PIBYC 2000 Season Ends with a Bang!

Our year ended with the usual meetings and festivities. The Officers and Trustees for this year are:
- Commodore - Sam B. Gregory, Jr.
- Vice Commodore - Jack V. Lain
- Rear Commodore - Michael J. Kreutzberg
- Immediate Past Commodore - Jack W. Attkisson
- Secretary - Richard J. French
- Treasurer - Carolyn R. Zahn

The appointed officers are:
- Fleet Captain - Patricia K. Arth
- Fleet Chaplain - Hon. George C. Smith
- Fleet Surgeon - Gabriela Kaplan, M.D.
- Legal Counsel - P/C John G. Papandreas, J.D.
- Historian - P/P Muriel B. Eian

The Jim Crain Award was presented to one of our most loyal and long-time members, Past Commodore Carl Obenauf. It was a fitting tribute to a gentleman who has spent so many dedicated years supporting this organization. The day of the Change of Watch, Carl and Marjorie were with their family in Columbus anticipating attending the Ohio State football game. Due to inclement weather, they skipped the game and returned to Put-in-Bay where we were able to surprise him with this honor. Congratulations, Carl, on this most prestigious and well deserved award.

Our thanks to all who worked so hard in planning the year-end activities. The Pot Luck after the annual meeting was a great success with great variety of specially prepared foods by all of you. Special thanks to Sharon Conti and her staff for the Change of Watch food preparation and to the Past Commodores for all their assistance with the Eye Closer Brunch. And our deepest thanks to Past Commodore Reni Miller and her busy crew for making all the arrangements and coordinating the events.

A special tribute with thanks was given to Past Commodore Jack Attkisson for his years of dedication and for an outstanding year as Commodore leading the Club into the 21st Century.

A Voice from the Past…our Immediate Past Commodore

I would like to thank all of our members and especially those who hosted parties and special events for helping to make my time as Commodore such a great success. Special thanks to my flag officers, to the Board of Trustees and to Laureen Mooney, Ladies Auxiliary President. It wouldn’t have worked without your help and support.

I want to wish Commodore Sam Gregory and his flag officers a successful year and I hope you’ll give him the same support that you gave me.

From Pam, Katie and me, many, many thanks to all of you! We had a great summer.

Hope to see you this January!

Jack Attkisson
Past Commodore
**Commodore’s Briefings**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each of you for placing your confidence in me to lead your Club this coming year. I will do my best and look forward to working with each of you.

First of all, I would like to announce that effective May 1, 2001, Sharon Conti will be our new Club Manager and will be assisted by Sheryl Harrington. We look forward to this dynamic duo to keep the day to day operation of the clubhouse on a well-run, effective level. Our special thanks to Steve Cooks for committing two years ago to become the first Club Manager of the PIBYC. He did a phenomenal job in charting the course of this new venture. It was a job well-done, Steve and Jill! The rental of our facilities has been increasing yearly and the need for an on-site manager was not only necessary but proved to be most effective. I hope that all of the membership will reach out and support this system as we see it expand. Please address any concerns to me as it is the wish of all to continue to operate this Club on the level that has been so ably done in the past.

My primary goal for the year 2001 is to have the Club operate on a positive financial level. There have been great strides made in our Club facilities with the expansion and remodeling but it was a serious drain on our finances. We hopefully will be able to reduce our expenses wherever possible and increase our revenues without changing the dues structure. Any major expenditure will not be made unless said expenditures will produce additional income. We also anticipate a busy rental season which is an integral part of our financial picture.

I have been informed that the I-LYA will be returning to Put-in-Bay. The Junior Sail Regatta will run from July 15-19. The Senior Regatta will continue with the Power Boats from July 31-August 4 and the Deepwater Races on August 3-5. The Senior Sail Regatta will be August 6-8th. They will be utilizing our Club facilities for 14 days, one more day than last year. We will need your help during this time, so plan your summer schedules so you will be available to assist as you have so ably done in the past.

I look forward to seeing you at the PIBYC Winter Party and Meeting in January.

*Sam Gregory*
*Commodore*

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**Report from the Rear**

Greetings from your new Rear Commodore. The season may be over, but my thoughts for the upcoming 2001 season are on my mind as I’m so kindly reminded by our new Commodore. The calendar of events are underway. I want to thank all the members who have been gracious with their offers of support for the season ahead.

One of the first on the calendar of events will be the Third Annual Winter Weekend and Doldrums Party. This will again be held at the Fairfield Inn the weekend of January 19, 2001. We will begin on Friday with a welcome cocktail party in the banquet room followed by a good night sleep? There’s a continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning. Lunch will be provided on Saturday prior to the Town Hall meeting. We will be discussing some great ideas, so come put your two cents in.

On Saturday night we will again enjoy the cuisine of the chefs, at Mon Ami Historic Winery. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails, followed by a buffet dinner. Please make plans to attend, you will not regret it!

We look forward to seeing you all again soon. I hope all you will have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

*Mike Kreutzberg*
*Rear Commodore*

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**Ad-Vice**

The 2000 season is history and we had a great year of social events… busy but enjoyable working with all the event hosts and their committees. They gave their time and talents to support the Club. Kay and I appreciated all the support we received from the membership and Board, especially the Past Commodores.

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2000 EVENTS**

The Beer Party hosted by the Flag Officers and their wives was well-attended by members and guests.

Labor Day weekend started with the Commodore’s Pancake Breakfast. The pancakes were super, as always, thanks to Chef Jack and lady Pam. I think it’s all in the mixing.

After the Annual Meeting, Mike and Alice Kreutzberg hosted the Pot Luck. They could have fed everyone on the island as everyone brought many delicious dishes.

The last Fish Fry, hosted by Sharon Conti and her friends, was well-attended considering the weather that night. Thanks, Sharon, for this and all your help this year, especially the Change of Watch.

Our last social event, the Eye Closer Brunch, was held two weeks after the Change of Watch. Starting with tasty libations, we had a very unique brunch menu served by Sue Thwaite and her staff. Thanks again to all for a great year.

I look forward to serving you as Vice Commodore in 2001. I know we have a tough act to follow but I will try to offer a great boating season.

Hope to see you all at the Winter Party.

*Jack Lain*
*Vice Commodore*
Ladies Auxiliary

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Past President Laureen Mooney for her second time around as president of the Ladies Auxiliary Board. Thanks to her time and efforts this summer of 2000 was a successful one. The Board is in place for next summer and we’re already making plans for the summer of 2001. I look forward to working with them and hope to see many volunteers so we can have another successful season.

See you in the Spring.

Linda Buttrey
Auxiliary President

You Were Heard!

The September/October Jib Sheet had a questionnaire insert and about 10% of our members returned it. The participants included a good cross-section of our membership based on membership years.

You said that The Jib Sheet was pretty good as it is now. You like the blue ink, the graphics and the layout. Many thought it was timely but others wished they had it one week before the beginning of the next month, especially because they leave their mainland homes for the Bay before it arrives.

You were divided in your thoughts about a Swap/Sell column. One suggested this could be handled with a sheet on the bulletin board at the Club. Most did not want a Personals column and only a few thought the Paid Advertisements was a good idea. Occasional pictures would be fine.

You had more thoughts on the content of The Jib Sheet. You liked the month’s events spotlighted on the front page as we have been doing. However, many had definite opinions about the contents of the various columns. Most indicated there was too much duplication, especially in listing of activities and thank you’s. Several suggested a column dedicated to thank you’s. The officer’s articles should deal with their responsibilities and not other Club events, unless it is the Commodore. Several were concerned about the misinformation or mistakes, especially concerning times of Club Events.

In summary, timeliness and accuracy are very important and goals we should work towards. As editor, I thank you for your interest and hope we can improve The Jib Sheet in 2001. There will be more discussion of Club communication at the Winter Party and Meeting in January.

You Got Mail...

from Treasurer Carolyn Zahn, about 2 weeks ago and it was your 2001 Dues Statement. For your convenience we included a pre-addressed envelope. Please review ALL personal information to ensure it is accurate. This information is used for mailing labels and the member roster in the 2001 Yearbook. Pay your dues now and you’ll have a 2001 Dues Card to use while visiting other reciprocal yacht clubs this winter.

We also included a 2001 Yearbook Advertiser’s contract in the same envelope in order to save about $120 postage for a separate mailing. Only the mailing is early; the deadline is still February 15, 2001. You will not receive another contract.

Docks to Rent

This year we will be reserving the PIBYC docks on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are two docks available: the first one is between our dock and Miller Marine for boats up to 30 feet in length (with or without power) and the second dock is in front of the Club for boats up to 40 feet in length. The dingy dock is free to members or AYC/I-LYA affiliated clubs if membership card is presented. If not, it is a flat rate of $5.00 per day.

Prior to May 15th, you can reserve either dock in advance, up to a maximum of three weekends during the Season, if you pre-pay. Minimum rental on weekends will be for 2 nights (Friday-Saturday). After May 15th, we will accept reservations for weekends available on a first-come basis, as long as you pre-pay. Refunds will not be given. If the weather is out of the northeast, you can re-schedule at the next available date.

If no member rents the dock by Wednesday noon, the Club will rent the dock to any non-member. Cost will be $1.00 per foot for members, $1.25 for AYC/I-LYA members and $1.50 for all others. Day rate is a flat $20.00 on weekdays and of course, extended stays can be negotiated.

Once your check is received, a confirmation will be sent with your dates and a dockage permit. Please contact Carolyn Zahn, Treasurer at 313/493-3135 or 248/620-2187 and sign up early, as all dates are open for the 2001 Boating Season.

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