Commodore’s Briefings

The 2005 season “Year of the Dock” is off and running thanks to all the volunteers at the annual Spring Club Clean-Up Day on May 14, 2005. Another successful season is planned full of events to exceed the pleasures of our members. Also the club is available to our members to rent for special occasions such as weddings, graduations, reunions and any other special event. Please contact Club Manager Noreen Roth for more details.

Our new 125-foot dock is nearing completion and it will be ready for the beginning of the boating season. Dock reservations are being filled. There are still plenty of prime summer weekend and weekday openings available for reservations. Cruise-Ins from other yacht clubs and public boaters are welcome. Please call our Club Manager Noreen Roth to make reservations.

Expanded food and bar service is open to all club members and affiliated yacht clubs. Ohio State Law requires the bar service be open only to PIBYC members and affiliated yacht clubs. Memberships are available to the PIBYC for those non-members who wish to utilize our bar service.

We are continuing planning 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 that they will spend more time at our club, which relates to membership growth and revenue to the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club.

Again thank you to all who helped with spring-cleaning and I am looking forward to serving our club during this exciting “Year of the Dock” summer season. If you have any comments please email at Rmeyer3345@aol.com or by cell phone 260-417-5330.

Richard Meyer
Commodore

FATHER’S DAY

Brunch on Sunday, June 19

Bring your Dad for a great meal on a special day. Simply Sharon will be preparing all of Dad’s favorites at a reasonable price from 11:30-2:00 p.m.

Happy Anniversary Neighbor

Miller Boat Line will celebrate 100 years of service to the Lake Erie Islands with a public Open House on Saturday, June 11, 2005 from 1-4 p.m. The open house will be held at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club and Miller Ferry Office. See www.millerferry.com for more information.

The Order of the Sleepless Knights

The theme for the Parrot Head Party this year will be “Gypsies in the Palace.” The party will start at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 23rd. Look for special Parrot Head T-shirts available soon through the Club Web site www.pibyc.org and more details next month.

America’s Melting-Pot-Luck July 2nd Freedom Barbecue

The party will start at 5 p.m. Saturday and be bigger than ever, with more activities for the kids and Karaoke in the evening. We will provide the basics (burgers, dogs), and you provide the spice (your favorite ethnic dish to share). Each family should bring a unique ethnic recipe to add to the melting pot experience. This family-oriented event includes supervised children’s activities, games, prizes, and fun.

The PIBYC pavilion is one of the best viewing spots for the annual Put-in-Bay fireworks display. The Club will be open with a light dinner menu featuring ribs, starting at 4 p.m.

Friday night, June 24th

PIB COMMUNITY SWIM/SAIL SPAGHETTI DINNER at the Club.
Sign-up sheets for this year’s cruise-outs have been posted on the bulletin board at the Club. Our first of the season will be Vermilion Yacht Club June 17-19. On Friday we will be “checking out the competition” by attending Vermilion Boat Club’s weekly Friday Night Dinner. A water taxi will take us up-river from VYC to arrive at VBC by 1800. (Factoid: VBC is the home club of 2005 I-LYA Commodore Heidi Riddle.) On Saturday, we’ll have a cookout lunch starting noon at VYC. Brats and hamburgers will be provided by PIBYC. Each person is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Note that alcohol is not permitted on VYC grounds. Dinner Saturday night will be at Red Clay on the River at 1800. Water taxis are available for tours or a trip downtown, great shopping, and the Great Lakes Historical Society Inland Seas Maritime Museum. A detailed information page and schedule for this cruise-out is posted at www.pibyc.org. The June 11 sign-up deadline is coming up fast. Feel free to sign up for any individual event.

The second cruise-out will be a Sunday evening dinner at the Nor’Easter Club (on Catawba Island) June 26. Arrive by boat or car by 1700. The cost is $18.00 per person (checks payable to PIBYC). The sign-up deadline is June 18. Please indicate if you need a ride and/or can ferry passengers to the dinner and back. Sign-up sheets for Old Club (July 13-15), Schoolhouse Bay (August 6), and Leamington (August 19-21) will also be posted.

Look for sign-up sheets for upcoming I-LYA events posted at the Club, too. T-shirt sales will be conducted the first couple days of the Junior regatta and throughout the senior regattas. Those who sign up before the end of June and complete their shift will receive a free T-shirt. An orientation (how to work the credit card machine) will be held 1 p.m. Sunday, July 17 or any time prior to your work shift. We will also need volunteers for Junior meals and food/beverage sales during senior regatta. Many hands make light work – please lend us yours.

Bob Bahney III
“Commodore of Good Vices”

Many thanks to all who were able to help on Clean-Up/Gardening Day. Your Board met at 14:00 to work on the myriad of details that go with a highly active organization such as ours. You need only review the entries on the 2005 Club Calendar to grasp the variety of activities planned for this season. Add in the Auxiliary, cruise outs, swim/sail and regatta and there is something happening daily. This only means something if you and yours are part of it.

I urge each of you to integrate this calendar into your own so that you do not miss any of these worthwhile events. Remember also that if you want to attend an out of Club event and you are not boating there, you are still welcome and can travel by car.

I cannot over-emphasize the excitement the new dock facility is generating. The buzz at our hospitality room at the I-LYA April meeting was mainly about this addition to our facility. The availability of space, fees, rules, and the offering of lounge and restaurant to those using the dock will stir up great enthusiasm in all areas of our Club.

We are fortunate to have Noreen and Chuck Roth returning as our management/facilities team and Sharon Conte Siwa is returning to provide our many fine dinners. “We will see you at the Club” should be a much used phrase this season.

George C. Smith
Rear Commodore

Welcome back and “Thank You”!! to all who showed up for clean up day. It was one of our largest group; we had a great lunch thanks to Sharon Conte and we got much needed work done.

Look for our “Family Night Wednesday Dinners” to begin June 8th. Each Wednesday we will have a great low cost family meal. Bring the kids and grandkids. Everyone is welcome. It will be a fun time for all. We will open at 5:00 and serve until 7:30.

Saturday June 4th, we will have a fine dining night. This has been such a success on Thursdays that we want to open it up to those who come over just for the weekends. We will serve a fabulous several course meal complete with appetizers and dessert. There will also be a children’s menu. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED PLEASE CALL OFFICE AT 419-285-4505.

We have a full calendar this year and hope you all visit often. See or call Noreen for the scheduled events. Remember the club number and reservation number is 419-285-4505.
Auxiliary

Tuesdays at noon can be the best time and day of the week because the Auxiliary Luncheons are going to be original, refreshing, enchanting and enriching.

The first one, June 14th, is described by Mary Lou Ramsbottom this way: “Be certain to mark your cal-endar to attend the Red Hat Moosemilk Toga Party. Be creative and put together a purple toga (wrap yourself in a dyed sheet, or find out how to do it on google.com), wear lots of gold jewelry, add a laurel wreath, red hat, whatever -- and come prepared for fun and games. The menu will be Roman, of course. Help us kick off the luncheon season with a Punch, MOOSEMILK, that is. See you there. Ciao.” Mary Lou has special gold accessories to add to the costumes, as well as information on “How to wrap the toga.” It will available at the Eye Opener.

A poker party on June 21 will follow. Sharon Conti, our own gastronomic genius will do the cooking for this event. If you have poker chips we could use, contact Diane Ketterer or me.

Pat Skinner will host us at Ballast Island on June 28th with a special luncheon prepared by Put-in-Bay's Bakery owner, Pauline Gersdack. Meet at the Boardwalk for transportation to Ballast at 11:15. We will return by 2:30. Reservations are necessary for this. Cost will be $20.00.

This is just the beginning of a great summer. Lisa Brohl, our Island Biology, Zoology, Botany specialist, will be on the agenda for a program in July about out plants and insects, as well as information about the Black Swamp Conservancy.

Come on out and see us. It is going to be fun and educational.

Sally Duffy

Special Notice section: Volunteers are wanted for one hour, two hours, breakfast, lunch or any time you can spare during Junior Bay Week in July, and also during the I-LYA Regatta. Bring along an extra body, living preferably. Call Joan Kempf or Sally Duffy or see the Sign-up Sheets at the Yacht Club

PIB Community Swim & Sail Program

Registration Due: June 1st

The five week sailing program and Dan Drake’s five week swimming classes begin the week of June 13th. Dan will be offering both Endurance Swim and a Lifesaving course. Morning “Learn to Swim” classes with Anne Auger will begin June 20th. Please help us finalize schedules by calling NOW if you are interested. Forms are available on line at www.pibswimsail.org or at the post office. For swimming call Anne at 419-285-7663. For sailing call Jane at 440-286-5546.

ADULT SAILING CLASSES

The Community Swim/Sail Program is offering adult sailing this summer. Classes, taught by CC Skoch, will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00pm until sunset for four weeks beginning June 21st. Whether you’re a novice or an experienced sailor looking for some time on the water, please call Sara @ 216-970-9197 to register.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24th

Support the NEXT GENERATION of Put-in-Bay swimmers and sailors by attending our Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese “Bucket” Raffle. To keep sailing lessons affordable for all island families and to keep racing active at PIBYC, we need your help. Stop by the yacht club on Friday June 24th. Come for the kids....stay for the food....win big at the raffle! We love to see our old friends and make new ones. This is an evening for everyone: young and old. Not hungry for spaghetti? Just stop by before 8:00 pm to take a chance at the raffle. See you there.

Bob Bahney, Jr. and Tom Cooper for forwarding the mail to Treasurer Clark Davies in Florida, thus keeping the Club current in its obligations.

Ken Kartheiser for “heavy duty” yardwork leveling and re-planting the front lawn disturbed by installation of utilities for the new dock.

Sharon Conte for early season cleaning and painting in the kitchen so she could prepare a great lunch for the clean-up day crew.

A special volunteer work party prepared, painted, and installed uprights on the new dock May 7 & 8: Bob Bahney, Jr., Clark Davies, Jack Attkisson, Steve Cooks, Bob Bahney III, Ed Sterling, Sandy Sterling, Jack Lain, and Jane O'Brien.

Thank you for the tremendous turn-out we had for Clean-Up Day, May 14. There were too many to list.

Yearbooks Are Coming

The books are at the printer’s and will be available soon. If you sent the extra $5 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.

Sally Duffy