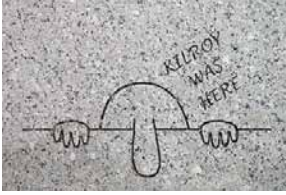
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There Really WAS a Kilroy!

Editor's Note:- This was received in a now forgotten Email from one of those sources who seem to always have something interesting to share.

For the WWII generation, this will bring back you younger trivia that is a part history. Anyone teens, twenties, is familiar with



generation, this memories. For folks, it's a bit of our American born in the and mid-thirties, Kilroy. We didn't know why, but we had lapel pins with his nose hanging over the label and the top of his face above his nose with his hands hanging over the label. No one knew why he was so well known, but we all joined in!

So who the heck was Kilroy?

In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America," sponsored a nationwide contest to find the real Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article. Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts, had evidence of his identity.

Kilroy was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war who worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet. He would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark. Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then he realized what had been going on. The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his checkmark on each job he inspected, but added KILROY WAS HERE in king-sized letters next to the check, and eventually added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part of the Kilroy message. Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks. Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With the war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them. As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced.

His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long hauls to Berlin and Tokyo. To the troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete

mystery; all they knew for sure was that someone named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.

Kilroy became the U.S. super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GIs went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable (it is said to be atop Mt. Everest, the Statue of Liberty, the underside of l'Arc De Triomphe, and even scrawled in the dust on the moon.

As the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for coming invasions by U.S. troops (and thus, presumably, were the first GI's there). On one occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo!

In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference. Its' first occupant was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?"

To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy front yard in Halifax, Massachusetts.

So, now you know

The Monkey's Fist

No, not an Edgar Allan Poe story, but a useful decorative knot that will also serve as a help when tied onto a heaving line. Your attention is directed to the URL <http://www.animatedknots.com/monkeyfist/index.php>. This site describes the process in detail, and it is much less

complicated than you might think. The important thing is that while making it, be sure to allow space for



a rock or large hex nut to be placed inside it to that it will have enough mass to allow it to reach its destination when a heaving line is thrown. After the weight is inside, then pull up the slack until your creation is complete.

Go to the noted website and you will see an animation that clearly shows how the monkey's fist is made. If nothing else, it will make a neat way to keep your keys under control, as well as be a conversation starter.

Presque Isle Yacht Club
Presque Isle MI 49777

Date _____



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

email _____

Boat Name _____ Length _____ Power / Sail _____

Sponsoring Member _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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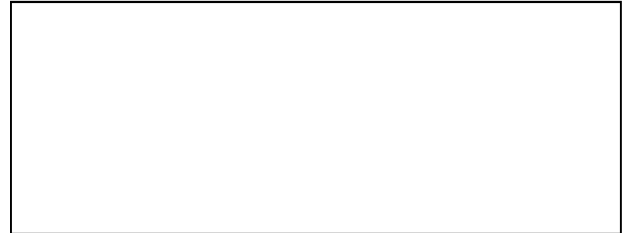
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Visiting members and guests are welcome at all club functions provided they are accompanied by a member in good standing.

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