

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
Scott Smith

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Cruise Master:	Scott Smith
Historian:	Kay Weaver
Sunshine Chair:	Virginia Calven
Marketing Chair/Facebook :	Mary Jo Williams
Web Master:	Scott Smith



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



Commodore – Gary Rhoads

On behalf of the officers and the board members, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We have many events to look forward to this year. There will be three away events and also three Phantom Airborne parachute drops included in our agenda. Our first event in January is hosted by Vik Kapoor and it will be held at Fish Camp Lake Eustis. The second January event is still open, so if anyone has any ideas, please let me know. Otherwise, we'll just meet at a restaurant somewhere. Don't forget the T-shirts and tank tops are available for \$22.00. Please contact Cheryl Rhoads for details. We're looking forward to having another great year weather permitting.

See you on the lakes,

Gary



Vice Commodore – Joey O’Nishea

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great and prosperous Happy New Year!

Just a little background about myself, I'm from Louisiana and have been a resident of Florida since 1985. I'm currently retired from the Logistics Transportation industry where I held various titles from Regional Manager and General Manager for many years. In these roles I was tasked with managing over 150 employees and millions of dollars of revenue. I'll lean on my past knowledge of interviewing potential team members to bring added value to potential new members of the club.

As the newly elected Vice Commodore I would like to thank the members of the club for this opportunity. My focus will be to continue recruiting new members. I'm going to be asking for help from the members and the board members with their ideas on how to increase the membership.

The membership list has many holes in it, whether it be contact info, birthdates, trailer info, etc.... Please review your personal information and send me the updates. jpls1031@gmail.com
Thanks.

As we move forward, I'm expecting new and exciting opportunities for the year.

Thank you,
Joey O’Nishea (407-948-3347)
jpls1031@gmail.com



Rear Commodore – John Mest

On December 13th we had our annual Christmas Party at The Mt. Dora Country Club! If you missed it, we all had a great evening! The food was delicious, and the card game was a great game! Congratulations to the winners! 38 members and no boats were present!

Thank you to our hosts John and Cindy Kindinger and Richard and Cookie Brown!

We had the installation of new officers and board members. Many thanks to Tom Williams for his leadership! And to Cheryl Rhoads for her work as Vice Commodore! And thank you to all the Board members!

Safe travels to all!
John Mest



Secretary – Tom Hallowell

I am excited about the New Year and helping the organization any way I can. A few points of interest for my first communication:

- I am available by phone, text or email... 561-797-5369. Email: thomas.ace.hallowell@gmail.com.
- I will be adding a blurb each month throughout the year from the PYC By-laws and Policies and Procedure manual for your information and review. It is important we are all aware of the documents that drive our existence.
- Dockside deals.... If you'd like something to be sold, please email the particulars to me. If you already have items on it, PLEASE let me know when the item has been sold or otherwise needs to be removed.
- Please send me any corrections, updates or things that were omitted in error.



Treasurer—Jay Asaibene

REMINDER - Your PYC annual membership renews in January. To continue your membership for the 2025 year, send your check for \$36 payable to the Pontoon Yacht Club to Jay Asaibene, Treasurer, 3040 Indian Trail, Eustis, FL 32726. Dues must be paid by January 31 to maintain membership status. Thank you in advance for your support and for paying your dues promptly.

Thanks & Happy New Year to you and your family.

Jay Asaibene
PYC Treasurer



Historian Kay Weaver

A Look Back in Time.....

December 12, 2020, PYC Christmas Luncheon was at Eustis North Docks & Eustis Community Center and as you can see, everyone was wearing masks trying to stay safe from catching Covid-19. We were all anxiously waiting for our vaccinations so we could begin to reclaim our lives. We were keeping our fingers crossed that by May or June of 2021, we would be able to again visit some of our favorite restaurants. Our Christmas luncheon was a success. Thanks to all who helped to make it so. After an excellent buffet provided by Golden Corral, Vik Kapoor swore in the new Board of Directors and Officers. Butch Karrels was thanked for his outstanding leadership in a difficult year. His goal to keep us Covid free in 2020 was realized. Covid-19 presented many challenges to our club, and our club rose to the occasion. Our events were well attended despite changes in the venues. Hosts and Co-Hosts were thanked for hosting events. The new 2021 Board and Officers continued overcoming the difficulties of keeping our club going. Announced Randy Petrichko – Cruise Master, Jay Asaibene – Calling Tree Coordinator, Virginia Calven – Calling Tree Volunteer, and Maggie Crowell – Calling Tree Volunteer. These members, along with our Board of Directors and all our volunteers, were the “propellers” that kept our club cruising smoothly.
Kay Weaver, PYC Historian



Our Officers for 2021



**Our Commodore
For 2020
BUTCH K.**

**We say
“Thank You”
Great Job**



**Our New
Commodore
Cindy**



You rock Terry

**3 times Commodore
30 year member**

PYC 2025 OUTINGS

January 11, 2025- Fish Camp Restaurant, on Lake Eustis 901 Lakeshore Blvd, Tavares

Social time: 11:30AM-12:00PM, Lunch at 12:00, order from the menu. No raft up time, however, boat captains will receive a free 50/50 ticket. Hosts are the father and son team of Vik and John Kapoor, Co-hosts are Ray And Jerie Tallman. **RSVP by January. 7th** (call/text or email: Vik Kapoor 352-459 4839: Email at vkapoor441@gmail.com

APRIL 2025 – Parramore’s Campground, Astor, FL on St. Johns River -04/07/25 to 04/14/25 (or less if you can’t do a week). Nice cabins, 50% down with balance due 30 days before you arrive. Boat slips available.

Website: www.parramorescamp.com. Call (386) 749-2721, ask for Julie, and reserve your cabin while cabins are still available. Hosts: Terry & Kay Weaver

April 26, 2025 (Saturday, 12:00 pm): Margaritaville Backyard Bash! Location: The Hollowell residence - 3220 Indian Trail. Wear your comfortable Margaritaville themed garb & make Jimmy Buffet proud! Flip Flops encouraged. There is plenty of seating both inside and out, but feel free to bring a chair just in case it is needed. Food will be served and Margaritas will be flowing, but if you desire any other beverage, as usual please BYOB. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Please remit payment (cash or check payable to Tom Hollowell) to Jay by Wednesday, April 16th so that headcount for the food preparations can be confirmed. Hosts: Tom & Linda Hollowell

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. Hosts: Gary & Cheryl Rhoads & Butch & Merrilyn Karrels.

SEPTEMBER 2025 - Tropical Resort, Deland, FL on Lakes Beresford that connects with St. Johns River: 8/25 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!



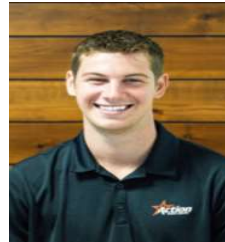
Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven

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

Welcome New Members!!



Dawn and Andrew Brosowsky



Sam Lynch

Happy Birthday!!

Carolyn Smith: 1/5
Robert Soffield: 1/5
Nancy Noffisnger: 1/6
Dave Asaibene: 1/10
Amy Latham: 1/15

Jay Kindinger: 1/17
Harriet Reuter: 1/19
Karen Soffield: 1/18
James Smith: 1/20
Al Allen: 1/23



2024 Christmas Party and New Officer Installation



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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



Pontoon Double Cup Holder, stainless steel, leather Slide Resistant. \$15 for Both. [Call/ Email Mary Jo, 352-516-6736](mailto:MaryJo, 352-516-6736), or MJWilliams99@hotmail.com 11/24



Big Cast Aluminum Cleat. This cleat is 15 inches. \$20.00. Dave Asaibene. 561-427-8090 E-Mail: MrChefDave@gmail.com 11/24



Like new Perfect for the Grandkids! **Intex Excursion 4.** Carry bag, 2 alum oars, grabline, motor mount fittings, rod holders, 3 air chambers, Boston valve and pump. Heavy Duty, new \$ 285. Offered at \$50 Call/Email Tom 352-516-6178 or TCWilliams99@Hotmail.com 12/24



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 11/24



Fishing rod holder designed for inserting into RTC or YETI cooler. \$30 Call/ Email Mary Jo, 352-516-6736, or MJWilliams99@hotmail.com 12/24



Protect your outboard motor from bouncing around when trailering your pontoon. New price \$39.98. Asking \$20.00 Call/Email Tom 352-516-6178 TCWilliams99@Hotmail.com 11/24



White Taylor Hull Guard Fender. \$10.00 Dave Asaibene 561-427-8090 E-Mail: MrChefDave@gmail.com 11/24



Fishing Rod Holders. Qty 2 for \$15 Call/Email Tom 352-516-6178 or TCWilliams99@Hotmail.com 11/24



CQR Brand Plow Anchor 20 Lb. \$50.00. This is a great storm anchor. Dave Asaibene 561-427-8090 E-Mail: MrChefDave@gmail.com 11/24



Taylor Boat Fenders (Bouys) 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 11/24



EVENT SIGN-UP SHEET

2025 Pontoon Yacht Club

Club Outing Schedule



Every member needs to signup 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	St. Patricks Day Celebration At Hurricanes Restaurant	Jeri Tallman & Sharon Vincent		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 & 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 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

How to Host a PYC Event (and Have Fun Doing It!)

Every PYC member hosts or co-hosts at least one event per year, which means we all get to share our favorite ways to have fun! It's all about relaxing, socializing, and enjoying boating life together.

Hosting can be as easy as a cozy get-together, a lively party, or a relaxed outing on the water. If you need a hand, just ask your co-host to join in—no need for stress!

Here's How to Get Started:

1. **Pick a Date**
2. **Plan Something You Enjoy** — Think boat cruise, picnic at a park, a game, or anything that sounds like fun! Offer the 50 / 50?
3. **Fill Out the Event Form** — Once you've chosen your date and activity, complete the form and send it to the Commodore at least a month before your event for approval.

Once OK'd:

4. **Make a Flyer** (if possible) and share it with the Secretary. This can help build excitement! Let the Secretary know if you need help creating it.
5. **Coordinate with the Cruisemaster** if they're needed to lead the way or provide any guidance on the water.
6. **If Dining Out** — If your event includes a restaurant stop, contact them early to make any arrangements for the group, such as reservations or menu options.
7. **Promote on Facebook** — If you're a Facebook user, post your event (if you can, or ask someone to help) on our PRIVATE PYC page with all the details.
8. **After the Event** — Send a recap (along with pictures) to the Secretary before the 25th of the month so they can include it in the next newsletter.
9. **The Hosts and Co-Hosts** decide who, does what -for each other in the event.

Hosting is easy and fun, and it's all about bringing us together for good times on the water. Dive in—let's make some memories!

Some Ideas for Event Hosting:

Geocaching, Scavenger Hunt

Valentine Cruise

St. Patricks Day Celebration

Movie Night

Fireworks

Cookout somewhere: Your House / Dock / Park

SandBar/ Grilling

Beach Party

Poker Run

Lake Griffin State Park

Moss Bluff or Lake Griffin State Park

Paratroopers Water Jump PickUp

Membership Drive

Fishing Contest

Boat to a favorite Local Event

Silver Glen

Local waterfront restaurant ie: Ski Beach, Lake Harris Hideaway

Full Moon Night-time Cruise

Safety score / Obstacle Run

PYC OUTING INFORMATION FORM
Please submit to Commodore and Treasurer

Date of Event: _____

Event/Meeting Place: _____

Host(s): _____

Times: Social hour: _____ Meal: _____ Meal choices:

Cost per person: _____

Payment due by: _____

Please estimate cost, if any, to PYC (e.g., facility rental, food, etc.)

(Note that these expenditures must be approved in advance by the Commodore and/or the Board). ITEMIZE:

What attendees need to (or may want to) bring or wear:

Any restrictions regarding attendees? (e.g., members only, limited to 40, etc.)

Other information:
