



# PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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|-------------|----------------|
| February 5  | Carl Scott     |
| February 5  | Ray Tallman    |
| February 14 | Lorraine Smith |

**Have a terrific day!**

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### Commodore's February 2022 Comments – Jim Clarke



Hello all PYC'ers,

Well it is the second month of 2022 already and we are just a few short weeks until our great warm and sunny skies return. That's the time of the year that we look forward to. All boat outings, whether just going for a ride or cruising to farther away places, will be fun and enjoyable, but remember each time you go in your boat it's a new adventure. Most times out you see or learn something new. What a great way to advance your skills as a boat captain and also see and learn many new things. I am

asking all my friends and PYC members to join us on our fun and exciting outings.

I would like to ask ALL members to please approach anyone you know or even some you don't know, about joining our great club. Remember, Bettie Nebergall has PYC cards you can give to prospective members and also ask them to check us out at [pontoonyachtclub.com](http://pontoonyachtclub.com). This is a great way to get people interested in our club. Since the Covid pandemic, our club roster has decreased somewhat so we need to attract new members. Please make it a high priority to help us get new members.

Our last outing was a great success. Please read the Rear Commodores' report. I hope you all will continue to support the outings.

Thank you,  
Commodore Jim

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### Vice Commodore Report – Cheryl Rhoads - No report.

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### Rear Commodore Report – Bob Banta



Thursday, Jan 13, 2022 Boat Outing at Crazy Gator Restaurant had 25 in attendance and 4 boats (Brown's, Clarke-Banta's Karrels,' & Smith's)

Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022 Boat Outing at Boondocks Bar & Grill had 44 in attendance and no boats.

#### Special Note:

If you are hosting an event in 2022 that requires a RSVP to you, for all people attending the outing, please forward a list of those names the day before your outing to:

[Bob@rbanta.com](mailto:Bob@rbanta.com) . This will be extremely helpful to me in taking attendance the day of the event. 😊

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# 1st February Outing

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## PYC 50/50 BINGO

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Puddle Jumpers - Upstairs  
111 W Ruby Street, Tavares



Raft UP: 10.15-10:30 a.m., Lake Eustis side of the Dora Canal

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.

**Social Hour: 11:30AM, Lunch at 12:00 Noon, Order off the Menu**

Hosts: Joe Comastra & Lorraine Wiersma  
Co-Hosts: George & Judi McCord

Instead of selling the usual 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. As we have never done bingo as a 50/50 cash game, **this will be a new and exciting way to enjoy our outing.** We will play as many games as time will allow.

**Please RSVP** by Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, by either calling **our home number: 508-499-6708** Or email Joe at: [jcomastra@hotmail.com](mailto:jcomastra@hotmail.com)

**Let's make this a super success and everyone come and play BINGO!**

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

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## George Fest Pontoons on Parade

### February 26, 2022

### 12:00 NOON

Eustis is famous for George Fest, a three-day celebration of George Washington's birthday that draws over 30,000 people. Our Pontoon Parade will be



listed as one of the attractions in all the Festival publicity. Plan to join in the fun on Saturday, February 26.

Fly your American flags and assemble on Lake Eustis at the rally point. At 12 noon, we'll form up single file and parade into the Eustis waterfront, circling the cove twice. Adjust your speed to avoid big gaps in the line. After the second time around, stay in line and dock at the Community Center.

Landlubbers can join in from the nearby gazebo on the lakefront walkway. Park in the Gator's lot and claim one of the benches. Bring your own lunch or enjoy the many food vendors available in Ferran Park.



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Welcome New Members John & Elaine \*\* Vik& Elizabeth sponsored the event at Crazy Gator



Thank you, Kay, for taking pics! We missed you Sharon! Camaraderie & fellowship at Crazy Gators, Eustis ....





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### Boondocks, Howey-in-the-Hills ....

Butch & Marilyn sponsored the event. Kelly & Jim co-sponsored.



Butch & Marilyn  
Our Hosts



Thanks Butch  
For Sharing Your Story



Cold and rainy day, no boats, but well attended. Thank you VETS for your service.



Welcome back  
Steve & Sue



Kelly & Jim  
Our 50/50 Captains



**50/50 Winners**



The water is calling us ....



\*\*\*\*\* **TOON TIPS FROM BUTCH**



I recently put up this sun protection on three sides of my boat house to protect my boat from the sun from the East, South and West. This is inexpensive and very strong standing up against all the wind we have experienced this year. Fifty feet of this fencing covered three sides of my boat house.

I used fender washers and 2" deck screws to attach the fencing which I stretched using a come along. I pull my boat out of my boat house from the west side, so I strung heavy gage wire and weaved it through the top eyelets of the fencing so I could push the fencing to one side making sure the wire was high enough that my Bimini would not hit the wire when pulling in or out of my boathouse.



I had approximately 2" of extra fencing that I rolled onto 1" diameter PVC that I also drilled a quarter in. whole through that I put the wire through. My total cost was less than \$75.00. Anyone wanting to see the results can come to my house to see how I completed this project.

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# REMINDER ..... Castaways on the River, Astor FL

04/26/2022 through 04/29/2022

Host(s): Butch & Merrillyn Karrels Co-Host: Terry & Kay Weaver

**Meal choices:** Butch will be grilling burgers and brats Tuesday, 4/26 for all attendees at 4:30PM

**Cost for members:** Butch & Merrillyn supplying burgers & brats for 4/26, bring a dish to share with PYC's membership.

**Please book your room directly with Castaways** on the River by calling 352-759-3422 and advise them you are with the Pontoon Yacht Club. Check out their website: [www.castawaysontheriver.com](http://www.castawaysontheriver.com) It is a very informative website with pictures of each room or cottage.

**What attendees need to (or may want to) bring:**

If you don't plan to go to restaurants on Wednesday or Thursday bring whatever you plan to eat and drink. Butch & Merrillyn will be supplying brats and burgers with the trimmings Tuesday afternoon for all club members who attend.

**When booking with Castaways, advise them that you need a slip** if you are bringing your boat. Bring lawn chairs to use for sitting at the river front in the evenings.

**Any restrictions regarding attendees?** (e.g., members only, limited to 40, etc.)

**There are two boat ramps** very close by to launch your boat, the closest is private and on Castaways property but there is a deep drop off and you need to be careful when launching. The public ramp is a couple blocks further away but a much safer way to launch your boat.

**Other information:**

**Cottages are 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms:** If you want to bunk up with friends, you will be able to save money.

**We will be boating to Silver Glenn Springs on Wednesday, 4/27** and having lunch at the springs, bring your own lunch and drinks. No alcohol at any state parks

**We will be boating to Deleon Springs on Thursday, 4/28** and having lunch at the old sugar mill where you can make your own pancakes at each table, they have a variable lunch menu, something for everyone.

**There is boat trailer storage on the Castaways property.**

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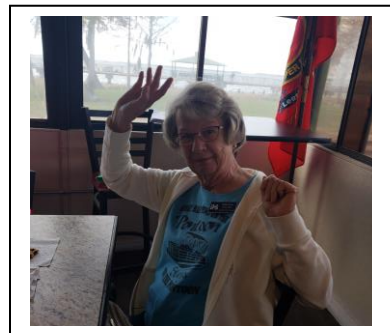
## A Look Back in Time by Kay Weaver, Historian

This picture was taken on 10/2/1993 on a PYC trip to Silver Springs and that is me on our first pontoon boat. The boat is an Ercoa purchased in Lake County and it had hexagon shaped pontoons on it that were flat on the bottom and supposedly gave it more lift. The two people with me are friends and Terry must have been on land taking the picture!



Kay Weaver, PYC Historian

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### Sunshine Chair Report - Virginia Calven

Four cards sent out this month:

- Bill Byczek
- Shirley Coutu & Wally Moon
- Harriet Reuter
- Sharon Vincent

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

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On the next page you will find the current "PYC Outing Schedule".

There are spots left, so sign up soon to select your best choice of dates.

Every member needs to sign up to host an event. Use the attached calendar on the next page to choose the exact date. If possible, schedule restaurant events on a weekday (preferably Thursday).

Please submit PYC Outing Information Form to the:

Commodore Jim: [jclarke529@gmail.com](mailto:jclarke529@gmail.com) and Treasurer Carol: [carolclarke4@gmail.com](mailto:carolclarke4@gmail.com)

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| Date                     | Exact Day | Form | Outing Description & Location    | Host 1                           | Host 2                               |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jan 13<br>Thursday       | 13        |      | Crazy Gator                      | Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor           | Leo & Harriet Reuter                 |
| January 26<br>Wednesday  | 26        |      | Boondocks                        | Butch and Merrilyn Karrels       | Jim Stewart and Kelly Hudson         |
| February 10<br>Thursday  | 10        |      | Puddle Jumpers                   | Joe Comastra<br>Lorraine Wiersma | George and Judi McCord               |
| February 26<br>Saturday  | 26        |      | George Fest Parade               | Bob and Bettie Nebergall         |                                      |
| 3/10/2022<br>Thursday    | 10        |      | St. Patrick's Day                | Dan and Sharon Vincent           |                                      |
| 3/24/2022<br>Thursday    | 24        |      | Gator Bay                        | Jim and Betty Lou Pearce         | Steve and Sue Roeske                 |
| April 14<br>Thursday     | 14        |      | Fish Camp                        | Richard and Cookie Brown         | John and Elaine Mest                 |
| April 26-28<br>Tue-Thur  | 26-28     |      | Castaways on the St. Johns River | Butch & Merrilyn Karrels         | Terry & Kay Weaver                   |
| 5/14/2022<br>Saturday    | 14        |      | Picnic                           | John & Cindy Kindinger           | Mike & Bonnie Wells                  |
| May 26<br>Thursday       | 26        |      | Fish Camp                        | Gary and Cheryl Rhoads           | Al and Diane Allen                   |
| June 9<br>Thursday       | 9         |      | Hurricanes                       | John Gancar & Shelley McGarry    | Ray and Jeri Tallman                 |
| Second Outing in June    |           |      |                                  |                                  |                                      |
| First Outing in July     |           |      |                                  |                                  |                                      |
| Second Outing in July    |           |      |                                  |                                  |                                      |
| First Outing in August   |           |      |                                  |                                  |                                      |
| August 25<br>Thursday    | 25        |      | Lake Harris Hideaway             | Virginia Calven                  | Carol Clarke                         |
| September                | 8 or 10   |      | TBD                              | Carl and Joan Scott              | Scott and Lorraine Smith             |
| September 24<br>Saturday | 24        |      | Poker Run                        | Jim & Carol Clarke               | Bob & Cathy Banta<br>Virginia Calven |
| First Outing in October  | 11-13     |      | Homosassa River                  | Terry & Kay Weaver               | Butch & Merrilyn Karrels             |
| Second outing in October | 27 or 29  |      | Ski Restaurant – Leesburg        | Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor           | Bob and Nancy Noffsinger             |
| November 12th            |           |      | Thanksgiving                     | Angela Brown<br>Tim Hill         | Lorraine Wiersma<br>Joe Comastra     |
| December 10th            |           |      | Christmas                        | John and Cindy Kindinger         |                                      |