

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

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Cruise Master:	Tom Williams
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Happy Father’s Day!!!!

Commodore – Gary Rhoads

Summer has arrived and with it comes the undependable weather. Here’s hoping we are spared any serious cancellations (see last year). The May 10 paratrooper pickup included several of our PYC boats that have participated in all of the past paratrooper drops. Thanks to Tom and MJ Williams for hosting. The May 22 Mount Dora Sandbar was a great outing with perfect weather ordered by Joey and Lori O’Nishea. Thanks to all who attended. June will be a busy month since we have three events scheduled. We have another Mount Dora Sandbar , Rainbow River , and a pool party and bbq with Bert and Karen Sofield. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at these events!

See you on the Lakes,
Commodore Gary.



Cruise Master – Tom Williams

On May 10, Mary Jo and I assisted in the Phantom Airborne Drop into Lake Dora by the Tavares Docks. There were 20 recovery boats and just short of 200 paratroopers. We had recovered all the paratroopers by noon. It truly is an amazing spectacle both to watch and participate in. PYC was well represented with four pontoons. Next opportunity is August 16, 2025.

Important date to be aware of is sometime in June the Burrell lock on Haines Creek will close for several months for refurbishing and repairs. Therefore, going north to reach Lake Griffin and points further up the river will be impossible unless you trailer somewhere above the lock.

Also, in May Mary Jo and I were contacted by the magazine editor for the Pontoon and Deck Boat Magazine asking us to do an interview for them. The writer and photographer joined us aboard our Barletta Pontoon boat along with our Action Water Sports representative and PYC member Sam Lynch for a three-hour cruise. It was a great opportunity to talk about the Pontoon Yacht Club of Lake County, Barletta Pontoons, and to share in a nationwide magazine about the year-round boating on the Harris Chain Lakes and the St. John's River. I will let you know when the article is published.

Please be safe out on the water while boating and stay aware because others may not be as courteous as I hope we are.

Tom
Cruise Master



Vice Commodore – Joey O'Nishea

Nothing significant to report



Rear Commodore – John Mest

On May 10th we had 4 boats participate in the Paratrooper Jump on Lake Dora! Picking up many of the veterans! On May 22nd we had an event at The Sand Bar on Lake Dora. I wasn't able to attend but it looked like a great time! We had 6 boats in attendance! If you missed it on June 12th at 10:30 there will be another get together at the Sandbar Lake Dora!

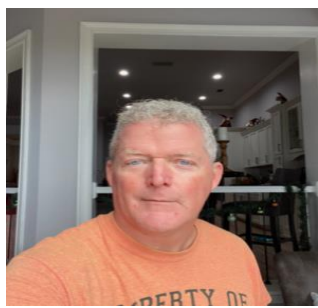
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Rear Commodore



Treasurer—Jay Asaibene

There was no income nor expenses for the month of May. End of May's balance is \$2,762.07.

Jay Asaibene
PYC Treasurer



Other Notable Observances in June

June 6th D-Day

June 14th Flag day

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.

Next, The officers of the club had a meeting on May 27th and there is a quite a concern about the lack of participation from the club on two fronts. First, we do not even have enough hosts/c-hosts to support the yearly calendar. This is putting extreme pressure on the organization as a whole. We still have several planned outings on the schedule and are 9 hosts/co-hosts short. PLEASE. Consider hosting/co-hosting an event. I am asking those that have historically NOT been active in this area to now consider it. Next is event participation. We have had minimal participation in this year's events, with just a few exceptions. We have even had to cancel events and are considering doing the same with upcoming events, again, due to lack of participation. We are a boating organization and are expected to use our boats in support of the outings planned by others.

The following is from the Policy and Procedure Manual, Section 6 "Other Positions and responsibilities"

Member Responsibilities

All members of PYC who currently own a pontoon boat are expected to bring it to club outings on a regular basis. Members currently without boats are expected to regularly attend outings either by driving (when feasible) or by riding on other members' boats.

PYC is only as strong as its members. Please contribute to your Club's success.

Take an active role in the Club, including attending outings, hosting outings, and using your boat for outings. Invite members without boats to ride on your boat. Provide input and feedback during meetings.

Tom Hallowell
Secretary



Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven

Good News! I am unaware of any member having any personal or health issues for the month of May. That means everyone is healthy and there were no need for my services! Please reach out if you know of anyone that may be in need.

Virginia Calven
Sunshine Chair



Historian Kay Weaver

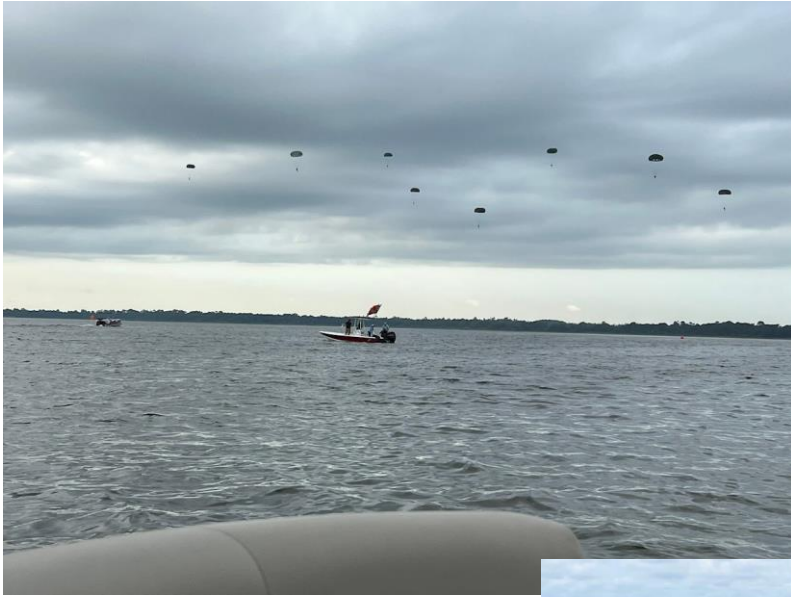
A Look Back in Time.....

2025 06-01 PYC Newsletter: Terry and I have been members of the Pontoon Yacht Club since 1992. We have met a lot of members over the years and have kept in touch with some of those who are no longer members of the Club for various reasons, and the saddest reason is those who have passed on. In January of 2018, we gathered a group of previous PYC members and met at a local restaurant to catch up and share memories of our past outings with the PYC. On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, we gathered 16 people (14 past/present members/2 family member) at Eustis Fish Camp Restaurant. We shared memories, laughed hard and had a few tears too. We had four past Commodores - Terry Weaver (1994, 1998 & 2008), Roy Weddle (2002, 2003), Dale Coon (2005), and Bill Davis (2014) and a lot of good memories. We hope to continue doing these "Friends Gatherings" in the future. Kay Weaver, PYC Historian

A look back in time, Cont'd



Paratrooper Pick up, Lake Dora May 10th

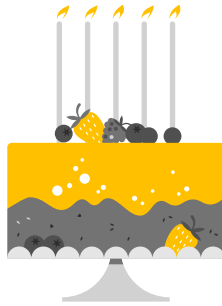


Sandbar Grill and Chill May 22nd



Happy Birthday!!

Joanne Welsh	June 2nd
Gary Papucci	June 8th
Cindy Kindinger	June 13th
Elizabeth Kapoor	June 19th
Kay Weaver	June 21st



PYC 2025 OUTINGS

June 19th: BBQ and Pool party at the Sofields. \$5.00 per person. PLEASE RSVP by June 15th. The BBQ will be provided, but as usual, BYOB

JUNE 23 - 25 – 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. 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!**

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
April 4	4/7 - 4/14	Parramore Resort	Terry & Kay Weaver		4/13
April 20th	4/26	Margaritaville Pool Party & BBQ	Tom & Linda Hollowell		
May 4	5/10	Paratrooper Water Jump Pickup Lake Dora	Tom & Mary Jo Williams		5/12
May 18	5/22	Mount Dora SandBar Grilling	Joey & Lori O'Nishea		
June 8	6/12	Mount Dora Sandbar Grilling	Terry and Kay Weaver	CO-HOST NEEDED	
June 22	Confirmed Date 6/19	Pool Party & BBQ	Karen & Bert Sofield	Wes & Amy Latham	
June 22	6/23 - 6/25	Rainbow River Club	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	6/11
June 29	7/1	Fireworks, Lake Eustis	HOST NEEDED	CO-HOST NEEDED	7/10
August 10	8/16	Paratrooper Water Pickup Lake Dora	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	CO-HOST NEEDED	8/9
September 7	9/8 - 9/15	Tropical Resort, St Johns River	Terry & Kay Weaver	CO-HOST NEEDED	9/7
Sept. 21	TBD	Gilbert Park Picnic	John & Cindy Kindinger	Mike & Bonnie Wells	
October 12	10/18	Apopka Canal	Debra Stewart and Richard Lowell	CO-HOST NEEDED	10/7
October 26	11/1	Possible poker Run	HOST NEEDED	CO-HOST NEEDED	
November 2	11/8	Paratrooper Drop Pick up Lake Eustis	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	CO-HOST NEEDED	11/5
Nov 23	TBD	Thanksgiving Dinner	John Dargo & Mary Bliss	John & Elaine Mest	
Nov 30	TBD	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. 7/31



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
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Fishing rod holder
PRICE CHANGE
designed for inserting into RTC or YETI cooler. **\$25.00** Call/ Email Mary Jo, 352-516-6736, or MJWilliams99@hotmail.com 7/31



Brand new, never used 3 gallon OMC steel gas can. \$50.00

Dave Asaibene. 561-427-8090 E-Mail: MrChefDave@gmail.com
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Small boat fenders, New with lines \$10.00 each

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