



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Happy August Birthdays



6 Birthdays this month

Hope it's a
great day!

- August 5 Jim Stewart
- August 7 Jerie Tallman
- August 13 Earl Wadewitz
- August 21 Jay Asaibene
- August 21 Alicia Quackenbush
- August 31 Bob Nebergall

Commodore's July 2022 Comments - Jim Clarke



Hello fellow PYCers,

If you did not make the Sunset Raft up Cruise, you missed one fun time. Our Rear

Commodore will give you the details in his report.

I would like to say a great job was done by all the Captains at the raft up. A breeze came up that caused the water to become choppy and the anchors did not hold the raft up line. We were able to fire up all the engines and proceeded to move the whole line together out into the lake so we would not miss a very beautiful sunset. Thanks again Captains, great job.

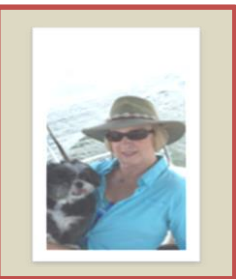
As you will see in our upcoming event information, we are going to have some brand new, not used before, games (and not trivia) so read the event information carefully and get your RSVPs to Carol Clarke as soon as possible.

We are nearing Officers Nomination Time for 2023. If you are approached by our Nominating Committee, please consider what they are asking and how best you can contribute to the administration of our great boat club.

Thanks y'all, I'll see you on the water.

Commodore Jim

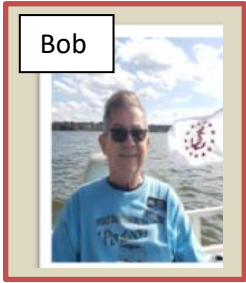
Vice Commodore Report – Cheryl Rhoads



Woohoo! We have a **new membership as of July 29th**, and our new members are **Terry & Robin Parrish!**

The Parrish's found PYC on Facebook. Gary Rhoads, the Wells' and the Asaibene's met them for lunch at Hurricane's to greet them. Thank you team! They just bought their pontoon boat and are anxious to join us on the water. Robin will miss most of the Thursday outings because she works in the school system. Hopefully we will meet them soon. Make sure you look for them with their **"New Member" badges** and **welcome them to our club!**

Once we have a picture, we will welcome them again so everyone will know who they are.



Rear Commodore Report – Bob Banta

Our Friday, July 1st – Beach Front at the Asaibene’s had 33 in attendance and no boats because of the weather.

GREAT JOB to our hosts: Jay and Dave Asaibene.



On July 23rd Sunset Cruise had 27 in attendance and 6 boats. GREAT JOB to our hosts Elaine and John Mest and Cathy and Bob Banta. Desserts were delicious, Sunset was beautiful, weather perfect until the end when the wind kicked up and gave us a little challenge with staying in one place. **Ride Sharing & Guests**

made for a fun event: 2 Boats with 6 each; 1 Boat with 5; 2 Boats with 4 each; 1 Boat with 2 = 27.

On page 8, read how Commodore Jim took us through the wind challenge of the evening.

TOON TIPS from your Cruise Master – Butch Karrels

Below you will see a link and title which will take you to the article on (Compasses/what they can do) that he found and submitted. **Thank you, Butch,** for sharing informational articles and toon tips that you come across with your PYC friends!

If you are reading this newsletter from your computer:

Press on your keyboard the CTRL-key and click the title (link) below to read the article

“A Compass is More Than a Navigation Tool - Here Are Some Other Tricks It Can Do”

10/11/22 Homosassa Trip
If you haven’t made your reservation yet,
believe it or not, time is running
short! Details on Page 9

**First August Outing, Thursday, August 11, 2022
Lake Harris Hideaway
11912 Lane Park Road, Tavares**

Host: Jim & Carol Clarke

Raft Up 10:45:11:00 am South Side of Dead River (Lake Harris)

Social Hour: 11:30 to 12 Noon

Order off the Menu

Memory Game – Prizes will be awarded.

RSVP to: Jim/Carol Clarke no later than August 9th

carolclarke4@gmail.com or 352-250-0952

**Second August Outing, Thursday, August 25, 2022
Crazy Gators
402 N. Bay Street, Eustis**

Host: Virginia Calven Co-Hosts: Carol Clarke

Raft up 10:30-10:45 am Lake Eustis Side of Dead River

Social Hour: 11:30 to 12 Noon

Order off the Menu

Will Play the Boat Race Game

Bring Quarters for each race and 100% will go back to participants.

Also 50/50 Raffle – if you wish to participate.

RSVP to: Virginia Calven by August 23, 2022

Virginiacalven3@gmail.com or 906-484-3478

Thank you HOSTS Jay & Dave Asaibene and Mary Jo & Tom! Delicious food Chef Dave!
Isn't it great to be treated so special by all of our hosts and with a Smile.

MENU

HOT DOGS W/MUSTARD
SALMON & CREAM CHEESE ON CRACKERS
YAKITORI PORK SKEWERS
QUICHE CAKES

MEATBALL SLIDERS
SPANAKOPITA (SPINACH IN PUFF PASTRY)
CRAB RAGOON
EMPANADAS (BEEF)

STUFFED CLAM CAKES ON A SHELL
ZUCCHINI PANCAKES W/BLUE CHEESE
PEPPERONI PIZZA SLIDERS
POLENTA W/SAUSAGE

CHICKEN SKEWERS W/PEANUT SAUCE
CHEESE QUESADILLAS
EMPANADAS (CHICKEN)
RISOTTO BALLS W/MOZZARELLA CHEESE
MUSSELS ON A HALF SHELL

PLACE YOUR \$5 PER PERSON IN CASH



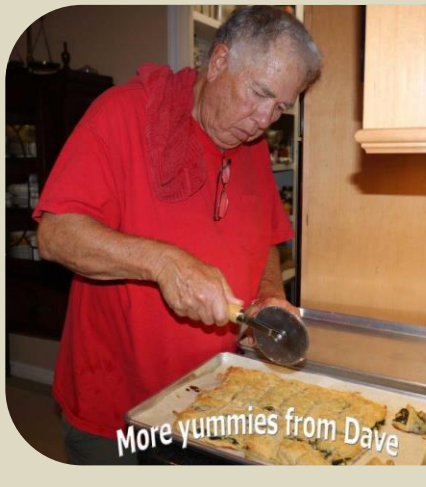
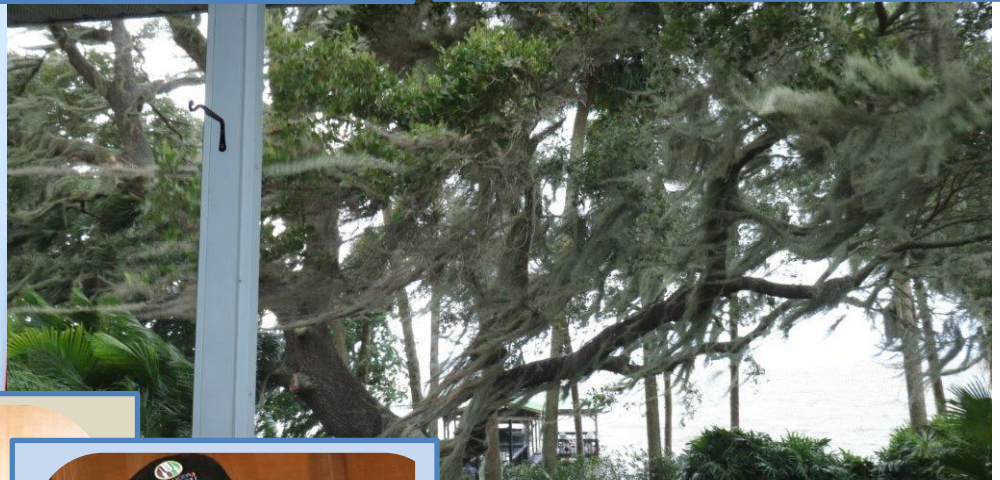
Our Gracious Hosts
Chef Dave & Jay



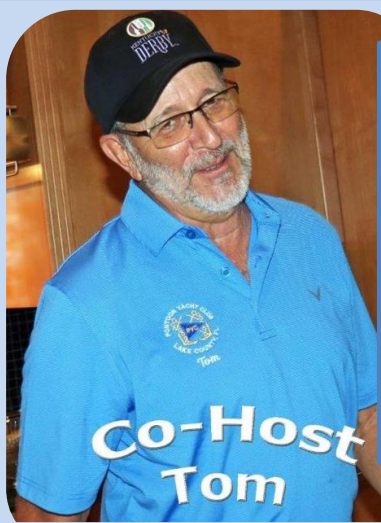
Jay & Mary Jo

Our Host Ladies

Bravo



More yummys from Dave



Co-Host
Tom



Co-Hostess
Mary Jo

Guests are always wel

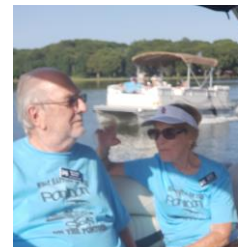




Our storm watchers

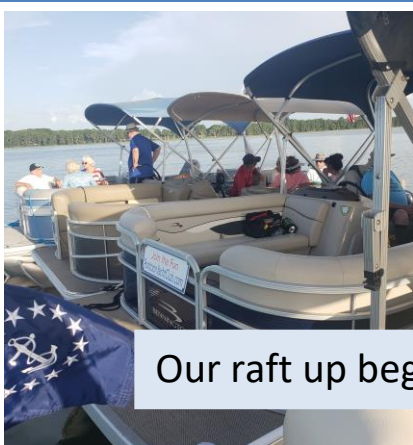
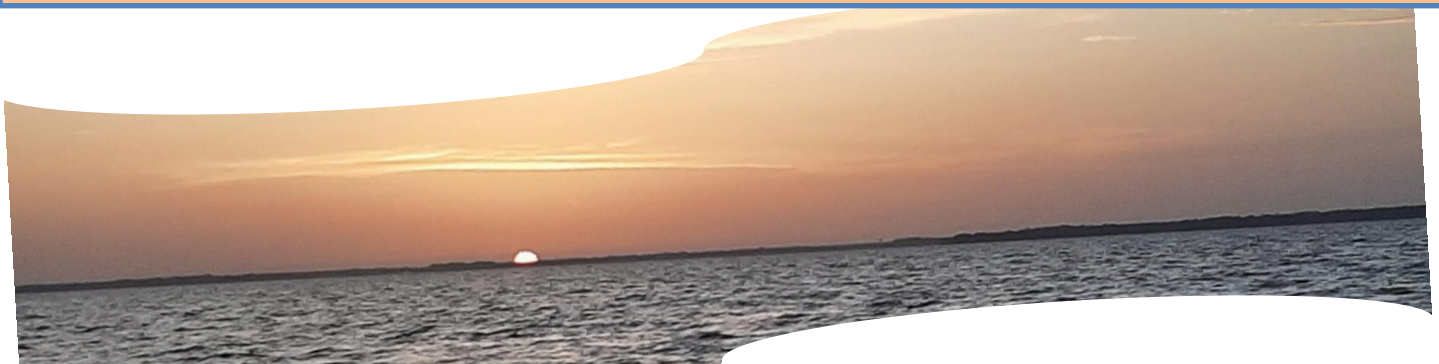


There are A LOT of SPECIAL and TALENTED PEOPLE in this PYC Boat Club! Can I get an AMEN?

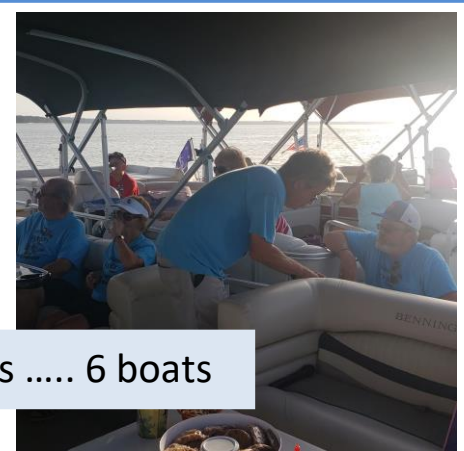


Thursday, July 21 Sunset Cruise

Sunset Picture by Cookie

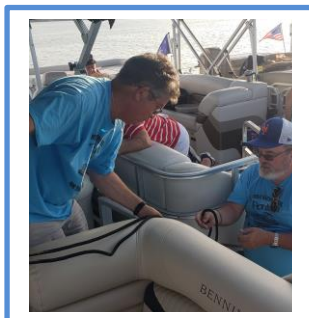


Our raft up begins 6 boats



50/50 Two prizes awarded **\$15 each**. Music Game winner was a 3 way tie for 23 songs:

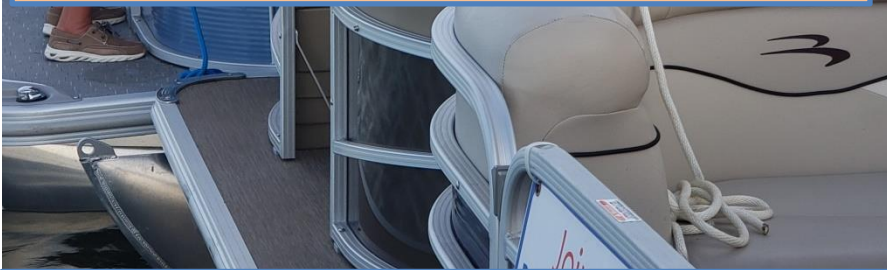
Elizabeth won the tie breaker - **\$15 Starbucks**.



The two runners up won a **Mega Millions Lottery Ticket** for Friday Night. The wind kicking up made us cut things short, so everyone took home their **Sparkling drink and sparkling drink glasses** and were challenged to make their **TOASTS** at home.



Co-Host John Mest with the 50/50 tickets going from boat to boat in our raft up.



Co-Host Elaine in the back ground talking with Vik and Elizabeth rafted up on the South Side. Bob and Scott adjusting our Bennington raft up tie to the Mest's boat.



We tied together 6 boats facing west for the Sunset. Our flotilla experienced music, some dancing, desserts and a lot of visiting with our boating friends. We had **“Ride Sharing, Guests, a game with all of our favorite songs/artists and beautiful Weather!** Now the wind did kick up on us.

About 45 minutes before the Sunset, the wind kicked up and gave us some challenges. This was where **I thoroughly enjoyed watching our Commodore Jim and other Captains showing their boating skills at their best...he, Jim quickly moved to instruct.** In no time they **straightened the flotilla around and moved us out away from the weeds** where the wind had pushed us around a little. From taking up anchors, to the outside boats on one side turning their wheels to the left, all of us in gear idling at slow speed, the flotilla moved forward and curved around to the **perfect spot** where Cookie took the **perfect picture of the Sunset.** After Sunset, we released our boats from the raft up and all headed home while lighting in the distance was not far behind.

Everyone made it home safe and sound. Now, **from my boating friends,** I have a play list of music made of **favorite songs and artists to enjoy. Really Cool! Thank you for participating!!!**

You ALL made it fun!

Page 9 **COMING ATTRACTIONS – Make Your Plans**
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.floridacrackeriversideresort.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!).

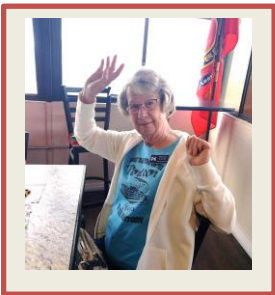
It is \$30 per day for boat launch, slip rent and trailer parking. Rental boats are available. Make your reservation now! Call (352) 628-2474 and let them know you are with the PYC Boat Club to receive our special hotel rates. There is no room deposit. You must cancel 72 hours before arrival or you will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

Terry, Kay, Butch & Merrilyn *****

Sunshine Chair Report Virginia Calven

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

Nick Quackenbush has passed. A memorial service is being planned by his family for a future date. Nick & Alicia have been PYC members since 2017. A few pictures of Nick & Alicia. Condolences to Alicia and family. RIP Nick.



A Look Back in Time by Kay Weaver, Historian

March 20, 2004
Champagne
Brunch on Lake
Eustis: Twenty-
two boats rafted up
on Lake Eustis out
from Sinbad's now
known as the
Pontoon Saloon.



Our hosts had
plenty of
champagne for
everyone. A lot
of visiting back
and forth between
the boats and a
great variety of
food was provided
by all of our
members. No one
went away hungry!



I am sure we were seen by many passing cars and made quite an impression. A stiff breeze was blowing on Lake Eustis so we anchored on the far side of the lake to get out of the wind. Because there were not enough anchors out, we were blown away from the shore and it became very rough.

Lesson learned – when rafting our boats together, it is **required** that you throw your anchor out. At least two of our members' boats (and maybe more) were damaged at this outing and we were very lucky no one was hurt. The wind blew the boats in a semicircle causing the ropes at the front of the boats to become very tight and spread apart and this caused the rear of the boats to grind against each other thereby causing the damage.

Kay Weaver, Historian and Facebook Administrator

On the next page you will find the current "PYC Outing Schedule". [ALL Outings are filled.](#)

Thank you to our members for signing up and hosting events. WE make a great team.

The PYC is a success because of you!

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 7/31/2022

Date	Exact Day	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
Jan 13 Thursday	13		Crazy Gator	Vik and Elizabeth Kapoor	Leo and 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	
March 10 Thursday	10		St. Patrick's Day	Dan and Sharon Vincent	
March 24 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 and Merrilyn Karrels	Terry and Kay Weaver
May 12 Thursday	12		Picnic	John and Cindy Kindinger	Mike and Bonnie Wells
May 26 Thursday	26		Fish Camp	Gary and Cheryl Rhoads	Al and Diane Allen
June 9 Thursday	9		Hurricanes	John Gancar and Shelley McGarry	Ray and Jeri Tallman
June 23 Thursday	23		Pontoon Saloon	Jim and Carol Clarke	
July 1 Friday	1		Beachfront at David & Jay Asaibene	David and Jay Asaibene	Tom and Mary Jo Williams
Second Outing in July	21		Sunset Cruise	Bob and Cathy Banta	John and Elaine Mest
August 11 Thursday	11		Lake Harris Hideaway	Jim and Carol Clarke	
August 25 Thursday	25		Crazy Gators	Virginia Calven	Carol Clarke
September Thursday	8		Hickory Point	Carl and Joan Scott	Scott and Lorraine Smith
September 24 Saturday	24		Poker Run	Jim and Carol Clarke	Bob & Cathy Banta Virginia Calven
First Outing in October	11-13		Homosassa River	Terry and Kay Weaver	Butch and Merrilyn Karrels
Second outing in October	27 or 29		Ski Restaurant – Leesburg	Vik and Elizabeth Kapoor	Bob and Nancy Noffsinger
November 12th			Thanksgiving	Angela Brown and Tim Hill	Lorraine Wiersma Joe Comastra
December 10th			Christmas	John and Cindy Kindinger	Richard and Cookie Brown