



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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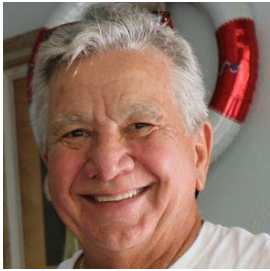
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HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS



Marie Davis	May 4
Bob Noffsinger	May 4
Dan Vincent	May 10
Leo Reuter	May 15
Ron Korb	May 20
Arlene Strack	May 21
Terry Weaver	May 23
Pete Strack	May 24
Joan Scott	May 25
Steve Hanrahan	May 30S





Commodore's May Comments

The pandemic has had a huge impact on the Pontoon Yacht Club in keeping all of us from enjoying each other's company. Now we have to say good bye to two distinguished members of PYC with the passing of Bob Boyack and John Kovach. Please keep Bob and John's families in your thoughts and prayers, reach out to Carol and Virginia offering your sympathy.

Governor DeSantis continues to recommend following CDC guidelines related to the pandemic; with that being said, we will continue to suspend PYC activities. Most of our members are in the most vulnerable age group and added precautions are recommended. Both May events are canceled as they are listed since it would require members to ignore social distancing. I do recommend all members get out on your boats and cruise our chain of lakes. If you are doing that, you noticed that many others are doing the same. Since many of us are already getting on the water and enjoying our lakes and the fresh air, I am open to PYC getting together under CDC guidelines; this includes following the 50' rule that Gov. DeSantis invoked.

Weather permitting, I will be on Lake Harris at the Dead River on Saturday morning May 9 at 10 to 10:30AM to cruise the north and west shores of Lake Harris; please join me. I will be investigating canals along these shores along with Venetian Cove. We will be packing our own lunch and drinks for the day. We will observe the 50' rule during this gathering. Our weather has been outstanding. If you are getting cabin fever and want to get on the water with someone, please join us. If the weather is inclement, I will send out a global email Saturday morning by 8AM advising members of a possible cancellation or change of venue.

Thank you all!

Commodore Butch



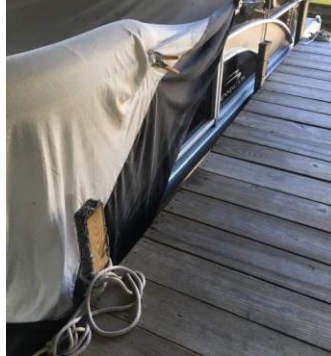
BOATING TIPS FROM YOUR CRUISE MASTER



Are you tired of scratches and dents in the side of your pontoon boat? Here is the answer you can make yourself. These are dock, carpeted sideboards that are mounted to the stringers on the dock. You will need one 8' treated 2 x 4, a length of carpet to cover three sides, four 3/8" x 3" lag screws with washers, a stapler and 1/2" stainless or monel staples

Cut the 2 x 4 in half, measure down 1 foot from the end. This one foot will allow the board to be one foot above the dock when mounted. Then measure the width of stringer and drill two equally spaced holes in the 2 x 4. Counter bore the hole so that head and washer of lag screw will be below the surface of 2 x 4. Drill a 3/8" hole the rest of the way through the 2 x 4. Cut your carpet to go end to end and around three sides of the 2 x 4. Staple the carpet to one side of the 2 x 4 then stretch to other side and staple. Take a razor knife and cut an X in the carpet over the counter-bored holes, insert lag screws and attach to dock. Remember,

leave 2 x4 one foot above the dock. These rub boards will protect your boat as the water rises and falls. You do not have to use your fenders and keep adjusting them as the water height changes. I have had mine on my dock for 17 years and have never moved them or changed them. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jclarke529@gmail.com or 352-343-9113 for any help.



Safe boating, Jim

Vice Commodore Bob Banta's report

Wow, is it really May 1st? As an officer in charge of membership, I really feel handicapped. Then I catch myself and remember that what really matters is that we are all healthy and happy. To this end, I was so saddened to hear about the passing of two dear members this past week, John Kovach and Bob Boyack. My sympathy goes to Virginia Calven and Carol Boyack and all their family and friends. They will be sorely missed. Please keep all of our members in your thoughts and prayers and look forward with me to being face to face again on the water.

I have had no new correspondence with potential new members. This hopefully will be changing as soon as possible. In the meantime, as you communicate to friends and potential new members remind them to visit our website and be positive about boating in the future. It will return and be better than ever! You will receive a new PYC Membership List with this newsletter. Not a lot of changes but hopefully it will remind and encourage you to stay in touch with each other!

Love, health, happiness and safety to all.

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

Rear Commodore Mike Well's report

I hope everyone is safe and observing all the guidelines. I know everyone misses our outings, but we just to stay positive and look forward to the time when we can all gather together again.

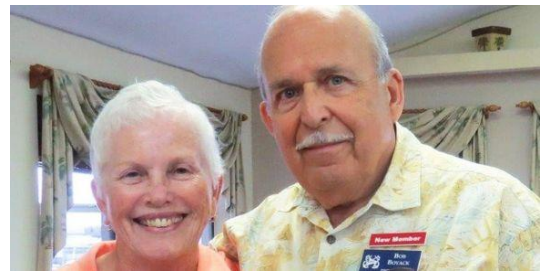
In the Past

by Kay Weaver, PYC Historian

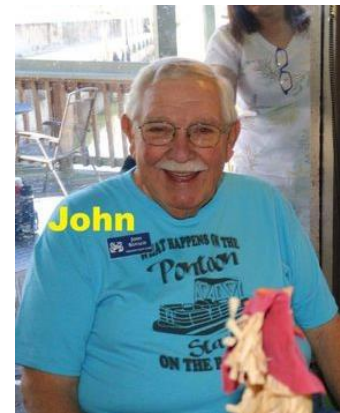
Our August 17, 2002 meeting was at Hickory Point Park for our Annual PYC Breakfast. Everyone brought dishes to share and the hosts had the BBQ grills hot and ready for anyone who wanted to cook something for breakfast. We played horseshoes after we ate and a few other games. It was an early outing starting at 8:45 A.M. and it is always nice to be outdoors early in the morning when everything is fresh and cooler.

In Memorium

On Thursday, April 23, Bob Boyak passed away after a valiant fight against cancer. Bob and Carol joined PYC in August 2017. Most people probably don't know that Bob was a FAA licensed pilot in addition to working at Honeywell as an electrical engineer.



On Saturday, April 25, John Kovach passed away after complications from bypass surgery. John and Virginia joined the club in April 2018, and John was elected this year to serve as a Board Member. He and Virginia Calven hosted one of the last events we had – Hurricane's on February 8th.



FYI from Jeri Tallman



2020 April 26 - Trimble Park boat ramp improvement work in progress.



View from the Hickory Point launch ramps. With the new Howey bridge over Lake Harris open for traffic demolition work continues on the old bridge.

FUTURE EVENTS

September 29 – October 2, 2020

Homosassa River

Citrus County, FL

Hosts: Terry & Kay Weaver

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).
- * 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.crumpslanding.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.crumpslanding.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 34448 (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 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	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		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 & 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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