



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Have a terrific day!

March 7	Karl Weickhardt
March 10	Cookie Brown
March 12	Elaine Mest
March 14	Steve Roeske
March 18	Wally Moon
March 21	Mike Wells
March 26	Diane Allen
March 27	Richard Brown

Commodore's March 2022 Comments - Jim Clarke



Hello fellow PYCers,

We have now reached the third month of the new year and our weather has reciprocated by giving us beautiful sunshine and warm temperatures. It's great to be outdoors enjoying our weather and our boats.

We have had four great outings this year, well supported by all of you. Thank you very much for your participation.

Our first Board Meeting was held on Friday, February 25, 2022 by Zoom and although we had some problems getting everyone connected, it went well. I would like to thank Cindy Kindinger for being the Zoom Administrator of this meeting.

The Board has decided to join the Tavares Chamber of Commerce. Our Vice Commodore, Cheryl Rhoads, who works at the Chamber office, will be able to give our club information to all inquiries about boating on the Harris Chain of Lakes.

Our marketing chairman, Bettie Nebergall, was very excited to have another avenue to let people know about the Pontoon Yacht Club of Lake County. This is a very good platform for getting our message to many boaters in this area. This brings up another topic which is very important to our club, the recruitment of new members. I want to ask each and every member to please continue to contact boaters and tell them about the Pontoon Yacht Club. Please give them one of our promotional cards (which I have available for the asking) so they can pull up our website and learn all about our CLUB. It is important that we all participate in the continued push to gain new members. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Our last two outings have been well and attended and have been a lot of fun. Our new bingo game outing was received by the membership with great enthusiasm. I can't wait for the next one. On Saturday the 26th, we again participated in the Annual George Fest Celebration. Please read our Rear Commodores article, in this newsletter, about our outings.

Again, I would like to welcome all our newest members. If you have any questions or ideas I would like you to contact me and let me know. You can reach me at jclarke529@gmail.com or my cell 352-250-2235, I welcome hearing from you.

I will see you all at our next outing.

Thank you, Commodore Jim



Vice Commodore Report – Cheryl Rhoads

Our website was very busy this month! YAY! We had five requests for more information about PYC. I have contacted all of them and am waiting to see their responses. I also invited all to be our guests in the George fest parade if they are free and sent them the information. Two of them seemed extremely interested, one was out of town and the other wants to join in May. We'll see what happens. We had 1 new member (**Earl Wadewitz & Jane Sorenson.**) Make sure we welcome them at our March 10th outing.

Rear Commodore Report – Bob Banta



I am pleased to report that February was a successful month for PYC Outings. On Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, our first BINGO Boat Outing held at Puddle Jumpers Restaurant had 32 in attendance and 7 of those participants arriving on 3 boats (Brown's, Clarke-Banta's, & Smith's). BINGO was fun and the food was delicious. The upstairs room at Puddle Jumpers was a

beautiful water view. Thanks to our hosts Joe Comastra, Lorraine Wiersma, and George and Judi McCord. Pictures from this event are on page 6.



On Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 Boat Outing on Lake Eustis we celebrated George Fest with the City of Eustis. This was Eustis' 120th consecutive event and PYC's 4th consecutive time to parade on the water. We had 19 boats and 59 participants in the parade with music and festive comments coming from the Commodores boat in the center. It was a great Patriotic event for everyone and a chance for many prospective members to see PYC in action. Thanks to our hosts, Bob and Bettie Nebergall and many thanks

to all of our members and their involvement in decorating their boats and being there to represent PYC in the parade. Pictures from this event are on page 7 & 8.

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 . This will be extremely helpful to me in taking attendance the day of the event. ☺

1st March Outing

Thursday, March 10, 2022 St. Patrick's Day Crazy Gator - 402 N. Bay Street, Eustis

Raft UP: 10:30 to 10:45 on Lake Eustis, at the Dead River
Social Hour: 11:30AM, Lunch at 12:00 Noon, Order off the Menu



Ray & Jerie

Hosts: Dan & Sharon Vincent
Co-Hosts: Ray & Jerie Tallman



Dan & Sharon

Are You Luckier Than a 5th Grader?

With visions of St. Patrick's Day ahead, your hosts for the March 10th PYC outing present to you the opportunity to participate in a *Luck 'O the Irish Fashion Show*. So, put on yer best St. Paddy's Day scally cap, trousers & brogues (or other choice of attire) and join the membership for a knee-slappin' good time wearin' 'o-the-green. The lucky winner will be chosen by popular vote, with a very special prize awaiting that best dressed lad or lass.

There'll be nil Blarney on that day, maybe ;)

Along with the wearin' of that fine attire, you'll spend the afternoon being educated, enlightened & entertained by answerin' a kwiz prepared especially for all of you lucky folks. Having contracted with a traveling tribe of leprechauns, they have created just for you a slew of multiple-choice questions to test your general knowledge of everything on the planet & beyond. (A whispered hint, one may want to brush-up on the following subjects: animals, art, American history, ancient history, the cyber world, Florida, Hollywood/television icons, inventors/inventions, mathematics, medicine, military statistics, music, nature, nostalgia, politics, pop culture, sports & world geography). The best of luck to ye.

Yummy treats, newly-found knowledge & a laugh-filled afternoon are guaranteed. But only one reveler will be able to claim that prized pot of gold and forever hold the title of being

Luckier Than a 5th Grader.

Wear your best Irish apparel (or not) for the fashion show.

Each person brings one dollar in order to play the leprechaun's kwiz. With the most correct answers and a winning score, you may become that lucky person who take's home the treasured pot 'o gold at the end of the rainbow.

**May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide,
And may your pockets always have a coin or two inside!**

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2nd March Outing

1st Annual Potluck

At Hickory Point

Thursday

March 24, 2022



Scott Smith having lunch between our next event hosts,
Host: Jim and Betty Lou Pearce



Sue & Steve

Co Host:
Steve & Sue Roeske

Raft up: 10:15AM to 10:30AM. At the Lake Harris side of Dead River

We will all travel to Hickory Point.

Social hour: 11:30AM - Mealtime at 12:00 Noon

Everyone bring a *yummy* dish to pass your own beverage and table service.

Bring a pen/pencil to participate in some games. Prizes will be awarded

Cost \$5.00/person

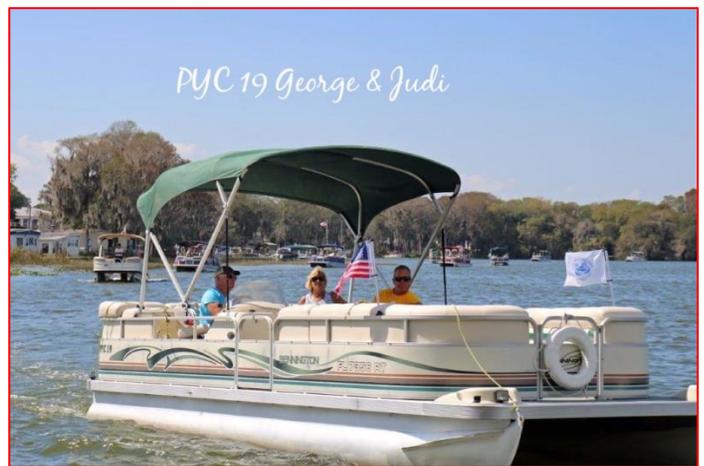
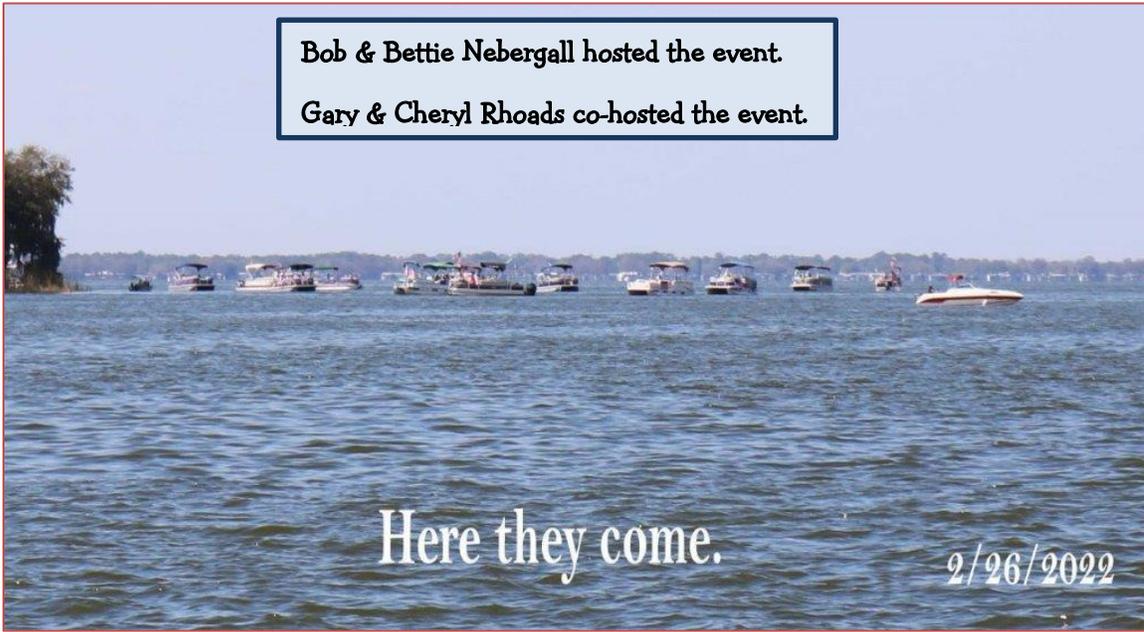
Make checks payable to PYC and send to Treasurer Carol Clarke

3542 Manatee Rd. Tavares FL 32778 by 3/21/2022

Joe Comastra, Lorraine Wiersma, George & Judi McCord sponsored the event.



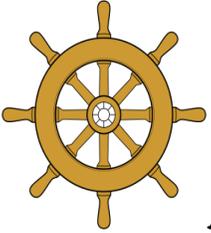
PONTOON YACHT CLUB – If you are not a member, “You’re missing the Boat!”





Please see PYC website for more pictures.

TOON TIPS FROM CRUISE MASTER BUTCH



Are your fenders dirty, scuffed up while your boat is clean and shiny, then try the following solution.

Scrub your fenders clean and then coat them with the same vinyl protectent you use on your seats. Doing this will keep them clean and shiny. I also suggest that you use dark colored (black, blue or green) fenders as they will not show scuffs and dirt like white ones.



As always, it is very important to have good communicatons while we are on the water. If you do not have a marine VHF radio I recommend that you get one ASAP. Information on the water about where we are going, where we are docking, staying in line or a mechanical breakdown, etc. is a crucial part of the Pontoon Yacht Club safety program. Radios can be purchased for \$100 or less on Amazon. Please get yours today.

Do you or anyone you know take their dog(s) on their boat when enjoying a cruise? Do you or they have a dog life jacket? If you have ever had your dog jump overboard you know the panic feeling you have in trying to rescue your best friend. I suggest that anyone who takes a dog on a boat should purchase a size appropriate lift jacket for thier dog. When properly installed, the jacket has a handle on the top middle of back so you can easily retrieve them from the water, Jim Clarke has a brand new, in the package, a large size, that he will give to anyone who contacts him. Do your furry friend a favor and keep him/her safe by having them in a life jacket. Contact Jim at jclarke529@gmail.com or 352-250-2235.

Thank you, Cruise Master Butch.

REMINDER Castaways on the River, Astor FL

04/26/2022 through 04/29/2022

Host(s): Butch & Merrilyn 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 & Merrilyn 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
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 & Merrilyn 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.

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.

A Look Back in Time by Kay Weaver, Historian

In November 2003, we began sending our PYC Newsletters by email! Not everyone signed up to do it, but we initially started with 11 members including Terry & Kay Weaver, Tim Hill, Dale & Judy Coon, and Ron & Edna Korb. We were ready to get on the internet super highway as they called it back then! On November 15, 2003, we celebrated PYC Thanksgiving at the Triangle Boat Club on the Dead River. Ed & Sonja Buntin hosted this event and many from the PYC Club left on a Holland America Maasdam cruise the next day.



Bud & Linda Floor



Gene Fehr



HEADS UP Special Announcement

On Thursday, April 14, we will be having an **Easter hat contest** to carry out our Easter theme outing. The more unique you make your hat, the more fun it will be so get your "thinking cap" on to win a prize. Only rule is that you must be able to wear your hat on your head. Submitted by Cookie Brown





Sunshine Chair Report - Virginia Calven

Four cards sent out the month of February:

- Cathy Green
- Butch Karrels
- Betty Lou Pierce
- Dan Vincent

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

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

Four spots left, so sign up soon, select dates and help us fill these openings.

- Open Dates Are:
- 2nd Outing in June
 - 1st and 2nd Outing in July
 - 1st Outing in August

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 and Treasurer Carol: carolclarke4@gmail.com

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Date	Exact Day	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
Jan 13 Thursday	13		Crazy Gator	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	Leo & Harriet Reuter
January 26 Wednesday	26		Boondocks	Butch and Merrilyn Karrels	Jim Stewart and Kelly Hudson
February 10 Thursday	10		Puddle Jumpers	Joe Comastra Lorraine Wiersma	George and Judi McCord
February 26 Saturday	26		George Fest Parade	Bob and Bettie Nebergall	Gary and Cheryl Rhoads
3/10/2022 Thursday	10		St. Patrick's Day	Dan and Sharon Vincent	Ray and Jerie Tallman
3/24/2022 Thursday	24		1 st Annual Potluck	Jim and Betty Lou Pearce	Steve and Sue Roeske
April 14 Thursday	14		Fish Camp	Richard and Cookie Brown	John and Elaine Mest
April 26-28 Tue-Thur	26-28		Castaways on the St. Johns River	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Terry & Kay Weaver
5/14/2022 Saturday	14		Picnic	John & Cindy Kindinger	Mike & Bonnie Wells
May 26 Thursday	26		Fish Camp	Gary and Cheryl Rhoads	Al and Diane Allen
June 9 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 Thursday	25		Lake Harris Hideaway	Virginia Calven	Carol Clarke
September	8 or 10		TBD	Carl and Joan Scott	Scott and Lorraine Smith
September 24 Saturday	24		Poker Run	Jim & Carol Clarke	Bob & Cathy Banta 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 Tim Hill	Lorraine Wiersma Joe Comastra
December 10th			Christmas	John and Cindy Kindinger	