April 2001

VC Mike thanks his better half Alice and Connie Gregory along with Barb Hunter for the all the help and the table arrangements at the January Winter meeting on Catawba Island.

Please join us at 9:00 a.m. and we’ll plan to be finished by noon. Lunch will be served around 12:30. Come for the whole time or just give us an hour. We need your help. There will definitely be something for everyone.

I-LYA Winter Weekend
April 6 - 8, 2001
Radisson Hotel
2001 Cleveland Road, Sandusky, OH 44870
419/627-2500

PIBYC will be hosting a Hospitality Room Friday night. We’d appreciate it if you would bring an hors d’oeuvre to go with our “Island punch” and soft drinks. Hope you can join us for some spring-time fun in Sandusky.

HELP WANTED
Two Assistant Swimming Instructor
June 18 - July 13
Contact Sarah Booker•Sheehan, 440/543-7868
Registration for the Swim Program is on June 10th.

PIBYC AUXILIARY SWIM-SAIL PROGRAM IS TAX-EXEMPT!

The PIBYC Sail-Swim Program is now the Put-in-Bay Community Sail-Swim Program with full 501c3 status. This means it is recognized as a community program, it can apply for grants, and it has tax-exempt status.

Since its inception in 1949, the classes have always been provided and supported by the yacht club members and was open to the public.

Fundraisers and donations are critical for the continuance of the classes. Tuition barely covers the instructors’ payments. Use of the pools for swimming are donated and boats are purchased and maintained through fundraisers at the yacht club.

Last year the PIBYC Auxiliary purchased four new Club Flying Juniors, trailers and boat covers. This year the Optimist fleet was updated with three new boats and extra new sails. The Thistle, too, will be restored and put back into service.

This summer we look forward to the return of Lynsi Hood who has considerable instruction and racing experience. Our head instructor is Patrick Green, an island resident and skilled sailor and racer.

We constantly innovate to respond to the changing needs of the community. We will continue to include adult sailing. This summer we will introduce weekend classes to accommodate those who are not on the island during the week.

We owe thanks to the PIB Recreation Committee for the financial support and to the parents who worked at the fundraisers, which included a couple of Pancake Breakfasts and the Italian dinner held at the Club.

Thanks to the hard work of parents and members, we sent a record number of sailors and boats to area regattas and events.
Commodore’s Briefings

Summer is just around the corner with lake homes and cottages being opened and boats launched. Hopefully your winter was most enjoyable, not too cold if you stayed North and not too hot if you traveled South.

This month we are including the remaining comments from the December surveys. Your input and comments are most important to the Officers and Trustees as they plan for this upcoming season.

A great many of the responses in the survey suggested that we plan various activities for the youth in our organization. Jack and Janet Bergen have agreed to chair this new committee. Please let them know if you would be able to help in this area.

Plans are being made for Friday nights at the Club with special food and beverage service. We hope that you will join your many friends and continue the fellowship that many have enjoyed in the past during the occasional Friday Night Beer Parties. Watch for more details at a later date.

Don’t forget the I-LYA meeting in Sandusky April 6-8. We will be hosting our usual hospitality room Friday evening. Your attendance and participation will be appreciated. Contact Pati Arth if you can help.

I look forward to seeing you very soon and my thanks in advance for your continued support in carrying out the traditions that have made the PIBYC the extraordinary club that it is today.

Sam Gregory
Commodore

Ladies Auxiliary

It’s hard to believe but spring 2001 is just around the corner! Our Swim and Sail Chairpersons have been busy making plans for the summer programs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Sarah Booker•Sheehan and Phoebe Borman for the time they spent on these programs over the winter.

The upcoming season promises to be a busy one and remember our programs are run by volunteers and we need all the help we can get to make it a successful summer.

See you in the spring.

Linda Buttrey
Auxiliary President

Cruise Out Destinations You Suggested in the Questionnaire

Maumee River Y.C
Boblo island
Windsor Y.C.
Lake St Clair Ports
The Olde Club
Port Huron
Leamington
Cedar Point
Cleveland
Erie, PA
Monroe
Detroit Y. C.
Sarnia area
Grosse Pointe
St. Clair, MI
Port Clinton Y.C.
Pelee island
Mackinac island
Vermilion Boat Club
Toronto

“Visiting other yacht clubs would be fun and educational”

Ad-Vice

It’s been a busy winter and I know everyone is ready for Spring!

The first project (event) for the year is the Annual Clean-up Day on May 5th (my favorite day). The more volunteers we have the easier the job will be. We will try to finish by noon and have lunch.

I attended the Back to the Bay Western Cruise, March 10 & 11, hosted by Beaver Creek Yacht Club. We visited four yacht clubs - Nuggent's Canal, Riverview, Harborview and Toledo. It was a very educational experience, learning how other clubs manage their food and beverage services.

Our first Cruise-Out will be June 24th, an early Sunday afternoon on Rattlesnake Island. More on this in the May Jib Sheet.

Jack Lain
Vice Commodore

Rear View

We have just concluded the Winter Weekend and Doldrums Party, and that means Spring is just around the corner. It was a great time for those who braved the cold to attend and for those who could not we missed you! The fun began on Friday with a cocktail party and ended with some members going to the Sunday brunch at the Sandusky Yacht Club.

We had around sixty members and guests attend the Saturday night dinner party at Mon Ami. The Town Hall meeting was well-attended and we had a full agenda. It was great to see so many of our members attend and participate.

The calendar of events is proceeding along and again I wish to thank all the members that have offered their support for the 2001 season. We have a great summer of activities planned! We look forward to seeing soon!

Mike Kreutzberg
Rear Commodore

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PIBYC Members’ Miscellaneous Comments from the Commodore’s December Survey

"Issue a key card to use shower facilities for a fee"

"Maybe have a member and new member mixer. We are fairly new, younger members (30 with young children) who don't know anybody"

"White elephant sale (auction type which bring in more dollars) along with hamburger/chicken cook-out that is open to the public. Have Club available on weekends for members to socialize so it is really a Club where we can hang out and bring friends to - not only organized parties. Encourage sailing parties. Cruise outs with picnics at neighboring parks would really encourage friendships and a stronger feel for the Club. It would turn around its spirit and loosen up the stiff feeling"

"C.P.R. educational day"

"Beautiful facility, friendly members, comfortable atmosphere and prefer PIBYC to other Yacht Clubs"

"The Club has all the accommodations that I think make it a great Yacht Club"

"The Club in the past years has had a very active social program. I think you should continue"

"This should be a PIB Club and not an extension of Cleveland Yacht Club"

"We're pleased with improvements. Keep up the good work"

"Frankly we resent the fact the Club house is now a rental hall for business. It's like trying to have warm personal feelings for the local Holiday Inn. We realize the debt mandates dollar chasing. We just wish it wasn't this way"

"Full size outdoor pool for Club members"

"It is becoming more and more difficult for services on PIB. The attitude developing is that 'we don't want your business as we have enough business without you'." "More sailing and racing"

"Put web site on front yard signboard"

"Fundraisers that are open to the public should be advertised more effectively"

"More activities for young people"

"Fun activities for adults - volleyball, game nights, etc."

"I have never gone on a cruise, but sounds like fun. Maybe I should try one"

"Many Club members and the young people enjoy the breakfasts put on by the youth"

"Some dress-up events. Could we try for a little class?"

"Perhaps join with another Yacht Club for a special function. Would divide the work and double the fun"

"We come to the Bay for relaxation and should confine our activities to the Bay"

"Off season things for islanders and family to do"

"Like the raffle. Haven't been too active but would like to be. Would like to work on yacht races"

"I used to go to functions quite a bit but it seems anymore unless you are married and or have kids, you are out in left field. I would like to see some younger members (my age). The Club is a great facility and has so much potential and I don't think it is being utilized to its fullest"

"Haven't been in long enough to comment about anything. Willing to volunteer services as a bartender for occasional events this summer"

"Make Saturday night activities for those of us who do not live on the island"

"Teriyaki steak night, Mexican night"

"Sharon's Fish Fries on some Friday nights"

"Be more accommodating for off island members, those that have no summer homes on island"

"Somehow help the island community so we become a welcome presence in their lives"

"Keep outstanding loans low. Don't turn into another drinking only place. Develop outside grill area and more picnic tables. Build a pool with an affordable membership fee. Suggest listen to membership. This has not been done in the past couple years"

"Let's keep moving towards a more 'complete club' (food, liquor, swimming pool)"

"Keep within budget an keep costs down. Support sailing as our main goal"