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Carl and Joan Scott

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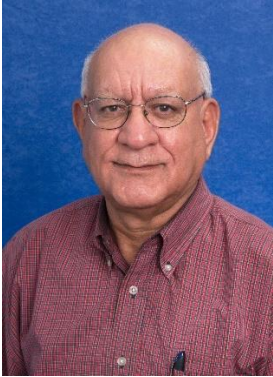
MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Ray Ellison
Steve Roeske

March 3
March 14





Commodore's Comments

Hello Fellow PYC Members,

On behalf of all of us in PYC, it is my pleasure to welcome two new memberships. They are Gary and Jen Nelson of Clermont and Carl and Joan Scott of Eustis. We also welcome back Terry and Kay Weaver as active members and congratulate them on their new pontoon boat. Our total memberships now stand at 40, comprising 78 individuals.

Our February events began with a very enjoyable Valentine's Fest at Butch and Merrilyn Karrels' home on February 9th. Forty-one people attended. Long-stemmed red roses were presented to all the PYC ladies and Merrilyn led a very interesting game (with prizes) that was inspired by several of Shakespeare's romantic sonnets. Sharon Vincent gave us a demonstration of her synchronized swimming technique in the Karrels' capacious indoor pool. Our thanks and appreciation to Butch and Merrilyn for opening their home and gardens to us.

On February 23rd the PYC's "Patriots on the Pier" outing, with 52 members and 13 guests, was held at the Eustis waterfront in conjunction with Eustis' famous Georgefest festival. Under the leadership of Cruise Master Jim Clark and Rear Commodore Mike Balassone, eighteen PYC boats decked with American flags and accompanied by patriotic music sailed to the Eustis waterfront at Ferran Park and then made a double circuit around the Eustis cove. Our parade attracted a large crowd of appreciative spectators. Thanks go out to our hosts Bettie and Bob Nebergall and Gary Gravelyn and Karen Linnstrom, assisted by Joanne Welsh; to Kate Einberger for taking charge of the 50-50; and to Sharon Vincent for her excellent photographs of our parade. Bettie Nebergall demonstrated her creative skills in putting together this festive event and outdid herself in coming up with the very memorable "Patriots on the Pier" outing.

Please review the March newsletter for details about upcoming events planned for March, April, and May. Our hosts have come up with a variety of activities including Italian/Mediterranean food at Mt. Dora's Olive Branch Restaurant; a trip to Puddle Jumpers in Tavares; and our very popular annual Poker Run on Lake Harris. There will also be cruises on the St. John's, Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers and a Memorial Day picnic at Griffin State Park to kick off the official start of summer. There is a lot to look forward to over the next three months. I encourage each of you to attend as many of these exciting outings as you can, enjoy safe fun on the water, and develop new friendships. Thanks for your support.

Vik Kapoor

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Vice Commodore Butch Karrel's report:

We have two new members, who attended the Patriots on the Pier event as my guest and joined the club, Carl and Joan Scott are our newest members. Please welcome Carl and Joan when you see them at our next event. I will be updating the membership list to include Carl and Joan and forwarding it to all members. Please review the list and let me know if you are interested in sharing your boat with our active associate members who are interested in being a part of an event. See you on the water.

Rear Commodore Mike Balassone's report

Our two February outings were very successful and well attended. Seven boats ventured to Butch and Merrilyn Karrels home for our Valentine's Fest. Our Captains/Members included: Arthur and Linda Stowell; Joseph Comstra and Lorraine Wierma; Butch Karrels; George and Judi McCord: John Kovach and Virginia Calven; Jim and Carol Clarke, and Bob Banta; and John and Cindy Kindinger.

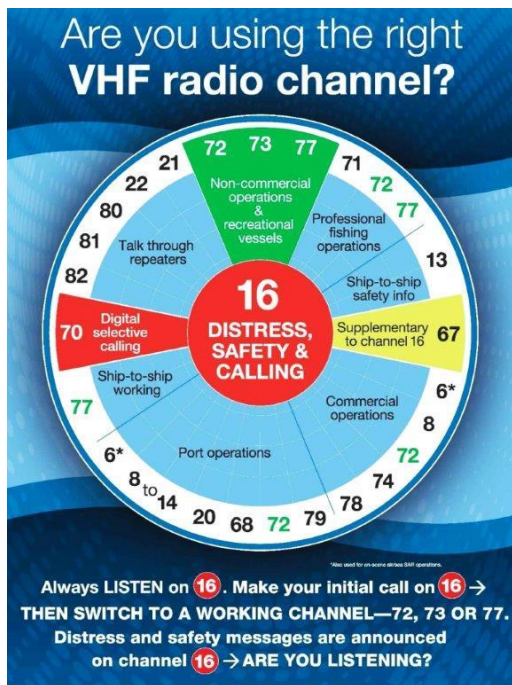
Eighteen boats participated in our Salute to George Washington at George Fest in Eustis. As the Rear Commodore, it is my role to be the last boat in raft-ups or boat movements. In this case being the last boat presented me with a great view of all the boats ahead. It was very impressive. Our Captains/Members included: Mike and Nanci Balassone; Jim and Carol Clarke, Joseph Comastra and Lorraine Wiersma; Raymond and Pauline Ellison; Gary Gravelyn and Karen Linnstrom; Graydon Hall and Ann Kaar; Vik and Elizabeth Kapoor; Butch and Merrilyn Karrels; Thomas and Joanne Kost; Dave and Barbara Masterton; George and Judi McCord; Bob and Bettie Nebergall; Gary and Cheryl Rhoads; Steve and Susan Roeske; Ralph Shrivalle and Ada Arthur; Pete and Arlene Strack; Arthur and Linda Stowell; and Terry and Kay Weaver.

VHF RADIO ETIQUETTE

The raft-up and boat procession for George Fest was a great demonstration of the value of having a VHF radio on our boats. The inter-boat communications helped facilitate communications to help members find our raft-up destination, respond to request to raft-up for pictures, and other instructions from our Cruise Master, Jim Clarke.

While boats our size are not required to have VHF radios, we are required to follow Federal Communications Commission and Coast Guard protocols when we use our radios. Since we are all monitoring "Channel 72", I would propose we adopt the following guidelines for the sake of simplicity and consistency.

- 1) For hailing purposes the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and Cruise Master should be hailed using these initials as a shortcut: CV, VC, RC, and CM respectfully.
- 2) All other inter-boat communications should be PYC boat number to PYC boat number.



Example 1. RC wants to talk with CV.
 RC initiates- "CV, CV, CV- RC"
 CV responds- "RV this is CV over"
 RC is now free to initiate the conversation with CV and continue until concluded by tagging "over" at the end of each exchange.
 CV and RC continue to monitor "Channel 72".

Example 2. PYC30 notices that PYC10 is trailing a line at their stern. The conversation would go like this:
 PYC30 initiates- "PYC10, PYC10, PYC10, PYC30"
 PYC10 responds- "PYC30 this PYC10 over"
 PYC30 is now OK to warn PYC10 about the dangerous situation with the trailing line and continue until concluded by tagging "over" at the end of each exchange.

Example 3. CM has a message for all PYC boats.
 CM initiates: "All PYC boats, All PYC boats, All PYC boats, CM."
 Unless requested it is not necessary for the PYC boats to respond. Just wait for the CM to deliver the message and follow any directions. CM finishes and says 'OUT' and monitors "Channel 72".

In the Past

by Kay Weaver, PYC Historian

April 7, 2001 was our Spring Fling. We had 20 boats and 72 members and as we were docking at Hickory Point on Lake Harris, we viewed the lift off of the Mars Probe. In the photo from the outing you will recognize two couples that are current members: Korbs and Weavers. The other photo is back when Hickory Point was fairly new!



Valentine's Fest – February 9, 2019



PONTOONS ON THE PIER – February 23, 2019





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MARCH EVENTS

March 9, 2019
Olive Branch – 115 W. 3rd Ave., Mt. Dora
Hosts: Dave & Barbara Masterton
Bill Marcella & Joanne Welsh

Raft Up 10:00 – 10:30 Lake Dora side of Dora Canal
Social Hour 11:30 A.M. Lunch 12:00

Choices:

- #1 Chicken & Broccoli Franchise
- #2 Lasagna
- #3 Grilled Chicken, Fresh Mozzarella, Arugula and Tomato Wrap, with Fries
- #4 Spinach pie
- #5 Gyro
- #6 Cheeseburger with Fries
- #7 Mediterranean salad with steak

Includes soft drinks and served with choice of a cup of daily soup or small salad (Mediterranean, Caesar, or House)

Cost: \$20. per person includes tax and tip. Payment due March 5, 2019 to Carol Clarke at 3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778.

Docking is available at Mt. Dora city docks. You can walk or use the available shuttle service by calling 352-409-8722. There is no fee; he works on tips only.

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March 21-24, 2019
Cruise on Crescent Lake & Dunn Creek & St. John's River
Hosts: Ray & Pauline Ellison

Please make your plans to join us during the March 21-24, 2019 outing for a fun pontoon boat trip to explore Crescent Lake & Dunn Creek in Crescent City and also cruise on the St. John's River to Silver Glen Springs. It would be very helpful if PYC members, who have boat trailers and want to take part in this event with their boats, would volunteer to trailer their boats for this outing.

Please let Ray & Pauline Ellison know at 352-708-0960(Ray) or 352-223-7556 (Pauline) or email bowlerdud000@aol.com or softn43@aol.com if you plan to attend this event.

We will be staying at Lake View Motel and you can get reservations at 386-698-1090. It is located at 1004 N. Summit Street, Crescent City on Hwy 17, which is on the main road through town. The motel rate is \$80/night plus tax. Please make your hotel reservation as soon as possible.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday, March 21 - Arrive at Crescent City and check in at the motel. Motel has enough parking for boats with trailers. Dinner in evening.

Friday, March 22 - Morning breakfast and then outing to explore Crescent Lake and Dunn Creek. Lunch at a nice lakeside restaurant called 3 Bananas. More details to follow for afternoon activities and dinner plans.

Saturday, March 23 - Morning breakfast and then outing to St. John's River/Silver Springs. More details to follow for lunch and dinner plans.

Sunday, March 24 - Morning breakfast and back to home.

Please contact Ray or Pauline Ellison for any questions. All dining will be from the menu to be paid directly to the restaurant by members.

APRIL EVENTS



April 13, 2019
Poker Run - Hurricanes
Hosts: Jim & Carol Clarke
Bob Banta



Raft Up 9:15 – 9:45 Lake Harris side of Dead River
Social Hour 11:00 A.M. Lunch 12:00

Menu Choices:

- 1. Honey Pecan Chicken Salad
- 2. Fajita Rice Bowl

- 3. Classic Steakburger with coleslaw and fries
- 4. 10 wing platter with coleslaw and fries
- 5. Hurricane Steak Philly with coleslaw and fries

Cost for members and guests \$15.00 includes tax, gratuity, and a non-alcoholic drink.
 Money for food due by Tuesday, April 9th, to Carol Clarke, 3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778.

The money for the poker hands will be collected at the raft up on Lake Harris, where you will also get your map and directions.

REMEMBER- only food money to Carol Clarke; the \$5.00 per hand for your poker hand will be collected at the raft up.

If you can't come by boat, come by car. You'll still be able to purchase poker hands at Hurricanes.

April 27, 2019
Puddlejumpers
Hosts: John & Cindy Kindinger
Gary & Cheryl Rhoads

Raft Up 10:15 – 10:30 Lake Eustis side of Dora Canal
Social Hour 11:30 A.M. Lunch 12:15

Menu Choices:

- 1. Big cheese cheeseburger with fries or coleslaw.
- 2. Shrimp tacos with kettle chips.
- 3. Blackened chicken Caesar wrap coleslaw or fries.
- 4. Asian chicken salad

\$15.00 per person which includes nonalcoholic drink, tax, and gratuity. Payment due by Tuesday, April 23rd to Carol Clarke, 3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778.

FUTURE EVENTS



May 7-10, 2019
Cruise on Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers – Dunnellon, FL
Hosts: Nick & Alicia Quackenbush
Butch & Merrilyn Karrels



Our May Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers outing is proving quite popular with members as the available rooms at Dunnellon's Gator Den Motel are quickly filling up.

Should you not be able to book a room at the Gator Den, our secondary lodging option is Comfort Suites, Dunnellon. (352) 533-5234. They are 1.3 miles from the Gator Den and offer a 10% discount for seniors, AARP and AAA members. When booking, make certain that you let them know that you are members of the Pontoon Yacht Club.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 25, 2019

Memorial Day Picnic at Lake Griffin State Park

Hosts: Pete and Arlene Strack

John Gancar & Shelley McGarry

THE PONTOON YACHT CLUB OF LAKE COUNTY

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You Can Help!

Link Up For The Lakes

October 26, 2019

Hosted by The Pontoon Yacht Club of Lake County

Pass This On!

Unite boating organizations across the Harris Chain
Demonstrate our impact on local waterfront municipalities

Pontooners from all local boat clubs are invited to join us in setting a record for the longest Pontoon Chain on the Harris Chain.

Participants **MUST** be a member of a local boat club. Registrations **MUST** be made in advance and handled by a Steward selected by each club.

Although the Chain is pontoons-only, other boaters in each club may volunteer to participate in other ways: Patrol Boats protect the line and assist tie-ups. Marshals collect each Captains' registration tag for the official count, Monitors assure the Chain's continuity, and Photographers document the assembly.

Once the Chain is complete, a video will verify its length and the count will be announced. Clubs are encouraged to wear or display a crew color for easy recognition.

Visit www.pontoonyachtclub.com for additional information.

2019 EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PONTOON YACHT CLUB

√ Please submit PYC Outing Information Form to the Commodore vkapoor441@gmail.com

Date	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
1/12/2019	√	PYC Birthday Bash at Crazy Gator in Eustis	Bob & Bettie Nebergall	Tom & Jo Kost
1/26/2019	√	Fish Camp in Tavares	Alan & Lorna Fogg	
2/9/2019	√	Valentine's Fest at Karrel's Home	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor
2/23/2019	√	Patriots on the Pier George Fest, Crazy Gator Docks in Eustis	Bob & Bettie Nebergall	Gary Gravelyn & Karen Linnstrom
3/9/2019	√	Olive Branch in Mt Dora	Dave & Barbara Masterton	Bill Marsella & Joanne Welsh
3/21-24/2019	√	Crescent Lake & Dunn Creek & St Johns River	Ray & Pauline Ellison	
4/13/2019	√	Poker Run	Jim & Carol Clarke	Bob Banta
4/27/2019	√	Pontoons in the Puddle	John & Cindy Kindinger	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads
5/7-9/2019	√	Cruise on Rainbow & Withlacoochee Rivers	Nick & Alicia Quackenbush	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels
5/25/2019	√	Memorial Day Picnic at Griffin State Park	Pete & Arlene Strack	John Gancar & Shelley McGarry
6/8/2019		Breakfast at Lakeside inn in Mt Dora	Mike & Nanci Balassone	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor
6/22/2019		Hurricane Dockside Grill in Tavares	Dan & Sharon Vincent	
7/13/2019		Lake Harris Hide Away in Tavares	Dale & Judy Coon	
7/27/2019		Crazy Gator in Eustis	Jean Van Meter & Charlie Kilbourne	
8/10/2019		An outing on a Lake	Bob & Cathy Banta	
8/24/2019				
9/14/2019		TBA	Arthur & Linda Stowell	
9/28/2019		Brunch at Hickory Point in Tavares	Ron & Edna Korb	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor
10/12/2019		Picnic at Moss Bluff	Bob & Carol Boyack	Ralph Shrivalle & Ada Arthur

10/26/2019		Pontoons in the Chain	Bettie Nebergall	M&M
11/9/2019		Thanksgiving at Grand Island Resort-Eustis	Mary Fehr, Angela Brown & Tim Hill	Joe Comastra & Lorraine Wiersma
12/14/2019		Christmas Party at Lake Receptions	Bill Marsella & Joanne Welsh	Lorraine Wiersma & Joe Comastra, Linda Stowell Nanci Balassone.

Suggested rendezvous sites: Trimble Park, Wooten Park, Lake Griffin State Park, Moss Bluff Park, Gilbert Park, Hickory Point

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