

PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



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2025 PYC Officers

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**Don't Forget your Valentine
February 14th!!**

Commodore – Gary Rhoads

We had an excellent outing at Fish Camp which was well attended and everyone had a great time! Thank you, Vic and John Kapoor and Ray and Jeri Tallman for hosting .

There was no second outing in January. Our next outing is at Ski Beach on February 6th with Richard & Cookie Brown. I specifically ordered some warmer weather so we can actually take our boats to this one. A reminder, if you’re hosting an event that involves a pre-payment you are required to submit an outing form. The form is very simple and anyone who is hosting an outing should complete one and submit it to the Commodore and the Treasurer. The outing forms will be available at the next event. Safe boating, keep warm, and I’ll see you on the lake.

Commodore Gary



Vice Commodore – Joey O'Nishea

No new applications for the month. Please keep our organization in mind during your personal outings. The best recruiting come from active members!

We are actively pursuing a fix for our website. As many of you are aware, it is not active at this time.

Thanks to M.J. for adding a picture of the application to the public Facebook page.

I have been attempting to contact any and all 2024 members that have not yet paid their dues for 2025. Please, if this applies to you, please reach out as soon as possible. Your Membership may be in jeopardy if dues are not paid shortly.

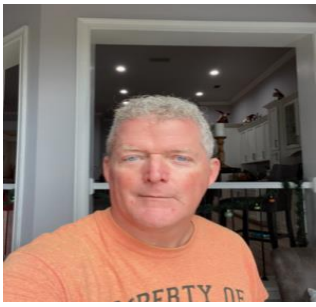
Thank you,
Joey O'Nishea (407-948-3347)
Joey.onishea@gmail.com



Rear Commodore – John Mest

On January 11th we had our first outing of the new year! We met at The Fish Camp on Lake Eustis. I would like to thank our hosts Vic and John Kapor and cohosts Ray and Jerie Tallman! We all a good meal. And then we did the 50/50 drawing with 3 winners! We were introduced to the new owner of the Fish Camp and then had a short meeting. We 42 people in attendance and no boats!

John Mest



Secretary – Tom Hallowell

I am always available by phone, text or email. As usual, if you notice any administrative errors or omissions, feel free to reach out directly. 561 797 5369 or Thomas.ace.hallowell@gmail.com

If you recall, in the January newsletter, I indicated that each month I will be highlighting a small section of the Bylaws or Policy and Procedure Manual. I feel it is important for all to be familiar with the guiding principles that drive our organization. For February's newsletter, I felt it important to relay a rule that applies to all boat club members as it relates to PYC Outings. This is from the Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 3: "About the Club", Paragraph 2

- "The Club members are responsible for the planning and organization of the various boating activities throughout the year. Each member is expected to participate in planning and organizing at least one event during the year."

This is a great time to remind the members of their obligations as a member. It is only February and the yearly outing schedule is included in this newsletter. The schedule currently has a number of months with no host or co-host. Let's help the Commodore and our members with filling the calendar and having a wonderful year of events for all to enjoy.

February also makes claim to several special days..... Here's a few.

- Groundhog Day, Superbowl Sunday, Valentine's Day, and Presidents Day



Treasurer—Jay Asaibene

Happy New Year. I am looking forward to another great year of boating. Thanks to everyone for renewing your membership. We ended our year with a balance of \$2,250.89. This is \$220.87 less than year end 2023.

Jay Asaibene
PYC Treasurer



EVENT SIGN-UP SHEET

2025 Pontoon Yacht Club

Club Outing Schedule



Every member needs to sign up to host or co host an event annually. Use this calendar and choose an exact date.

2025 Event Week	Event Actual Date	Outing Location & Description	Host 1	Host 2	Full Moon
2nd Week of January 5-11	1/11	Fishcamp Restaurant	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	Ray & Jeri Tallman	
4th Week of January 19-25					1/13
2nd Week of February 2-8	2/6	Ski Beach restaurant	Richard & Cookie Brown		
3rd week of February 16-22	2/22	GeorgeFest Boating, Eustis Waterfront Grill	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads		2/12
2nd Week of March 9-15	3/15	Hollywood Squares, Games/Costumes	Sharon Vincent	Jerie Tallman	3/14
3rd Week of March 16-22					
2nd Week of April 6-12	4/7 - 4/14	Parramore Resort, St Johns River. Parramore Cabins	Terry & Kay Weaver		4/13
4th Week of April 20-26	4/26	Margaritaville Pool Party & BBQ	Tom & Linda Hallowell		
1st week of May 4-10	5/10	Paratrooper Water Jump Pickup Lake Dora	Tom & Mary Jo Williams		5/12
2nd Week of May 18 - 24	5/24	Mount Dora SandBar Grilling	Joey & Lori O'Nishea		
2nd Week of June	6/23 - 6/25	Rainbow River Club Cabins	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Butch & Marilyn Karrels	6/11
4th Week of June	day between 6/27 - 6/29?	Pool Party & BBQ	Karen & Bert Sofield	Wes & Amy Latham	
1st Week of July 29 June -- 5 July		Fireworks ?			7/10
2nd Week of August 10-16	8/16	Paratrooper Water Jump Pickup Lake Dora	Tom & Mary Jo Williams		8/9
2nd Week of September 7-13	9/8 - 9/15	Tropical Resort, St Johns River	Terry & Kay Weaver		9/7
4th Week of Sept. 21-27	?	Gilbert Park Picninc	John & Cindy Kindinger	Mike & Bonnie Wells	
2nd Week of October 12-18					10/7
4 the Week of October 26-1 Nov.					
1st week of November 2 - 8	11/8	Paratrooper Water Jump Pick up in Lake Eustis	Tom & Mary Jo Williams		11/5
2nd week of November 9-15					
4 th Week of November 23-29	?	Thanksgiving Dinner	John Dargo & Mary Bliss	John & Elaine Mest	
1 st Week of December 30 Nov - 6 Dec	?	Christmas Dinner	John & Cindy Kindinger	Mike & Bonnie Wells	12/4

PYC February Outings

PYC OUTING FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Our first February outing will be hosted by Richard and Cookie Brown on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 11:30. The luncheon will be held at Ski Beach in Leesburg, off Lake Harris.

Wear your “red” as we will start celebrating Valentine Day a little early. Also since there were some good responses relating to the “Mix and Mingle” seating {which was done several months ago}, we look forward to doing that again.

The raft-up will meet at the Lake Harris end of the Dead River at 10:45. This should allow us enough time to make the “voyage”. For those going by car, the street address for Ski Beach is 21 Dozier Circle, in Leesburg’s Venetian Gardens. Please RSVP to Richard Brown by Sunday, February 2 via phone/text at 518-867-5756 or by email at “rbrown5756@gmail.com”.



In honor of Eustis 2025 GeorgeFest week will be held on February 22, 2025. Please decorate your boats “Patriotically” as PYC cruises past Ferran Park as our “UNOFFICIAL” parade at noon. We will then dock at Lake Eustis Waterfront Grill for lunch on “our own” as we hold a short meeting including 50/50 drawing.

Raft up at 11:30 on Lake Eustis in front of Commodore Gary’s home.

The GPS coordinates are 28° 52’ 24” N 81° 43’ 22” W.

Please RSVP by Monday, February 17th (President’s Day) so we can give a head count to the restaurant. Email or Text 954-778-0721: Gary-grhoads1@bellsouth.net

PYC Outing January 11th



Welcome
Mark & Laurie



Cheryl

The New Shirts
Are Here



Wisdom from Vik



Wisdom from Jim



Vice Commodore
Joey & Lori

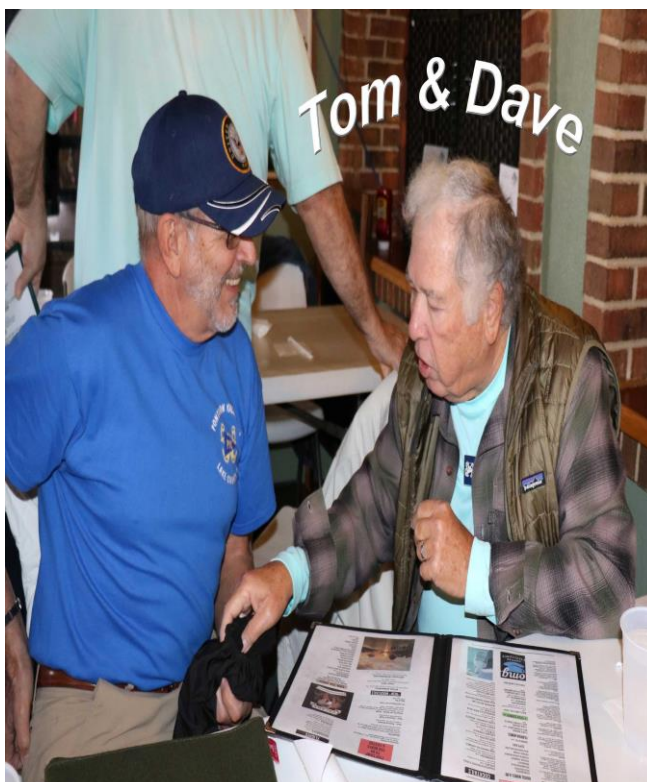


Wisdom from Jerie



Karen & Bert

PYC Outing January 11th





Historian Kay Weaver **A Look Back in Time.....**

We had a big turnout for this away outing! Here is my article:

October 19-22, 2006 was a weekend outing to Palatka. Our adventure began on Thursday in the parking lot of the former Winn Dixie on Highway 19 just north of Eustis (now called the Grove Square Shopping Center). There were 5 boats and 2 cars in the Caravan heading North to Crystal Cove staying at The Moorings Motel on the St. Johns River in Palatka. After launching our pontoons and checking into our rooms we were told that the boat-in Burger King was shut down, so we decided to head for Corky Bell's on foot because it was located adjacent to The Moorings Motel where we were staying. After lunch, 2 other couples with boats arrived and were launched, moored, and checked into their rooms. During the rest of the day members continued to arrive until we had 34 members and 9 boats.

After a beautiful sunrise and breakfast on our own on Friday October 20th, we gathered at the dock to board the boats and have our first boat ride - well almost, it seems that the tide was out and grounded the Vincent's boat and nearly did the same to Buntin's boat. After some shuffling of people, we were underway and headed for a lovely ride south on the St. Johns to the Welaka area and then back with a stop at Poppy's Seafood Grill. There we enjoyed a great buffet lunch, which included several seafood items. It seems that one of our boats wanted to provide their own fresh seafood by snagging a Crab trap with their prop. Poppy's Restaurant provided us with our own space where we could enjoy the food and good friends, without disturbing others, then it was back on the boats for the ride back to the motel. After an afternoon of conversation and relaxing, it was determined that the river was just too rough to go by water to, yes more eating, dinner at Gator Landing, so we caravanned by Land Yachts.

After all were sufficiently stuffed, we donned our PJs and gathered in the meeting area of our motel for an evening of entertainment organized by Ron and Edna Korb and Sam and Bev Haines. The past and present Commodore's and spouses were chosen (persuaded) to participate in the Not-So-Newlywed game. I think it is fair to say that fun was had by all and we all learned something about each other!

A Look Back in Time..... Continued

Saturday October 21st brought another beautiful day of perfect weather, warm sunshine, and balmy breezes. The boat ride today was very long, 2 hours one-way, so it was determined that the boat owners would take their trailers 3/4 of the way up to Green Cove Springs and then carpool back to the motel so that after our ride to Outback Crab Shack, yes, more food, for lunch we would then boat to the pickup point, load the boats on the trailer and drive back to the motel. I think it worked out very well because then the hard job of loading the boats was done and everyone was better able to enjoy the opportunity to either visit longer or get an early start for home on Sunday.

The ride to Outback Crab Shack was just beautiful - the river was like glass; the sun was warm, and the sky was crystal clear. The water was a deep blue and clear, but I think the thing that struck me the most was how the river could go from nearly 25 feet deep to 4 feet in just a short distance.

Saturday evenings activities included, yes more food - we all chipped in and had Pizza delivered. We gathered and enjoyed another evening of activities organized by Ron & Edna and Sam & Bev. Each couple was given a pumpkin. They had set up a table filled with all types of things to decorate the pumpkin and prizes were awarded. After our decorating we were treated to Pumpkin and Apple Pie with Ice Cream - more food!

All in all, it was a wonderful weekend, and Ron & Edna Korb and Sam & Bev Haines were thanked for helping to make the weekend great. Terry Weaver, our Cruisemaster, and wife Kay were thanked for finding Crystal Cove and The Moorings because without them, we would not have found Crystal Cove or all the good places to EAT!

Kay Weaver, Historian



**A Look Back in Time.....
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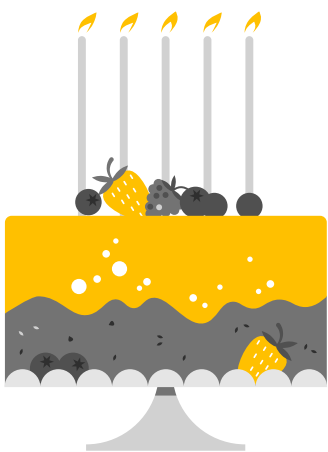
Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven

If anyone would like the PYC to send a get-well card to an ill member, please contact: Virginia Calven at 906-484-3478

Happy Birthday!!

Sam Lynch 2/5
Carl Scott 2/5
Ray Tallman 2/5

Tom Williams 2/6
Richard Lowell 2/11
Lorraine Smith 2/14



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 **NO LATER THAN the 23rd of any month**, 3 Month Duration unless sold or extended.
Business card ads will be available soon



Fishing rod holder designed for inserting into RTC or YETI cooler. \$30 Call/ Email Mary Jo, 352-516-6736, or MJWilliams99@hotmail.com 3/31



Big Cast Aluminum Cleat. This cleat is 15 inches. \$20.00. Dave Asaibene. 561-427-8090 E-Mail: MrChefDave@gmail.com 3/31



White Taylor Hull Guard Fender. \$10.00 Dave Asaibene 561-427-8090 E-Mail: MrChefDave@gmail.com 3/31



I-Com Handheld M5 Radio FREE. I left it out in the rain at Crystal River. I tried drying it but that did not work. If you know about electronics and repair you are welcome to have it. I have the charger and other cables needed. **FREE** or what ever you would like to pay. Dave Asaibene. 561-427-8090 E-Mail: MrChefDave@gmail.com 3/31



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Taylor Boat Fenders (Buoys) Qty of 2. 21" round, Orange and dirty and they leak slowly and you can make or cover them with terry cloth, I think the store-bought covers are too expensive. A thought, to keep them full, is inject them with tire sealant or just re-inflate when needed. Replacing the valves did not help. **FREE** or what ever you would like to pay for them. Dave Asaibene. 561-427-8090 E-Mail: MrChefDave@gmail.com 3/31



CQR Brand Plow Anchor 20 Lb. \$50.00. This is a great storm anchor. Dave Asaibene 561-427-8090 E-Mail: MrChefDave@gmail.com 3/31



Pedal Boat For Sale

Great Condition. We have everything it came with including the bimini top, the cover, all seats and cooler cover. We just posted it on the MarketPlace for \$425. We are offering to PYC Members for \$375. Tell a friend. We are listing it below what others are asking for similar boats. Tom and Linda Hallowell 561 797 5369 Thomas.ace.Hallowell@gmail.com