



# PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



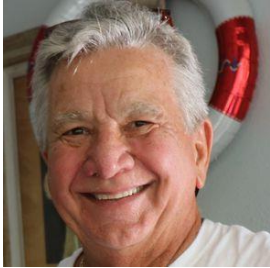
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August 31



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Commodore's August Comments

We are in the 8<sup>th</sup> month of the year and 5 months of dealing with COVID 19 without any incidents of the virus affecting our membership. I feel your PYC board adopted the proper social distancing rules to keep our membership safe while boating as a club.

If you missed Boat Dock Bingo on July 25, you missed a really well-organized fun, safe event. Cindy, John, Bettie and Bob did an excellent job in providing great fun for everyone who attended. Join us in the future for these events on our chain of lakes and socialize with your PYC family.

We have two more events coming in August, read this newsletter for the details and join us to learn more about our lakes and have some fun with fellow members.

I put out a global membership email advising our PCY membership that the board will be voting on a nominating committee this month. This is an opportunity for our members to steer our club in the direction you feel is best for the club. The Pontoon Yacht Club has been in existence for over 30 years. Get involved; help your club by adding your voice to the Nominating Committee. Please email me prior to Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> at [bkafter60@gmail.com](mailto:bkafter60@gmail.com) to have your name considered for the Nominating Committee.

See you on the water

Commodore Butch

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*BOATING TIPS FROM YOUR CRUISE MASTER*



Well, it's that time of year again. Hurricane season is upon us. Here are some tips that I use in the Fox Run marina. First of all, the nylon lines should be a minimum of 3/8" or 1/2". Do not use plastic ski ropes or any polypropylene. The front end of the boat should have cross tied lines, simply meaning the right pontoon ties to the left side dock cleat and the left pontoon ties to the right side dock cleat. This will allow the boat to rise and fall with the water level. You need to have two lines on the side of the boat to control forward and aft movement. Secure a line to the rear of the boat and tie to a cleat on the dock. This will keep the boat secure and straight. If you do not have rub blocks (described in a past newsletter), then place four fenders on the dock side.

You should remove your backdrop, playpen cover, seat covers, and motor cover so the wind can blow through the boat without ripping off covers. The bimini top, depending on your location, can

be left up or folded down and secured tightly. Make sure you secure the boot to the top. I have lived here 17 years and maintained a marina for 7 years and during all that time, I had no damage at all.

Join us and practice Safe Boating, Jim

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**Vice Commodore Bob Banta's report**

During the past month we have had several interested contacts who are either "snow-birds" or in process of buying a pontoon boat. These potential members have shown interest and will be encouraged and kept informed of our ongoing activities.

AND we do have new members. Randy Petrichko and Patty Sabo have applied and I have accepted them. They will be great members with an immense amount of boating experience. Due to their schedules, they have not been able to attend an outing yet. I have met and visited with them and hope to introduce them to the club at an outing in August.

As our membership efforts go forward, please remember that one of the best ways to increase memberships is to invite your friends.

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**Rear Commodore Mike Well's report**

Eleven boats participated in Bingo event and enjoyed the challenge of identifying the objects round the lake for their bingo cards. The box lunches were excellent, and the north docks on Lake Eustis were most convenient and provided a great meeting place.

Those attending were Stowell's, Asaibene's, Rhoads, Mike Wells, Karrel's, Clarke's, Banta's, Kapoor's, Scott's, Masterson's, Nebergall's, Kindinger's, and the Weaver's.

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**Due to Covid-19, the Board has come up with some guidelines to ensure our members safety and comfort.**

1. Instead of "rafting up" we will now "anchor up". Boats will not be connected to each other. We will drop our anchors and float at a safe distance from each other – a minimum of 6' between boats.
2. We strongly encourage our members to wear masks at events where we may need to get off the boat or when boats are less than 6' apart.
3. It's a good idea to have disinfectant wipes or hand sanitizers on board.
4. June and July events will follow social distancing and minimize contact between boats.
5. While under way, boats will remain 50' apart.
6. Until further notice, there will not be a 50/50.
7. To avoid the contact with paper money, payments for the events will be handled by checks sent to Carol Clarke.

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## In the Past

by Kay Weaver, PYC Historian

November 2, 2002 was a PYC Past Members Reunion and we spent time with our friends we had not seen in a while. We had 60 members and guests that included many past Commodores. It was held at Dead River Vic's (currently Hurricane's) and the canal ran all the way past the restaurant back out into the Dead River further down closer to Lake Harris. It was a beautiful short trip through there and it's a shame that it is now overgrown.



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## BOAT DOCK BINGO – July 25, 2020





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## AUGUST EVENTS

August 8, 2020  
Hickory Point

Hosts: Gary & Cheryl Rhoads  
Mike & Bonnie Wells

Anchor - Up 9:30 – 10:00  
Lake Harris at the Dead River  
Social Hour 11:45 Lunch Noon



We will be touring the east shore of Lake Harris passing The Hideaway, Long Island, Horseshoe Island, Mission Inn Marina, and the south shore of Little Lake Harris prior to proceeding to Hickory Point and docking for lunch.

Bring your own lunch, drinks, and place settings to be enjoyed on your own boat. Bring hand sanitizer or wipes and wear a mask if it helps you feel safe.

We will be practicing social distancing by eating on our own boats and distancing all boats docking at Hickory Point. The facilities at Hickory Point are open. Restrooms are available. Bring disinfectant wipes to help with social distancing practices.

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August 22, 2020  
Concentration  
Hosts: Butch & Merrilyn Karrels



**Anchor Up 9:45 – 10:00 Haines Creek and Lake Eustis**  
**You'll receive your pictures and a map. The clock will start at the same time for all.**

**Lunch at 12:00**

There will be 4 cash prizes available to win; this is a timed event. A GPS will assist contestants in locating the pictures that you will submit via text to: 954-415-2601. The first boat that completes their series of pictures that are received at the above number will be the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner. There will also be 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place winners. All contestants will receive a detailed map of Lake Eustis with the locations of your series of pictures and their coordinates. A GPS is not mandatory but will be helpful in locating your pictures. Each boat will have their own unique series of pictures to take and send. Send each picture as soon as you take it. When your final picture is received, that will stop the clock and determine your standing in this timed event. If you don't find all of your series of pictures by 11:45 A.M., please proceed to the north docks of Lake Eustis with the rest of the PYC contestants where we will have lunch and award the prizes. To locate your series of pictures will require a complete circumference of Lake Eustis. All pictures will be from canals around Lake Eustis.

**Bring your cell phone with camera and texting capabilities. This is a must have item to win!**

**Entry fee is 5.00 per boat. Check made out to PYC needs to be sent to Carol Clarke – 3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778 by **Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**.**

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### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 12, 2020  
Mt. Dora & Trimble Park  
Hosts: Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor

**Anchor - Up 10:00 – 10:30**  
**Dora Canal & Lake Dora**



**Social Hour 11:15**

**Lunch 11:30**

We will be touring Lake Dora, Mt. Dora Yacht Club, Mt. Dora Boating Center & Marina, and Gilbert Park before proceeding to Trimble Park and docking for lunch.

Bring hand sanitizer or wipes, wear a mask if it helps you feel safe. We will be practicing social distancing. We will eat on our own boats and social distance all boats docking at Trimble Park.

The facilities at Trimble Park are open and restrooms are available. Bring disinfectant wipes to help with social distancing practices.

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**September 26, 2020**  
**Italian Cruise**  
**Hosts: Terry & Kay Weaver**



**Anchor Up 10:00 – 10:30 A.M. Lake Eustis & Dead River**  
**Lunch at 12:00**

**This event is replacing the Homosassa trip which has been cancelled due to Covid-19.**

Our outing will be held on Lake Eustis and will have an Italian theme. For that day my name will be Bruno. We will venture only as far as the Dead River because remember - the earth is flat. Don't tell me that the Italians didn't discover America; don't tell me about those Vikings; I have a very small mind, and I don't believe all that. The raft up will break up at 10:30 A.M. for our circumnavigation of Lake Italy also known as Lake Eustis, ending up in the Dead River just in front of the Triangle Boat Club building. No, we will not be using their building, but we will form a circle of sorts and if you are daring you can do boat jump bingo.

We will bring our own lunches which obviously should be Italian.

We'd like you to dress Italian for that day, but if you don't have the proper clothes wear a red and white tablecloth. Choose an Italian name and display it proudly on your boat. You could also decorate your boat in Italian colors or banners. We will play games such as bust your kneecap and teeth on the floor (that's Mafia talk).

If I have insulted anyone, I apologize. If I have not insulted anyone, again I apologize. As we circle Lake Italy, I will point out landmarks such as Firenze (Florence), Roma (Rome), Venezia (Venice), and Pizza Hut. Go ahead and pick out your name now. Who wants to be Benito Mussolini? Hope to see you all on the water.

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**2020 EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PONTOON YACHT CLUB**

**Please submit PYC Outing Information Form to the Commodore Bkafter60@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	St. Patty Raft-up Picnic	Dan & Sharon Vincent	Tom & Jo Kost
3/28/2020	X	Hide and Seek	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	

4/11/2020		Boat Tour	Jim & Carol Clark	Bob & Cathy Banta, Steve & Susan Roeske
4/28-5/1/20		Rainbow River (canceled)	Nick & Alicia Quackenbush	Art & Linda Stowell
5/9/2020	X	Hickory Point (canceled)	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Mike & Bonnie Wells
5/23/2020	X	Picnic on the water (canceled)	Ray & Pauline Ellison	Ray & Jerie Tallman
6/13/2020		Flag Day	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	
6/27/2020		3 Lakes Tour	Carl & Joan Scott	
7/11/2020		Hickory Point (canceled)	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Mike & Bonnie Wells
7/25/2020	X	Boat Dock Bingo	John & Cindy Kindinger	Bob & Bettie Nebergall
8/8/2020	X	Hickory Point (previously rained out)	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Mike & Bonnie Wells
8/22/2020	X	"Concentration" on the Water	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	
9/12/2020		Mt. Dora & Trimble Park	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	
9/26/2020	X	Italian Cruise	Terry & Kay Weaver	
10/10/2020		Moss Bluff	Bob & Cathy Banta	Jim & Carol Clarke
10/24/2020		Murder on the Lakes	Bob & Bettie Nebergall	Dave & Jay Asaibene
11/14/2020		PYC Thanksgiving @ Hickory Point	PYC event	Bring your own dinner
12/12/2020		PCY Christmas (on Hold)	Joanne Welsh & Bill Marsella	Arthur & Linda Stowell

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