Commodore’s Briefings

It’s been a long winter and we had a great winter party. Welcome to spring and a great summer ahead from your Commodore. I believe this is a pivotal year for the club with our new dock. We now offer a full-service of a yacht club with the new 125 ft. dock, great club house at Put-in-Bay with food and bar service. Our goal for this year is to position our club as a seven-day-a-week club with the docks being filled not only on the weekends but mid-week also. The Put-in-Bay Yacht Club is the most unique club on the Great Lakes located at the most sought-out destination on the Great Lakes. The Bass Islands are a magnet to boaters which give us the opportunity to serve those boaters with our unique island service.

It is certainly within our reach and expectations to fill our dock mid-week and weekends with cruise-outs from other yacht clubs and the general public for the entire summer. That means that our bar and food service will be open seven days per week as we fill our docks with these events. Our job is to get the word out to all clubs and general public outlining our service at this most unique location on South Bass Island. We are already engaged in spreading the message at I-LYA meetings, I-LYA and AYC publications.

We also plan to make more use of our front yard with a proposed patio with food and bar service outside. I would like your comments, designs and thoughts on this front patio concept. I believe that it will attract people and they will spend more time at our club which means membership growth and revenue to the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club.

My goal as Commodore is to direct and fine tune our club to provide seven-day-a-week service to our members and affiliate yacht clubs along with increasing our membership to a goal of 500 members. Filling our dock is key to our future growth.

We have one person to thank for spearheading the dock project. He has spent several years working with officials positioning our club to receive the grant to cover approximately 60% of the cost. Once we received the grant approval the work was just beginning for him: he spent endless hours obtaining bids, designing details, ensuring that permits were filed, meeting contractors, checking on job progress and answering correspondence from official agencies. Bob Bahney Jr. did all this for our club. I will appreciate it if each member would personally thank Bob the next time you see him. Hats off to Bob.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Spring Clean Up on May 14, 2005 which will get our Club off to a great start, we need help for clean up! This is the year of the dock.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to our club.

Sincerely,

Richard Meyer
Commodore

Memorial Service
Sunday, May 29th at 12:30 p.m.

Eye Opener
Sunday, May 29th at 1:00 p.m.

It is necessary that we have the names of our members who have passed away since last years service. Our traditional memorial service will appropriately honor these members as well as all of our personal loved ones. The ceremony will begin in the clubhouse and conclude dockside as in the past. Please contact George C. Smith, Fleet Chaplain, 2561 Brixton Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221 or by phone at 614-488-1117 with deceased members names. These names will be passed on to our Historian, Muriel Eian, for our club records. Please write or call.

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PUT-IN-BAY COMMUNITY SWIM/SAIL
Register by Wednesday, June 1, 2005
Swimming and sailing classes will be held this summer beginning in June. Last year’s change to a mail-in registration was very successful and will be continued this year. Registration information and forms will be distributed on the island through the school and will also be available at the post office. Not on the island? Forms can be downloaded from our website at www.pibswimsail.org. Please register early to give us time to plan classes and schedules. Registration deadline is June 1, 2005.

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CLEAN-UP DAY
Saturday 14th day of May
This is a rare opportunity to contribute to our fine club at no cost. Your well honed cleaning skills can be put to use for a “spring cleaning” of the clubhouse. This is a fun first get together of the season from 8:00 a.m. until noon. It will be followed by a complimentary lunch with your fellow cleanmeisters. Come for all or part of this much needed session.
Ad-Vice

I am pleased to announce our new name starting in 2005: “The Captain Morgan’s Put-in-Bay Yacht Club” - OK, just kidding (seriously, put away the tar and feathers, I’m kidding!). But it is true that the I-LYA has embraced corporate sponsorship this year. We will be hosting the “West Marine I-LYA Regatta at Put-in-Bay”. A new compressed schedule begins with the power boaters Thursday 7/28, switches to sailing over the weekend, and wraps-up by Wednesday 8/3. The schedule and format for Junior Race Week will remain the same. See the Club Website (www.pibyc.org) for all schedule details and updates. Sign-up sheets for I-LYA food and T-shirt sales will be posted at the Club by the May 14 Clean-up Day (you'll be there, right?). I promise to be organized and keep the jobs simple/fun, if you promise to sign-up and come.

The first cruise-out of the season will be to Vermilion Yacht Club June 17-19. The date is coming up fast, so please sign-up on the list posted at the Club ASP. If you’ve never attended a PIBYC cruise-out, here’s how it works. Arrive by boat (or car) Friday afternoon for cocktails. Then take a water taxi to dinner (Red Clay). Saturday includes a cook-out lunch and time to explore the town (such as the Great Lakes Historical Society Inland Seas Maritime Museum), followed by dinner at a different restaurant. These events are not just for the “big boat” crowd - all are welcome to attend some or all of the events. Vermilion is too close to home to set up an “official” PIBYC hotel, but we do reserve blocks of rooms for the other cruise-outs for those who will not be staying on their boats (like me and my 15’ outboard!). This year we will also be cruising to Old Club July 13-15 (with optional day 7/12) and Leamington August 19-21 for their Tomato Festival. Watch the schedule for other fun this summer, such as dinner at the Nor’Easter Club and the School House Bay Picnic. See you there!

Bob Bahney III
“Commodore of Good Vices”

Rear View Forward

Our Club kicked off 2005 in grand style with much enthusiasm at the 7th Annual Winter Weekend at the Fairfield Inn with dinner at the Mon Ami Loft. The Board meeting and general town meeting were well attended with a high level of member participation. The 2005 calendar is packed with interesting activities. All we need is you!

I wish to thank the Bridge, officers, trustees, past officers, their spouses and many new members for all of their support in bringing about this event. We need help from our members to volunteer as the year moves forward. My observation is that we are fine tuning the many and varied aspects of our Club operation. The areas of management, dining, lounge, rentals, I-LYA, Cruise-outs, special events, and, of course, the new dock are all moving forward. Let us all enjoy the ever improving scene.

Please note Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 14th.
George C. Smith
Hintener Commodor

Pat Mooney and C.C. Skoch are back again to teach sailing. Sailing classes and Dan Drake’s 5 week endurance swim class will run from June 13th through July 15th. The four week morning swim classes with Anne Auger will run from June 20th through July 15th.

The Community Swim/Sail Program looks forward to your involvement. If you have questions about swimming, please contact Anne Auger, 419-285-7663. For sailing, contact Jane O’Brien , 440-286-5546. We are looking forward to another successful, fun-filled summer of water safety instruction.

JUNIOR SAIL RACING

Last year nineteen PIB juniors participated in at least one off-island regatta and some juniors traveled to as many as five. This year there are a number of exciting junior sailing events taking place in the area. Sandusky Sailing Club will host the USODA Midwest Optimist Championship from June 17-19. They are expecting over 100 boats and PIBYC will be represented. In mid-August, Edgewater Yacht Club will host a three day USA Junior Olympic Festival. If our juniors are available we will extend our season into August and take advantage of the nationally recognized coaches that will be in Cleveland.

Our junior program is committed to continuing and strengthening the one-design sailing tradition at PIBYC. We have talented instructor/coaches and dedicated parents. With the continued support of PIBYC, island businesses and friends, we look forward to proudly and successfully representing Put-in-Bay at I-LYA junior events this summer.

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

PIB Community Swim/Sail is currently looking for an assistant swimming instructor and an additional sailing instructor. For swimming call Anne at 419-285-7663. For sailing call Jane at 440-286-5546.

Save the Date

Friday night, June 24th
PIB COMMUNITY
SWIM/SAIL
SPAGHETTI DINNER
at the Club.

The dinner is open to the public. There will be more information in the June Jib Sheet
Auxiliary

After having several meetings with Diane Ketterer, we are now well into the script and schedule of the Auxiliary Luncheons for Summer 2005. The price will be $7.00 with the exception of Ballast Island and the Crew’s Nest Luncheons.

As of this writing I have not been to the Bay, but may be up there by the end of March. We have received a lot of cooperation and encouragement from the other members, and have enjoyed attending the Board Meetings. It is an efficient group, and much has been accomplished as you will read in other sections of this Newsletter. Below is the 2005 Luncheon Schedule; time is 12:00

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One thought: “The one who takes your hand, but touches your heart is a true friend.” Peace.  
Sally Duffy  
Auxiliary President

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Membership Memos

The first year as a teacher is the worst and hardest, they always say. Well, I can attest that the first year as Membership Secretary is the worst and hardest! Nothing was extremely horrible, but I sent membership cards to the wrong brother and his wife, I left my whole membership report for Winter Meeting at home (but I knew my stats!).

Our membership stands right now at 324 with 154 inactive members. Of those, 67 were members last year and did not renew. If any of you know any persons who fit this category, please ask them why they did not renew, and let someone on the Bridge know. These figures are subject to change, as I am still getting a few renewals trickling in.

I would like everyone to welcome our newest members:
Jacki and Mark Allen of Centerville, Ohio  
Fritz and Pam Rudolph of Walbridge, Ohio  
Gary and Linda Styles, Livonia, Michigan  
Sharon Haley and Don Gokee of Sylvania, Ohio  
Lester and Marilyn Demalone of Avon, Ohio  
Bill and Lucille Nuss, Ashland, Ohio.

We all look forward to meeting our new members this summer!
Call in your reservations for the Eye Opener Brunch
May 29th, 1 p.m.
419-285-4505

PIBYC BOARD OF TRUSTEES
P/P Kay A Drake
Jennifer Kahler
Kenneth C. Kartheiser
P/C Michael J. Kreutzberg
Stephen R. Nagy
P/C Frederick L. Schnoor
Edwin Skoch

PIBYC 2005 OFFICERS
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Fleet Captain – P/C Samuel B. Gregory, Jr.
Fleet Chaplain – Hon. George C. Smith
Fleet Surgeon – Gabriela Kaplan, M.D.
Membership Secretary – Mary Ellen Werner
Recording Secretary – Kristin Wygant
Treasurer – Maxton (Clark) C. Davies
Historian - Muriel B. Eian
2005 Club Calendar

May
14 Clean-Up Day, 8:00
   Board Meeting, 14:00
27 Bar Open, Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
29 Memorial Service, 12:30
29 Eye Opener Brunch, 13:00

June
1 Swim/Sail registration by mail deadline
3 Bar Open, Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
13 Sailing—Mandatory Parent Meeting
14 Sail Classes Begin
14 Auxiliary Luncheon-Moosemilk, 12:00
17 Bar Open, Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
17-19 Vermilion Yacht Club Cruise Out
19 Fathers’ Day Sunday Brunch, 11:30-14:00
20 Morning Swim Classes Begin.
21 Auxiliary Luncheon-Poker Games, 12:00
24 Swim/Sail Spaghetti Dinner
26 Nor’easter Club Dinner, 17:00
28 Auxiliary Luncheon-Ballast Island, 12:00

July
1 Bar Open, Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
2 Gardner Trophy Meeting, 11:00
2 America’s Melting-Pot-Luck Freedom Barbecue & Fund for Kids, 17:00
8 Bar Open, Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
9 Men’s Sailing Regatta (tentative)
9 Classical Music Fundraiser
(Kaplan Residence)
12 Auxiliary Luncheon, 12:00
12-15 Old Club Cruise-Out
15 Bar Open, Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
15 Swim/Sail Awards
17-19 I-LYA Jr. Sail Regatta
19 Auxiliary Luncheon-Jr. Race Week, 12:00
23 Backus Cup, Opti & 420 Regattas
22 Bar Open/Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
23 Board Meeting, 9:00
23 Parrot Head Party
26 Auxiliary Luncheon-Christmas in July, 12:00
28-30 I-LYA Power Boat Regatta
July 29-31 I-LYA Deepwater Races
29 Bar Open/Friday Night Dinner (tentative)
July 31-Aug. 3 I-LYA Sail Regatta

Aug.
2 I-LYA Ladies Tea
5 Bar Open, Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
6 School House Bay Picnic
9 Auxiliary Luncheon, Visit to Aveni’s, 12:00
12 Bar Open, Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
16 Auxiliary Luncheon, 12:00
19 Bar Open, Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
19-21 Leamington Cruise-Out (Tomato Festival)
27 Board Meeting, 9:00
27 Fundraiser Dinner & Party, 17:30

Sept.
2 Bar Open, Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
4 Pancake Breakfast, 8:00
4 Annual Meeting, 15:00
   Potluck Dinner, 17:00
5 Board Meeting, 9:00
9 Bar Open, Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
16 Bar Open, Friday Night Dinner, 18:00
17 Clambake (reservations required) 18:00

Oct.
1 Board Meeting, 9:00
1 Change of Watch, 18:00
2 Planning Meeting, 9:00
2 Eye Closer Luncheon, 13:00

Dec.
2-4 Winter I-LYA Meeting, Sandusky Holiday Inn
Trustee Bob Bahney Jr. for his work securing the grant, coordinating the design, and supervising the construction. PIBYC is growing into a full-service first-class facility.

Jack Attkisson and Ed Skoch for organizing and setting-up hospitality room(s) at the I-LYA Spring Meeting.

To all who helped Jack and Ed with the hospitality room at the I-LYA spring meeting.

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Did you know?

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Join us for a U.S. Power Squadrons Safe Boating Course at the Put-In-Bay Yacht Club.

This public boating course is designed to be of value to the general public, the out boarder, the Jet Skier or the sportsman-cruiser alike. The novice and the more experienced boater should find the course interesting and benefit from the safety material provided. Subjects to be covered, Boat Handling, Government Regulations, Trailer Boating, Knots & lines, Navigation Rules, Aids to Navigation, Charting & Piloting and much more. This is a N A S B L A approved course (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) for those who need mandatory education. You will receive an "Ohio Boating Education Course" card from the Division of Watercraft, and a certificate from the USPS upon completion.

This course is free, there is however a text book fee of $35.00, which may be shared between family members. This course will begin Saturday morning June 25, (0900 to 1200) and continue for 6 weeks.

Course instructor is Past Commodore, Captain Ron Sharkey. Ron is a certified instructor and has been teaching this course for ten years. Capt. Ron is also a certified Vessel Examiner for those who want a Vessel Safety Check. For more information you may call: Home: 440-878-2628
Cell: 216-470-2628
P.I.B. 419-285-7561

LEADERS NEEDED

The Nominating Committee is beginning its search for potential board members and flag officers. The following positions need to be filled. Board Member (three year term - two to be elected): attends all board meetings, oversees the control and management of the Club, makes and enforces rules and regulations, creates and governs standing committees, elects the officers of the Club. Rear Commodore (one year term - four year commitment): in charge of affairs ashore (including social functions), and in the absence or disability of the Commodore and Vice Commodore, performs their functions.

The nominating committee is traditionally comprised of the last three Commodores. For information or to express interest contact Chairman: P/C Jack Lain, P/C Mike Kreutzberg or P/C Fred Schnoor at the numbers listed in the yearbook. The Nominating Committee will meet in June.

Work Parties Needed

In addition to the normal Clean-up Day activities, extra volunteers are needed for some more involved projects. The pavilion needs to be re-painted, and there is some finish painting to be completed on the new dock. Also, the installation of power lines to the new dock has disturbed the front yard and parts need to be raked and re-seeded.

Work parties are tentatively scheduled for May 7th (weekend before Clean-Up Day) and any remaining items will be finished on May 14th. If you are available to work on one of these projects, please contact work-party coordinator Bob Bahney, Jr. at 419-285-3424 for times and dates.