

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

Happy November boaters!

We finally saw our first real taste of Fall on our poker run on October 30. It was an exhilarating ride on the water to pick up our poker hands. Thanks to Bob & Cathy Banta, Gary Papucci & Virginia Calven, John & Elaine Mest for a great and entertaining event. We also had lunch at the Lake Harris Hideaway in place of the canceled Apopka Canal run. We’re still in need of a Rear Commodore and a Cruisemaster for 2026. Please get in touch with Cindy Kindinger or Cheryl Rhoads if you’re interested. We will be voting on the new officer slate at our Thanksgiving luncheon November 22.

See you on the lakes,

Commodore Gary

November Holidays

November 11, Veteran’s Day

November 27 Thanksgiving





Cruise Master – Tom Williams

Mary Jo and I recently attended a meeting with the Crescent City Yacht Club. It gave us the opportunity to introduce our Pontoon Yacht Club to their organization and to learn about them in the hopes that we could discover new areas to explore in Crescent Lake and surrounding areas. Perhaps at some point in the future we could do a joint outing with them. It is always interesting to meet others with similar interests as ours.

We also had our first meeting in preparation planning for 2026 event calendar. Please be prepared at the Thanksgiving feast to choose the dates that you would like to host an event. We are always looking for new and exciting ideas.

Have fun out there and BE SAFE !!

Tom



Vice Commodore – Joey O'Nishea

Please help me welcome our newest members to the club Ken and Ola. Just a little background about Ken and Ola. Ken is an avid fisherman and has taught scuba diving for many years and enjoys taking his boat to various places to go shrimping, lobster in Key West etc..



Ola loves to fish and enjoys being out on the water with their COCO.

They are expecting to meet as many members as possible in the near future on the water.

M&H Awards- I had the direct to film setup so anyone interested can get a printed T-Shirt with the PYC Logo for \$9.00 and \$12.00 for shirts 2X and above. There is no minimum piece count to order.



Rear Commodore – John Mest

On October 14th we had a lunch get together! Rafting on the Lake Harris side of the Dead River and going to the Lake Harris Hideaway! We had 4 boats and 21 people! Thank you to Gary and Cheryl Rhoads for putting this together!

Thank you to all that have hosted and cohosted!!

Safe boating!
John Mest



Treasurer- Jay Asaibene

For the month of October we had income of \$58 and no expenses. Bank account balance is: \$2,904.90.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2026:

Yep! It's time again to renew membership in our great club. Membership dues are due on January 1, 2026. Our dues remain at \$36 for the year January 1 - December 31, 2026. Make your checks payable to the Pontoon Yacht Club (PYC) and send to Jay Asaibene, Treasurer, 3040 Indian Trl, Eustis, FL 32726.

THANK YOU GIFT FOR COMMODORE:

As you know, we have an annual tradition to take up a collection to give our Commodore a thank you gift for serving in this so important role. This gift is presented at the PYC Christmas Banquet (December 12). If you would like to contribute to thanking Gary for serving, please make your check payable to the Pontoon Yacht Club (PYC) and in the memo section indicate "Commodore's Gift". Please send your check by December 5 to: Jay Asaibene, Treasurer, 3040 Indian Trl, Eustis, FL 32726. Send it along with your Christmas Banquet reservation. You can include both the Gift and Banquet on the same check.

If you have any questions on our membership dues or commodore's gift, please let me know. jasaibene@me.com or 772-341-4046."

Jay Asaibene PYC Treasurer



I sent a "thinking of you" card to Sharon Vincent.

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!!! We need some new blood!!

Tom



Historian Kay Weaver

A Look Back in Time.....

On December 7, 2007, the PYC had past members Bob & Diane Pooler's boat in the Eustis Boat Parade. We decorated the boat and had a small generator to power the Christmas lights and music, and we all wore Santa Claus hats with one of Santa's reindeers at the front of the boat! The Poolers, Coons, Scott & Knapp, and Weavers participated. There was a beautiful sunset and lots of boats with Christmas lights and decorations. If one of our local cities are sponsoring a boat parade this December, it is something members of our Club might think about doing. It was a fun way to spend an evening on the water!

Kay Weaver, PYC Historian

A look back in time, Cont'd



Another beautiful sunset



Bob & Diane Pooler



Dale & Judy Coon & Poolers in front & Terry Weaver in back



Poolers' decorated boat



decorated boat



Kay Weaver, Diane Pooler, Susan Knapp, Judy Coon

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!!

October:

Bill Marsella	10/6	Sue Roeske	10/13
Virgina Calven	10/18	Lori O'Nishea	10/27

November:

Gary Rhoads	11/3	Linda Hallowell	11/5
Sue Else	11/9	Rex Osborn	11/15
Rick Jones	11/24		

Welcome New Members!!



Ken and Ola Moran
And Coco!!

OUTING EVENTS

October 30, 2025, Thursday 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 Mest	V Calven, G. Pacucci	
Dec	Dec 12th	Christmas Dinner	J and C Kindinger	M and B Wells	12/4

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.





Thanksgiving!
Delicious Food! Great Culinary!
Fantastic Variety!

PYC Thanksgiving Luncheon Saturday, Nov 22

RSVP by 11/13/2025

Social Hour: 11 AM

Dinner: 12 Noon

WHERE: **Fox Run Clubhouse** No Raft Up – See you there!

440 Fox Run Blvd
Tavares, FL. 32778

PYC supplies Turkey! Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing/Stuffing, Rolls

SIDE to SHARE Bring a Side Dish, Dessert, or Appetizer

HOSTS: John Paul Dargo & Mary Bliss

CO-Hosts: Elaine & John Mest, Virginia Calven & Gary Papucci

RSVP: Elaine Mest (610) 509-3421 or email

emest@epix.net

Please RSVP with what you are bringing to Elaine ie: dessert, side dish, appetizer, etc.

BYOB: Remember to bring your own table settings: plates, silverware & serving utensil, glasses and beverages.

(ALSO remember to PRE-ORDER YOUR TAKE HOME APPLE &/OR PUMPKIN PIES Contact KAREN SOFIELD BY 11/15.)



PICK UP YOUR PIE AFTER OUR MEAL.



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



1. 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. 11/30

2. Bill Marsella has two **Marine flags** that he cannot use: Both are size 3x5. One DEVIL DOGS. One US MARINE.

Contact Bill at 304-374-1086 if interested

WANTED

1. Name:
2. Contact info:
3. Description

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