

PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



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2025 PYC Officers

Commodore: Gary Rhoads
Vice Commodore: Joey O’Nishea
Rear Commodore: John Mest
Secretary: Tom Hallowell
Treasurer: Jay Asaibene

Board Members

Richard Brown
Virginia Calven
Tom Williams

Support Staff

Cruise Master:	Tom Williams
Historian/Facebook Admin:	Kay Weaver
Sunshine Chair:	Virginia Calven
Web Master:	Kay Weaver
Photographer	Sharon Vincent



October Holidays

Columbus Day : October 13th
Halloween: October 31st

Commodore – Gary Rhoads

Hello Boaters!

Last month Fall fell but the temperatures didn’t. Here’s hoping October will bring us some cooler weather for our outdoor adventures. We had three events in September starting with a Long Island sandbar in Lake Harris and a Ski Beach event hosted by Terry and Kay Weaver. We honored Jim Clarke for his 90th birthday and his contributions to PYC. We also enjoyed a picnic at Gilbert Park hosted by John and Cindy Kindinger and Mike and Bonnie Wells. Thanks to the hosts and co-hosts who made these events possible. The first October outing is still pending so watch for an email update. Looking forward to the Poker Run at the end of the month. See you on the lakes!

Commodore Gary



Cruise Master – Tom Williams

Mary Jo and I recently spent the better part of a day being interviewed for an article in Pontoon and Deck Boat magazine. We wanted to share information about our Pontoon Yacht Club, the things we do and the versatile and beautiful boating areas we are fortunate to enjoy. The article captures the fun and camaraderie that comes with being part of a boating community like ours.

We thought it would be good information not just to our members but also to anyone considering joining. If you know of anyone who might like being a part of like-minded boating enthusiasts please share this article with them.

Below is the link to the article, or you can read it on our clubs public Facebook page. Additionally it will be uploaded into our clubs website.

<https://digital.pdbmagazine.com/issue/september-2025/all-on-board-with-barletta/>

Have fun out there and BE SAFE

Tom



Vice Commodore – Joey O'Nishea

There is no new information to report this month.
No new applications received.



Rear Commodore – John Mest

I would like to thank our hosts for this month's outings! On September 17th Terry and Kay hosted an outing to Ski Beach! We had 27 people and 6 boats. It was a great day to be out on the water! We had a birthday celebration with many cards for Jim Clarke's 90th! I know you all helped make it a special day for him! Thank you! On September 27th John and Cindy Kindinger and Mike and Bonnie Wells hosted an outing picnic at Gilbert Park! They did a great job with the food! I think everyone enjoyed the day! We had 25 people 5 boats and 1 dog!

Happy Boating!
John Mest



Treasurer- Jay Asaibene

Income for the month of September was \$260 with expenses at \$268.72. Checkbook balance on Sept. 30 was \$2,846.90

Jay Asaibene
PYC Treasurer



Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven

I sent a get-well card to Cheryl Rhodes. If anyone knows of anyone that may need a little sunshine, please let me know!!

Virginia Calven



Secretary – Tom Hallowell

As usual, please reach out directly, with any omissions or errors. I can be reached at:

Thomas.ace.Hallowell@gmail.com or via Cell at 561 797 5369.

Get your nominations in for officers for the PYC for 2026!!!



Historian Kay Weaver

A Look Back in Time.....

October 18-21, 2007- Away Outing to MacRae's in Homosassa - Everyone had a great few days on the Homosassa River. We boated to the Springs for lunch on our boats and swam in the cool 72 degree water. That evening we grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. We had an Over-the-Hillbilly Gang Party that included music and dancing. One morning, the men cooked and fixed pancakes/sausage for breakfast, and we had an early dinner at Margarita Grill. A previous long time PYC member, Judy Coon, wrote a song that we all sang several times. We decided that it should be our official theme song. It was to the Tune of "Oh Susannah."

Oh, I love to go pontooning
 On a bright and sunny day,
 On the waters of Lake County
 Where my friends all come to play.
 There are gators in the water,
 Wading birds along the shore.
 And we float our boats and eat and drink.
 Now who could ask for more?

Refrain:

Pontoon Yacht Club!
 Yes, that's the group for me.
 It doesn't get much better than to
 Boat with PYC!

A look back in time, Cont'd



Nominations and Election Time is coming!

Each of these positions is vital to the club's success and offers a chance 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:

- 1. **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.
- 2. **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.
- 3. **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.
- 4. **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.
- 5. **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.

Nominations, cont'd

6. **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

7. **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.

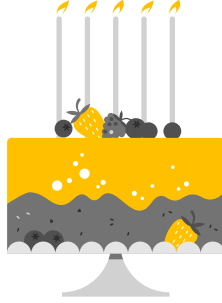
8. **Commodore:** Take the lead as Commodore and guide the direction of our club. You'll chair the Board of Directors, organize outings, and ensure everything runs smoothly. This prestigious role offers the chance to make a significant impact, driving the club's success and fostering a strong community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

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!

Happy Birthday!!

Denice Horton **9/3**
Debra Stewart **9/17**

Bill Byczek **9/16**
Jim Clarke **9/22**



OUTING EVENTS

October 30, 2025, Thursday (New Date)

Event: Poker Run

Restaurant: Crazy Gator, Reservations made. More details to follow!

Hosts: Cathy and Bob Banta, Co-Hosts are John and Elaine Mest and Virginia Calven and Gary Papucci

November 22nd Mark your calendar 22nd PYC

Thanksgiving 12:00 at Fox Run clubhouse 1446 Fox Run Dr Tavares Fl 32778.

December 12th, Mark your calendar PYC Christmas Party at the Country Club of Mt. Dora. Flyer attached

2025 Outing Schedule

2025 Week Of	Actual Date	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2	Full Moon
Jan 5	1/11	Fishcamp Restaurant	V and E Kapoor	R and J Tallman	1/13
Feb 2	2/6	Ski beach Restaurant	R and C Brown		
Feb 16	2/22	GeorgeFest Boating, Eustis waterfront Grill	G and C Roads		2/11
Mar 9	3/15.	Hurricanes Restaurant	J Tallman Sharon Vincent		3/14
Mar 16					
Apr 4	4/7-14	Parramore Resort, St. Johns River	T and K Weaver		4/13
Apr 20	.4/26	Margarittaville Pool Party and BBQ	T and L Hallowell		
May 4	5/10	PARATROOPER PICKUP, Lake Dora	T and MJ Williams		5/12
May 18	5/24	Mount Dora Sandbar and Grilling	J and L O'Nishea		
June 22	6/23-6/25	Rainbow River	G and C Rhoads	B and C Karrels	6/11
June 22	6/19	Pool Party and BBQ	K and B Sofield	W and A Latham	
June 29	7/1	Fire works, Lake Eustis	D and J Asalbiene		7/10
Aug 10	8/16	Paratrooper pick up Lake Dora	T and MJ Williams		8/9
Sep 7	9/16	Ski Beach Replacement event	T and K Weaver		9/7
Sep 21	9/27	Gilbert Park Picnic	J and C Kindinger	M and B Wells	
Oct 12	TBD	Apopka Canal	Host Needed	Co-host needed	10/7
Oct 26	10/30	Poker Run	B and C Banta	Mest, Calvin, Papucci	
Nov 2	11/8	Paratrooper pick up Lake Eustis	T and M Williams		11/5
Nov 16	11/22	Thanksgiving Dinner	J Dargo, M Bliss	J and E Mest	
Dec	Dec 12th	Christmas Dinner	J and C Kindinger	M and B Wells	12/4

Pop up Event Long Island Lake Harris

September 3rd



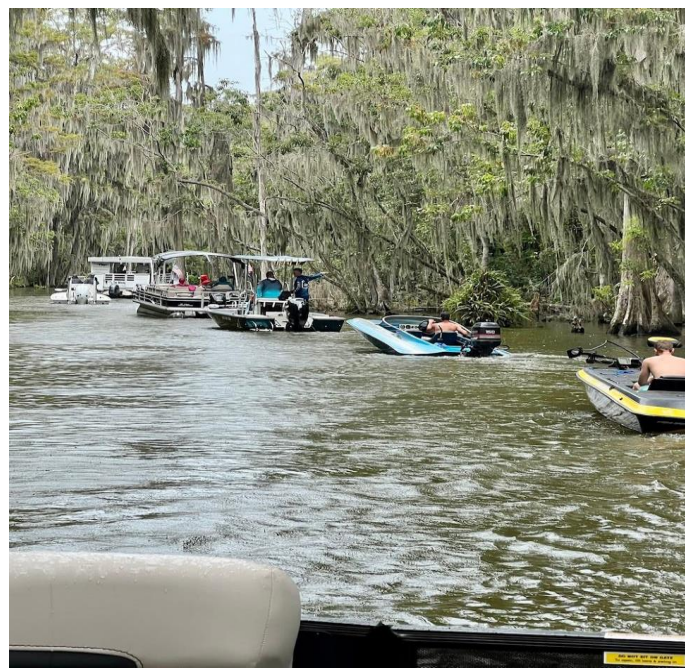
Ski Beach

September 16th



Gilbert Park Picnic

September 27th



PYC FUND RAISER!

Delicious Pies \$10 ea

Pies for Thanksgiving—for you or you can pre-sell to your friends!

50% of ALL sales go to the Pontoon Yacht Club Treasury.

\$10 for a 9" _____ Apple or

\$10 for a 9" _____ Pumpkin pie.



Call before 11/15, **IMPORTANT -> PAY Karen Sofield by 11/15, 908-421-5718.**

(check can be made to Karen Sofield or Cash) ***Karen MUST receive payment by 11/15.***

Karen's address: 35336 Haines Creek Rd Leesburg Fl 34788

Pick up Pies at the PYC Thanksgiving lunch on Sat. 11/22

Just in time for your own turkey day on 11/27

Each member is responsible for paying in advance for any pie ordered and must be paid for by 11/15, or your order will not be placed. Any paid-for pie, not picked up at our Thanksgiving lunch will be fed to the scavengers, if no other arrangement was made with Karen.





PYC Christmas Banquet

Holiday Attire is suggested.

Friday, December 12, 2025

Country Club of Mt. Dora

1900 Country Club Boulevard, Mt. Dora

Social Hour 5:30 – 6:00 P.M. Cash Bar

*A sit-down dinner will be served which includes salad, entrée, vegetable,
starch, rolls and dessert.*

Beverages include coffee, tea, and water.

Christmas Card Game will be played.

2026 Officers will be installed.

Music by DJ Dave Serio for your listening and dancing pleasure.

*Reservations and Money must be received by Jay Asaibene (3040 Indian Trail, Eustis, FL 32726)
by Monday, December 8, 2025 along with your choice of Beef Tips with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy OR
Chicken Piccata with Wild Rice.*

Cost for Members \$28.00 Cost for Guests \$38.00



Dockside Deals: Ads that Float Your Boat

Reel in the Cash! FREE for Members to list.

Email your ad to the Secretary for inclusion in the monthly newsletter
Submit your items to the secretary, no later than 2 days before the end of the month. There is a 3 Month time limit unless sold or extended



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.
7/31

WANTED

1. **Name:** Dave and Jay Asaibene

Contact info: MrChefDave@gmail.com

Cell:561 427 8090

Info: I am looking for a one gallon Fuel Can.
TOP NOT REQUIRED. Would prefer it to be
free.

1. Please send me any items you may be looking for, Send it to me, prior to the end of the month for publication in the following months Newsletter