

PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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Commodore's March Comments

What a fantastic Patriots Parade! The weather was warm and dry for once, although a little windy, but compared to our last few Saturdays, we'll take it! We had 19 decorated boats and made quite an impressive site. We got the drone up in the air, and I can't wait to see all the pictures in the newsletter. A big round of applause to all who participated.

Next up is our St. Patrick's Day event sponsored by the Vincents on March 13th. We'll be meeting at the north Eustis docks. Be sure to deck yourself out in your favorite St. Patrick's outfit! I've heard there might be prizes

We end up March with our Long Island Nude Beach event. With such an intriguing title, it'll be interesting to see what the Scotts and Crowells come up with. Hope the weather is warm that day!

As always, you can read the details in the newsletter. Hope to see everyone at our March events.

You should have received by now an email from me regarding our April 10th event. The Wells and Byzeks are pursuing the possibility of holding their event at the Crazy Gator. Please read the email and respond accordingly.

Stay safe on the water!

Commodore Cindy

Rear Commodore Gary Rhoads

We had 19 decorated boats parade at GeorgeFest with a total of 60 people and 2 dogs, Porter and Lucy. Boat participants included the Noffsingers, Vincents, Rhoads, Nebergalls, Crowells, Comastra/Wiersma/ Quackenbushes, Karrels, Wells, Bantas/Clarks, Roeskes, Kapoors, Stracks, Petrichko/Sabo, Scotts, Pierces, Somerlot/Dokken, Kindingers, and Weavers. Great turnout!

Vice Commodore Bob Nebergall

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I am again pleased to report that we have a new member. Karl Weickhardt joined PYC in late-February.

He lives on the north shore of Lake Eustis near several other PYC members and keeps his 22-foot Bennington in a slip at his home. He has about 40 years of boating experience, which included several years of competitive water skiing in his younger days. Please join me in welcoming him to the PYC!

Boating Tips by Our Cruise Master Randy Petrichko

As we enter nicer spring weather and we all start spending more time on the water, we should remember that safety is always #1. According to U.S.C.G. regulations, the first and most important rule of boating is to avoid collisions. This may seem obvious, but we have all found ourselves in the situation of wondering what another boat is doing or how we should respond to them. Always operate from a defensive position, remember Rule #1.

If another boat is headed at you (known as head-to-head) and you are not sure what he is going to do, make a definite turn (port or starboard) (left or right) and hold it until you see him respond, then you can pass safely (port or Starboard).

When overtaking another boat (they have the right of way) pass on the side with the most open water when possible. Cross to the outside of his wake first and then pass.

When you are crossing paths with another boat, the safest action is to cross his stern.

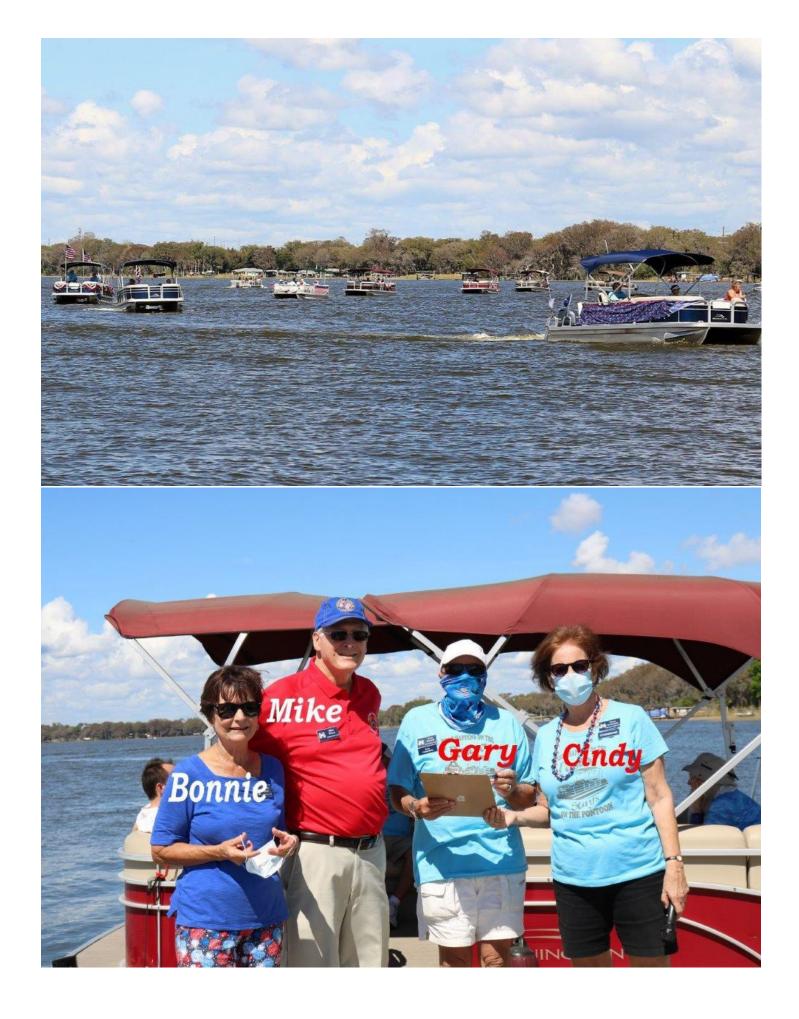
For anyone that might be interested, BOATUS FOUNDATION, offers a free Florida Boating Safety Course online. After completing the course, Florida will send you a wallet size certificate. Florida does require anyone born after Jan.1st 1988 to have a certificate to operate a boat.

Safely enjoy the upcoming boating season!

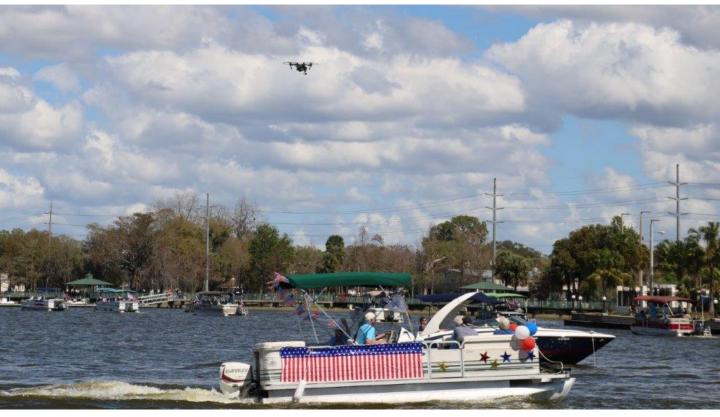












Bettie Nebergall

Congratulations, Captains! You all did a fantastic job! Your decorations were excellent, and you kept the same distance between boats for the entire performance. We looked patriotic and professional.

Our drone pilot, Michael Rentoumis, experimented with different angles and made two flights over the parade. I've posted the raw video footage on our website so you can see through the drone's eyes.

Mike and I have already discussed changes we want to make for next year to better show our whole group, such as aerial photograph of the boats at the staging area and as we form up into line.

Please send me your comments and ideas to improve our parade for next year. Thanks! In the meantime, if you need drone photography, don't hesitate to call Mike at 352.669.7729.





Thanks Bettie and Bob for your work in coordinating this event.

Looking Back by Kay Weaver

June 7, 2003 PYC Mission Inn outing had 7 boats braving the threatening thunderstorms and 29 in attendance. We had a boat quiz to complete while making the trip from Dead River to Mission Inn (those who came by land completed their quiz at the restaurant). We gave away door prizes of 2 certificates for 2 free lunches (donated by Mission Inn through Gary Hubbert's efforts) and these were won by Dick Nagel and Ron Korb. Ron and Edna Korb were introduced as our new "Associate" members and given the number: PYC A1. As always, the Mission Inn is a beautiful place to have lunch.

Looking Ahead

MAKE YOUR PYC HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW

Nights of 6/8, 6/9 & 6/10 2021 at Riviera Resort, St. Johns River

Rooms are going fast at Riviera Resort [(888) 823-4642 or (386) 822-5662 www.rivieraresort.net] on the St. Johns River in Deland. A \$50 room deposit required for three nights stay, standard room (3 nights) is \$319.50 tax included. All rooms have kitchens. Boat slips are \$7.00 per night. We are going mid-week, arriving June 8th and departing on Friday, June 11th. Call Terry Weaver (352) 978-0439 if you would like to attend, if you are bringing your boat and if you have space left on your boat to accommodate additional PYC members. Activity details to follow as we get closer to June outing.

Your Hosts: Terry & Kay Weave

kayhweaver@outlook.com

Date of Event: March 13th

Hosted by Dan & Sharon Vincent

Social hour: Your choice or 11:00 AM to12:00 Noon

Meal choices: Bring your lunch OR order from, THE CRAZY GATOR. Pull up their Web Site Menu, Phone in Your Orders, FRIDAY: 352.589.5885 and Pay at that time. They open at 11:00am. Upon arrival at the dock, you will call GATOR's to say you are ready to walk-up and pick up, then eat safely on your boat. They will bring your order CURB side if you prefer not to enter but you need to request that.

Where: North Eustis Docks. A contest will be held for the best St. Patrick's attire, including Mardi Gras attire too. Put on your happy and let's get silly.

Cost: 0

Guests Limit: 100

Date of Event March 27th, 2021

Where.....Long Island Nude Beach What time....11:00am

We plan to gather at the Nude Beach on Long Island on the east side of Lake Harris. (Don't get too excited, we were past there the other day and there were no nudies)

. Clothing optional???



Carl & I have however found a cover-up that has scantily clad people on the front. I believe that will be close enough.

The Crowells and Scotts will meet you there. We will gather away from the Island. If everyone is comfortable with it, we will raft-up. If not, you can anchor your boat.

There will be a guiz to be completed about beaches & water so bring your thinking caps.

Bring your lunch as there is also no restaurant on the island.

Hope to see you there.

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

- 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.
- 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.
- Until further notice, there will not be a 50/50.
- To avoid the contact with paper money, payments for the events will be handled by checks sent to Carol Clarke.

Any corrections to newsletter please email at joanscott100@comcast.net

PYC 2021 EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PONTOON YACHT CLUB

Please submit Outing Information Form to the Commodore cindykindinger@yahoo.com

We need all members to sign up to host an event.

Date	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
1/9/2021		Gilbert Park	John & Cindy Kindinger	
1/23/2021		Canada Event	John & Sue Pierce	John & Cindy Kindinger
2/13/2021		Nature Scavenger Hunt	Steve & Sue Roeske	
2/27/2021		George Fest, Pontoons on the Water	Bob & Bettie Nebergall	
3/13/2021		St. Patricks' Day	Dan & Sharon Vincent	
3/27/2021		Long Island Nude Beach	Carl & Joan Scott	Ken & Maggie Crowell
4/10/2021		Beach Picnic	Mike & Bonnie Wells	Bill & Jan Byzek
4/24/2021				
5/8/2021		Crazy Gator	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	John & Cindy Kindinger
5/22/2021		GPS Scrabble	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Carl & Joan Scott
6/8-11/2021		St. John's River trip	Terry & Kay Weaver	
6/26/2021		Pot Luck	Art & Linda Stowell	
7/10/2021				
7/24/2021				
8/14/2021				
8/28/2021				
9/11/2021		Lake Harris Hideway	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels
9/25/2021			Randy Petrichko/ Patty Sabo	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads
10/9/2021		Moss Bluff	Jim & Carol Clarke	Bob & Cathy Banta
10/23/2021		Zombie Apocalypse	Bob & Bettie Nebergall	
11/13/2021		Thanksgiving	Tim & Angela Hill	Joe Comastra & Lorraine Weirsma