



# PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS



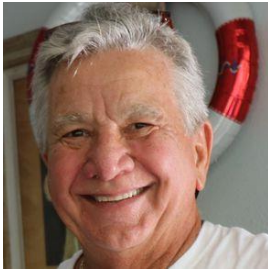
Ray Ellison  
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March 3  
March 14  
March 21  
March 27



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Commodore's March Comments

February has come to an end and nicer weather is on the way. I want to thank John Kovach & Virginia Calven and George & Judi McCord for hosting and co-hosting our Hurricane Dockside event. You did a great job and we appreciate everyone who participates in event activities. We did have one issue and I'm sure it was an oversite that the Hurricane Dockside manager brought to my attention. A couple of members did not leave a tip, and the manager was concerned that we were not satisfied with the service. Normally with large groups a tip is automatically added to the check. We may want to consider this when ordering from the menu in the future to ensure the wait staff is properly compensated.

I also want to thank Bob and Bettie Nebergall and Mike and Bonnie Wells for hosting and co-hosting Pontoons on Parade at Georgefest, WOW! We had a few very enthusiastic patriots as noticed by how decked out their boats were. We had an outstanding showing considering the weather. Again, thank you all for participating in making Georgefest very successful, Thanks again to Bob, Bettie, Mike and Bonnie for and outstanding job.

I would like to encourage every member to read through your copy of the Policies and Procedures Manual. There is protocol in handling changes that may be happening at any particular event. As a member please make yourself familiar with our PPM. We had a few cancellations which caused some confusion between the restaurant and the club that we would like to avoid in the future. I personally have reviewed our PPMs numerous times since becoming Commodore. If you haven't reviewed the PPMs, there is information related to the membership responsibilities, and I encourage you to become familiar with those responsibilities.

Sincerely,  
Butch Karrels

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*BOATING TIPS FROM YOUR CRUISE MASTER*



As much as radios are a very important safety item for all boaters on the water, they can be very inefficient if not used properly. The biggest problem that I saw for Georgefest was radio users not waiting for a clear channel before they spoke. When you try to talk when someone else is talking, usually no one gets the message. Therefore, it is imperative that you wait for the channel to be clear before transmitting. Use the adjustments of your VHF radio for proper transmitting and receiving. Most radios have two or three different wattage settings for transmission. The highest wattage should be used for maximum distance. Close-in transmission should use a lower setting. The second radio setting is your squelch. Squelch setting is used to limit noise on your radio. When there is abundant noise on your radio, turn your squelch down just until the noise stops. If you have trouble in receiving call backs you probably need to turn your squelch up. If you still are having problems, read your radio manual.

When stranded on the water, the first thing to do is to drop your anchor and secure it to the boat. Then contact someone for assistance and tell them your location.

Safe boating, Jim

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**Vice Commodore Bob Banta's report**

We have no new members to report for the March newsletter. However, our new members from January, Dave & Jay Asaibene and Olaf & Sylvia Kuhrt have participated in several outings and seem to be enjoying the fellowship there in. Please get to know them at our next outings if you haven't already. We are also showing a lot of potential new members as a result of the Georgefest newspaper articles and our website. I am currently exchanging emails with 5 such potential new members. I hope to be introducing some of them at future outings. I also want to remind you one of the best recruitment techniques is word of mouth. Many of our current members are recruits from neighbors and friends. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to the Pontoon Yacht Club. You bring them to an outing and the Club will do the rest.

**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**

The weather for both outings in February was not great, but we had some real "old salts" who made the best of it and attended in *GOOD* numbers for our Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> outing to Hurricanes and in *OUTSTANDING* numbers for our George Fest Parade on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Boats and mates on the 8<sup>th</sup> at Hurricanes were: Arthur and Linda Stowell, Nick and Alicia Quackenbush, Butch and Marilyn Karrels, Bob and Kathy Banta, Jim and Carol Clarke, Vik and Elizabeth Kapoor, John and Cindy Kindinger, and Mike Wells and Bob Nebergall.

Boats participating in the George Fest Parade were: Joe Comastra and Lorraine Wiersma, Dave Asaibene, Gary and Cheryl Rhoads, Bob and Betty Nebergall, Arthur and Linda Stowell, Nick and Alicia Quackenbush, Butch and Marilyn Karrels, Mike and Bonnie Wells, Bob and Kathy Banta, Jim and Carol Clarke, John Kovach and Virginia Calven, Steve and Susan Roeske, Vic and Elizabeth Kapoor, Dave and Barbara Masterson, Ray and Pauline Ellison, John and Cindy Kindinger, and Terry and Kay Weaver. Because of the high winds there was no raft up at the Etowah dock and no drone coverage. Once a decision was made to move the flotilla over to the NE side of the lake, out of the wind, we could idle in a group before starting our Georgefest Parade. I must say that once we got started, we were in perfect parade order throughout the entire procession. Congratulations to everyone who participated. From what I observed, the people in the park enjoyed the PYC parade. Betty and Bob did an outstanding job of organizing the parade, and I have no doubt that we have started a tradition with our participation in Georgefest

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**In the Past**

by *Kay Weaver*, PYC Historian

February 17, 2007 was a Mad Hatter Contest at Harborside (now known as Hurricane's). These pictures popped up on my phone from Shutterfly so I couldn't ignore them.... The pictures tell the story!



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### HURRICANE'S – February 8, 2020



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### PONTOONS ON PARADE – GEORGEFEST – February 22, 2020

Although it was too windy for the drones to fly, our pilots, Byron Conn and Michael Rentoumis, spent the day with us and took a few still pictures, which I added to the Georgefest page on the website under Memory Lane. They enjoyed PYC and hope to fly and photograph another event. Photos from me, Kay Weaver, Merrillyn Karrels, Pauline Ellison, and Jerie Tallman show all aspects of our event. Thanks to everyone for their participation.



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MARCH EVENTS



March 14, 2020  
Raft-up Picnic  
Lake Eustis & Hanes Creek  
Hosts: Dan & Sharon Vincent  
Tom & Jo Kost



**Raft-up 10:30 Mouth of Hanes Creek & Lake Eustis**  
**Social Hour 10:30 Lunch 11:00**

Bring a dish to share with 4 people. If you have a favorite Irish dish you want to share, that would be GREAT! You'll need to supply your own plates, utensils, and drinks.

The Power Squadron will be there to do a boat safety check if you wish. Please contact Sharon by email [sharonvincent@embargmail.com](mailto:sharonvincent@embargmail.com) or by phone 352-396-3460 if you are coming so we have enough inspectors on hand.

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March 28, 2020  
Olive Branch – 115 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mt. Dora  
Hosts: Dave & Barbara Masterton



**Raft-up 10:00 – 10:30 Lake Dora side of Dora Car**  
**Social Hour 11:30 Lunch 12:00**

**Food Choices:**

1. Lasagna
2. Gyro
3. Cheeseburger with fries
4. Mediterranean salad with steak

Cost for members and guests \$18.00 which includes tax and tips.

Payment due by **March 14<sup>th</sup>** to **Carol Clarke, 3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778**. No cancellations after Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

We will dock at Mt. Dora city docks and walk to the restaurant. Shuttle service from docks to restaurant is available by calling 352-409-8722. Tips only.

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APRIL EVENTS



April 11, 2020  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run – Gilbert Park Mt. Dora  
Hosts: Jim & Carol Clarke  
Bob Banta & Cathy Green  
Steve & Sue Roeske



**Raft-up 9:30 – 9:45 on Lake Dora (location TBA)**



Social Hour 11:30 Lunch 12:15

We will be having pizza delivered to the Pavillion. Cost for members and guests TBA in the April newsletter.

Please make checks payable to **Pontoon Yacht Club** and mail to **Carol Clarke, 3542 Manatee Rd., Tavares, FL 32778 by the deadline (TBA)** The money for the poker hands will be collected at the raft-up in Mt. Dora 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.

We would like all our new members, as well as our current members, to come and enjoy the 9<sup>th</sup> annual event. There will be SPECIAL prizes and instant winners so there is a good chance of winning something. Come and play poker with us on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

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**April 28 – May 1, 2020**  
**Rainbow/Withlacochee River**  
**Dunnellon, FL**  
**Hosts: Nick & Alicia Quackenbush**  
**Art & Linda Stowell**

As of February 25<sup>th</sup>, we have 26 participants and 8 boats **with space to spare for additional members and their guests who are welcome to join us.**

*Our Headquarters and Boats will be at the Blue Gator Restaurant & Marina/Gators Den Motel. We have filled their 12 rooms, but there are rooms available at the Comfort Suites, Dunnellon. (best pricing found online)*

**If you would like to join us for a day trip, for a cruise, or a meal, PLEASE contact co-sponsors- Nick Quackenbush, 352-638-3472, or Linda Stowell, 863-216-9241 to let us know where you are staying, the number of persons in your party, and if you are joining us for a day on the water or a meal so we can accommodate you with a boat captain and make restaurant arrangements.**

**THIS ONLY A SHORT SYNOPSIS OF THE ITINERARY. WE WILL EMAIL THE COMPLETE DETAILS AND INSTRUCTIONS ALONG WITH SOME INTERESTING HISTORY OF THE AREA TO THOSE JOINING US.**

<b>Tues. 4/28</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b> <b>Afternoon</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Arrival</b> <b>Free Time</b> <b>Meeting/Dinner @ Blue Gator</b>
<b>Wed. 4/29</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>1:00 p.m.</b> <b>Afternoon</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Breakfast Your Choice or Front Porch Restaurant</b> <b>Meet @ Blue Gator for Rainbow River Cruise</b> <b>Lunch @ Blue Gator</b> <b>Free Time</b> <b>Dinner @ Swampy's Bar &amp; Grill</b>
<b>Thur. 4/30</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>9:30a.m.</b> <b>Afternoon</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Breakfast @ Your Choice</b> <b>Meet @ Blue Gator for Withlacochee River Cruise (packed lunch)</b> <b>Load boats &amp; Park Overnight @ Dunnellon City Park &amp; Free Time</b> <b>Dinner @ Stumpknockers</b>
<b>Fri. 5/01</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Breakfast 2 Your Choice &amp; Back home with Sweet Memories</b>

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**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.

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**2020 EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PONTOON YACHT CLUB**

**Please submit PYC Outing Information Form to the Commodore BKafer60@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	Olive Branch	Dave & Barbara Masterton	
4/11/2020	X	Poker Run	Jim & Carol Clark	Bob & Cathy Banta, Steve & Susan Roeske
4/28-5/1/20	X	Rainbow/Withlacoochee River	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 & 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	
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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