

THE JIB SHEET

PC Kris Miller, Club Manager

June 2009



Memorial Weekend
Friday, May 22
Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner at 1800
Reservations Requested
Sunday, May 24
Memorial Service at 1230
Eye Opener at 1230 - **Reservations Required**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

We will hold a brief service honoring members who have passed away since last year's service. The service will be held on the yacht club dock and members will be commemorated by a red rose placed in the Bay. The ceremony will immediately precede the Eye Opener. **If you know of a member who has passed away in the past year, contact Club Manager PC Kris Miller, 419-285-4505 or manager@pibyc.org or Marilyn Paselsky, paselsky@insight.rr.com.** Join other members and Past Commodores for this important and memorable event.

Treat Dad to Brunch
Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, 2009
Brunch from 1100 - 1400 at PIBYC - \$14.00
Call the club at 419-285-4505 to make a reservation. Dad's eat 1/2 price!

Swim/Sail Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle

Friday, June 26 from 5-8p.m.

Open to the Public

Take the night off from cooking on Friday, June 26 and come down to the club to enjoy a delicious pasta dinner and our annual raffle. Please help us keep the swimming and sailing instruction affordable for all island families by supporting this important fundraiser. We love to see our old friends and make new ones. Come for the kids...stay for the food...win big at the raffle! This is an evening for young and old alike. Not hungry for spaghetti? Just stop by before 7:30 to take a chance at the raffle.

Adults-\$8.00 and Kids-\$5.00.

Raffle tickets are \$1 and \$5. Hope to see you there.

JUNE CRUISE-OUTS

Huron/Vermilion

June 11-14, 2009

Once again our yacht club will be cruising to the Huron and Vermilion Yacht clubs for the first cruise-out of the 2009 season. Members not traveling by boat are welcomed and encouraged to sign-up for any and all events. Thursday night dinner will be at the Huron Yacht Club. On Friday we'll have dinner at the Vermilion Boat Club followed by an evening of relaxed socializing back at the VYC docks. We'll have a noon potluck cookout at the VYC. In the afternoon you will be able to enjoy a tour of the village, shopping, beach walking, the Inland Seas Maritime Museum or a river tour by water taxi. Dinner on Saturday night is on your own at one of the area restaurants. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board at the club or call Dean Cormier, 734-654-2546.

Nor'Easter

June 28, 2009

Join us for a delicious buffet dinner at the Nor'easter Club located on Catawba Island. Members are encouraged to arrive by car if possible. Those who usually dock in the Catawba, Port Clinton or Sandusky area are asked to travel by car as dockage is limited. Check with Fleet Captain Dean Cormier to see if boats leaving from and returning to Put-in-Bay have extra room to take passengers. Arrival time is 1700 dinner is at 1800. There will be a cash bar. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the club or call the club, 419-285-4505 with a reservation. Directions by car: take Route 53 to Catawba Island (north from Route 2 or south from Miller Ferry Dock). At the sign for the Nor'Easter Club, turn East onto North Harbor Causeway. The club is on the left just after crossing the bridge.



Yearbooks Coming



The books are at the printer's and will be available Memorial Day weekend. If you sent the extra \$6 for postage with your membership renewal, your book will be mailed to your current address. Others can pick up their books at the Club office during office hours or any event.

Commodore's Briefing

We are excited to usher in the 2009 summer boating season. Spring brings warmer weather and the need to tackle tasks to prepare for the exciting months ahead.

We launched the first of many potlucks on May 8 with many members braving the threat of spring showers. It was especially nice to see so many enthusiastic members at the PIBYC clean up day May 9. Thanks to all of you who volunteered and we are grateful to Thompson Landscaping Inc. for donating the gardening supplies this year.

Many enjoyed the Mother's Day brunch. May is a great time to celebrate my mom, Janet Spencer, and all our terrific PIBYC moms.

Mark your calendars and get your sea legs ready for our future cruise-outs and parties! Tell a friend about the \$100 gift certificate we're giving to welcome new 2009 members to join in the PIBYC fun.

Warm regards,
John Spencer
Commodore



Ad-Vice

At last year's general membership meeting concern was expressed as to the amount the club pays for real estate taxes and questioned what could be done about it. Our current real property tax for the second half of 2008 is \$8,181.66. A committee was put together consisting of Kay Drake, PC Bob Bahney Jr., Ed Skoch and myself, all who have experience in real estate and/or the appeal process. The committee has recently received the necessary legal information from the Ottawa County Treasurer's and Auditor's office which revealed that our three individual parcels of land and building are valued at \$1,104,720. Kay Drake has volunteered to get market comparables to try to establish our current values. In addition, we will obtain the cost of a real estate appraisal. Depending on the results, after discussion and approval by the PIBYC Board of Trustees, an appeal will be filed with the Ottawa County Auditor's office by our committee in January 2010.

Fleet Captain Dean Cormier has once again put together cruise-outs for June. Whether by land or sea, you should plan on attending the Huron/Vermilion cruise-out or joining us for dinner at the Nor'Easter Club on Catawba Island. (See article on page 1.)

On August 8 we are planning our annual fundraiser and are looking for ideas, themes and your help to make it a different and fun event.

See you at the club or on a cruise-out.

Roger J. Dennerll
Vice Commodore

Rear View Forward

WOW!! Clean-up Day (weekend) was a huge success. It all started with a Friday night impromptu potluck with burgers and hot dogs and all the trimmings. This is one event the you will not want to miss next year. This event was the brain child of Manager PC Kris and PC Reni Miller.

Clean-up Day started at 0800 sharp. It reminded me of the movie "Ants." Everyone took to their jobs with absolute precision and the process was soon in full swing. About the time the flower beds were cleaned a truck rolled in with a guy driving who would remind you of Mr. Green Jeans (of Capt. Kangaroo fame). It was our VC Roger Dennerll. The truck was loaded to the brim with flowers, plants and mulch, all generously given to us by our newest member Tom Thompson, owner of Thompson Landscaping. When you see Tommy and Jean at the club be sure to say thanks for this generous donation.

After lunch we had our May Board Meeting. At the end of the day our Club had been transformed into an absolute place of beauty, a place you will be proud to say "THAT'S MY CLUB."

Our Mother's Day Brunch was very special. Many thanks go out to all of those who worked diligently to make our dining room active again. Volunteers helped with the set up of the room and getting the food onto the well thought out serving stations. A fun time was had by all. About 50 people enjoyed a wonderful brunch and the room looked spic and span. Chef Woody did an outstanding job as usual with his many entrees. No one left hungry. Thanks to all who helped and the many mothers who attended. To the Mothers of the club-we salute you!! You make our lives easier and definitely more "beautiful."

Be sure to mark on your calendar our Memorial service on Sunday the May 24 honoring those members who have passed away this past year. Following the service will be our Eye Opener, reservations required, 419-285-4505. See page one for details.

Make sure to stop in and welcome to our new Club Manager, PC Kris Miller, and of course, his fabulous wife, PC Reni. They make a great pair. We are fortunate to have them. With Kris and Reni's energy and love for PIBYC, this will be a great year to be a member of our Club.

Rob Ault
Rear Commodore

New Member Special

New members who join PIBYC during this 2009 season will receive a \$100 gift certificate for food and/or beverage purchases at Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. It expires October 3, 2009, is non-transferable and a "no cash back" deal. The \$100 does not have to be spent all at once.

Auxiliary – 60th Anniversary

The Auxiliary's 60th Anniversary Celebration to honor our past presidents will be an event you do not want to miss on Tuesday, June 16 at noon at PIBYC. We will have 'special' entertainment by 'Singing Commodores & Celebrity Bartender', piano by Buddy, lunch specially prepared by Chef Woody, plus hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, history by Barbara Cooper - all for our usual cost of \$10.

Laura, Candy, and myself are looking forward to planning enjoyable and interesting luncheon events, and will only be able to do so with your help volunteering to host a luncheon or help serve, and/or suggest themes or programs.

We will provide a complete list of the luncheons and activities in the *Jib Sheet*, at the luncheons, and on the club's bulletin board.

Please bring a guest to enjoy our club, have some fun, and make new friends.

Vivien Dennerll
Auxiliary President



"Sailorships" for Junior Race Week

PIBYC has a long tradition of financially supporting the junior sailors who represent our club at the I-LYA Junior Race Week in July. It now costs \$300 per sailor to participate. If you would like to help keep this opportunity affordable for island children, please send your tax-exempt donation to Put-in-Bay Community Swim/Sail, PO Box 881, Put-in-Bay Ohio 43456. (Make your check payable to PIB Community Swim/Sail and write Junior Race Week in the memo line.) These young sailors work hard to qualify to race and the PIB Community Swim/Sail Program works hard to train them. Still, when they compete, they proudly represent PIBYC. Let's demonstrate our ongoing support for our youngest racers.



Membership Memo

Have you sent your membership renewal form and check to the Membership Secretary? If you are not sure, check your dues card, it should read 2009. Memorial Day is just around the corner and the season is off to a great start. You don't want to be left behind. This may be the last issue of the *Jib Sheet* you receive if you don't send your dues renewal form and check to Membership Secretary Jim Dettmer, 188 Front Street, Berea, OH 44017. Dues for regular members including tax is \$266.25 and \$133.13 for Senior members. Don't delay, do it today.

THE COMMODORE'S CITATION this month goes to Tom and Jean Thompson for seeing a need and offering their help and expertise.

On Saturday, May 9, a truck-load full of beautiful flowers, plants and mulch was waiting for us at the Club. Thanks to the generosity of our new members, Tom & Jean Thompson, we now have a beautifully landscaped club. If you need any landscaping at your home or business, give Tom a call as he loves coming to the island or anywhere you need landscaping advice. Thompson Landscaping is located at 4967 E. Muggy Rd on Catawba Island. You can reach him at 419 217-0519. Thanks so much.



- Special thanks to the following Clean-up Day Crew: Commodore John Spencer, VC Roger Dennerll, Auxiliary President Vivien Dennerll, RC Rob and Joy Ault, PC Bob Jr. and Judie Bahney, Ben, Marilyn, Michael and Nick Paselsky, Brent Kuwatch, Don Gokee and Sharon Lee Haley, Teresa and Ted Good, Terrie and Dean Cormier, Barb Hunter, Alice and PC Mike Kreutzberg, Deborah and Dan Palmer, Gill Terry, Polly and Steve Nagy, Lu and PC Dave Butz, Jim and Linda Dettmer, Joan Kempf, Ed Skoch, Stan West, Larry Voller, Cherie Cousino, Sally and PC Jim Duffy, Pati and PC Raymond Arth, Phoebe Borman, PC Jennifer and John Kahler, Kathy and David Holscott, Susan and Jim Hildebrandt, Ruth Griebel, Mary Mikula, Roger Ingle, David and Sue Hufnagle and John Popovich.
- Club Manager PC Kris and PC Reni Miller did a terrific job of organizing the entire day. Because of their efforts, the Club looks terrific.

**PIBYC June Board Meeting
Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 0900**

**Deadline for submitting articles for the
July Jib Sheet will be June 9, 2009.**

**Email articles to
Jib Sheet Editor Linda Dettmer at
jdettmer@aol.com**

Membership Drive and Car Parade After-Party

Sunday, June 7, 2009

1430 at PIBYC

The Put-in-Bay Yacht Club

P. O. Box 51

Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456-0051

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**For Dockage, Event & Dinner Reservation
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PIBYC 2009 OFFICERS

*Commodore** – John S. Spencer
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Auxiliary Vice President – Laura B. Coviello
Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer – Candy Baker

MAY

- 21 Weekday Adult Sailing Series Start (every Thursday)
- 22 Bar Open/Friday Night Dinner, 1800
- 23 Weekend Adult Sailing Series Start (every Saturday)
- 24 Memorial Service, 1230; Eye Opener, 1300
- 29 Bar Open/Friday Night Dinner, 1800
- 30 Membership Drive Cocktail Party, 1400-1800

JUNE

- 5 PIB Graduation Party; Members Welcome
- 6 PIBYC Board Meeting, 0900
- 6 Open Invitation Spring Regatta
(men & women Hobie Wave Fleet)
- 7 Membership Drive & Car Parade After-Party at PIBYC
- 11-13 Multi-Hull Sailing Seminar
- 11 Huron Cruise-out (overnight Thursday)
- 12-14 Vermilion Cruise-out
- 12 Bar Open/Friday Night Dinner, 1800
- 13 Bartending Class Tips
- 15 Sail Classes/Endurance Swim Begin
- 16 Auxiliary Luncheon, 1200 - 60th Anniversary
- 17 Bar Open (every Wednesday)
- 18 Bar and Food (every Thursday)
- 19 Bar Open/Friday Night Dinner, 1800
- 20 Club closed for Private Event
- 21 Father's Day Sunday Brunch, 1000-1300
- 22 Morning Swim Classes Start
- 23 Auxiliary Luncheon, 1200
- 26 Swim/Sail Spaghetti Dinner Benefit, 1700
Open to the Public
- 27 Gardner Trophy Meeting, 1100
- 27 Saturday Dinner (theme TBD)
- 28 Nor'Easter Club Dinner, 1700
- 30 Auxiliary Luncheon, 1200 - Chef Terry Galvin from R.I.
"Why did I buy it and where will I wear it?"

JULY

- 3 No Swim/Sail Classes
- 3 Bar Open/Friday Night Dinner, 1800
- 4 Freedom Party Cook-out and Kids' Activities
- 5-10 North Channel YC, etc. Cruise-Out
- 7 Auxiliary Luncheon, 1200
- 10 Bar Open/Friday Night Dinner, 1800
- 11 Saturday Dinner (theme TBD)
- 14 Auxiliary Luncheon, 1200
- 15 Last Midweek Bar Open (Wednesdays)
- 16 Last Midweek Bar and Food (Thursdays)
- 17 Bar Open/Friday Night Dinner, 1730
- 17 Swim/Sail Awards, 1930
- 18 PIBYC Board Meeting, 0900
- 18 AYC Carson Cup Regatta
- 18 Rattlesnake Island Lunch
- 19-23 I-LYA Junior Sail Regatta (volunteers needed)
- 21 Auxiliary Luncheon (on the town), 1200
@Latitude, Fashion Show Puddle Duck & Blue Cottage
- 23 I-LYA Jr. Sail Awards After-Party, PIBYC
- 24 Christmas Eve Dinner (bring an ornament), 1800
- 25 Parrot Head Party (Jolly Mon Sing), 1900
- 28 Auxiliary Luncheon, 1200
- 29-2 I-LYA Power Boat Regatta
- 31 I-LYA Fish Fry (reservations open to PIBYC members)
- 31 I-LYA Ladies Tea
- 31-2 I-LYA Deep Water Race

Brainstorming Day

On May 2nd a group of club members assembled and took a serious look at the yacht club and its property. The group was required to be at the club from 9:30 to 2:30 including a quick, working lunch. They walked around the club stopping in 14 designated spots to look, think and take notes. They noted things that were good and things that were in need of repair. They came up with ideas to make the space better. And it was all done without talking to each other. Small groups were formed to discuss the comments made on the sheets. They analyzed, discussed and wrote comments and recommendations. They were told to dream big but the suggestions were wonderfully practical.

The Survey started the club evaluation process, Brainstorming Day was step two. If you want to be part of the ongoing process, let the Club Manager know. In the meantime thank you to Pati Arth, RC Rob Ault, Judie and PC Bob Bahney, Phoebe Borman, Barb Cooper, Vivien and VC Roger Dennerll, Linda and Jim Dettmer, Theresa and Ted Good, Kathy and David Holscott, Jennifer Kahler, Joan Kempf, Reni and Kris Miller, Lauren Mooney, Polly and Steve Nagy, Jane O'Brien, Deborah and Dan Palmer, Marylou Ramsbottom and Commodore John Spencer. You really were a DREAM TEAM.

Reservations Needed

In recent years, the club has become a bit lax about reservations for dinners and events. As part of the cost cutting movement, reservations are going to be required for some activities this year. The amount of food wasted by overcooking and the disappointment of people when a particular dish has run out is the direct result of trying to guess how many people will be attending a Friday night dinner or a special event. At the moment reservations are requested for Friday Night Dinners and required for other activities beginning with the Eye Opener. As always, reservations can be made by calling 419-285-4505 or emailing manager@pibyc.org.

Game Night

It has been suggested that this year we have some game nights. Get your own foursome and play bridge or Euchre or any other card game or join the group with LCR or Mexican Train, or Spite and Malice or bring a Board Game. Perhaps a Friday night Euchre league similar to the one held at a Toledo area Yacht Club. If you have an interest in working on this project, please leave a message at the club 419-285-4505. Our next "scheduled" Game Nights will be held on Thursday, May 21 and Friday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m. Bring your games and let the fun begin!

Around the Club

We Heard You! Survey Information

In the next few *Jib Sheet* issues, we will be reviewing the survey sent out in January. 346 surveys were sent and currently we have recorded 104 responses.

If you have not yet returned your survey to Rob Ault, you can still send it to him or drop it at the club.

This month we are looking at the ABOUT YOU section of the questionnaire. Of those responding 72% owned boats and of that 72%, 38% come to the island by boat. 53% owned homes on the island and of that 53% an almost perfect 1/3 have their island home as a primary residence, 1/3 use it as their primary summer residence and for 1/3 it is a week-end home.

Of those responding, 31% have served the club at one time or another as a trustee or on the auxiliary board. 17% are interested in becoming more involved (what a shame that this was a blind survey, we hope that 17% will let us know who they are). The average membership is 14.3 years and the average age was 58.9. Since only 16.3% of those responding were families with children that age number is probably high.

What does this tell us? Two important facts seem to stand out.

First, we have become a yacht club with boats. That may seem like a silly statement but in the past we were primarily a summer islander club with some boats and boating members. As we have expanded our services and included docks and good shower facilities and a place to get a drink and a bite to eat we have opened the doors to a wider variety of members. We need to be aware of their special needs and offer activities that work for members coming by boat, looking for a dock or a place to hang out while they are docked elsewhere. We need to offer week-end volunteer opportunities that fit into a boating schedule...Saturday night and Sunday will be prime time to get them involved.

Second, our island members are still a strong portion of our membership and interested in letting us know what they think about the direction in which the club is going. They have very different needs than the boating members and will be interested in island bound activities during the week. We will look to them for input and volunteers for mid-week activities.

Stay tuned...next month we will look at current membership use.

Want to Bartend?

PIBYC is hoping to use volunteer bartenders this year at all the club events. Polly and Steve Nagy are in charge of the Bar and have arranged for a TIPS class to be held here at the club on June 13. The purpose of the class is to train bartenders in handling people and working within the laws. This class will run from 9-11:30 a.m. and attendees will receive certification. Following the class, there will be a brief run through on the way the bar will be handled here at the club. Members wishing to bartend must have this certification. For further information contact Polly or Steve at 419-285-5461.

Our Wish List

One of the other ideas that came from the survey results was the creation of a Yacht Club Wish List.

Our commodore has asked us to "join our efforts to find innovative ways to achieve both high quality service and fun. If you're able, help us raise capital, buy a brick, donate your time and or money to club projects or lend a hand with other fundraising activities."

In this spirit, new member Tom and Jean Thompson volunteered to donate the floral needs for the outside of the clubhouse in time for last week's Clean-up. You can read more about this on page 3 of this Jib Sheet above the "Take a Bow" column.

Our Wish List contains items, labor, and expertise that would help in making a good decision on a purchase or project. At this time, the list includes a large plasma television, an electronic sign board to replace the old one and a wet/dry vacuum.

We Have The Paint...Need Painters

Last year, the Board authorized the purchase of paint to freshen the front room. We are hoping to put together a crew to do it. We would especially like to have it completed prior to Memorial Day. We need to take down all the pictures, patch holes, paint and return the pictures etc. It will probably have to be done in parts as workers are available. If you have any time in the next couple of weeks to help with the job please call Kris at 419-285-4505.

Commodore's Walkway

The Commodore's Walkway extends alongside the patio down to the street and already has many engraved bricks remembering and honoring loved ones and members. This would make a great Father's Day gift!

Order forms are available in the club office or online at www.pibyc.org. Get your order in soon to make the next installation date.

Help Needed with Friday Night Dinners

In the Survey and in discussions our members told us that at the Friday Night dinners they wanted good, inexpensive meals served at the tables and a better way to pay after the meal was over. In an attempt to fulfill all those requests we are trying to hire waitresses who will take orders, and deliver food and checks to the tables. In order to keep our costs down, we need volunteers who will do the jobs that used to be done by paid employees. Busing tables, working on the line, running the cash register, refilling the salad bar, refilling water pitchers and making coffee etc. We especially need people who can be there by 5:00 but will work around any volunteer's schedule. Please call the office if you will be available to help. 419-285-4505