

PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



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2026 PYC Officers

Members

Commodore: Joey O’Nishea
Vice Commodore: Cheryl Rhoads
Rear Commodore: Rick Jones
Secretary: Tom Hallowell
Treasurer: Jay Asaibene

Board

Gary Rhoads
Cindy Kindinger
MJ Williams
Mike Wells

Support Staff

Cruise Master:	Tom Williams
Historian/Facebook Admin:	Kay Weaver
Sunshine Chair:	Karen Sofield
Web Master:	Kay Weaver
Photographer	All Members

June Holidays

19th: Juneteenth



Happy June to all the wonderful PYC boaters.

Wow, can you believe that this month will mark half the year already? The past six months have been like looking in the rearview mirror. Seems like hurricane season was just a few months away, but here we are once again with the beginning of hurricane season upon us. We sure could use some rain; the water ways are in dire need of it - but not so much that folks on the rivers get flooded out.

Thank you to Butch and Merrilyn Karrels for hosting the Camp Mack event. I heard it was a wonderful outing. Thanks as well to Tom and MJ Williams for hosting the paratrooper pickup at Lake Dora.

Our next event will be hosted by Terry and Kay Weaver, with Tom and MJ Williams serving as co-hosts. This will be an away event at Riviera Resort in Deland, Florida. For anyone interested in getting together on the water, I have also scheduled a pop-up event later in the month, with a tentative date of June 25th.

I understand 2027 is still half a year away but it's never too early to start planning events for the upcoming year. Participation in hosting an event or co-hosting shouldn't feel like an obligation but rather something that continues to foster the fun and camaraderie of the club. Your participation is very needed and very much welcomed.

I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that we are looking for members to be on the nominating committee for the upcoming election for officers and board members. Although it's a few months away from the official time for nominations it is never too early to start preparing for next year's leadership. This will give everyone an opportunity who is interested in a position either as PYC Officer or board member to make it known of their interest.

If anyone is interested in learning and willing to assist with the PYC Facebook and website, please contact Kay Weaver.

Just a little fun note: A thirsty boater runs into a bar and shouts, "Give me twenty shots of your best whisky, quick! The bartender pours them and the boater drinks them at lightning speed. The bartender being impressed asked, "Wow, why are you drinking so fast" The boater replies with a smile "Well you'd drink fast too if you had what I have!" The bartender asks, "O my, hope it's nothing serious. What do you have?" The boater replies, "Fifty cents!"

PYC Commodore- Joey

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Vice Commodore Cheryl Rhoads

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR PYC DADS!
AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU AGAIN TO JIM & CAROL
CLARKE FOR MAKING THIS SIGN for THE CRAZY GATOR
RESTAURANT IN EUSTIS!



Cheryl



Rear Commodore – Rick Jones

Hello everyone,

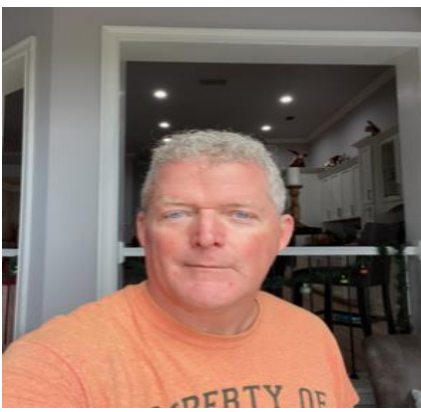
The first PYC event for May was a trip to Camp Mack and was held May 5th thru May 8th, with several members trailering boats to attend this gathering. Hosts for this gathering were Butch & Merrilyn Karrels.

The Paratrooper pickup on May 16th proved to be quite a show with 200 participating Paratroopers and was hosted by Tom & Mary Jo Williams.

Remember to sign up to host, or co-host an event, as nothing happens without volunteers!!

Hope to see everyone on the water!

Rick Jones



Secretary – Tom Hallowell

Please consider volunteering for any one of the positions needed for 2027. Officers, Board, Support Staff, Nomination committee

Membership participation stats for outings (hosts and co-hosts):

1 event canceled due to no hosts/co-hosts.

20% of all 2026 events are still missing a host or a co-host.

6 members routinely host or co-host multiple events – thank you!!

45% of all members did not sign up to host or co-host any events in 2026 and the trend is similar for past years.

There are many members that have never hosted or co-hosted ANY event.

In my opinion, this is unsustainable and UNFAIR to those “carrying” the club year after year.

Please remember, the club is only as active as its members.

Tom



Treasurer- Jay Asaibene

Income for the months of April and May was \$187.00. Expenses were \$201.55. Checking account balance as of May 31, 2026 is \$2,248.45

Jay

2026 Nominations and Election Time is coming!

Each of these positions is vital to the club's success and offers a chance for YOU to make a real impact. Some folks have already stepped up to say they would be happy to fill a role – but you can still Step up, take on a role- or assist one already in place, and help us make our club even better! Our Policy and Procedures Manual has more detail, but here's an overview of Board Positions to be voted on in November:

Commodore: Take the lead as Commodore and guide the direction of our club. You'll chair the Board of Directors, organize outings, and ensure everything runs smoothly. This prestigious role offers the chance to make a significant impact, driving the club's success and fostering a strong community spirit.

Vice Commodore: Are you passionate about growing the club and welcoming new members? The Vice Commodore is key in recruiting and onboarding new members, making sure they feel welcome and integrated into the community. You'll also assist the Commodore and step in when needed, making this role both dynamic and fulfilling.

Rear Commodore: Do you enjoy ensuring everything runs smoothly? As Rear Commodore, you'll coordinate outings, manage raft-ups, and ensure that all boats are safely docked. Your role is crucial in maintaining the safety and organization of our boating adventures.

Treasurer: If numbers and finances are your strength, consider becoming the Treasurer. You'll handle the club's financial health, managing expenses, collecting dues, and preparing reports. This role is vital for ensuring the club's financial stability and transparency.

Secretary: Are you organized and detail-oriented? The Secretary role is essential in keeping the club running smoothly. You'll maintain records, manage correspondence, and ensure that members are kept informed through meeting minutes and newsletters. It's a crucial role with a significant impact.

Nominations and Election , cont'd

Board Members: As a board member, you'll have the chance to shape the future of our club. Your active participation in meetings and initiatives will help drive our success. This role offers a rewarding opportunity to be directly involved in making decisions that impact the club's activities and growth.

Webmaster: If you enjoy working with digital platforms and keeping everyone informed, the Webmaster role is perfect for you. You'll manage the club's website, sharing updates and important information with members. It's a great way to stay connected and contribute to the club's visibility and organization.

Cruise Master: Do you have a love for the open water and leading others in memorable outings? As Cruise Master, you'll be at the helm of our boating adventures, coordinating flotillas and ensuring safe, fun raft-ups. Your leadership will be key in making every outing a success, with the opportunity to guide and assist fellow boaters. These positions are not just responsibilities—they're opportunities to make a meaningful difference, connect with fellow members, and enhance the club experience for everyone. You can also volunteer to help any one of these positions as a fellow-propeller!



Cruise Master - Tom Williams

Thank you all who supported the May Paratrooper Drop into Lake Dora. This was one of the larger drops of 200+ veteran jumpers. Our goal was to pull them all out of the lake within 4 hours. Mission accomplished but not without a few hiccups, like one members prop getting ruined by a submerged rock and one older jumper who required medical treatment (hopefully not too serious). I believe we had 5 of our members pontoons involved in the event. Looking forward to the next jump in November. If you would like to be included please reach out to me at some point.

With the coming summer heat it's always prudent to check your batteries, pontoon and tow vehicles, and trailer wheel bearings. The extreme heat indexes can play havoc on these components.

As always be safe out there on our waterways,

Tom



Sunshine Chair – Karen Sofield

Nothing from the sunshine chair was sent out this month. If anyone knows of someone in need of a bit of sunshine please let me know!

Thank you,

Karen Sofield

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2026	Actual Date	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
Jan	1/10`	Fish Camp on Lake Eustis, 901 Lakeshore Blvd.	Vic & Elizabeth Kapoor	Bill & Joanne Marsella
Feb	2/7	Scavenger hunt/crazy gator	Cheryl & Gary Rhoads	Rick & Cyndi Jones
Feb	2/21	Chilli Cook Off/Hickory point	M Evangelista	Cheryl and Gary Rhoads
Mar	3/14	St Patrick's Day Eustis Waterfront Grill	Richard & Cookie Brown	Kurt and Debbie Liebknecht's
Mar	23 - 26	Crescent Fish Camp, Crescent City	Tom and MJ Williams	Terry and Kay Weaver
April	4/11	Cookout at Wooten Park	Joey & Lori O'Nishea	Rick and Cindy Jones
April	25			
May	5-8	Camp Mack	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Co-host needed
May	5/16	PARATROOPER PICKUP, Lake Dora	Tom & MJ Williams	Bert and Karen Sofield
June	8-12	Riviera Resort	Terry and Kay Weaver	Tom & MJ Williams
June	25th	NEW EVENT: Sunset Cruise, Lake Harris (Details TBD)	Host Needed	Co-host needed
July	July 3	Fireworks	Jay Aisabene	C and G Rhoads
Aug	8/6	Picnic 'n Pool Party	Bert and Karen Sofield	The Latham's
Sept	9/12	Griffith Park Picnic	The Kindinger's	Mike and Bonnie Wells
Sept	9/26	Luau/BBQ	The Hallowell's	Co-host needed
Oct	12 - 16	Away - Homosassa	Terry and Kay Weaver	Tom and MJ Williams
Oct TBD		Poker Run	Bob And Cathy Banta	Virginia Calven and Gary Papucci
Nov	11/7	PARATROOPER PICKUP, Lake Eustis	Tom and MJ Williams	
Nov	11/21	Thanksgiving Lunch at Fox run, Social at 12:30, Lunch at 1:00PM	John Paul	The Mest's
Dec	12/11	Christmas Dinner	The Kinginger's	The Well's

6/8/26 PYC Trip - Riviera Resort in DeLand An Exciting Getaway Experience

Riviera Resort in DeLand offers a unique escape for those seeking relaxation and adventure. Situated in the heart of Florida, the resort has beautiful waterfront views and guests can enjoy boating, swimming, and a variety of recreational activities that make every visit memorable.

What are you doing in June? Why not join us at Riviera Resort on the St. Johns River in DeLand? Hosts Kay & Terry Weaver are going over on Monday, June 8, 2026, and staying for one week. You could stay for two, three or more nights, it's up to you. The resort has a nice boat ramp, docks are okay and pool is great! Also, there is a long-covered pavilion with a BBQ grill and an air-conditioned community room. Bring your boat and join the fun! Call (386) 822-5662 to reserve your room. The more nights you stay, the better the room deals.

RSVP to Terry Weaver (352) 978-0439 or reply via e-mail.

If you have any questions, call or text us.

Current rates are posted on the members only section of the pontoonyachtclub.com website

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd Eustis Fire works



LET'S CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY TOGETHER

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd Cookout & see the EUSTIS FIREWORKS

TIME: 5PM AT JAY'S HOUSE, 3040 INDIAN TRAIL, EUSTIS

HOSTS: JAY ASAIBENE, CHERYL & GARY RHOADS

YOU CAN BEACH YOUR BOAT AT JAY'S OR DOCK AT ONE OF THE HOUSES NEXT TO HERS.

BRING: A SIDE DISH, YOUR PLATES, UTENSILS AND DRINKS

"DAVE AND GARY'S FAMOUS PULLED PORK SANDWICHES WILL BE PROVIDED.

RSVP by July 1st to Jay (772) 341-4046 or email jasaibene@me.com

Some Ideas for Event Hosting:

Geocaching, Scavenger Hunt

Valentine Cruise

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Movie Night

Fireworks

Cookout somewhere: Your House / Dock / Park

Sand Bar/ Grilling

Beach Party

Poker Run

Lake Griffin State Park

~~Moss Bluff~~ or Lake Griffin State Park

Paratroopers Water Jump Pick-Up

Membership Drive

Fishing Contest

Boat to a favorite Local Event

Silver Glen

Local waterfront restaurant ie: Ski Beach, Lake Harris

Hideaway

Full Moon Night-time Cruise

Safety score/ Obstacle Run

Away Trip ie: Rainbow Rivers Club, 2 Day no Boat req
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Away Trip ie: Crystal River

Away Trip ie: Homosassa

Away Trip ie: Deland-Tropical Resort

Away Trip ie: Saint Johns River, Parramore 's
Campground

Away Trip ie: Zachary Taylor RV Resort Lake

Camp Mack

May 5-8



Paratrooper Pick up

May 16th





Historian – Kay Weaver

A Look Back in Time.....

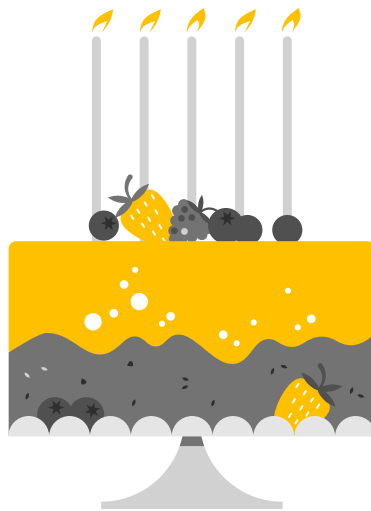
February 1992 PYC Trip to Silver Springs in our first pontoon boat. We moved from a bowrider with 150 hp motor so this was a big change for us. There are two antiques in this picture!-



Happy Birthday!!

June Birthdays

6/8 Gary Papucci
6/13 Cindy Kindinger
6/19 Elizabeth Kapoor
6/21 Kay Weaver





Dockside Deals: Ads that Float Your Boat

If you are looking to **SELL** a particular item, simply send a brief description, a picture and include contact information and any particulars. It will be posted for all to see.



Support our club and show your PYC colors. Purchase a 30" X 60" PYC towel for \$25.00 and \$5.00 will be donated back to the PYC treasury. Text Tom at (352) 516-6178 or email at tcwilliams99@hotmail.com.

Wanted !!

Nothing at this time

If you are looking **FOR** something specific..... Why not ask your boat club friends if they can help. Simply send a brief description, a picture and include contact info and any particulars. It will be posted for all to see.