


Boat Club News

Looking Forward - New Clubhouse in 2018!

Commodore's Line - Rob Brunner

Thank you all for a great holiday season. As usual, the Grosskopf's and their team of volunteers did a wonderful job organizing the Christmas Party. We had our largest attendance ever! Congratulations once again to Mike Bureau on being selected as the 2017 Sportsmanship Award recipient. Mike truly is deserving of this coveted award.

As I was driving to the fall dinner this past November I had a thought about creating a float for the Holiday Parade. I knew the parade was going to be big this Christmas, but we didn't have a lot of time. I thought, wouldn't it be great if PBC was represented? I showed up at the dinner and asked Carl Swanson if we could get a float together. He said, "Sure! When is it?" "In two weeks," I said. While his enthusiasm was curbed a bit, we pulled it off wonderfully! We had over 30 people from the Club show up, and our float was absolutely amazing! It was so great to see that many people walk the streets of Downtown Perrysburg on such a perfect day! The really hard part was convincing my brother to skateboard in that gorilla costume behind the sailboat. I definitely owe him some drinks at the Club this summer.

Our Club was represented at the Inter-Lake Yachting Association event in Westlake, Ohio this past month as well. We had about 8 PBC members attend the event as we celebrated the new ILYA Commodore Mike Powers. The ILYA events are always fun, and I encourage everyone to try to make it when they can.

As if December wasn't busy enough, Past Commodore Dave Dicke and I helped a troop of Cub Scouts earn their knot tying badges. We instructed about 15 local kids on seamanship knots, and it was great seeing the passion they had in accomplishing their goals. While their attention span was short at times they successfully earned their badges, and will all be crossing over to be Boy Scouts. They were all very thankful to the Perrysburg Boat Club.

On the business side of the Club, Dave and Ruth Dicke invited the Board and their families to their home for dinner and we had our final Board Meeting of 2017. The food was fantastic, and we are all set to hit the ground running in 2018.

As we start this new year I will be working hard to preserve the value created by former Boards while charting the future direction of our Club. The Board's focus will be on reviewing our practices and policies to better address the evolving makeup and interest of our membership. 2018 is likely to be this Club's greatest and most historic year, and I look forward to what's ahead!

Vice Commodore - Willard Buttner

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Holidays with your family and friends.

Thank you to Cheryl and Kurt for organizing an amazing Christmas party and all that helped, it was a great turnout and it was a great time.

I have been working on the 2018 event calendar, I have been using the membership application surveys that were handed out at the fall meeting. Only few have been returned, you will receive another one with your dues if you have not filled one out. Please fill these out and I will try to accommodate your request. Some dates and activities are not finalized yet.

Looking forward to another great year in 2018, wishing everyone great health and happiness.

Upcoming Events

January 13th, 2018 Change of Watch Commodore's Ball

February 16th-17th, 2018 Associated Yacht Clubs Weekend Event

Winter Potlucks – There are currently no winter potlucks scheduled. If you are interested in hosting, please notify Commodore Rob Brunner or Vice Commodore Will Buttner.

Boat US Membership

Our group number is: **GA83576B**. When you renew, or become new members of Boat US, reference this number for 1/2 price membership fees. Boat US has a great magazine, towing, insurance and other discounts at certain marinas and many more membership perks. All for about \$15 per year (1/2 of the regular price). You may want to consider becoming members. Check out www.boatus.com/membership/ for more details.

Rear Commodore's Line - Jeremy Ballert

Melissa and I would first like to say that we hope the holiday season with your family and friends was safe and joyful. We very much enjoyed the PBC Christmas Party. As 2018's newly elected Rear Commodore, I would like to share a little bit about myself and family for those of you whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting.

My name is Jeremy Ballert. Our family moved back to Ohio 2 years ago, after having spent 10 years in Fort Wayne, Indiana. While in Indiana, we had the great fortune of having two beautiful little girls. Sylvia now (9), and Amelia now (6). Melissa was offered a job transfer which would bring us back to the Toledo Area. Perrysburg was the only place in both of our minds.

My roots are in West Toledo, having attended St. Agnes grade school, Start High School, and Owens Community College. Melissa's family has deep roots in Perrysburg, with her father (Nick) being one of the 5 Bayer kids that raised many a ruckus around the corner of W. Indiana and Walnut during the 50's and 60's. Melissa's sister purchased the big green house across from the courthouse (recently painted Blue) from the family after the passing of her grandmother (Evelyn). The house has never left the family.

The last two years in Perrysburg, back home with family, and meeting so many great new neighbors and friends via the Boat Club, Toth Elementary School, and various other groups has truly been a blessing.

We have never really been boat people to be completely honest. My limited boating exposure came as an adolescent, Lake Erie fishing with Dad in order to fill the freezer with enough Perch to last the winter. A few years ago, we were at a friend's Lake House Bash @ Diamond Lake in Michigan. They had recently purchased a new boat, and their old boat was in storage and for sale. The boat was very sentimental to them and had provided many memories. Melissa had been on this particular boat many times and also shared in the fond memories. As the beverages disappeared faster than they should have that night, we somehow agreed to buy the "Babbling Brooke". The next morning, Melissa and I looked at each other, and in unison said "Did we buy a boat"?

Our purchase, while full of memories and good intentions, was also laden with issues. Our first year in the club, she barely saw action, with issue after issue being rectified. The "Babbling Brooke", while still moody at times, was much happier in 2017 as she saw much action on both the River, and our week long stay @ Bear Lake in Michigan.

We have learned so much in our 2 years in the Club, and will continue to learn from the wealth of knowledge banked at our Club in the form of its members. In a short time with the Club, we have felt how special this group is. I can only imagine how important the club is to the members that have belonged and served for 20, 30+ years. Over the next few years, it is my aim to aid the PBC Bridge and Board in keeping that special kinship alive as we move into the "new building era". While the last two years will eventually be only known as the "limbo years", I cannot help but to believe they have been some of the best. We have grown stronger, larger, and have done more with less. Be proud PBC.

I know I am, and will gladly represent our Club with that pride while visiting our neighboring clubs in the years to follow.

Happy Birthday

January 1 Meghan Roth
2 Gustina Pennese
2 Patty Zenner
3 Diane Toffler
4 Wayne Eilers
4 Kraig Mackett
10 Jill Fisher
11 Susan Wagoner
11 Cheryl Grosskopf
11 Thomas Geissler
16 Richard Luedtke
16 John Toffler
18 Brooke Potts
19 Jennifer Pfleghaar
20 Amy Berg
21 Mary Alcroft
24 Sandra Menard
25 Ray Schneider
27 Marjorie Elden
28 Sally Goligoski

Happy Anniversary

January 19 Jim & Karen Caldwell
30 John & Sandra Menard

Perrysburg Boat Club Bridge & Board Members

Rob Brunner - Commodore
Willard Buttner - Vice Commodore
Jeremy Ballert - Rear Commodore
Secretary Treasurer - Pat Slee
Recording Secretary - Rachel Wesley
Immediate Past Commodore - Dave Dicke
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P/C Wayne Eilers
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