



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Happy March Birthdays

Hope you a have terrific day, week, month & year!

Celebrate enough for all of us!

March 7 th	Karl Weickhardt
March 10 th	Cookie Brown
March 12 th	Elaine Mest
March 14 th	Steve Roeske
March 18 th	Wally Moon
March 21 st	Mike Wells
March 26 th	Diane Allen
March 27 th	Richard Brown

If I have accidently left off your birthday or it's wrong, please let me know so I can correct our list.
 Thank you, Debra Stewart debrapyc@gmail.com 352-455-3854



Commodore's March Comments – Tom Williams

It certainly has been a bit chilly and windy out on the Chain of Lakes lately. Still though there have been many beautiful sunny days to enjoy. We are hoping for several of those "perfect" days for our away trip to Parramore Campground. Terry and Kay Weaver have several trips planned for us. Remember to bring your lawn chairs so you can enjoy the evening campfires. Even if you do not plan to bring your pontoon, I am certain we can get you on someone's

pontoon for the trips. Come on up for the day if you do not wish to stay for the entire event. The first time Mary Jo and I joined, we were at an away event. This gave us a wonderful opportunity to meet many members and to spend quality time getting acquainted with everyone. Please call Terry, Kay, or me so we can keep an eye out for you, you are most welcome.

For those who might not already know, the lock on Haines Creek will be closing on April 1st. From what we are told, they plan to demolish the old lock and build an entirely new one. This process is estimated to take 4 to 6 months if all goes as planned. This will affect the Moss Bluff cruise at the end of July. If this should disrupt our event, Richard and Cookie may shift the event to one of our later open dates.

Speaking of open dates, we still have 4 of them. So please, if you have not chosen an event to host, kindly help all our members by participating as a host. If you are new to this process, we can give you guidance and assistance.

Sandwiched between Georgefest and Parramore's is the St. Patrick's event hosted by Ray and Jerie Tallman and Sharon Vincent. I know they have an exciting game planned for all to enjoy. And, finally, Mary Jo wrote a brief summary about how to see your PYC Group private Facebook Page. You might want to check that out.

See you all on the water,

Tom



Vice Commodore Report – Cheryl Rhoads

Since Gary and I were unable to thank you in person at the luncheon, we now graciously thank all our PYC friends and our Co Hosts Bonnie & Mike Wells for your FABULOUS turnout for the Georgefest Boat Parade! Once again YOU made it quite a success. I can't praise you all enough for your great decorations and bravery for navigating the "choppy lake!" Another year that our "fearless Jim" made

acknowledgements of the boat captains and music as we cruised past the grandstand. We also will have a new member who happens to be our new neighbors Tom and Linda Hallowell. They are in a transition moving here and are very anxious to meet you as soon as possible.

This has been another great month for PYC!

Cheryl

Rear Commodore Report – John Mest



On February 15th we had our Valentines Day Cruise to the Lake Eustis Waterfront Grill! I would like to thank our hosts Steve and Sue Roeske and Earl Wadewitz and Jane Sorenson! We had five boats and 37 people! We had a card game and a 50/50 drawing along with some good cookies for dessert!

On February 23rd we had our 6th Georgefest boat parade! I would like to thank our hosts Cheryl and Gary Rhoads and Bonnie and Mike Wells for all their hard work in making this event happen. I would also like to thank everyone for helping me get us all lined up and orderly in our parade! A big

thank you to our announcer Jim Clarke and company for all the commentaries on each of our boats as we paraded by! And most of all thank you to everyone for your participation and hard work in decorating your boats with flags and patriotic themes for this celebration! Thank you also to our hardworking photographer Sharon Vincent for all the amazing photos of the boats and us paraded by! We had sixteen boats and 52 people participated in this! Thank you all!

Safe travels to all!

John Mest

Treasurer – Jay Asaibene



First, let me thank everyone that has signed up to host one or more of our outings this year. There are still a few openings. Please remember that as the Host you should send the completed PYC Outing Information Form to both the Commodore and Treasurer. The Form is located on the website. Contact Commodore Tom for the dates that still need hosts or see page 11 of this newsletter.

Thanks,
Jay Asaibene
PYC Treasurer

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

March 14th, 2024 – Thursday

Crazy Gators 402 N Bat St Eustis, Fl 32726

PLEASE RSVP



Presenting Pontoon Yacht Club's Annual St. Patrick Day Celebration!

Anticipate the usual tricky shenanigans along with some unusual happenings. Join other PYC members & guests on this exciting 'Blarney Road Trip'! of contests & games, guaranteed to be filled with laughter, fun & surprises. Mark your calendar for lunch, etc. on Thursday, March 14th at Crazy Gator Rev-up your engines

The flash of the green flag starts the 11:30 am event.

Wear your best Irish lad or lass outfit. Or slip into the traditional trickster attire of an ever-mysterious forever mischievous Irish Leprechaun. It'll be the wearin 'O' the green.

Or

Perhaps there is a hidden alter ego within that needs to fully shine on this special celebration day. Are you secretly a T-Bird or a Pink Lady, one of Biff's buddies, a Shark, or a Jet? Then you can snarl,

sneer & strut your stuff at the ROAD RAGE! racetrack game.

(Wearing typical pontoon boater's attire is also acceptable this day.)

Lunch and drinks are on your own from the usual menu. Your co-hosts will provide dessert.

- * Best Costume Contest, with prizes!
- * Your personal travel suitcase is packed with surprises!
- * ROAD RAGE! Race Game with multiple awards to showcase your highway driving skills along the 9-mile racecourse!
- * Choose from a variety of high-powered racing vehicles!
- * Visit the Tattoo Parlor (but only for those who dare).
- * Other surprises await your enjoyment!

Please RSVP your attendance to Jerie Tallman via text message at (847) 284-1155 -or email at olake2lake@yahoo.com by Monday, March 11th.

Hosts: Sharon Vincent

Co Hosts: Ray & Jerie Tallman

Thank you.

A raft-up to Crazy Gator's restaurant is still to be determined.

SECOND MARCH OUTING 3/19-22 2024

PYC TRIP TO PARRAMORE'S CAMPGROUND ON ST. JOHNS RIVER

1675 Camp South Moon Rd., Astor, FL (386) 749-2721

Host Terry & Kay Weaver Cohost: Tom & Mary Jo Williams

The PYC is going to Parramore's Campground on the St. Johns River, 1675 Camp South Moon Rd., Astor, FL (386) 749-2721. This is a 3-night trip for some and 7-night trip for others. The PYC club 3-night group will arrive on Tuesday, March 19th and the 7-night group will arrive the day before. After we get settled in on Tuesday, we will take the boats for a run to Lake George and Silver Glen Springs. Dinner will be on your own, meaning a cookout or out to a restaurant. On Wednesday, we travel by boat to Deleon Springs Pancake House. Let's plan to spend several hours in the Springs. Dinner on your own. Thursday will be our long run to Deland to the Whitehair Bridge and the St. Johns River Grill. Each night you have the choice of cooking out, ordering pizza or eating at a restaurant. Be sure to bring lawn chairs to gather around a campfire or sit on the waterfront enjoying the company of other PYC members. Since it will be March, be prepared for any type of weather by bringing a jacket, rain gear, bathing suit and pool towel! **Those PYC members bringing a boat must furnish proof of boat insurance as stated in Parramore's Campground Policies & Rules: All boat owners must fill out an agreement form and provide the office with proof of insurance with a minimum liability coverage of \$300,000 before a slip can be issued.**

Attendees:

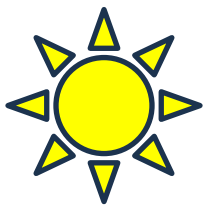
Terry & Kay Weaver – Boat Virginia Calvin & Gary Papucci Butch & Merrilyn Karrels - Boat

Tom & Mary Jo Williams - Boat Richard Lowell & Debra Stewart Dave & Jay Asaibene - Boat

Mike & Bonnie Wells Scott & Lorraine Smith – Boat

John & Elaine Mest Gary & Cheryl Rhoads – boat John & Cindy Kindinger

RSVP: Kay H. Weaver kayhweaver@outlook.com



FACEBOOK PRIVATE PYC PAGE

Do you want to be able to access the Members-Only, PRIVATE Group Facebook Page?

If you only get the newsletter and want to participate in the private group PYC Facebook social media page, it is easy. How? Well, there are two ways:

- 1) First, one of your Facebook friends that is already a PYC member with Group access can “Invite” you to join from there, or
- 2) You can “friend” one of the 2 Admins of the Group’s page, who can then add you. Kay Weaver has been the Administrator for the page. MJ Williams is also an Admin to assist her.

Every current and paid member that gets invited will be approved by the admins. The private PYC Group page offers synopsis of events, fun pictures, fun news, breaking news, and general club news. It is also a place where you can share thoughts, PYC pictures, and ideas too. It is the Club’s page. That means it is yours, too.

It does not replace the Newsletter, and please be sure when you RSVP to an event, you do so as the event Hosts requests. Typically, they ask for it via email or phone call. When you get an “Event Invite” from the private PYC page, it is just nice for others to know who all else is planning on coming! This is what the PRIVATE PYC Facebook Group page looks like-

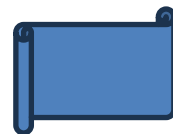


About Pontoon Yacht Club of Lake County, Florida - A place to exchange information about upcoming meetings, photos, and other local information pertaining to our Club. This is a SECRET group for members only of the Pontoon Yacht Club of Lake County, Florida and is not open to the public. You may invite other members of the PYC to join, but new members must be approved by the admin before they become a member of this group.

Please no politics, complaints, or derogatory remarks about any member of our club. Private Only members can see who is in the group and what they post. Hidden Only members can find this group.



A Look Back in Time by Kay Weaver, Historian



January 7th, 2006, PYC went to O’Keefe’s in Tavares for Irish food and drink at its best. Our hosts treated 45 members to an outstanding day, but only one came by boat (Bob Ebel). Even though it was quite chilly, our hosts furnished ice cream and cookies for dessert. Some of you may recognize the names, the 50/50 winners were Jean Van Meter and Sam Haines. A good way to start the 2006 New Year! The Tavares waterfront has changed so much since that time. Back then, we had no problem docking our boats and making our way across the way to O’Keefe’s. The picture is inside O’Keefe’s of Tim Hill, one of the hosts for the outing.



Pictures from February Outings – Waterfront Grille, Eustis



Our Hosts
Steve & Sue



Hosts Jane & Earl



Commodore
Tom



John
Rear Commodore



Leadership



Wisdom from Gary



Georgefest



Wisdom From Jerie



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Jay & Dave



Wisdom from Vik



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY





George Fest on Lake Eustis







PYC Event Signup Sheet 2024

Every member needs to sign up to host an event. Use the attached calendar to choose the exact date As of 12/31/2023

Date - 2024	Actual Date	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2	Full Moon
2 nd Week of January 7-13	13 th Sat.	Puddle Jumpers	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	Leo & Harriet Reuter	
4 th Week of January 21-27	1/25 Thur.	Geocaching	Scott & Loraine Smith	John & Elaine Mest	Jan. 25th
2 nd Week of February 11-17	2/15 Thur.	Valentine Cruise	Steve & Sue Roeske	Earl & Jane Wadewitz	
February 24	2/24 Sat.	George fest Parade - Eustis	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Mike & Bonnie Wells	Feb. 24th
2 nd Week of March 10-16	3/14 Thur.	St. Patrick Day Celebration	Sharon Vincent	Ray & Jerie Tallman	
3 rd Week of March 17-23	3/19-22 Tues-Fri.	Parramore's Campground	Terry & Kay Weaver	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Mar. 25th
2 nd Week of April 7-13	DATE	Nautical Flee market/ Trimble Park		Dave & Jay Asaibene	
4 th Week of April 21-27	4/23 Tues.	Hide Away/Sunset/Full Moon	Gary Papucci & Virginia Calven		Apr. 23rd
May 4	5/4 Sat.	Paratroop Drop Lake Dora	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Steve & Sharon Sensenbach	
May 18	5/18 Sat	Mt. Dora Movie Night	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Scott & Lorraine Smith	May 23rd
2 nd Week of June 9-15	6/11-6/14	Palaka	Terry & Kay Weaver	Butch & Merilyn Karrels	June 21st
4 th Week of June 23-29	DATE	Ski Beach/Sunset/Full Moon	Name		
2 nd Week of July 7-13	DATE	Deer Island/Fire Works	Name		
4 th week of July 21-27	7/25 Thur.	Joe Comastra Memorial Moss Bluff Picnic/Cruise	Richard & Cookie Brown		July 21st
2 nd Week of August 11-17	DATE	Cookout At Our House Bert & Karen Sofield	Bert & Karen Sofield	Wes & Amy Latham	Aug. 19th
4 th Week of August 25-31	21-23	Deer Island/Grilling Lunch	Name		
2 nd Week of September 8-14	DATE	Host Choice?	Name		Sept. 17th
4 th Week of September 22-28	9/28 Sat.	Poker Run	Bob & Cathy Banta		
2 nd Week of October 6-12	10-13	Rainbow Springs	Butch & Merilyn Karrels	Gary & Cheryl Rhodes	Oct. 17th
4 th Week of October 20-26	DATE	Lake Griffin SP, Picnic	Carl & Joan Scott		
November	DATE	Thanksgiving Dinner	John Paul Dargo		
November 9th	11/9 Sat.	Paratroopers Water Jump in Lake Eustis	Tom & Mary Jo Williams		Nov. 15th
December 15th	12/15 Fri.	Christmas Dinner	John & Cindy Kindinger	Richard & Cookie Brown	

Any corrections to newsletter please email: debrapyc@gmail.com

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