



# PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## PYC Board of Directors

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**Commodore:** Joe Comastra  
**Vice Commodore:** Tom Williams  
**Rear Commodore:** John Mest  
**Secretary:** Cathy Banta  
**Treasurer:** Diane Allen

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**Happy January Birthdays**

- January 5 Carolyn Smith
- January 6 Nancy Noffsinger
- January 9 George McCord
- January 10 Dave Asaibene
- January 11 Lorraine Wiersma
- January 17 John Kindinger
- January 19 Harriet Reuter
- January 20 James Smith
- January 23 Al Allen

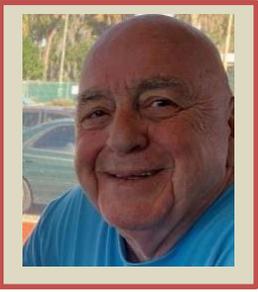
Hope you a have terrific day, week and month!  
 Celebrate enough for all of us!

If I have accidently left off your birthday or it's wrong, please let me know so I can correct our list.  
 Thank you, Cathy Green Banta ([mcathygreen@gmail.com](mailto:mcathygreen@gmail.com); 352-455-2788)

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**And Happy New Year 2023 To All!**

## Commodore's January Comments - Joe Comastra



Hi Everyone!

Hopefully everyone made it through the Holidays ok.

First of all I would like to thank Cindy, John, Cookie and Richard for the great Christmas party. (I think they use to be party planners in the past.)

Second, thank you to the past officers and board (except Jim Clarke the shoes he left are too big).

Now we can settle down hopefully to a year of fun, sun and good boating.

We still have open dates left to fill for outings. We will be passing around the signup sheet at the next outing, so please think about signing up. Remember, this is your club so if everyone chips in, it will be great! **Happy Boating, Commodore Joe**

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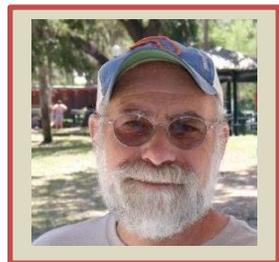


## Vice Commodore Report – Tom Williams

First I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year, I'm sure you all had a warm Christmas with family and friends. I am looking forward to a fun filled 2023 with all our members at the coming outings. In closing, I want to thank everyone who so warmly welcomed Mary Jo and me into the Pontoon Yacht Club; I hope to pay that forward to you and all new members. Tom

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## Rear Commodore Report – John Mest



At our Christmas Banquet we had 57 boating friends enjoying the holiday together. Of course, we had no boats because Mt. Dora Country Club is not on the water. What a great time dining, dancing and celebrating the holiday season with our boating friends. Also nobody came by golf cart. John

## Treasurer Reminder – Diane Allen



A reminder, your PYC dues for 2023 are due by January 1, 2023. The annual dues are still \$24.00. Every year the dues are for the current year, January 1 to December 31, 2023. **All dues must be paid by January 31, 2023 to maintain membership status.**

**Checks should be made out to PYC and Temporarily ..... sent to Carol Clarke, the outgoing treasurer at: 3542 Manatee Road, Tavares, FL 32778**

Thank you in advance for your support and for paying your dues on time. In February, everything will be changed over to the new treasurer, so watch your future newsletters for further information.



## Sunshine Chair - Virginia Calven

Get well cards were sent to Shirley Coutu and Bob Banta.

If anyone would like the PYC to send a get-well card to an ill member, please contact: Virginia Calven at 906-484-3478

PYC Event **Signup Sheet 2023** is on the last page. On our PYC website, [www.pontoonyachtclub.com](http://www.pontoonyachtclub.com), you will find a tab called "Outings". Under that tab you will find some very useful and helpful information. I have pasted a picture of what you will see when you scroll down to the bottom after selecting the Outings tab on the website.

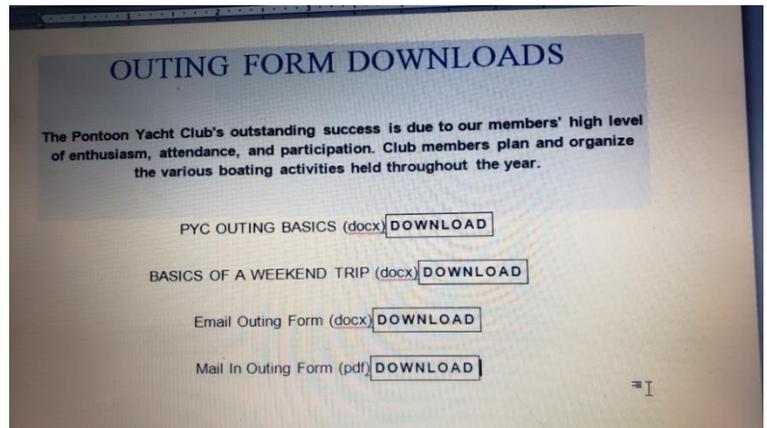
It gives you links to:

Outing Basics,

Basics of a Weekend Trip,

Email Outing Form and

Mail-In Outing Form



Be thinking about what outing you would like to host in 2023. Names are filled in for those that have selected dates on the last page of this newsletter. **The earlier you select your date, the more choices/dates you have to choose from. After selecting your date, don't forget to submit the outing form to your Commodore and Treasurer.**

Betty Nebergall has done an outstanding job with our PYC Website and if you haven't been there, there is not only the pictured above helpful information, there are a lot of pictures of events under memory lane, showcase which pictures your leadership group, policies and contacts. We belong to an awesome club with outstanding resources, volunteers and the best boating friends ever! What a great Website that matches our unique club!



Go check it out if you haven't already and use the resource I mentioned above to sign up for the outing you would like to host! Or get to know your boating friends by putting faces with names. **Thank you Bettie, for the great job on our website and for keeping it up-to-date! We really appreciate all you are doing on and for our WEBSITE!!!!**

**Great Job Betty, we say THANK YOU from all of us!**

- submitted by Cathy Banta -

## January 2023 First Outing of the Year

Saturday, January 14, 2023

**Crazy Gator Restaurant, 402 N Bay St., Eustis**

Host- Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor, Co-Host- Leo & Harriet Reuter

No Raft Up

Social Hour: 11.30 AM, Lunch at 12.00, Order off the Menu

Please come by car or boat but do come to celebrate the beginning of a new year with PYC Members. Guests are very much welcome.

Please RSVP (Text/Call) Vik Kapoor at 352-459-4839 or  
Email at [vkapoor441@gmail.com](mailto:vkapoor441@gmail.com) by Thursday, January 12 at 10 AM

**Please note: the event day is Saturday, January 14.**

## January 2023 Second Outing of the Year

Thursday January 26, 2023 - PYC 50/50 BINGO

**Puddle Jumpers Lakeside Grill & Bar Upstairs**

111 West Ruby Street, Tavares

Host- Joe Comastra & Lorraine Wiersma

Co-Host- Scott & Lorraine Smith

No Raft Up

Social Hour: 11.30 am, Lunch at 12.00, Order off the Menu

You will be able to beach your boat by the water side bar or inside the long floating dock to the East of the Air Boat Riders.

Instead of selling 50/50 tickets, we will be playing bingo for the cash prizes. Please bring one dollar bills, the cost will be \$1 per card per game (for those who want to buy more than one card). **Maybe you will be the lucky one yelling BINGO to win!** Each game the winner will receive 50% of the collected money for that game. We will play as many games as time will allow.

Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, by either calling our home number: 508-499-6708 or email Joe at: [jcomastra@hotmail.com](mailto:jcomastra@hotmail.com)

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# 1st February Outing Thursday, February 9, 2023



Lake Eustis Waterfront Grille, 350 Lakeshore Drive, Eustis

Host: Richard & Cookie Brown Co-Host: James & Caroline Smith  
Raft Up 10:15 to 10:30 a.m. – Lake Eustis side of Dead River  
Social Hour: 11.30 AM, Lunch at 12.00, Order off the Menu

Valentine Theme so wear your red or pink  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, scenery will be beautiful.

RSVP to: Carolyn Smith at [leisurewoods1@gmail.com](mailto:leisurewoods1@gmail.com) or call 901-262-7253

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> February Outing

Our Pontoon Parade will be on the fourth  
Saturday, February 25, 2023

Full details will be in the February newsletter.

So “stay tooned” (play on words of course)

And be thinking about how you are going to  
decorate your boat.



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The ducks are arriving 2023. Stay tuned.

**Christmas Party Country Club of Mt. Dora**    Photos by Sharon our Photographer ...  
**December 10, 2022**

**Welcome to New Officers .... Vik Administering the Oath.**



**The Oath**



**VIK**  
Administers the Oath



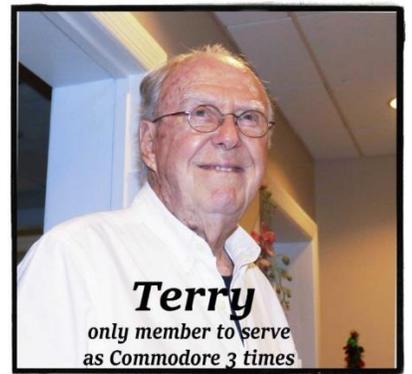
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**Appreciation Being Shared by our Outgoing Commodore .....**



**Carol**      **Jim**  
2022 Treasurer    2022 Commodore



**Terry**  
only member to serve  
as Commodore 3 times



# Dining Dancing and Celebrating the holidays with our boating friends.



The Card game that took us to three Cathy, Sharon & Cookie. Then there were two lucky winners, Cathy & Cookie chose to split the winnings.



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## A Look Back in Time by Kay Weaver, Historian

June 5, 2004 - Sinbad's (currently known as Pontoon Saloon): This was always a favorite spot to go to in the summer when our groups were small. We filled every seat in Sinbad's and Sam (the owner) and his helpers were always very good in serving us as quickly as possible even though it was a small operation. The view from Sinbad's of Lake Eustis was so beautiful. The clouds started rolling in, so everyone scooted to miss being rained on. Another successful adventure! First



picture is of Past Commodore Woody & Doreen Fish on right, second and third pictures show the



inside of Sinbad's as it was then. Kay Weaver, PYC Historian

## PYC Event Signup Sheet 2023

Every member needs to sign up to host an event. Use the attached calendar to choose the exact date

As of 12/31/2022

Date	Day	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
January 9-14 <b>2nd week</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Sat.		Crazy Gator, Eustis	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	Leo & Harriet Reuter
January 23-28 <b>4th week</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Puddle Jumpers, Tavares	Joe Comastra & Lorraine Weirsma	Scott & Lorraine Smith
February 6-11 <b>2nd week</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.		Waterfront Grille, Eustis	Richard & Cookie Brown	James & Carolyn Smith
February 20-25 <b>4th week</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Sat.		George fest Parade - Eustis	Bob & Bettie Nebergall	
March 6-11 <b>2nd week</b>			TBD	Dan & Sharon Vincent	Ray & Jerie Tallman
March 20-25 <b>Thursday</b>	23rd		TBD	John & Elaine Mest	Scott & Lorraine Smith
April 10-15 <b>2nd week</b>					
April 24-29 <b>4th week</b>					
May 8-13 <b>2nd week(T-R)</b>	9-12		Riviera Resort	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Tom & Mary Jo Williams
May 22-27 <b>4th week</b>					
June 5-10 <b>2nd week</b>					
June 19-24 <b>4th week</b>					
July 10-15 <b>2nd week</b>					
July 24-29 <b>4th week</b>					
August 7-12 <b>2nd week</b>					
August 21-26 <b>4th week</b>	21-23		Springs (TBD Specific Location)	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Richard Lowell & Debra Stewart
September 4-9 <b>2nd week</b>					
September 18-23 <b>4th Saturday</b>	23 Sat.		Poker Run	Jim & Carol Clarke	Bob & Cathy Banta Virginia Calven
<b>October 9-14</b> <b>2nd week(T-R)</b>	10-13		River Cruise	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Terry & Kay Weaver
October 23-28 <b>4th week</b>				Al & Diane Allen	Carl & Joan Scott
November 11 <sup>th</sup> <b>2nd Saturday</b>	11		Thanksgiving	John Paul	
December 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>2nd Saturday</b>	9		Christmas	John & Cindy Kindinger	

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