

# 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

<b>Cruise Master:</b>	Tom Williams
<b>Historian/Facebook Admin:</b>	Kay Weaver
<b>Sunshine Chair:</b>	Virginia Calven
<b>Web Master:</b>	Scott Smith
<b>Photographer</b>	Sharon Vincent



**Happy Mothers Day!!!!**

## **Commodore – Gary Rhoads**

Hello PYC family.

By now you've probably heard about the passing of Scott Smith, our Cruise master and Webmaster. Our deepest condolences go out to Lorraine and the Smith family. A memorial is planned for today, May 1, at the Fox run clubhouse from 11 til 2.

Condolences also go out to Mark Evangelista and family following the passing of his wife, Laurie, in March. It was reported on Facebook but not in our newsletter. The Paramore trip was a success thanks to Terry and Kay Weaver and the Margaritaville event was AWESOME! Big shout out to Tom and Linda Hallowell for all their hard work. Cheryl's surgery was successful and she's doing her rehab now. There will be some changes for the May 10 parachute jump so please watch for them. The May 24 Sandbar grilling is still on, barring any hurricanes, tornadoes, sandstorms, floods, fires or earthquakes.

See you on the Lakes,  
Commodore Gary.



## **Cruise Master – Tom Williams**

The Cruise Master is enjoying some well needed vacation time! However, I did want to remind all to take some time this Memorial Day, to reflect and remember those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

And of course, I wish you all, a Happy Mother's Day as well!!

Tom  
Cruise Master



## **Rear Commodore – John Mest**

No Report for April.

John Mest  
Rear Commodore



## **Vice Commodore – Joey O'Nishea**

Hi and hello to all our PYC members, wow can you believe that May is already upon us? There were no new members this month, however the new PYC website is back and updated. We're expecting to make additional updates and changes in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members of the club that have worked so diligently in getting the club's website back. I would ask everyone to take a moment to review the website. The website is [www.pontoonyachtclub.com](http://www.pontoonyachtclub.com). Below is just a small snippet of the website, Our Mission At the Pontoon Yacht Club of Lake County, FL, our mission is to bring together pontoon enthusiasts who share a passion for boating and the great outdoors. We aim to create a welcoming community that fosters friendships and unforgettable experiences on the water.

JOIN THE ULTIMATE PONTOON EXPERIENCE!

Explore Florida lakes with fellow pontoon boat lovers every month.

Join the Club



Experience the Thrill of Boating through Our Pictures



Thank you,
Joey O'Nishea Vice Commodore
Joey.onishea@gmail.com



**Secretary – Tom Hallowell**

**Notable Holidays in May**

Cinco de Mayo	May 5th
Mother's day	May 11
Memorial Day	May 26th

As usual, please reach out directly, with any omissions or errors. I can be reached at: [Thomas.ace.Hallowell@gmail.com](mailto:Thomas.ace.Hallowell@gmail.com) or via Cell at 561 797 5369.

The following is from the Policy and Procedure Manual

### **Section 3: “About the Club”**

The Pontoon Yacht Club is an organization created to promote and provide a variety of boating activities for the enjoyment of its members. The Club outings and activities are typically scheduled on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

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. One of the best ways to do this is to co-host an activity with another member or members. The ongoing success of the Club depends on the commitment, enthusiasm, participation, and attendance of each member.

On scheduled outing days, we often meet at a specific location and time on one of the lakes for a raft-up. After rafting together, and a little shared camaraderie, the flotilla is guided to our activity place.

Tom Hallowell  
**Secretary**



**Treasurer—Jay Asaibene**

We had no income for the month of April and expenses of \$111.25. Checkbook balance is \$2,762.07.

Jay Asaibene  
PYC Treasurer



## Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven

For the month of April, I sent a get-well card to Cheryl Rhodes, Bonnie Welsh and a sympathy card to Lorraine Smith on the passing of her husband Scott.

Virginia Calven  
Sunshine Chair



## Historian Kay Weaver

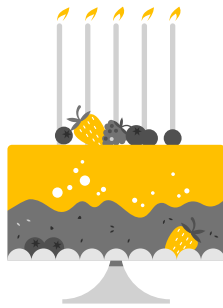
**A Look Back in Time.....**

On January 6, 2007 – Crazy Gator: We had a huge turnout for our first outing of 2007. There were 12 boats and 1 dingy (not Terry, but his boat). The weather was gorgeous and there were 73 people in attendance, however, only 57 people signed up ahead of time. The Crazy Gator was able to accommodate all the extra people. Our new Commodore, Gary Geiger, conducted a short meeting. We welcomed three new members and six guests at this event. We celebrated PYC's 18th birthday with a delicious cake decorated with a pontoon boat. Gene & Mary Fehr had been members of the PYC for 11 years and Gene was thanked for his dedication to the club and for his five years as the Secretary.



# Happy Birthday!!

<b>Bob Noffsinger</b>	<b>May 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sharon Sensenbach</b>	<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Mark Evangelista</b>	<b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Terry Weaver</b>	<b>May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Mary Bliss</b>	<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gary Horton</b>	<b>May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>John Mest</b>	<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cath Banta</b>	<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Steve Sensebach</b>	<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wes Latham</b>	<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Leo Reuter</b>	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Mary Jo Williams</b>	<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b>		



## Three items of interest for your consideration:

1. We are going to be transitioning to using both FaceBook and the PYC Website for information, and photos of both recent and historical events.
2. Kay Weaver will be sending out the new website information later today. Kay has sent the link to a few officers of the club. She noted that sometimes when it is sent via email, depending on your service, it may end up in your spam or “Junk” folder. If you don’t receive a e-mail from her, please check the folders me
3. Here is a link to an article online article for boat safety

<https://prod-boatus-cd2.azurewebsites.net/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2025/march/fill-er-up>

## PYC 2025 OUTINGS

### May 10<sup>th</sup>:

Due to some changes to the Paratrooper drop into Lake Dora, we won't be needing any more PYC members to volunteer for the May 10 event. The event organizers have altered their method of retrieval, so fewer boats are needed. But... I would still encourage anyone who is interested to come by Pontoon and observe this fun event. This is a very unique opportunity to see our Active and Veteran paratroopers do their "thing". If you are interested, we will go to the sandbar afterwards around 3 PM and socialize and perhaps barbecue on board. So, bring your own lunch and drinks and join us. Please let us know if you're coming: text or email Tom 352-516-6178, tcwilliams99@hotmail.com or Mary Jo 352-516-6736. Or respond to the Private Facebook page Event.

### **NEW DATE!!! May 22, 2025 Mt. Dora Sand Bar Grilling (10:00AM )**

Come one, Come all! Come enjoy the afternoon with fellow Pontoon Club members as we float and enjoy the water. Simply bring your own on food/Drink and grill, (If you have one) and hang out at the sandbar. It a great time to spend time with existing members as well as get acquainted with the new members as well!! There is no cost, simply RSVP as a courtesy by May 20<sup>th</sup>. POC is Joey O'nishea, at 407 948 3347 or joey,onishea@gmail.com

**JUNE 2025 – Rainbow River Club, Dunnellon, FL on Rainbow River** -nights 06/23, 06/24, 06/25. This is to make up for trip missed in 2024. No need to bring your boat. We will rent what we need and share the expense .Explore Dunnellon and Rainbow River. Great cabins, call Rose or Richard at (352) 489-9983. Unique area!

Website:[www.rainbowrivers.com](http://www.rainbowrivers.com). Hosts: Gary & Cheryl Rhoads & Butch & Merrilyn Karrels.

### **SEPTEMBER 2025 - Tropical Resort, Deland, FL on Lakes**

**Beresford that connects with St. Johns River: 9/8 to 09/15 or less,** up to you! Great rooms, pool, boat slips, and fire pit! Call Aaron (386) 734-3080 to make your reservation. One night deposit is required at time of reservation and balance is due upon arrival.

Website:<https://tropicalresortandmarina.com>. Hosts: Terry & Kay Weaver

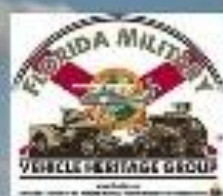
**WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS, TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE PONTOON YACHT CLUB!!! DON'T WAIT, BOOK NOW!**

The Phantom Airborne Brigade invites you to join 180 VETERAN PARATROOPERS for a training water jump into Lake Dora



# PUT YOUR KNEES IN THE BREEZE

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FREE - WOOTON PARK - FAMILY FUN



MILITARY HISTORY AND VEHICLE DISPLAYS PRESENTED BY THE FLORIDA MILITARY VEHICLE GROUP.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS



9:00 - 2:00 - MAY 10TH - 2025

# Mount Dora Sandbar off Deer Island-Updated Date!

When: Thursday, May 22, 2025

Raft Up Time: 10:30 AM-Mount Dora Side of Canal.

Where: Sandbar off of Deer Island in Lake Dora.

**Come join the fun and enjoy the water.**

Grill out or bring your food, Take a swim in shallow water or just float on your raft.

Please if I could ask that you RSVP by May 20th it would be appreciated so we can keep eye out for everyone that will be attending the event.

I will be sending out invitations the week prior so please keep an eye out for the invitation in your email in box, you may have to check your spam. Just look for the PYC flags, you can email Joey at [joey.onishea@gmail.com](mailto:joey.onishea@gmail.com) or call/text 407-948-3347.



# Event Sign Up Sheet

2025

## Pontoon Yacht Club Outing Schedule

**Every member needs to signup to host or co host at least one event annually. Use this calendar and choose an exact date.**

2025 Event Week	Event Date	Outing Location/Description	Host 1	Host 2	Full Moon
2nd Week of April 6-12	4/7 - 4/14	Parramore Resort	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 & Merrilyn 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 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 <sup>th</sup> Week of November 23-29	?	Thanksgiving Dinner	John Dargo & Mary Bliss	John & Elaine Mest	
1 <sup>st</sup> Week of December 30 Nov - 6 Dec	?	Christmas Dinner	John & Cindy Kindinger	Mike & Bonnie Wells	12/4

## 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](mailto:tcwilliams99@hotmail.com). 6/31



Six gallon used plastic gas can, used for a portable 4 HP motor, No leaks. I may have the hose. \$25.--

Dave Asaibene. 561-427-8090 E-Mail: [MrChefDave@gmail.com](mailto:MrChefDave@gmail.com)  
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**Fishing rod holder**  
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designed for inserting into RTC or YETI cooler. **\$25.00** Call/ Email Mary Jo, 352-516-6736, or [MJWilliams99@hotmail.com](mailto:MJWilliams99@hotmail.com) 5/31



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