



## PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### PYC Board of Directors

#### PYC Officers

**Commodore:** Tom Williams  
**Vice Commodore:** Cheryl Rhoads  
**Rear Commodore:** John Mest  
**Secretary:** Cathy Banta  
**Treasurer:** Carol Clarke

#### Board Members

Richard Brown  
 Virginia Calven  
 Jim Clarke  
 Scott Smith

**Cruise Master:** Butch Karrels  
**Sunshine Chair:** Virginia Calven  
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*09/03 Horton, Denise*  
*09/16 Byczek, Bill*  
*09/16 Smith, Scott*  
*09/17 Stewart, Debra*  
*09/22 Clarke, Jim*  
*09/26 Nebergall, Bettie*

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### Commodore – Tom Williams



Earlier in August we had a rather long Board meeting during which a whole host of items were discussed, passed, or agreed upon to be put on the ballot to be voted on by all members at our November Thanksgiving banquet. We will also be asking for a positive vote for modest increases in both the annual membership fees (\$24.00 to \$36.00) and the initiation fees for new members (\$35.00 to \$49.00). At the present time the initiation fees do not cover the cost of the items new members receive (flags, boat signs, boat numbers etc.)

## **Commodore Continued – Tom Williams**

We have decided to re-do the PYC signs, that have fallen into disrepair, hanging outside of Hurricane Dockside Grill and Fish Camp restaurant, both in Tavares. Cheryl Rhoads is looking into another similar sign for the new Lake Eustis Waterfront Grill.

**Our nominating committee has just been finalized for 2024 selection of Board members. They are Cindy Kindinger, Sharon Vincent, and Gary Rhoads. Thank you for stepping up and taking on this important task.** The good news is that they only need to fill three positions - Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you would be willing to serve in one of these important capacities, please let them know that you are excited to help PYC move forward. It takes all of us to assist in making our club better each and every year. As PYC members you are encouraged and expected to be active supporting our club as Board members and/or as a host of an event. New members, we can assist you in hosting by starting you off by being a co-host. You can learn what it takes to put on an event that the rest of the members can enjoy.

**I have also set up an events committee to pre-plan next year's events. We will be making some alterations as to the events schedule itself. One proposed idea is to only schedule one event per month during the months of June, July, and August,** due to extreme heat, rain, and low attendance. We hope to find a second date in November since the weather is conducive to that while also realizing it is a busy family time for many at Thanksgiving. We are also discussing a third "away" event at some point during the year since they are so well received and attended.

I have communicated with the hosts of the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas banquets, and they are well on their way towards ensuring we have fun filled and exciting events. I hope you all plan to attend.

After serving as our Marketing chair for many years Bettie Nebergall has decided to retire from that position. Bettie, I am certain, we all thank you so much for your positive contributions to the PYC. Mary Jo Williams has agreed to assume those duties. Additionally, Scott Smith is our new Webmaster. My ultimate goal is to divide up some of the club positions so no one person has to carry on too heavy of a load.

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# Commodore Continued – Tom Williams

Upcoming September events that we hope to see you are Sept. 7th Sunset Cruise and Sept. 23rd Poker Run. Sunset cruises are always beautiful and the annual Poker Run has always been a well-attended and fun event.

See you on, in, and around the water, Tom

**Nomination committee, for 2024 PYC Officers and Board Positions, is:**

***Cindy (505-690-8443)***

***Sharon (352-396-3460)***

***Gary (954-778-0721)***

## Announcement

Anyone interested in running for the Board or Officer Position **should contact one of the above mentioned persons no later than the end of September.**



**Vice Commodore – Cheryl Rhoads** no report

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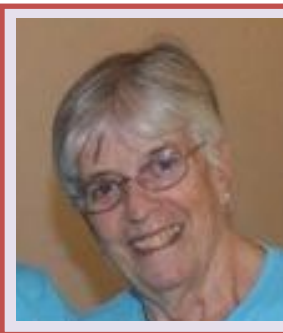
## Rear Commodore – John Mest



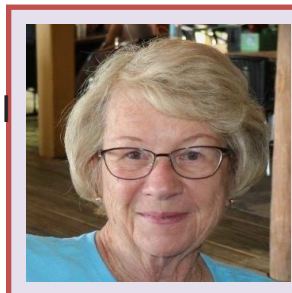
On August 13th we met at Deer Island and The Sand Bar on Lake Dora! Our hosts Tom and Mary Jo Williams had a great sunny afternoon lined up for us. **We had 5 boats and 14 people!** We rafted up and swam, and had our picnic lunches! It was a fun time for all!! Until next time, safe travels and boating! John Mest

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## Treasurer Carol Clarke



## Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven



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

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## First September Outing Thursday, September 7, 2023 Sunset Cruise

(rain date will be September 9, 2023)

Sun sets at 7:42 pm

Lake Harris – Come out of the Dead River and into Lake Harris  
Host: **Cathy & Bob Banta & Elaine and John Mest**

No Raft Up: Meet in Lake Harris  
(location map will be sent out with reminder—Tuesday, September 5th)

**5:45 to 7:45 p.m. - Bring your own beverage and a dessert to share**

**There will be music, dancing, visiting, a champagne toast  
and a 50/50 raffle.**

All participants should make sure their boat running lights (Port and Starboard) and anchor light in back are in working order. Your hosts will remain in the lake as support until everyone makes it back home safely. We will be there to help if anyone needs assistance.

**RSVP by Tuesday, September 5th to:**

Cathy at [mcathygreen@gmail.com](mailto:mcathygreen@gmail.com) or 352-455-2788 or

Elaine at [emest@epix.net](mailto:emest@epix.net) or 610-509-3421



## Saturday September 23, 2023

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run - All "Canal"**

**This year all canisters will be located in canals off Lake Eustis.**

**Lunch will be at Waterfront Grill—order off menu.**

Hosts: Jim & Carol Clarke - Cathy & Bob Banta - Virginia Calven & Gary Papucci

**Raft Up 9:45 to 10:00 AM - Lake Eustis near Dead River**

The "\$5.00 per hand for your poker cards" will be collected at the raft up on Lake Eustis, where you will also get your map and directions.

**Prizes will be 50% or more of money collected for hands**

**plus gift certificates & instant winners.**



## **First October Outing October 10 to 13, River Cruise, Crystal River Plantation Itinerary, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River FL. 352-795-4211**

### **October 10, 2023:**

**Leave for Crystal River, all attendees will be on their own to transport to Crystal River.** If you want to travel together, please make arrangements within your own groups to travel together to the Plantation on the Crystal River. **Check in time at the Plantation is 4pm. At 5pm we will be traveling by boat to the Crab Plant for Dinner,** docking space is limited so we may have to tie up to each other. This restaurant is noted for being a fresh sea food store first, Dave said; he and Jay have traveled to Crystal River to eat here. I value Dave's recommendation.

**After dinner we will cruise the Crystal River Bay Area to check out the local sites.** We will head back to Plantation to enjoy the many games they have to play on their grounds.

### **October 11, 2023:**

**Everyone is responsible for their own breakfast, Plantation has 2 breakfast restaurants.**

We will meet at **9:45am at Plantation's tiki bar to review our cruise for the day.** We will cruise from Plantation to the Gulf via Crystal River. I hope we will be visited by dolphins as we were on the Homosassa River, no guarantees. **This is over an 11 mile cruise.** On the way back, we will stop at Crackers Bar & Grill for lunch. After Lunch we will cruise around Kings Bay making everyone familiar with all that Crystal River has to offer. After our Bay cruise, we will cruise back to Plantation and enjoy the many amenities the Plantation has to offer.

### **October 12, 2023:**

**Everyone is responsible for their own breakfast, Plantation has 2 breakfast restaurants.**

"Search for the 3 sister springs" **Again, we will meet at 9:45am to review our cruise for the day at the tiki bar.** We will depart on an extensive cruise of the Kings Bay area. I mapped out an Argo cruise where we will be exploring many of the canals through the Kings Bay neighborhoods. **This cruise will be approximately 8 miles and will require all boats to maneuver narrow turn around areas.** This will be a slow cruise but will give us all an appreciation of the neighborhoods of Crystal River. After this cruise, we will make our way to Charlie's Fish House. This restaurant is next door to Cracker's Bar & Grill. They have added a new tiki bar to the restaurant. After we leave Charlie's, we will again cruise the King's Bay area to complete our search for more springs and make everyone familiar with the bay area. Bring your swim suit if you want to swim in any of the springs.

### **October 13,2023:**

**Everyone is responsible for their own breakfast, Plantation has 2 breakfast restaurants.**

Ahh, It's all over now. Today we will be trailering our boats and getting ready for the trip back home. We hope you all enjoyed the old Florida charm of Plantation on crystal River. If you want to convoy back with other members; please make your own arrangements.

- submitted by Butch Karrels -

# Thanksgiving



## **PYC Thanksgiving Luncheon**

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Social Hour: 11:00-11:55;

Dinner at Noon

Where: Fox Run Clubhouse,

440 Fox Run Blvd.

Tavares 32778

**Hosts: John Paul Dargo & Mary Bliss**

**Ernest & Nora Sixby**

**Mark Your Calendar – Save the Date!** Note: This date is one week earlier than we have done in the past and at a new location.

We would like to get a head start on the Saturday, November 4, 2023 Thanksgiving luncheon. We want to **make sure you have your calendars marked to save the date.**

Traditionally, this has been a much anticipated and well attended event. The food is fantastic and the Annual Meeting is always informative.

Please **be thinking about the dish you will bring to share.** We have made it simple. We have three categories: side dish, dessert or other. The club will supply the turkey, potatoes, gravy, dressing and rolls. We need to know how many in your party will attend and what you plan to bring. If you cannot make this event, we need to know that also.

**Information is needed by October 21st** so we can make a timely confirmation order with the vendor.

**You can call or text Nora Sixby at 734-748-6951 or email: [noranernie001@yahoo.com](mailto:noranernie001@yahoo.com).** We want to hear from you!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

- submitted by John Paul Dargo -

**Hosts: John & Cindy Kindinger and Richard & Cookie Brown**



## *PYC Christmas Banquet*

*Holiday Attire is suggested.*

*Saturday, December 9, 2023*

*Country Club of Mt. Dora  
1900 Country Club Boulevard, Mt. Dora*

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*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 Raffle will be played.*

*2024 Officers will be installed.*

*Music by Lonnie Shriver for your listening and dancing pleasure.*

*Reservations and Money must be received by Carol Clarke (3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778)  
by Friday, December 1, 2023 along with your choice of entrée –Beef Tips with wild rice OR Velvet Chicken  
(chicken stuffed with cream cheese and spinach).*

*Cost for Members \$20.00 Cost for Guests \$30.00*

**- submitted by Cindy Kindinger -**

Sunday, August 13th Informal Gathering off of Deer Island

Pics by Kay





Continued August 13th Informal Gathering ... Pics by Kay—Thank you hosts ... Tom & Mary Jo Williams



## News from the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is set, and we are **looking for volunteers** to help fill the Officer positions for the 2024 calendar year. We especially need to find members willing to become our **new Commodore** and **Secretary**. It doesn't take up much of your time, and **you'll have plenty of help**. If interested or you know someone who is interested, please contact either:

Cindy Kindinger ([cindykindinger@yahoo.com](mailto:cindykindinger@yahoo.com)),

Gary Rhoads ([grhoads1@bellsouth.net](mailto:grhoads1@bellsouth.net)) or

Sharon Vincent ([sharonvincent@embarqmail.com](mailto:sharonvincent@embarqmail.com))

# Don't forget to contact the nominating committee.

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### A Look Back In Time by Kay Weaver, Historian



September 17,  
2005 Paradise  
Harbor on  
Little Lake Har-  
ris - It is always  
fun to have

you guess the current name of  
the outing location. We had  
eight boats raft up in front of  
Hickory Point. We boated under  
the Highway 19 Bridge arriving  
at Paradise Harbor where 26  
members enjoyed a good meal  
and dessert. Paradise Harbor is  
now known as JB Boondocks Bar N' Grill located in Howey in the Hills.



## PYC Event Signup Sheet 2023

Every member needs to sign up to host an event. Use the attached calendar to choose the exact date.

Date	Day	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
January 9-14 <b>2nd week</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Sat.		Crazy Gator, Eustis	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	Leo & Harriet Reuter
January 23-28 <b>4th week</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Puddle Jumpers, Tavares	Joe Comastra & Lorraine Wiersma	Scott & Lorraine Smith
February 6-11 <b>2nd week</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Waterfront Grille-Valentines, Eustis	Richard & Cookie Brown	James & Carolyn Smith
February 20-25 <b>4th week</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Sat.		George fest Parade - Eustis	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Bob & Bettie Nebergall
March 6-11 <b>2nd week</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Crazy Gator – St. Patrick’s Day Celebration "Irish Duckstakes Race"	Dan & Sharon Vincent	Ray & Jerie Tallman
March 20-25 <b>Thursday</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.		Old Fashioned Picnic – Gilbert Park	John & Elaine Mest	Scott & Lorraine Smith
April 10-15 <b>2nd week</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		<del>Moss Bluff Picnic</del> Posted to June 8th Change due to rain.	Jim & Carol Clarke	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
April 24-29 <b>4th week</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Scavenger Hunt - Hurricanes	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Mike & Bonnie Wells
May 8-13 <b>2nd week(T-R)</b>	9-12 <sup>th</sup> Tue-Fri		St. John’s Tropical Resort & Marina Lake Beresford, FL – Road Trip to Deland	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
May 22-27 <b>4th week</b>	-	-	No event	-	-
June 5-10 <b>2nd week</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Moss Bluff Picnic	Jim & Carol Clarke	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
June 19-24 <b>4th week</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Thur.		Ski Beach	Virginia Calven	Carol Clarke
July 17-22 <b>3rd week</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Tues.		Pontoon Saloon (Note: ON TUESDAY)	Terry & Kay Weaver	
July 24-29 <b>4th week</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Beach Party TBD	Dave & Jay Asibene	Cindy & John Kindinger
August 7-12 <b>2nd week</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Sun.		Sunday, Informal Gathering off of Deer Island	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	
August 21-26 <b>4th week</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>		Geocache/Sunset Cruise Lake Dora	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Scott & Lorraine Smith
September 4-9 <b>2nd week</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Sunset Cruise (rain day Sept. 9)	Bob & Cathy Banta	John & Elaine Mest
September 18-23 <b>4th Saturday</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.		Poker Run	Jim & Carol Clarke	Bob /Cathy Banta Virginia Calven/ Gary Papucci
<b>October 9-14</b> <b>2nd week(T-R)</b>	10-13 <sup>th</sup> Tue-Fri		River Cruise Crystal River	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Terry & Kay Weaver
<b>October 23-28</b> <b>4th week</b>			<b>Open</b>		
November 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>1st Saturday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sat.		Thanksgiving	John Paul Dargo Mary Bliss	Ernest & Nora Sixby
December 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Sat.		Christmas	John & Cindy Kindinger	Richard & Cookie Brown

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