

A Seasonal Bulletin of The Presque Isle Yacht Club



The Masthead

Summer & Fall 2012

PIYC Website
www.presqueisleyc.org



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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.*



Meeting Location Change!—See Pages 4 and 8.

BYOB!

Words from Commodore Bob Young

Good morning... a great day on Grand Lake! Blue sky, moderate wind (OK for sailors and motor-boaters) and temperatures in the mid-seventies. Summer clouds that build up beautifully like mountains in the distance, and make for a great backdrop for photos, and a bit of indecision as to what to do for the day... It doesn't make any difference; set your course for the day and get outside. It seems as though August is the time where we all figure out that summer doesn't last forever, so guests are in the guest bedrooms, and the local restaurants are busy. Be prepared to wait and relax. Whether it's pizza or whitefish you're waiting for, we have some really great eating establishments for summer dining. Get out and experiment!



We took a tour of Grand Lake yesterday, and found most of the cottages full and active. The whole area is re-populated by our summer friends from New York, Ohio, Texas, Illinois and the East Coast, and of course, southern Michigan. I spoke with the Pepsi route driver this week, and he said they're having a banner summer, particularly north of Alpena. He attributes it to the family vacation atmosphere. That's a great testimonial to the laid back, off the beaten track attraction that we have. Even with the swell of seasonal "lakers", we can still enjoy a sailboat ride across the lake without fear of being run over by a jet-ski.

Take a bit of pride in helping out the local economy and the Presque Isle area in particular when you visit the Portage Store for an ice-cream cone. I noted several bikers on our fleet of two and three wheelers this week, and a hand full of internet users sitting in the Portage Restaurant bar area... The other evening, we witnessed the 130' yacht ANTARES come in for the evening (see photos—page 5). Naoko and I passed them on the dock, after they'd visited the Portage Store. I noted one of Barbara and Dean's welcome packs tucked under their arm. Nice. Lastly, I picked up the Robo Caller and computer equipment from our member Chuck Mosier yesterday. He and Barbara are home at their residence on Grand Lake Road. Chuck is tethered to an oxygen tank so he just can't handle the internet project any longer. Thanks Chuck! Great work all these years as a very able and willing PIYC volunteer.

See you next at Robin and Laurie Spencer's Historic Presque Isle Lodge for our August dinner meeting. Don't miss it! Jeff Grey (or an assigned staff member) will be there discussing the new Presque Isle expanded marine sanctuary boundaries.



DTM Photo

1870 Presque Isle Light

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

Bob Young

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!
Paul Hawkins

Apparel & Etc

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Underwhelmed!

The amount of contributed content has left your editor in this state of mind—underwhelmed! To recognize this situation, a portion of a page was set aside in this issue for reader input that was not received. The photos from Bob Young are appreciated.

Your contributions will be important. Content is more meaningful if it specifically relates to the interests and experiences of the members. If there are members who are now shamed into contributing to the content of this eagerly awaited newsletter, please forward it. It has been suggested that many have important stories to tell. Please do not be backward about coming forward with your biographies or other narratives. See below for how to do this.

This “Summer and Fall 2012” issue replaces a Fall issue that would have been distributed in late September. In that time frame, many have redirected their interests away from boating to other activities associated with autumn and the oncoming winter. Expect a Winter newsletter after Christmas 2012.

Current and past issues of The Masthead are posted on the PIYC Website <presqueisleyc.org>.

The Masthead

This publication of the Presque Isle Yacht Club is issued 4 times per year; in the winter, spring, and 2 times during the summer of each year. Depending on the amount of input from members, the frequency and/or size may vary as needed.

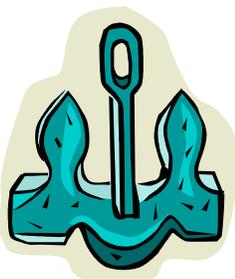
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Thunder Bay's Maritime Heritage

We are fortunate to be able to visit and enjoy the NOAA Shipwreck Museum in Alpena. If you have not already been there, plan such a visit. This is an activity that does not need to be something to do if it rains; it is worth it even if it's a perfect day. There have been recent proposals to extend the protected shipwreck area to include waters near and including Presque Isle.

The text below is from the NOAA websire for the local museum. The URL for this material is shown at the end of the article.

The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary focuses on understanding the region's "maritime cultural landscape." A cultural landscape is a geographic area including both cultural and natural resources, coastal environments, human communities, and related scenery that is associated with historic events, activities, or people. In other words, while the shipwrecks of the Thunder Bay region are the most obvious underwater cultural



resource, the sanctuary will put the shipwrecks in the larger context of the region's lighthouses, lifesaving stations, shipwreck salvage operations, and maritime economic activities.

The maritime history of the Thunder Bay region is characterized by the use of, and dependence upon, natural resources. These resources include animal furs, fisheries, forests, farmland, and limestone. The first recorded use of natural resources for transportation, food supplies, and recreation in Thunder Bay was by Native Americans during the Woodland period. European activity probably originated with the efforts of Native Americans and French traders to locate and trap beaver during the 1600s.

Trading and supply boats routinely passed Thunder Bay on their way to outposts at Mackinaw, Sault Ste. Marie, and Green Bay.

In 1679, LaSalle's GRIFFON became the first major European vessel to pass by Thunder Bay, and many others were to follow.

The need to transport supplies to northern frontier posts stimulated construction of small brigs, sloops, and schooners. Thunder Bay accumulated a large collection of shipwrecks because of its strategic location along shipping lanes, and because the bay and nearby islands provided shelter for vessels during inclement weather.

<http://thunderbay.noaa.gov/maritime/welcome.html>

Also see <<http://thunderbay.noaa.gov/welcome.html>> for more details on this important historical resource..

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.

Annual dues are \$100 with a one time burgee fee of \$25. There is no initiation fee for membership. From time to time various clothing and nautical accessory items may be available at market prices. See page 7 for a membership application

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](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.

Become a Ham—an Amateur Radio Operator—Check out <http://www.arrl.org> for details. Morse code proficiency is no longer required!

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.

Meeting Dates

PIYC 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. (See next column for offsite data.)

*Bring Your Own Bottle

August Venue—*BYOB!

Don't forget that the August meeting on August 16th will be at the Presque Isle Lodge. Please let Robin know how many will be in your party.

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.

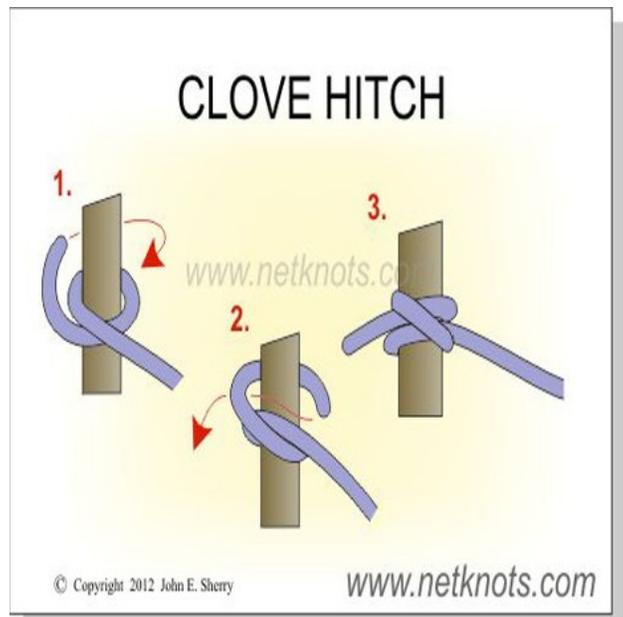
SORRY...NO SPECIAL ORDERS OR OTHER SIZES AVAILABLE. ALL SALES FINAL...EXCHANGES ONLY - NEED TO REDUCE OUR INVENTORY.

NEW HAT SPECIAL \$13.00 EACH

Contact Paul Hawkins for these apparel items. The sale may be still going on.

The Clove Hitch—or, “2 Half Hitches,” but add one more.

The image below shows a very familiar method of securing a line to a piling or other 'hard spot.' However it is only secure while you are watching it. For 100% confidence, add a 3rd hitch by doing step 2 twice so that you end up with three half hitches rather than two.. A “3/2 Hitch”; sort of like the 5/3 Bank.



Here are a few images made of some of our members at the July Meeting—(or was it June?) Anyway they are just random shots and hopefully will be enjoyed. No captions—you know who you are....





Bob Young Photo

The Motor Yacht ANTARES entering Presque Isle Harbor.



Bob Young Photo

Naoko paddling her own canoe on Grand Lake.

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provide space for future contributors.**

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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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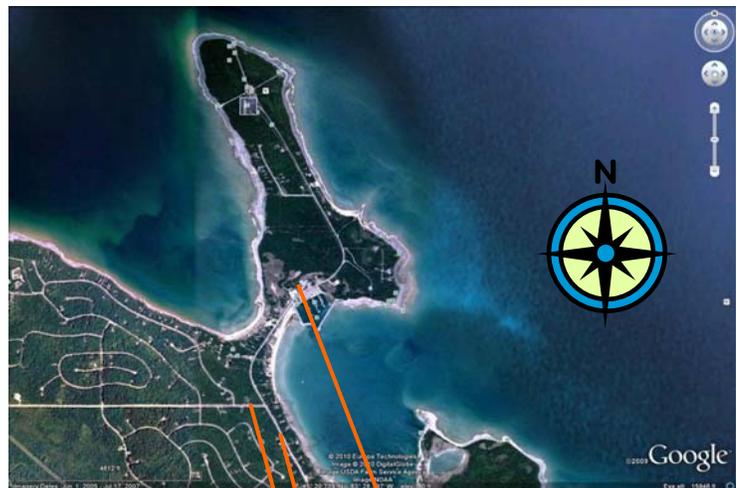
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But not this time! The August 2012 meeting will be at the Presque Isle Lodge. Socialization at 6:30p, dinner a bit later.



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