Words from Commodore
Ted MacKinnon

It sure looks like we made it through another winter! And high time, because I’m certainly ready for “Summer 2016” and its many diversions.

During the winter, Rick Gentges worked to revise and update the Club’s Bylaws. Sometime in the earlier part of the oncoming season, this project will be completed and operational. What Rick did, was—to take the previous bylaws and make them more pertinent to what the PIYC is today. Thank you, Rick for this important work.

Recently many of you received an Email from Bob and Gwen Mitchell regarding their next and last issue of “The Masthead”, our newsletter. Think about this—the newsletter is what we are to the rest of the world; it gives us an identity that we cannot have without a clubhouse and all the complications that would come with that acquisition. We NEED someone/or a couple - to volunteer to be the Masthead Editor(s). Initially the volunteer will certainly have the support of Bob and Gwen, and this writer, who has had editorial experience in this club and in one other.

So - crunch time has come and it’s a wonderful opportunity for someone to step up and take this very important job— it looks complex and difficult, but it is not and from this issue you can see it’s also fun. Who will raise their hand(s)??  Blue Skies And Calm Seas!  

Ted

Presque Isle Summary of Events
**Spring Budget Report**

PIYC TREASURER REPORT  as of 3/10/2016

ENDING BALANCE: 11/30/15 $5132.19

The new balance as of 3/10/16 is $7,636.49

Dues collected were: 2600.00

Expenses to date: $95.70

It is expected that a May meeting report will be made….

Ron Smolinski, Treasurer

**Member Adventures & Trips**

Your editors and a number of other members have taken trips in the Winter of 2015-2016. We would like to share these boating and other expeditions with the group at large including pictures. Please contact the editors at large and share the adventures as we travel to distant parts of the globe -representatives of Presque Isle and your Yacht Club!

*Club Members took to the West Coast for Some/ South East for Others, Skiing, Snowmobiling and Cruises for a few more and back we all come for another boating season in Northern Michigan!*

Your editors departed South in late October, an early date to close up shop for months of challenges and fun—planned almost a year in advance… Things will be outlined in topical fashion and include Weather for seamanship and aviation, investigative reporting on ‘a different kind of boating’

Some events, still to be discussed for the Club to consider for sponsoring could be additionally newsworthy programs for area recognition and become part of our strategic plans; Yacht Club visits while on the West Coast and a Michigan calendar of Boat/Fishing and Recreational shows for the balance of the year are included in this issue...

**Weather for Boating and Other Sports**

With our wealth of experience and deciding to cruise one of the Great lakes, are we current in reading the weather and where can we get help? Take a look at some of the cloud Patterns shown below—can you predict the environment in the next 4—6 hours/12 or 24 hours depending on your Float Plan???

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**The featured knot** is the:

Taut-line hitch, Adjustable hitch, Rigger's hitch, Midshipman's hitch, Tent-line hitch, Tent hitch; An early use of the taut-line hitch name is found in Howard W. Riley’s 1912 Knots, Hitches, and Splices

**Knowledge Quiz: Answer = D, Page 6**
Coastal and Great Lakes forecasts are subdivided by zone, each identified by text description and a Universal Generic Code (UGC). The entire text of these forecasts may be found at NWS Marine Text Forecasts and Products Listing which also serves as
an alternate source of data. These forecasts are produced by local National Weather Service Forecast Offices.

Forecast weather may be found for 12/24/36/48 hour predictions. If cruising, updates for rapidly changing weather are gathered through services like XM Weather or Cellular NOAA access.

Further selection and detail are provided easily which show the existence of fronts/Occlusions/Low and High pressure systems. Weather is sometimes most severe ahead of a frontal pattern. NOAA provides numerous symbols including graphical cyclone and severe weather indicators, finding a safe harbor quickly may at times save more than wet clothing.

Take a look at the following link: http://www.weather.gov/

A Different Kind of Boating

Before reading further—both U of M & MSU are among the Midwest University Participants. Two years ago, PIYC editors at large stumbled across the book ‘Boys in the Boat’, a classic tale of winning the Olympics in Crew—1936 by the rowing team of misfits from the University of Washington.

Having seen Rowing Teams compete before the Seattle Parade of Boats each Spring we sought out a local private club near this years stop in the State of Washington on Lake Sammamish. From a high overlook to the lake—’sure enough in rain & 40deg. F weather—there they were, practicing’.

Following the road around the lake toward the town of Redmond and the home of Microsoft, we discovered the ‘Sammamish Rowing Association’ full of young adults who would like nothing better than to talk about learning the art of rowing, about shells and oars, about tactics and techniques, about long, cold hours on the water under steel-gray skies, about smashing victories and defeats narrowly averted.

Not impressive so far, rain came down in sheets as we made our way toward newer building—which blended into a woodsly under-statement.
Historically, in 1995 that some ex-rowers who had heard about an abandoned boathouse showed up at a Master Plan public meeting to ask if it could be opened as a community rowing facility. Timing caught the group just a week or so before the boathouse was scheduled for demolition. To convert the old boathouse there was a work party that lasted an entire weekend. Demolition included pulling off what was left of the original roof and putting a new roof on. The boathouse was a mess/ basically empty. The boat racks were in gross disrepair & later replaced together with the oar racks and more. There was no water, phone, or electricity.

From the meager beginning and a population of active growing members today the Club sponsors Youth Classes and Programs, Adult Classes and Programs, participates in year round competition and can show awards from their second year onward. The following pictures offer excerpts of progress and enthusiasm…
Old Boat House—Now replaced

New Boat House
Reciprocal Yacht Club Visits

Over the last couple of years we have ventured out as Emissaries' of our Club,. A power point slide presentation was done to the Seattle Yacht Club 2 years ago and we have found that most Clubs have been ‘open armed and welcoming’ if advanced communication and introductions are handled with sensitivity. While on the west coast this Winter the following two Clubs became a focus. We wanted to provide a brief history of each as we have been able to peak into a wealth of boating enthusiasm, insight and valuable contributions to their community.

Originally based South of the Golden Gate, the site was compromised by inadequate water depth and increasing industrial growth in the area and resulted in a move to Sausalito. Waterfront property was purchased and a new clubhouse erected, but it was subsequently destroyed by fire in 1897. Planning for the present 190 berth harbor was begun in 1933 and completed in 1957 when funds were available. The San Francisco Yacht Club, with its tranquil setting in Belvedere Cove and its superb harbor, is widely recognized as the premier yachting facility on the West Coast. It operates a year round facility including the harbor, a dry sail area, a full service restaurant and bar. The Club's exterior and interior were completely remodeled in 2007.

The Club has a very active junior sailing program and a brief interview revealed that—whether members own boats or not, everyone is committed to the Corinthian traditions of yachting.

The Petaluma Yacht Club sits on the historic Petaluma turning basin. When docked at City Owned Docs, you are within walking distance of the City Center. The ‘all-volunteer yacht club’ is well known for it’s reciprocal hospitality! (They were great)! In the Commodores words, “we built our club house, we tend bar and have fun along with our guests” “. The Petaluma Yacht Club, a member of P.I.C.Y.A., promotes the yachting community and are committed stewards of the Petaluma River and our members contribute to Recreational Boaters of California, and serve on numerous bay and river civic committees.

Founded in 1869, The San Francisco Yacht Club is among a small group making up some of the oldest clubs on the Pacific Coast….
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. Note pictures of the last meeting in May are shown on the following page...

Note: Club Meeting dates for April & May 2016

Gathering 6:00 Meeting follows dinner
April 28—Portage
May 26th—Portage

Knowledge Quiz: ???
The Answer : See page 2 in the box

Sailing Class Status
From Gary Hagen

To all sailors.

The Robins are singing! The lake is turning soft. In a few short months we will be sailing again!! We are looking forward to a wonderful and well attended Youth Sailing Camp on Grand Lake.

Grand lake is such a wonderful place to sail. Clean air, clean water, wonderful facilities, and gentle sailing breezes. This year the dates are July 25-29.

Last year we encountered record attendance. We would like to ask for your assistance when filling out the registration forms for the Opti sessions. If the attendance is like it was last year we may need to place some of the young sailors in an afternoon session. So please, when you fill out the registration form indicate on the registration form if you prefer morning or afternoon. This will help us if there is a need to open an afternoon session. If the need arises I will contact the people who chose the afternoon to confirm their request.

The registration form can be downloaded. Please go to grandlakesailing.org for the registration form. The registration form at grandlakesailing.org is the only registration we will accept.

I am sure many of you know we added 3 JY-15’s to our fleet to give the experienced sailors the opportunity to advance their skills. This has worked out well.

In addition, to the many expanded programs we offer in the program we are adding something that will appeal to many of the young sailors.

Mark Kinney who has been so valuable to the program is offering to take a few of the young sailors and their sponsors for a cruise on his 33 foot tri hull he personally built a few years ago. We fell this will give the young sailors an experience of sailing a much bigger boat on big Blue water. We are still working on the details on how to select who might want to participate in this event.

Your support is deeply appreciated.

Gary Hagen
21635 US Hwy 23 South
Presque Isle, Mi 49777
Notes from Your Editors

The last couple of years have been a fun experience for us as your editors. The assignment has allowed us to visit and investigate things that we may not have - had we not had the excuse of chasing a good story. Chasing Bass Fishing Contest boats and photographing Helicopters on Grand Lake a couple of years ago - allowed us to drop the gardening tools and go off to meet new people visiting our community. We overcame our Social Shyness and invited our selves to several distant Yacht Club events and met even more people with similar life styles and interests. The broader views of what these great Northern Hemisphere opportunities provided, gave us pause to try more things as shown below, so go for it !!! It’s Fun and an Adventure !!

Boats and Equipment For Sale

Spring 2016

82’ HORIZON 2006
BEAM: 19’
FUEL: 2080 GAL
WATER: 440 GAL
POWER: Twin 1000hp CATs
$1,799,000
epyachts.com
(206)587-0660

Michigan Boating Shows Schedule Going Forward

2016

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August 13, 2016 - The Antique and Wooden Boat Show & Festival of Arts now has it's own website!

Please locate them at http://www.lciboatshow.com for more information.

Some of the country's finest boats call the beautiful Les Cheneaux Islands home. Entries arrive each August from as far away as California and Florida.
Thanks to Contributors

The Club and your Editor appreciate any material from members for The Masthead. For this issue, the following people have provided articles and/or images this time around:

Rick Gentges,
Gary Hagen,
Ted MacKinnon,
Ron & Janice Smolinski

Planning Ahead for the Summer Issue: If you have anything that is pertinent or of general interest, please get it to the New Editors via Email. Please submit text in either “text,” “rtf,” or MSWord format. Images in ‘jpg’ or ‘bmp’

PI Yacht Club Clothing
We are also looking for new styles and new items for our next meeting. It will be Summer Soon!!

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

Contact Paul Hawkins 989 734 5663
Membership In The
Presque Isle Yacht Club

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 $150 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 5:30 p.m., dinner/meeting follows.

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

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