



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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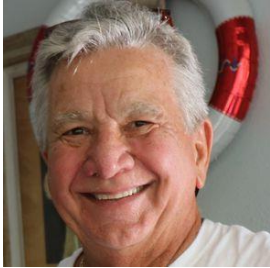
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HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS



Sylvia Kuhrt	July 12
Carol Clarke	July 15
Bonnie Wells	July 17
John Gancar	July 18
Merrilyn Karrels	July 21
Vik Kapoor	July 23





Commodore's July Comments

June has been the first month that the PYC has restarted event activities since the COVID-19 pandemic, and I want to personally thank all members who have participated. We had exceptional support from our membership at Carl & Joan Scott's Three Lake Tour on 6/27 with 13 boats and 15 memberships attending, Thank-you Carl & Joan and everyone who attended on a hot day! Also want to thank Cruise Master Jim for the excellent job of narrating the tour on the marine radio. If you don't have a radio, please get one; you will need it. We also had the Flag Day tour on 6/13 to Griffin State Park with 5 boats under very threatening weather, but we made it to the park and back without getting poured on even though the storm chased most of us all the way home. Now we move on to July 11 with a tour to Hickory Point and water games on 7/25 with Boat Dock Bingo. Come join the fun and support the Pontoon Yacht Club for the month of July by attending these two events. We are practicing social distancing and mask wearing when social distancing is not feasible. See you on the water.

Commodore Butch



BOATING TIPS FROM YOUR CRUISE MASTER



I have been asked some questions about engine service and bimini top maintenance.

Four stroke outboard engine major maintenance should be done once a year or 100 hours whichever comes first. A complete engine service should include the following: 1) engine oil and filter change (use only manufacturers recommend lubricants). 2) Replace spark plugs. 3) Change engine fuel filter. 4) Replace water separator/fuel filter. 5) Grease all zerk fittings with marine grease. 6) Clean and oil steering shaft. 7) Remove propeller and check for any fishing line that may be wrapped on the shaft behind propeller. 8) Grease shaft with marine grease and reinstall propeller. 9) Drain lower unit oil and refill with manufacturers recommended lower unit oil. 10) Clean and wax engine top to bottom. This is what any good service department would do for your 100-hour service.

Bimini top, backdrop and playpen covers should be cleaned and waterproofed every three to five years, depending on usage. Products used for this maintenance are 303 fabric cleaner and 303 fabric protector. Remove fabric from boat, lay it on a flat surface, and wet it down. Then apply 303 fabric cleaner and scrub with a soft car wash brush. Rinse with a hard spray from the hose, turn top over, and repeat the process. Let dry completely. Then put the outside of the covers facing up and coat heavily with 303 fabric protector. Your covers will look brand new and perform properly.

Join us and practice Safe Boating, Jim

Vice Commodore Bob Banta's report

This has been a small volume but high potential month of contacts.

6/14/20 - Two May contacts want to be members and have filled out an application. They have been unable to attend any outings yet but are great candidates and anxious to join us. I am meeting the husband for coffee the week of 7/1 – 7/4/20 and hope they can join us July 11 on the water.

6/17/20 – A female boater called looking for a social club centered around boating. Unfortunately, she does not own a boat. She has owned 3 boats in the past but not now. I explained our club requirements and to keep us in mind should she get another boat.

6/26/20 – Received website form from interested couple. I have called and left a voicemail message but as of now have not heard back.

That's all for June.

Pontoon Yacht Club – If you are not a member then you are missing the boat!

Rear Commodore Mike Well's report

Five boats braved the weather to Lake Griffin State Park – Clarkes, Bantas, Karrels, Kindingers, Stowells (and guests), and Vik and John Kapoor. On a hazy hot day, we had an excellent turnout for the lake tour: Scotts, Vincents, Mastertons, Rhoads, Mike Wells, Butch Karrels, Clarkes, Bob Banta, Vik and John Kapoor, Kindingers, Pierces, Tallmans, Nebergalls, Asaibenes, and Quackenbushes. Hope to see everyone at the July events!

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 July 25 event will be handled by checks sent to Carol Clarke. Carol will also write checks to the winners of the bingo games.

In the Past

by Kay Weaver, PYC Historian

October 19, 2002 - Halloween Party at the Triangle Boat Club - We had some very unusual costumes and several put a lot of thought into it. Starr Weddle came as a table with pizza on it. Ed and Sonya Buntin did a spectacular job as an old man and woman. Other notables were Gene & Mary Fehr and the Hawaiian Bandits Al & Alice Trundle! Halloween seems to bring out great ideas for costumes!



LAKE GRIFFIN STATE PARK – June 13, 2020



LAKE TOUR – June 17, 2020



and Mike!



JULY EVENTS



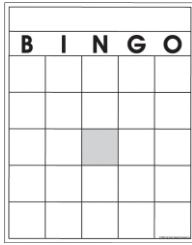
July 11, 2020
Hickory Point
Hosts: Gary & Cheryl Rhoads
Mike & Bonnie Wells

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



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 social distance 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.



**July 25, 2020
Boat Dock Bingo
Hosts: John & Cindy Kindinger
Bob & Bettie Nebergall**

**Anchor Up 10:15 – 10:30
Lake Eustis – near Buzzard Beach Grill
Lunch at 12:00**

The object of this event is to fill up your bingo card from our list of lakeshore objects. Then we will come together and play bingo games for cash. Between 10:15 and 10:30, you'll need to meet us off Buzzard Beach Grill to get your bingo cards and instructions. Then you'll have until 11:45 or so to complete the first part of the event.

We will dock at the north Eustis docks. You'll need to bring your own drinks. We suggest you bring pennies to use as markers on your bingo cards.

Box lunches are \$9.00 which includes a footlong sub, potato salad cup, two chocolate chip cookies, and chips. You have five choices.

All sandwich choices are served with lettuce and tomato. Mayo and mustard packets will be provided.

- #1 ULTIMATE: Ham, turkey, roast beef, swiss cheese on whole wheat
- #2 ITALIAN: Salami, ham, capicola, provolone cheese on 5 grain loaf
- #3 CUBAN: Ham, pork, swiss cheese on white loaf (pressed)
- #4 ROAST BEEF: with provolone cheese on whole wheat
- #5 CHICKEN SALAD: with American cheese on 5 grain loaf

You can substitute a gluten-free wrap for bread on any sandwich.

Bingo cards are \$5.00 each. You can buy as many as you'd like. The more you buy, the better your chances for BIG prizes. Money for the cards and lunch needs to be sent to Carol Clarke – 3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778 by **Tuesday, July 21st.**

FUTURE EVENTS

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

Riverside is open for business so it is still a go at this time.

Make your three-night hotel reservation at Riverside Resorts (352) 628-2474 (www.riversideresorts.com) beginning March 2nd. Tell them you are with the Pontoon Yacht Club. Hotel information and rates below.

Tuesday 9/29/20:

* Leave Lake Square Mall promptly at 10:00 a.m. to caravan to Riverside Resorts, Homosassa. Arrive, launch boats and room check-in.

* Light lunch on your own. (Florida Cracker Restaurant located at hotel opening in April).

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* Optional air boat tour at River Safari (352) 628-5222 (www.riversafaris.com). One hour air boat ride is \$39 or one and a half hour air boat ride is \$49. Make your own reservation and tell them you are with Pontoon Yacht Club to get a 10% discount.

* Leave by boat at 5:00 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. dinner at Margarita Grill

Wednesday 9/30/20:

* Breakfast your choice, in room or choose restaurant on list below.

* 10:30 a.m. leave on boats for trip to Gulf of Mexico.

* Light lunch on your own.

* 5:30 p.m. leave by boat for dinner at Seagrass Waterfront Restaurant

(www.seagrassresort.com)

* Optional trip to Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park

Thursday 10/1/20:

* Breakfast on your own.

* 10:30 a.m. leave by boat for trip to Homosassa River spring head. Bring snacks or light lunch, swimming available, water temp is 72 degrees.

* Optional trip to Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park (second chance)

* 5:30 p.m. go by boat or car to dinner at KC Crumps Restaurant www.crumplanding.com

11210 W. Halls River Rd., Homosassa, (352) 765-4942 (opening in April 2020). Located across the river from MacRae's and Riverside Resorts

Friday 10/2/20:

* Load boats, breakfast on your own and go home.

FACTS:

HOTEL: We are holding a variety of rooms. The sooner you reserve, the better the choices. Standard Room, Villa III is \$65 per night plus tax. This room is off the water and can be upstairs or downstairs. Waterfront rooms can be one or two bedrooms. Kay and I have reserved a one bedroom two bath suite that will be used as a **hospitality** area for all gatherings early or late.

BOATS: It costs \$30 per day for slip, launch, and trailer parking. If you bring a boat, this is a must and should be reserved by boat captain at time of reservation. If you intend to ride on someone else's boat, please be generous as their costs combined with fuel is not cheap.

REGISTRATION FEE: There will be a \$10 per person registration fee to defray some costs as the club is not contributing any funds for this outing. Please mail your check payable to Kay Weaver to PO Box 515, Tavares, FL 32778.

The head count I turn into the restaurants will be for those attending the entire trip. If you have never been to Homosassa, you have missed real old Florida* It will never be cheaper than \$65 per night.

PLEASE CALL or TEXT Kay (352) 978-9416 if you are coming and let us know if you are bringing a boat.

LOCATION INFORMATION:

Riverside Resorts, 5927 S. Cherokee Way, Homosassa, FL 34448 (352) 628-2474 (Call after 3/1/20 for hotel reservation and mention you are with Pontoon Yacht Club. Florida Cracker Restaurant located on hotel grounds opening in April 2020. www.riversideresorts.com

River Safaris-Air boat rides (www.riversafaris.com) 10823 W. Yulee Dr., Homosassa, (352) 628-5222

Margarita Grill, 10200 W. Halls River Rd., Homosassa, FL 34448, (352) 628-1336

Seagrass Waterfront Restaurant (www.seagrassresort.com), 10386 W. Halls River Rd., Homosassa, FL 34448, (352) 503-2007

KC Crumps, www.crumplanding.com, 11210 W. Halls River Rd., Homosassa, FL 34448, (352) 765-4942

Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, (352) 628-5343, Open 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., 4150 S.

Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, FL 34446 and also another entrance located on Fishbowl Drive, Adult Entry Fee \$13. See website for more information.

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/ellie-schiller-homosassa-springs-wildlife-state-park>

Lunch or drinks: MacRae’s by the public boat ramp or The Freezer, 5590 S. Boulevard Dr., Homosassa, FL 34448.

Breakfast Restaurants:

Florida Crackers Restaurant located at Riverside Resort – to be determined if breakfast available Kim’s Café (in Publix Shopping Center), 3910 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, FL 34448

*McDonald’s, 3740 S Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, FL 34447

*The Starting Gate, 10605 W. Yulee Drive, Homosassa, FL 3448 (352) 503-2076 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

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	X	Flag Day	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	
6/27/2020	X	Lake Tour	Carl & Joan Scott	
7/4/2020	X	Hickory Point	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Mike & Bonnie Wells
7/25/2020	X	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 & Merrilyn 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	Dave & Jay Asaibene
11/14/2020		PYC Thanksgiving	Angela Brown & Tim Hill	Lorraine Wiersma & Joe Comastra
12/12/2020		PCY Christmas	Joanne Welsh & Bill Marsella	Arthur & Linda Stowell

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