



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Happy April Birthdays



April 3	Shelley McGarry
April 16	Jim Pearce
April 25	Sharon Vincent

Hope it's a great day!

Commodore's April 2022 Comments - Jim Clarke

Jim



Hello fellow PYCers,

If anybody has a relationship with Mother Nature, please ask her to help us on our outings! It would be nice to have a warm sunshiny day so we could enjoy our boat outing.

I would like to thank our hosts for the last two outings for providing fun and entertaining events. The St. Patrick's Day outing was full of fun and beautiful prizes and many Leprechauns.

The first annual pot luck luncheon was stocked with our chefs providing a fantastic lunch. The limbo contest was hilarious and fun. Thanks to our hosts again for two great outings.

Looking ahead, at our next two outings, I can't wait to see the crazy hats being designed by our members. Our outing at the Fish Camp should be a fun time.

Our away trip to Astor and the Castaways will be a great adventure cruising to new and exciting locations. If you have not yet made your reservations for this event, don't miss out, call Castaways today!

As you will see at the end of this newsletter, we have added two new events. July 7th will be done by David and Jay Asaibene and August 11th will be done by Bob and Cathy Banta and co-hosts John and Elaine Mest, this will be a sunset cruise. Thank you to those hosts and co-hosts for stepping up. We have two events that are not scheduled at this time. I am asking for two more hosts to step forward and fill our events calendar. Please contact me and let me know the date you would like. Thanks for your help.

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

Welcome to our newest member **Greg Wallace**, pictured with Virginia Calven

Commodore Jim Presented Butch with A New Cruise Master Flag

Vice Commodore Report – Cheryl Rhoads



Cheryl

March was another great month with our newest member Greg Wallace joining. At our last board meeting we voted to join Tavares Chamber of Commerce. What that means is that our brochures and cards are displayed on the Chamber wall for any visitors to Lake County. The Tavares Chamber of Commerce also gives us the capability to have free advertising on their Constant Contact list of 1500 people any Thursday to promote our great club. Tavares water events bring a lot of visitors, and our club is the only boat club to have joined the Chamber. I'm looking forward to another great year on our lakes!

Rear Commodore Report – Bob Banta



Bob

Our Thursday, March 10th – St. Patrick's Day at Crazy Gator was full of spirit and everyone joined in with costume and celebration.

We had 35 in attendance and no one came by boat as it was a bad weather day. Guests present: Sue (Betty Lou's sister) & Ken (a neighbor) came with Betty Lou and Jim.

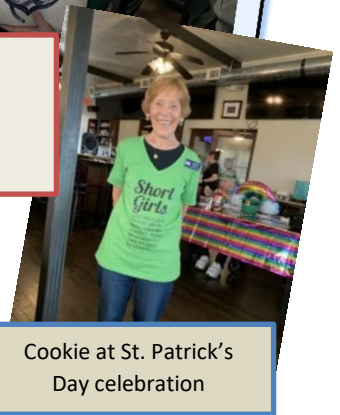


Carol won an Anchor Pillow!

Prizes: Terry Weaver won an endless glass of beer. Jim won a wreath. Guest Ken donated his prize of \$21 back to the club, and other winners were Jay Asaibene, Cindy Kindinger, and Virginia Calven. Enjoyable TIME & terrific Prizes!!!

Our Thursday, March 24th – 1st Annual Potluck, Hickory Point event had

34 participants and no boats. It was a rainy day but that didn't stop everyone from enjoying themselves. There was limbo, trivia, and plenty of delicious dishes prepared by the PYC members. Commodore Jim commented on the fabulous cooks we have in the club. **There were plenty of food and fun activities at this event.** Decorations and tables were colorful and made a very pleasant atmosphere where you didn't even notice the rain. **Guests present: Lois Boydston and her daughter Linda Frey from Alaska** and came with Lorraine and Scott Smith. Another guest, **Greg Wallace**, came with Virginia Calven. Greg decided to join the club. **Welcome Greg!**



Cookie at St. Patrick's Day celebration

Prizes: John Kindinger with 17 out of 20 Trivia questions correct. Dave Asaibene prize winner, Carol Clarke won the door prize of a Lazy Susan for the table, Cathy Banta won the limbo contest which was a rope picture frame, and our 50/50 winners were: Bob \$10, Carl \$15 and Steve \$25.

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 April Outing

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Fish Camp Lake Eustis – 901 Lakeshore Blvd., Tavares

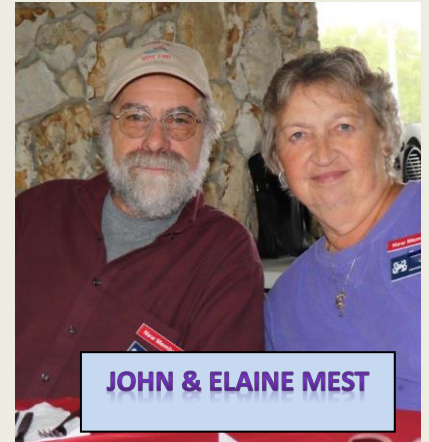
Cookie & Richard Brown



Hosts: Richard & Cookie
Brown
Co-Hosts: John & Elaine Mest

*No Raft Up.
See you there.*

*Social Hour: 11:30
Lunch 12 Noon
Order off the Menu*



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. See you at Fish Camp on Lake Eustis!

2nd April Outing

**Castaways on the
St. Johns River
Astor, FL**

352-759-3422

**Tuesday-Thursday
April 26-28th, 2022**

Host: 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.**

Page 5 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.**

There are nearby restaurants to accommodate most everyone's taste:

- Drifters: 352-759-2802, within walking distance of Castaways on the River
- Essex Seafood House: 386-749-1557; 1360 W. St. Rd. 40 Pierson, FL. 32180
- Rose Garden Family Restaurant: 386-749-0276; 1455 W. St. Rd. 40, Astor, FL.
- Castaways Bar & Grill: 352-759-2494; 23525 W. St. Rd. 40, Astor FL.
- Pizza Over Yonder: 352-759-3001; 21934 St. Rd. 40, Astor FL

This is an alphabetical listing of the members who are attending; if any others are attending that Butch is not aware of, please contact Butch at 954-415-2601.

Allen, Al & Diane
Asaibene, Dave & Jay
Banta, Bob & Cathy
Brown, Richard & Cookie
Calven, Virginia

Clarke, Jim & Carol
Karrels, Butch & Merrilyn
Kindinger, John & Cindy
Mest, John & Elaine
Rhoads, Gary & Cheryl

Roeske, Steve & Susan
Smith, Scott & Lorraine
Stewart, Jim & Kelly
Weaver, Terry & Kay
Wells, Mike & Bonnie

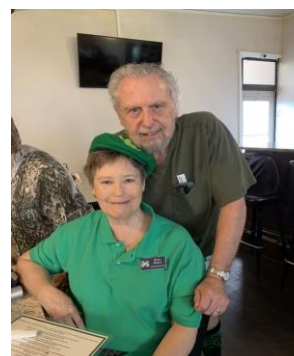


Hosts: Ray & Jerie Tallman &
Co-Hosts: Dan & Sharon Vincent

Our Costume Winner Lorraine



Joe and Lorraine



See PYC website for more pictures.

Co-Hosts: Steve & Sue Roeske & Hosts: Betty Lou & Jim Pearce



Such a fun event
We say..Thank you.



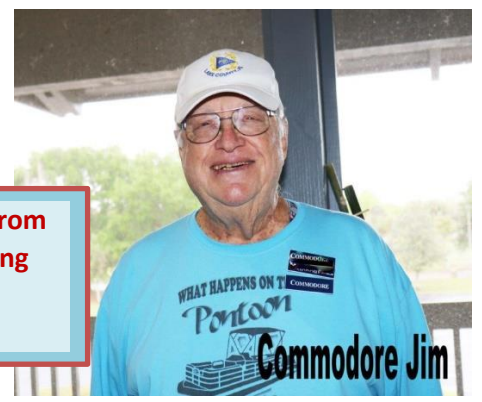
The Girl Team
Betty Lou & Sue



The Guy Team
Steve & Jim



Our guest is Linda Frey from Alaska, contemplating going under the Bamboo Limbo Poles that Sue made.



Commodore Jim



Reverse Limbo
How low can Elizabeth go?

Limbo brought out a lot of laughter and the trivia game stimulated our minds! Everyone was enjoying the day and camaraderie. Who wouldn't want to belong to this club? FunTimes! If you are not a member, "You're Missing the Boat!"



We are all winners to belong to such a great club where everyone contributes of their time, talent and creativity.

Prize Winners



THANK YOU, SUE, FOR MAKING THOSE AWESOME BAMBOO LIMBO POLLS!

Our three 50/50 winners: Bob \$10, Carl \$15 and Steve \$25



ROAD TRIP TO HOMOSASSA, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 11-14, 2022

Terry & Kay and Butch & Merrilyn are hosting a three-night trip to the Homosassa River staying at Florida Cracker Riverside Resort www.floridacrackerriversideresort.com (352) 628-2474. We leave on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 and come home on Friday, October 14, 2022. Our plans are to leave from the old Lake Square Mall parking lot at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, October 11th . It’s about one hour and 15 minutes to Homosassa. We will launch our boats and plan to go to lunch by water to a local waterfront restaurant.

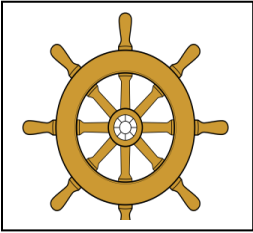
Rooms may or may not be ready when we arrive. Room rates vary from \$105 standard hotel room per night off the water to riverview or waterfront one bedroom with full kitchen from \$135 to \$150. If you have trouble with stairs, be sure you reserve a first floor room. If you plan to eat in, upgrade to a unit with full kitchen. There is a new restaurant on property for breakfast and lunch. There are many waterfront restaurants nearby.

We will make several runs out to the Gulf of Mexico and we will also be going inland to the Springs. If there is enough interest, we can set up a group airboat ride. (SUPER FUN!).

It is \$30 per day for boat launch, slip rent and trailer parking. Rental boats are available. Make your reservation now! Call (352) 628-2474 and let them know you are with the PYC Boat Club to receive our special hotel rates. There is no room deposit. You must cancel 72 hours before arrival or you will be charged for one day room rate. We are looking forward to spending time with you on the Homosassa River!

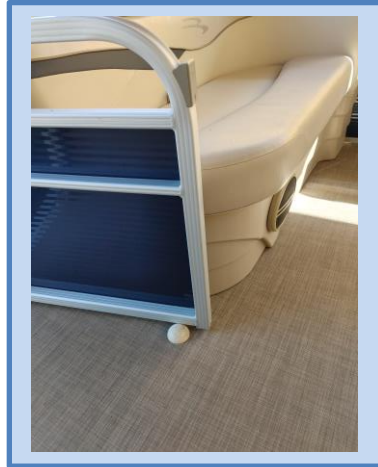
Terry, Kay, Butch & Merrilyn

TOON TIPS FROM CRUISE MASTER BUTCH



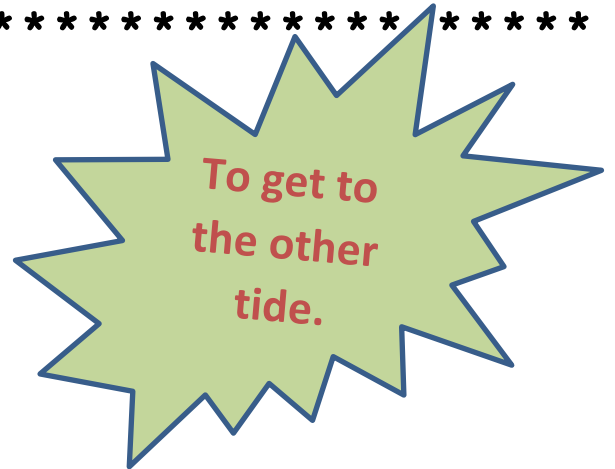
If you want an inexpensive door stop for your boat; Home Depot has an answer. This is a stick on soft bubble stop that will

hold your door open and you won't trip over it. They come two to a pack, and found where all the other door stops are sold. I would suggest using a single screw to also hold it in place after sticking it in place.



Thank you, Cruise Master Butch.

Joke for the day ...





Sunshine Chair Report - Virginia Calven

One card sent out the month of March:

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

A Look Back in Time by Kay Weaver, Historian

January 3, 2004, PYC Outing was at Crazy Gator. It was a beautiful day on the water. The water was smooth as glass with a hint of fog. The temperature was about 80 degrees and the room at Crazy Gator was filled to the limit. Pictures of Crazy Gator and the docks are not too different after 18 years. Kay Weaver, PYC Past Historian:-



On the next page you will find the current “PYC Outing Schedule”.
TWO spots left, so sign up soon, select dates and help us fill these openings.
Open Dates Are: 2nd Outing in June and 2nd Outing in July
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

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

As of 3-26-22

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	
3/10/2022 Thursday	10		St. Patrick's Day	Dan and Sharon Vincent	
3/24/2022 Thursday	24		1 st Annual Pot Luck	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					
July 7 Thursday	7		TBD	David and Jay Asaibene	
Second Outing in July					
August 11 Thursday	11		Sunset Cruise	Bob and Cathy Banta	John and Elaine Mest
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	