



# PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

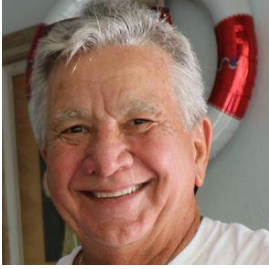


Joanne Welsh	June 2
Cindy Kindinger	June 13
Bill Davis	June 15
Angela Brown	June 17
Elizabeth Kapoor	June 19
Kay Weaver	June 21



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Commodore's June Comments

Your PYC board has had a number of video conference meetings this past week to figure out how we can open the Pontoon Yacht Club and allow everyone to feel safe while we meet as a club. We have decided to open PYC with our 2nd and 4th Saturdays in June and July with modified events. Please review the newsletter for these changes. Once you see how we will meet with safe social distancing and eliminate things we've done in the past that we can't do to comply with our new safety rules, I hope you will start joining us for these revised events. If you enjoy being on our Harris Chain of Lakes, please look at our revised events for June and July and join us. We miss all our members and we feel we can get together safely, so join us on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of June and July. August through December events are subject to change based on the COVID- 19 pandemic. Be sure to review your monthly newsletter for those updates. Thank you all!

Commodore Butch

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*BOATING TIPS FROM YOUR CRUISE MASTER*



Is your boat fully and properly equipped for safe boating and hurricane season? You should inspect all of your boat lines for chaffing and rotting. All boat lines should be a minimum of 3/8" line, either premium or twisted. What you need on board your boat includes a minimum of four lines at all times, have at least one extending boat hook, four fenders, up-to-date fire extinguisher (not over six years old, check bottom of extinguisher for stamped on date), a throwable boat cushion with line, life jackets for each person on board, first aid kit, small tool box, some towels, bug spray, sun screen, and two anchors and lines (one 18# river anchor for front and a 10# mushroom anchor for the rear). These anchors work well in our muck bottoms. Be sure to bring your fully charged radio on all boat outings, cruises, and tours. A cigarette lighter plug-in charger for your VHF radio is a good idea. The above articles are not all of the items you may want to carry onboard; however, this is a good start. Remember, during the pandemic we are still having boat cruises and tours so please come and enjoy the cruise with us.

Join us and practice Safe Boating, Jim

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**Vice Commodore Bob Banta's report**

March 0 Inquiries

April 0 Inquiries

May 4 Inquires

5/21/20 Carole and Sam – From Freedom Boat Club wanted info on events. \*

5/22/20 Capt Randy Petrichko and Patty Sabo – does training for boat owners, interested in joining. \*

5/24/20 BetsyDokken – will move here in late summer. \*

5/24/20 Jason Lapenta – no message. \*

\* Sent email addressing appreciation of interest, promising newsletter with events when published, membership process, and personal contact information for future contact.

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

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**Rear Commodore Mike Well's report**

Unfortunately, our Mothers' Day outing on May 9 was cancelled due to the Corona Virus. The May 23<sup>rd</sup> outing was also officially cancelled, but Commodore Butch invited anyone interested to meet at the Lake Harris end of Dead River for a cruise around the lake. We toured the north side, including Venetian Gardens and ended in a scenic river on the west side (Indian name about 22 letters long). We each brought lunch and ate in our boats on the bank while practicing social distancing. Members attending were the Karrels, Weavers, Clarkes and Wells. It was a pleasure to be out of the house and on the water.

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

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### In the Past

by Kay Weaver, PYC Historian

October 2, 2002 PYC Homosassa Outing - This was the infamous outing of the water gun fights that started very innocently on the porch of the hotel at MacRae's. Terry Weaver had a very small grenade shaped water gun that sprayed very little water which he squirted at Roy Weddle who was sitting next to him. This led to an all-out war, because others had in their possession big water guns which they proceeded to get and blast their fellow members. After Terry was hit with one of these blasters, he proceeded to his boat and brought back a water canon that would expel what seemed to be 10 gallons of water in about an inch diameter stream in TWO seconds. Grown men were chasing each other with water guns, water cannons, and buckets of water. The Coons were new to the club and Judy came out of her room wearing a yellow hooded rain coat which made her a perfect target so she had to run for her life to get away from them. There was much laughter that day, and it was amazing to see grown men acting like children in innocent fun. There was a fashion show one night with some hilarious outfits. That was the first year of many that Jack Orlando did an auction to raise money for the costs of the outing. We had a pancake breakfast put on by the male members of our club and it was outstanding! There was a lot going on that four-day weekend event and we all enjoyed it immensely.



Ron Korb with his trusty water gun.



The instigators: Roy Weddles, Terry Weaver, Bob Ryan and Ron Korb.



The ladies have corralled the water gun fighters.

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### A Note from Carol Boyack

Hello:

I would just like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers about Bob and for all the wonderful cards and flowers we received. The kind sentiments and memories shared have made this difficult time better - simply because we've seen what Bob meant to so many people. He will be missed by our entire family dearly but we know that we are surrounded in love by all the friends we met through our love of boating. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Carol Boyack  
Mike Boyack & Sharon Myers (Son & Daughter)

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

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### JUNE EVENTS



June 13, 2020  
Lake Griffin State Park Tour  
Hosts: Butch & Marilyn Karrels



**Anchor - Up 10:00 – 10:30**  
**Lake Eutis and Haines Creek**  
**Lunch around 12:30 – 1:00**

Bring your own food, drinks, utensils, and napkins. If you have a porta-potty, bring it. This will be a two-hour trip to Lake Griffin State Park where there are facilities. We will be eating our lunches at the docks at the park. Bring a mask if you intend to use the facilities along with alcohol wipes or hand sanitizers to ensure your safety.

We will be practicing social distancing by anchoring up or floating and not touching other boats.

We are celebrating Flag Day so please fly at least one US flag on your boat. Please contact Butch Karrels at 352-742-0731 if you are attending. The length of time it will take to get to Griffin SP will depend on the number of boats in our flotilla since we have one lock to pass through. There will be no 50/50 .

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**June 27, 2020**  
**Lake Dora, Beauclair & Carlton Tour**  
**Hosts: Carl & Joan Scott**



**Anchor - Up 10:00 – 10:30**  
**Lake Dora and Dora Canal**  
**Social Hour 12:00 Lunch 12:30**

Bring your own food, drinks, and place settings. Please bring a mask, hand sanitizer or alcohol wipes if you use the facilities.

We will be practicing social distancing on land and the water.

We will be touring Lake Dora and Lake Beauclair; then having lunch at the Trimble Park docks. We will be having lunch on our boats but will have the opportunity to use the facilities at Trimble Park. When we've completed lunch, we will continue on with the tour of Lake Carlton. We can stay together through Lake Carlton and go back through Lake Dora as a club.

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**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**

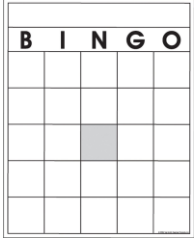


Bring your own lunch, drinks, and place settings to be enjoyed on your own boat. Bring hand sanitizer or wipes and wear a mask if it helps you feel safe.

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.

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### JULY EVENTS



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



**Raft-Up 10:15 – 10:30**  
**Lake Eustis – near Buzzard Beach Grill**  
**Lunch around 12:00**

The object of this event is to fill up your bingo card from a list of possible sightings. 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'll have lunch and play the bingo games.

We will dock at the north Eustis docks. Lunch will be from one of the local restaurants at a cost not to exceed \$15.00. Details will be in July's newsletter. You'll need to bring your own drinks. We suggest you bring pennies to use as markers on your bingo cards.

**Bingo cards are \$5.00 each. You can buy as many as you'd like. Money for the cards and lunch needs to be sent to Carol Clarke – 3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778 by Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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### 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](http://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).
- \* Optional air boat tour at River Safari (352) 628-5222 ([www.riversafaris.com](http://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.

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\* 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.riversideresorts.com)  
River Safaris-Air boat rides ([www.riversafaris.com](http://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](http://www.seagrassresort.com)), 10386 W. Halls River Rd., Homosassa, FL 34448, (352) 503-2007

KC Crumps, [www.crumplanding.com](http://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.,

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**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.

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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	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 & Marilyn 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 & Marilyn 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	Arthur & Linda Stowell

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