



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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July Happy Birthday!

Hope you a have a terrific day, week and year.

Celebrate enough for all of us!

07/04	Matthews, Jan
07/04	Dargo, John Paul
07/15	Clarke, Carol
07/16	Wallace, Greg
07/17	Wells, Bonnie
07/18	Gancar, John
07/21	Karrels, Merrilyn
07/23	Kapoor, Vik

If I have accidently left off your birthday or it's wrong, please let me know so I can correct our list. Thank you, Cathy Green Banta
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 352-455-2788

Happy 4th!



Commodore's Comments – Tom Williams

The dog days of summer seem to be upon us. Between the heat and rain it has been a conundrum if we can squeeze in our pontooning events. Our recent event to Moss Bluff was a perfect example. Before the raft up I received several phone calls to see if we were going to cancel the long trip up the Ocklawaha River. After canceling an event earlier

this year in which the rain never happened I decided to soldier on. Well it was hot and we did go through a short but heavy rain storm. Some wanted to turn back but I felt what was the fun in that ! As it turned out, aside from some soggy rear ends we arrived at Moss Bluff all safe and sound. All that wanted to go thru the BIG LOCK with a 23 foot drop got their wish. Coming back thru the lock was a bit more of a challenge holding on to the ropes while the water flooded in with force. It was a long day but also a wonderful experience.

Some of the group stopped at the Pirate Oasis on the way home for some "refreshments". Turns out the very next day the establishment burned to the ground - hum ! Hopefully they will rebuild and provide an ever nicer stop over for boaters.

Coming up in August is an outing hosted by Mary Jo, myself, Scott, and Lorraine. This is something new to our event schedule, it is being called a **geocache/sunset cruise**. We are planning this a bit later in the day due to the heat. Afterwards, for those who choose to stay, we will raft up to watch the sunset and perhaps get to observe the full moon. It is a learning experience for most of us as we need to learn how to utilize latitude and longitude coordinates to find places on our lakes and waterways. **We urge you to down-**

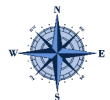
load the free ARGO  Argo™ app on to your devices. It works best on iPads etc. but certainly can be used on cell phones. The bigger screens makes it easier

to see and navigate. At first it seems somewhat cumbersome but with a few attempts it gets easier. I will enclose with this newsletter the steps we have found that works best. Since we are still in the trial and error phase we will do our best to keep you informed. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you might encounter. But....practice, practice, practice. It should be a fun learning experience and some day it could save your life when lost and or unsure how to get home safely. Both Sea Tow and Boats US can locate you from your coordinates when assistance is requested.

Next up on our event schedule is a trip to the Pontoon Saloon, which is being held on a Tuesday. **Then we are heading to Dave and Jay's for a beach party**. Since no one stepped up to host another event, I am including an informal pontoon gathering off Deer Island on Lake Dora. We will just anchor, enjoy the day relaxing and either BBQing onboard or bring your own meal etc. This is a good spot just to people, boat watch. **The**

"Coordinates" on the location are: N 28.788565 W 81.672224

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



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Vice Commodore Report – Cheryl Rhoads

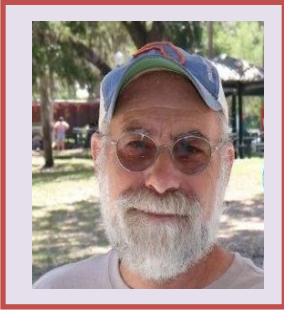


Welcome New Members

Welcome to our newest members, Eric and Vi! It was great to have them at our last outing at Ski Beach Restaurant!

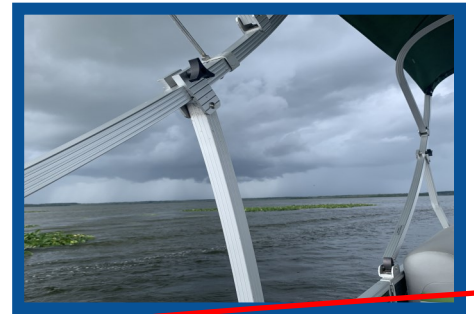


Rear Commodore Report – John Mest



On June 8th, we had Joe Commostra’s Moss Bluff outing in his memory! We had 5 boats and 25 people. This was hosted by Tom and Mary Jo Williams and Jim and Carol Clarke. We met at Haines Creek and went thru the lock, my first time. Then we headed towards Lake Griffin and Moss Bluff.

As seems to be the norm, we got rained on for a few minutes.



Weather shown/Pics by Kay

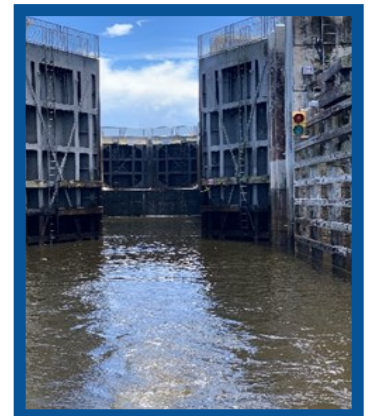
We arrived at Moss Bluff Park and had a great picnic lunch with fried chicken and all the good stuff brought by everyone!

We then proceeded north and thru the lock at Moss Bluff which drops about 24 feet! We then went up the river for a few miles, came back thru the lock and came south.

A few of us stopped at Pirates Oasis and had a last beer there as it burned down later that night! This was very enjoyable outing as most of it was new territory.

On June 22nd, we had an outing to Ski Beach hosted by Virginia Calvin and Carol Clarke. We had **40 people including 3 guests and 2 new members.** I would like to welcome Eric and Vi Guenthner to our club! Due to the weather forecast we had **0 boats.**

We had good food and great service. After our meal, we had the 50/50 drawing with 3 winners and then we played nautical bingo! A good time was had by all! Until next time, safe travels and boating! John Mest



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Treasurer – Carol Clarke



Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven



I sent out get well cards to Vic Kapor and Bob Banta in June.

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

(Moss Bluff Outing—Pics by Kay)



1st July Outing **TUESDAY - PONTOON SALOON – July 18th**

1050 W. Burleigh Blvd., Tavares



It's too FREAKING HOT! The grass is dying, pavement is buckling, and lakes are drying up. The temperature could reach 128°! Don't you just love that word "COULD!" So, let's go boating! Come by boat or wimp out and come by car.

No raft up, meet at **11:30 A.M. at the Pontoon Saloon**

located at the southeast corner of Lake Eustis on Highway 441

East of Buzzard Beach at:

1050 W. Burleigh Blvd., Tavares.

Order off the menu.

For entertainment, we will tell tall tales about the hottest we have ever been, or as I like to say, smell this!

RSVP to Terry Weaver (352) 978-0439 or email tjweaver343@aol.com no later than 7/10/23.

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2nd July Outing - Thursday,
July 27th

(rain date is July 29th)

Dave & Jay's Beach & Dock

N28° 52.422' W81° 43.093'

Hot Dogs, BBQ, and Beach Games

Hotdog toppings, side dishes and dessert are included along with plates and utensils)

\$7.50 person pay at the event.



BYOB

Bring your beach chairs or sit on your boat.

4 PM to 8:21 (sunset)

RSVP: Please let us know by 7/23/23,

772-341-4046 or TravelDays@iCloud.com



Sunday, August 13, 2023

Informal Gathering off of Deer Island, ...

Watch for further information in the August Newsletter.

Hosted by Tom & Mary Jo Williams.

The "Coordinates" on the location are N 28.788565 W 81.672224.



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Photo Geocache Search Sunset Cruise Thursday, August 31, 2023



Hosts: Tom & Mary Jo Williams and Scott & Lorraine Smith
Raft-Up 3 – 3:15pm on Lake Dora for your Route
(Check Aug Newsletter for changes to times, if needed)

Use your Navigation Tool, Argo*,  or compass,  to find & take the photo.

Afterwards, raft-up, Pack your meal or BBQ on board,



Watch the sunset together

Or stay for the full moon.



to Navigate using Coordinates



1 Open App
2 Touch "Navigate"
3 Touch "Search"
4 Touch "Enter Coordinates"
5 Touch the blank space by N (North)
6 Type in north Coordinates
7 Touch blank space by W (West)
8 Type in coordinates
9 Touch "Done" (if prompted)
10 Touch the "" checkmark at the top right of the screen
11 Touch "Confirm Location"
12 Touch the coordinates that you typed (top of the results list)
13 Touch "Create Route"
14 Touch "Choose Starting Point"
15 Touch "Choose Map"; touch the indicator of where you are (white circle with blue triangle) or, tap where you plan to start
16 Touch "Finish Editing"
17 Touch "Start Voyage "
18 Go, follow the track

Moss Bluff

June 8, 2023
Thursday



Dear PYC family,

*Moss Bluff Outing in Joe's
honor and memory.*

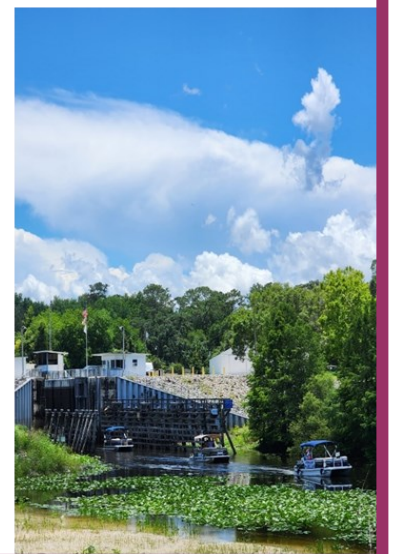
Thank you... From Lorraine

*I want to thank all of you
for your
cards, and
for keeping
Joe and
myself in your
thoughts and
prayers during
this rough time of
our lives.*

*The two
of us have had so
many slow,
relaxing, fun
boat rides on
these large
lakes and
I loved seeing
how driving the
boat would
put Joe in his
happy place.
He was also in
his happy place
on our outings,
I thank you
for that.*

*Losing him has
been devastating and I
thank you all for your love and
support, it means the world to
me.*

Love to you all, Lorraine

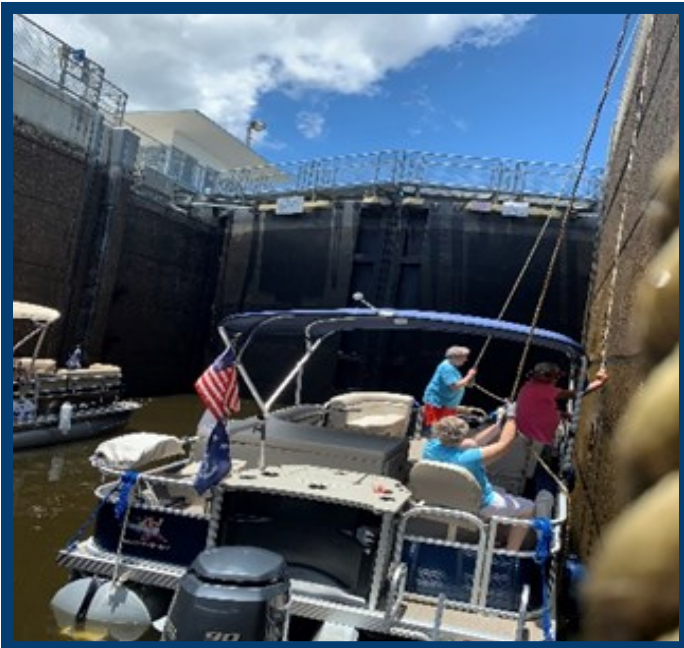
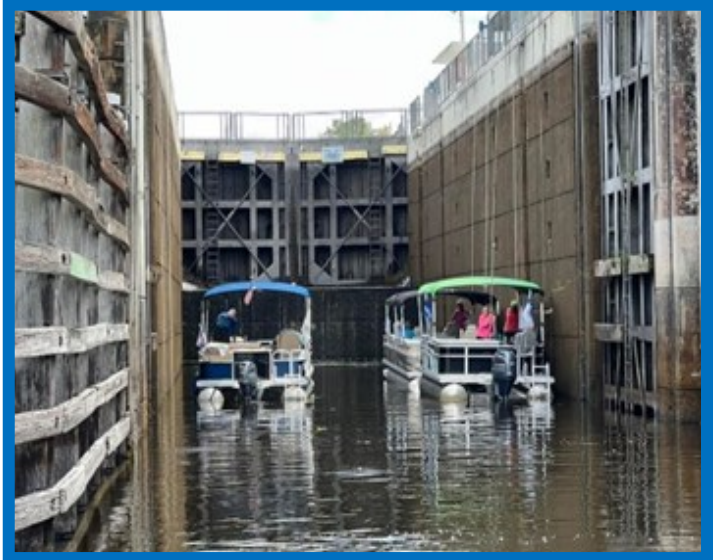


...for your

*Thoughts and prayers
during this
rough time>*



Going through the locks ...



Pics by Sharon
Ski Beach Outing, Thursday,
June 2, 2023
Nice Prizes, Visiting & Fun Times!



A Look Back In Time by Kay Weaver, Historian

Nelson's Fish Camp - May 21, 2005:

There were 40 members & guests on 9 pontoons in attendance. Great outing... Traveling down Haines Creek, Lake Griffin and into the Ocklawaha River is seeing Florida in a different view than our normal traversing of the lakes. Foliage and wild-life abundant, and then arriving at an old time fish camp.

After debarking our boats, we had to walk around a very suspicious area of intertwined yarn for lack of a better word, around trees, swing sets, picnic tables and any other thing in the way. We entered a screen porch (???), on the docks, set up with car seats, rusty folding chairs, and any other thing available for sitting, around oil cloth covered tables. Prior to eating there was a quiz on the Ocklawaha chain and a 50/50 drawing. We then went into the store and picked up our food and drink. The fish camp people did a great job of having the food ready for us.

After eating we retired to the great outdoors to partake of fun and games. Well, we found out what the yarn was for -- a Spider game. Six members/guests each choose a color of yarn and then had to unravel from the beginning to the end of their colored yarn. One person, Darleen Deimund (Speedy Woman), had it all figured out and easily won the game. The remaining people were so tangled up with one another it was hilarious; yarn wrapped around legs, torsos, etc. Bob Ebel, our master gamesman, did a great job on this one.

A bocce game followed, and the three divisional winners of Tommy Lee Stevens, Mitzie Hubbert and Roy Weddle had a World Series playoff won by Roy... Kudos to Bill & Marilyn Christensen and Bob Ebel for an outstanding outing...

Pics by Sharon - Ski Beach Outing, Thursday, June 2, 2023 -Continued



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

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