

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 !

Finally, we’re in the month that Fall happens. Speaking of “Fall”, the parachute drop was a big success and I’d like to thank Wes & Amy Latham for allowing me, Tom Hallowell and Bobby to crew their boat. Also, thanks to Kay and Terry Weaver for the August 13 Sandbar outing . A special thanks to Joey and Lori O’ Nishea for donating the set up fee for the embroidery at M&H Awards in Eustis . Looking forward to our September events . See you on the lakes!

Commodore Gary.

September Holidays
September 1st Labor Day



Cruise Master – Tom Williams

On August 16th we participated in the Airborne Paratrooper drop into Lake Dora. There were about 178 jumpers and 15 recovery boats, of which approximately four boats from our club. Thank you to all who participated and to those of you who came out to support us and more importantly to support our brave veterans. Next opportunity will be on November 8th.

For those of you who like to use Haines Creek please remember that the Burell lock is closed for renovation and repairs. I will try to let you know when it will re-open.

Finally, as a friendly reminder check your towing insurance policies to be certain of what you actually have for both your vehicle and boat trailer. It can get to be “very” expensive if you break down without it. A boat and trailer require much larger tow trucks and can cost upwards to \$900.00.

Have fun out there and BE SAFE

Tom



Vice Commodore – Joey O'Nishea

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



Rear Commodore – John Mest

I want to say Thank You to all of you who have hosted our Outings! We have been traveling this month and I have missed all of the outings . Hopefully, we will be back for next month’s adventures!

John



Treasurer- Jay Asaibene

Our income for August was \$67 and expenses were \$14.45 bringing our August ending balance to \$2,855.62. Hope to see everyone at the Horseshoe Island pop-up event on Sept. 3



Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven

.I sent a getwell card to Bob Banta. 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.



Historian Kay Weaver

A Look Back in Time.....

September 15, 2007 – PYC Outing was to Nelson's Fish Camp located on SR 42 just east of the Ocklawaha River Bridge. We arrived at 11:30 AM for 12:15 PM lunch provided as follows:

BBQ Pork Sandwich

Hamburger

Rueben Sandwich (Corned Beef, Sauerkraut & Swiss Cheese)

Philly Steak (Steak, Onions, Green Peppers & Provolone)

Choice of sides: Potato Salad or Cole Slaw

All the above was served with potato chips & a fountain soft drink plus one refill for \$10.50. Nelson's Fish Camp was under new ownership and management. The pavilion had been rebuilt and made larger with air conditioning. A new bridge was built!! They added an enclosed pond stocked with fish and they had a Catch and Release Fishing Contest with a prize for the most fish caught in 30 minutes and bait was provided. It was a very pleasant outing especially in the new air-conditioned pavilion that had a nice view of the passing boats.

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!

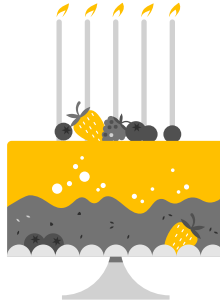
Paratrooper jump event



Happy Birthday!!

Denice Horton 9/3
Bill Basniak 9/16

Jim Clarke 9/22



Welcome New Members!!



Rex Osborn and Sue Else

OUTING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2025 – September 8 – 15 Tropical Resort, Deland, FL on Lakes Canceled

September 16th PYC OUTING TO SKI BEACH – 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 mail:

kayhweaver@outlook.com or text message: (352) 978-9416 by Tuesday, September 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 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. More details to follow.

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 and E Mest	
Dec	Dec 12th	Christmas Dinner	J and C Kindinger	M and B Wells	12/4



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



Save the Date!

PYC Christmas Party

Friday, December 12th

Country Club of Mount Dora

More details to follow.



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.
7/31

WANTED

1. **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