



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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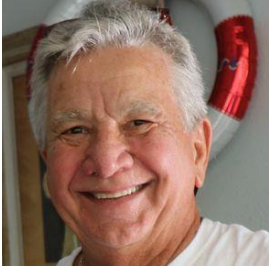
HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Shelley McGarry
Bob Boyack
Jo Kost
Judy Coon
Edna Korb
Sharon Vincent

April 3
April 8
April 9
April 14
April 24
April 25





Commodore's April Comments

COVID-19 has become the defining conversation all over the world these past few months. Social distancing will be implemented for the immediate future. We all know that this virus has not peaked in our country, and no one knows how long it will last; we need to make some minor changes in our lives to insure we remain safe. I hope we at PYC do not allow this virus to define us as a club. There were numerous boats on the lakes this past weekend, and I can personally say the air on the water smelled much fresher than our closed-in home. We can continue to meet as a club and practice social distancing; I ask that you reevaluate your PYC outing and implement social distancing techniques in your outings and move forward with your outing, Both April outings have been canceled; however, Nick Quackenbush called me while touring the Ocklawaha River, and he may be considering doing that tour on 4/25 to replace the Rainbow/Withlacoochee 3 day event. I will also update PYC in a separate email with an outing information form for the 4/11 event. We may do a boat tour of our lakes, rivers, or canals where we can apply social distancing by bringing our own lunches and drinks and using boat circling. We will be modifying rafting up to boat circling and maintaining social distancing by not touching other members' boats.

I feel a disconnect possibly taking place due to the virus epidemic, but I feel we can remedy that by communicating on PYC's membership FB page. I encourage all members to visit our FB page often and post information of how we can remain connected. We can advise each other through this crisis and protect each other in the process. If you have any ideas, share them with the rest of the club; we need each other more now than ever before. Go to PYC's FB page and keep up with Pontoon Yacht Club news on a daily basis, visit often and post your knowledge and experiences often.

This past weekend our 3/28 event took place using the new social distancing techniques; Kay Weaver and I figured out how to implement the GPS into the "Hide & Seek" event even though we didn't actually play the game since we only had 3 boats. We docked at Hickory Point and had lunch on our own boats; we can cruise and be safe.

If anyone is feeling under the weather, we definitely want you to distance yourself from everyone else; however, we want to know how you are doing. We can keep everyone in the loop with phone calls and PYC FB; we are family. We are all just a phone call away if you need us. I look forward to seeing you on our lakes over the next few months and appreciate your support through this crisis.

On April 16 we have a board meeting scheduled. We will change this meeting to a teleconference; I am making myself familiar with a program to do this and our virtual meeting will take place as scheduled. I will send the board a reminder and the invitation.

Thank you all! [PYC Facebook page](#) (Control & click)

Commodore Butch



BOATING TIPS FROM YOUR CRUISE MASTER



Unfortunately circumstances within our country are preventing us from moving about with our friends and having to stay home and also practice social distancing. That's bad, however, it gives us a great opportunity to go outside and do many needed tasks. I would take this time to clean and remove any

mildew from the vinyl upholstery on our boats. Once that is done, then treat the vinyl with either Meguiars 57 or 303. All gel coat and metal surfaces can be cleaned and polished with Meguiars Quick Detailer. This will make your boat shine like new.

It is important to have two anchors on board in order to control the positioning of the boat for wind or viewing purposes. Because of our mostly muck bottoms, I recommend you have an 18 pound river anchor and a 10 pound mushroom anchor. These anchors will hold best in the bottoms of our lakes.

Stay safe and hope to see you all soon.

Safe boating, Jim

Vice Commodore Bob Banta's report

No report.

Rear Commodore Mike Well's report

St. Paddy'sDay picnic outing March 14th, 2020 hosted by Dan & Sharon Vincent and Tom & Jo Kost: We rafted up in Haines Creek and it went exceedingly well. There were some great Irish dishes brought by the members to share among the 13 boats. Saw some members with Irish dress and we even sang a few Irish ditties. In attendance were: Dan & Sharon Vincent, Dave & Jay Asaibene, Tom & Joanne Kost, Bob & Bettie Nebergall, Butch & Marilyn Karrells, Mike & Bonnie Wells, Jim & Carol Clarke, John Kovach, Virginia Calven, Ray & Jerie Tallman, Vic & Elizabeth Kapoor, Pete & Arlene Strack, John & Cindy Kindinger & guests, and Terry & Kay Weaver.

Unfortunately, the attendance at the "hide and seek" outing was affected by the coronavirus and only three boats' participated: Butch & Marilyn Karrells, Vic & John Kapoor and Terry & Kay Weaver. They did practice using their GPS and had a lunch on their boats at Hickory Point.

In the Past

by *Kay Weaver*, PYC Historian

June 15, 2002 was Flag Day Celebration at Trimble Park. Cold cuts and rolls were supplied and everyone brought salads and desserts. Prizes were awarded for the best decorated boats in a patriotic theme. After lunch, we had all kinds of games. It started with a watermelon seed spitting contest, but Woody & Doreen Fish provided a watermelon that turned out to be seedless!!! Since that flopped, we went to bubble gum blowing contest, egg and spoon carry contest and finally horseshoes. We did a whole lot of laughing that day!

FYI from Jeri Tallman

Ferran Park is fenced-off and closed to visitors until June 30th. I assume this means that restrooms are also closed to everyone, including the boating public arriving by water. Trimble Park on the Lake Beauclair waterfront also has a closure schedule for boat ramp improvements. But the closure started early. We were there yesterday to launch our boat, and the ramp was already closed. LCWA has also closed their boat ramps due to the Covid-19 virus situation. The Mount Dora ramp is still open at this time. We have family visiting from Illinois and have been on the lakes almost daily for the past two weeks. There is more boating traffic than usual with all types of watercraft on the water.

Stay well. Keep smiling. Happy boating.

St. Patrick's Day Raft-Up Picnic – March 14, 2020



Hide and Seek (Hickory Point) – March 28, 2020



APRIL EVENTS

April events have been cancelled. However, stay tuned for any revised events.

MAY EVENTS

The **May 9th Hickory Point event** is cancelled until further notice. Hickory Point has closed their facilities and refunded our check. Stay tuned for further developments.

FUTURE EVENTS

**September 29 – October 2, 2020
 Homosassa River
 Citrus County, FL
 Hosts: Terry & Kay Weaver**

Terry and Kay Weaver are pros at organizing river cruises and this will be another 3 day event. All boat captains wanting to be a part of this cruise the end of September should contact Terry and Kay at tjweaver343@aol.com This will give Terry and Kay the opportunity to promote the Homosassa River cruise.

2020 EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PONTOON YACHT CLUB

Please submit PYC Outing Information Form to the Commodore [BKafter60@gmail.com](mailto:BKaft60@gmail.com)

Date	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
1/11/2020	X	Fish Camp/Group photo	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	Leo & Harriet Reuter
1/25/2020	X	Hide Away	Alan & Lorna Fogg	John & Sue Pierce
2/8/2020	X	Hurricane Dockside	John Kovach & Virginia Calven	George & Judi McCord
2/22/2020	X	Georgefest	Bob & Bettie Nebergall	Mike & Bonnie Wells
3/14/2020	X	Raft-up Picnic	Dan & Sharon Vincent	Tom & Jo Kost
3/28/2020	X	Hide and Seek	Dave & Barbara Masterton	Bill Marsella & Joanne Welsh
4/11/2020	X	TBD	Jim & Carol Clark	Bob & Cathy Banta, Steve & Susan Roeske
4/28-5/1/20	X	TBD	Nick & Alicia Quackenbush	Art & Linda Stowell
5/9/2020	X	Hickory Point	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Mike & Bonnie Wells
5/23/2020	X	Picnic on the water	Ray & Pauline Ellison	Ray & Jerie Tallman
6/13/2020		Flag Day	Pete & Arlene Strack	John Gancar & Shelley McGarry
6/27/2020		Crazy Gators	Carl & Joan Scott	
7/4/2020		Wooten Park Parade- Tavares	?	?
7/25/2020		Boat Dock Bingo	John & Cindy Kindinger	Bob & Bettie Nebergall
8/8/2020	X	Clermont Chain	Ray & Pauline Ellison	
8/22/2020		“Concentration” on the Water	Butch & Merrillyn Karrels	
9/12/2020		Ski Beach	Dale & Judy Coon	

9/29-10/2/20	X	Homosassa Resort	Terry & Kay Weaver	
10/10/2020		Moss Bluff	Bob & Cathy Banta	Jim & Carol Clarke
10/24/2020		Murder on the Lakes	Bob & Bettie Nebergall	
11/14/2020		PYC Thanksgiving	Angela Brown & Tim Hill	Lorraine Wiersma & Joe Comastra
12/12/2020		PCY Christmas	Joanne Welsh & Bill Marsella	Lorraine Wiersma & Joe Comastra & Linda Stowell

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