

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



Commodore – Gary Rhoads

Hello! boaters! The dog days of August have arrived, and I guess they call them dog days because its doggone hot! The Tropical Resort event in September has been cancelled due to lack of interest and has been replaced by Ski Beach outing on September 16th. Details to follow. Thanks to Dave and Jay Asaibene for hosting the fourth of July event. The Paratroop drop on August 16th is the only event this month. Stay cool and see you on the lakes.

Commodore Gary.



Cruise Master – Tom Williams

This past week we had to cancel the trip that was planned for Tropical Resort. The reason for the cancellation is that only three families signed up to go while the resort was holding the block of rooms open for us. Last Monday they notified us that they could only hold them for another couple of days so we made the decision to go ahead and cancel. We'll try and find something else to schedule in its place in the near future. Lesson to be learned is that when we post these things and say you need to call to make your reservations do it then because we can only hold rooms for so long, not months and months, you can usually cancel in advance and get a refund. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Tom

Cruise Master



Vice Commodore – Joey O'Nishea

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

Joey O'Nishea

Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore – John Mest

Mother Nature seems to have it in for us. Our 4th of July outing hosted Dave and Jay Asaibene and Gary and Cheryl Rhoads was washout again this year! A total of 10 members and 2 guests were there. There was 3 boats although they didn't get out until the next morning for a cruise. Watching the fireworks from the porch with friends saved the evening! Thank you for hosting this event!

John Mest

Rear Commodore



Treasurer- Jay Asaibene

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. We have had minimal participation in our PYC summer events so I'm assuming most are traveling away from our summer heat. Hope to see everyone soon. Our income for July was \$41. Our checking account balance is \$2,803.07. If anyone has questions on our financials, feel free to contact me."

Jay Asaibene

Treasurer- Jay Asaibene



Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven

I sent a get well card to Mark Evangelista this month. If anyone wants a get well or sympathy card sent to a club member contact Virginia Calven by phone or text to 906-484-3478.



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.

There have been multiple cancelations this year. Additionally, most of the “water events” are the least attended. However, most of the restaurant events are the most attended. There have also been months with NO events at all due to the membership not opting to host or co-host.

With approximately 39 members, only 19 have either hosted or co-hosted an event. Which means nearly 50% of our members have not participated in hosting or co-hosting a single event. As the officers have stated, we are a boating club first and a social club second. Although it is understood that some may not be physically able to host, however, they are the exception. I know the officers are feeling frustrated. Also, the officers themselves are a small group of repeat board members in varying capacities. I urge all to consider hosting, Co-hosting and with the elections so very near, consider running for a position.

Tom Hallowell Secretary



Historian Kay Weaver

A Look Back in Time.....

On February 17, 2007, PYC went to Harborside. Do you remember Harborside? Restaurants come and go so much it is hard to figure out where we are talking about..... This is now Hurricane's! Amazing how our PYC members join in the fun! The pictures tell the story! This event was a huge success because the buffet was exceptional. We had a Wacky Hat Contest which was a lot of fun and we had some very creative people in our group. The winner of the Most Original Hat was Ron Murphy who made a replica of a pontoon boat. He had every detail of a pontoon boat, right down to the PYC#. The Most Unusual Hat was worn by Raymond Ellison. It was a hot pink one and it is hard to describe, but it was certainly unusual. Both received gift certificates. Additional prizes were won by others. We had some good laughs that day!

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!

Fireworks

Thank You Jay And Dave!!



Fireworks



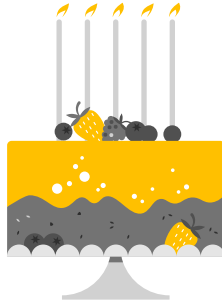
Happy Birthday!!

Jerie Tallman

8/7

Jay Asaibene

8/21



OUTING EVENTS

August 16, 2025 - We will again be able to experience the Phantom Airborne paratroopers who will jump out of the historic Tico Bell aircraft which was used during D-Day. The landing target will again be Lake Dora by the Tavares docks. We encourage you to come by pontoon and observe this fun event. This is a very unique opportunity to see our active and veteran paratroopers do what they do best. If you're interested, afterwards we will go to the Sandbar nearby, probably around noon to socialize and perhaps barbecue on board. So bring your own lunch and drinks and join us. Please let us know if you are coming: text Tom at 352-516-6178 or email him at tcwilliams99@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there. Flyer attached

SEPTEMBER 2025 – September 8 – 15 Tropical Resort, Deland, FL on Lakes Canceled do to lack of support

September 16th: PYC OUTING TO SKI BEACH (NEW) – On a cool, dry day in September, the PYC will be going to Ski Beach for lunch, and you will be ordering from the menu. Raft up on Tuesday the 16th of September on the Lake Harris side of the Dead River at 10:30 AM. We leave at 10:45 AM to arrive at Ski Beach Bar and Grill in Leesburg for lunch at 12:00 Noon. We need boats and people. Yes, you can come by car, but remember, we are a boat club. Please RSVP to Terry & Kay Weaver by email: kayhweaver@outlook.com or text message: (352) 978-9416 by Tuesday, August 9, 2025. This outing replaces the trip to Tropical Resort in Deland in September which has been **Cancelled**.

September 27, 2025 (New Date): Picnic at Gilbert Park

Time: 11:00-2:00PM

Things to know: There is **NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED AT THE PARK**

Cost: \$10.00 per person, payable by check by September 23rd Flyer attached

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 Pauucci

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 Albiene		7/10
Aug 10	8/16	Paratrooper pick up Lake Dora	T and MJ Williams		8/9
Sep 7	9/16	Ski Beach New 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	10/18	Apopka Canal	D Stewart and R Lowell		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 23	TBD	Thanksgiving Dinner	J Dargo, M Bliss	J and E Mest	
Dec	Dec 12th	Christmas Dinner (Date established)	J and C Kindinger	M and B Wells	12/4

NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY WATER JUMP

PHANTOM AIRBORNE BRIGADE INVITES YOU
TO JOIN 100 VETERAN PARATROOPERS
FOR A TRAINING JUMP TO HONOR
THE NATION'S PAST AND PRESENT
U.S. AIRBORNE FORCES

SATURDAY - AUGUST 16TH - 2025
DROP TIME: 8:00 - 1:00

SEE THE HISTORIC C-47 "TICO BELLE"

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It's a PYC Picnic!

Where: Gilbert Park Pavilion #2

When: Saturday, September 27th

Time: 11:00 – 2:00 Lunch around noon

Raft Up 10:15-10:30 Lake Dora side of the Dora Canal

Come join the Kindingers and Wells as we treat you to an old-fashioned picnic. We'll be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs along with some picnic favorites.

What to bring? Just what you want to drink. Please remember that NO ALCOHOL is allowed at Gilbert Park.

Cost? \$10.00 per person. Send your check to Jay Asaibene – 3040 Indian Trail, Eustis, FL 32726 by Tuesday, September 23rd. Please note on your check if you want hamburgers or hot dogs or both.

Thank You



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.
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WANTED

1. Name: Tom and Linda Hallowell

Contact info:

Thomas.ace.Hallowell@gmail.com

or call/text to 561 797 5369

Info: Looking for a licensed, insured construction company to provide a quote to cut in and install a few windows in our home. NOT replacing windows, rather, (literally) cutting the façade of our home, framing and installing new windows.

2. 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