

PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



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April Holidays

April 1st: April Fools day
April 3rd Good Friday
April 5th: Easter
April 22nd: Earth day





Commodore Joey O'Nishea

Welcome to April, PYC Boaters!

Happy April, PYC boaters! We are all hoping for some much-needed rain this month to help alleviate the drought affecting our area.

March Events Recap:

March was filled with enjoyable gatherings. Special thanks to Richard and Cookie Brown, along with co-hosts Kurt and Debbie Liebknecht, for organizing the St. Patrick's Day outing at Eustis Waterfront Grill. Appreciation also goes to Tom and MJ Williams, with co-hosts Terry and Kay Weaver, for the Crescent City Fish Camp outing.

Upcoming April Event:

The next PYC event is scheduled for April 11th at Wooton Park in Tavares, FL. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. Please review the flyer for additional information.

Volunteer Opportunity Currently:

no one has volunteered to host a second event for April. If you are interested in hosting an event during the week of April 25th, please contact me.

Boating Humor:

Here's a bit of boating humor: What do you call a pontoon parked at a fast-food restaurant? A two-for-one sail.

Safety Reminder As always, be safe on the water and happy boating.

Commodore Joey

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Vice Commodore Cheryl Rhoads

Let's give a big Welcome to our newest Members Steve & Kelley Lynch! Introduce yourself to them at our picnic outing in Wooten Park, Eustis on April 11th!
Blessings to you all this Passover & Easter.
Cheryl

Cheryl



Rear Commodore – Rick Jones

March 14th St Patrick's Day celebration was held at Waterfront Grill on Lake Eustis. Our Hosts, Richard & Cookie Brown and Co-Hosts, Kurt & Debbie Liebknecht did a wonderful job with arrangements for lunch on the 2nd floor overlooking Lake Eustis. We had 43 people attend this gathering (36 members and 7 guests), which included 10 people in 4 boats and 33 people by car. We had plenty of winners for the 50/50 drawings and numerous door prizes. The windy weather was perfect for the sailboat regatta performance by Lake Eustis Sailing Club.

March 23rd to 26th was an outing to Crescent Fish Camp, Crescent City. Cyndi & I could not attend this event but we're sure everyone had a great time. We will see you at the cookout in Wooten Park on April 11th!!

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

Rick Jones



Secretary – Tom Hallowell

Happy April!!

Hang in there everyone.....It won't be long for the long hot days of summer, so enjoy the spring while we have it!!

The St. Patrick's Day outing was wonderful!! Lots of green.... even at least one individual had GREEN hair! You'll see that later in the outing pictures.

Best of luck for Karen Sofield we all wish you a safe, quick and total recovery..... We are all thinking of you and Burt

If anyone has any questions, issues or concerns with the Newsletter, please reach out. I'm always available as needed.

Tom



Treasurer- Jay Asaibene

For the month of March, income was \$213 and expenses were \$1013.27. Checkbook balance as of March 31,2026, is \$2263.00. Hope to see everyone at the April 11 cookout.



Cruise Master - Tom Williams

Nothing significant to report,

Be safe on the water and enjoy the weather!!

Tom



Sunshine Chair – Karen Sofield

I sent 1 card out to Kay. And I also received a very nice card from the club on my kidney transplant, thank you everyone for your prayers!!

Karen

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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		Host needed	Co-host needed
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	27th		Host Needed	Co-host needed
July		Fireworks	Host needed	Co-host needed
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		Pokeer Run	Bob And Cathy Ban+ta	The Mests and Virginia Calven and John Banta
Nov	11/7	PARATROOPER PICKUP, Lake Eustis	Tom and MJ Williams	Steve & Sharon Sensenbach
Nov		Thanksgiving Dinner	John Paul	The Mest's
Dec	12/11	Christmas Dinner	The Kinginger's	The Well's



PYC Spring Cookout

April 11, 2026 11am-2pm
Wooten Park Picnic Pavilion
100 E Ruby St, Tavares, FL

*Join us for a great time! Guests are welcome!
Raft up at 10:00am Lake Eustis side of Dora Canal*

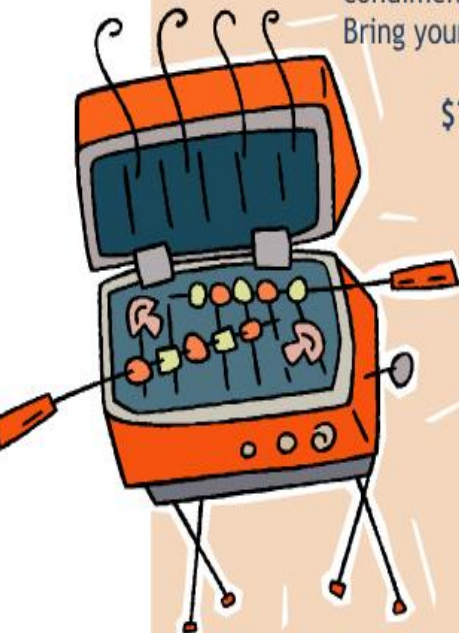
Pulled Pork and Pulled Chicken Sandwiches will be provided.
Your RSVP no later than April 6 should identify Pork or Chicken
to assist with planning.
(BBQ Sauce, mustard, ketchup, relish, plates, forks, spoons and dessert
will be provided.)

Please bring a side dish to share with serving utensil and any other
condiments you wish.
Bring your own beverage - no alcohol allowed in the park.

\$7.00 per person to be sent to Jay Asaibene, Treasurer
Payment due by 4/6/26

There will be a 50/50 drawing!

Please RSVP to either Joey and Lori O'Nishea
407-948-3347
Or Rick and Cyndi Jones
352-362-7227



•Camp Mack

- 14900 Camp Mack Road Lake Wales, FL. 33898 863-696-1108 May 5-8, 2026, Camp Mack
- Camp Mack, Florida is an old fish camp located on the Kissimmee chain of lakes. South of Camp Mack is Lake Kissimmee which is a 17 mile lake that is part of the Kissimmee River. At the bottom end of lake Kissimmee is a lock leading down the Kissimmee river to lake Okeechobee which is approximately 60 miles of river front. North from Camp Mack are a series of lakes; Hatchineha, Cypress and Tohopekaliga. These lakes are part of the Kissimmee river chain that include approximately 2 dozen lakes and marshes. 1st Day: Depending on the weather we will travel either South or North. Lake Kissimmee can get rough if the winds are high so we will choose the nicest day to travel Lake Kissimmee. There are no restaurants on Lake Kissimmee, so you need to pack lunch or grill on board your boat. It took me 1.5 hrs to travel from Camp Mack to the lock at the bottom end of Lake Kissimmee, we will leave Camp Mack at 10AM. I believe we will have enough time to travel down through the lock on the Kissimmee River to experience the upper Kissimmee. We will raft up and eat lunch either at the bottom of Lake Kissimmee or after the lock. As a point of reference, Westgate River Ranch is 25 miles below the lock at the South end of Lake Kissimmee. 2nd Day: We will travel North on the Kissimmee River up through Lake Hatchineha, then North through the Hatchineha canal to Lake Cypress. We will encompass lake Cypress prior to traveling up the South Port canal (C-35) to lake Toho. which has another lock to pass through to access Lake Toho. I did not have enough time to travel beyond Lake Hatchineha so this leg of the trip will be new to all of us. Again, we will start our cruise at 10AM. Bring snacks while cruising since we will mostly complete our cruise before we stop at the Port restaurant on the North end of Lake Hatchineha for a late lunch or early dinner.
- There is a culdesac of cabins at Camp Mack, Cabins 55 - 61 which I suggest we stay at so we will all be in the same vicinity: 55: Terry & Kay Weaver 56: Gary Capucci & Virginia Calven 59: Butch & Merrilyn Karrels 60: Gary & Cheryl Rhoads and Jay Asaibene 61: Tom & Mary Jo Williams All other attendees will have to stay at the lodge or river homes.
- Please contact Camp Mack at 863-696-1108 to make your reservations, lodge rates are \$140.85 Sunday – Thursday. There is a restaurant just off Camp Mack grounds, the Freshwater Grill & Tavern, which serves food from a food truck which is a limited menu. The restaurant is open Tuesday – Saturday at 2PM to 10PM. Please be prepared to bring your own breakfast for each day at Camp Mack since there is limited restaurants in the area and you may have to travel 15 or more miles to find and open restaurant

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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

St. Patrick's Event

March 14th



Crescent Fish Camp, Crescent City March 23 - 26





Historian – Kay Weaver

A Look Back in Time.....

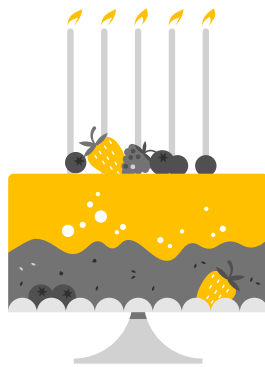
March 22, 2008, PYC event was at Oyster Troff in Eustis. The theme was "WHERE In the World HAVE YOU BEEN?" We had a raft up on Lake Eustis side of Dead River and cruised to the Eustis city docks where shuttles were available in the parking lot to take members to the Oyster Troff. The Oyster Troff opened just for our Club at 12:00 PM (normally they do not open until 3 PM). We wore a tee shirt or apparel from some place we had travelled to and shared funny stories about where we had visited!



Happy Birthday!!

March Birthdays

April 25th Sharon Vincent





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.