



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Gary Rhoads

November 3





Commodore's November Comments

What great events we had in October! First was the return of the Poker Run on October 9th. This is always a fun and well-attended event and it held true. The location of some of the canisters provided a challenge, but most of us found them all. Thanks to our hosts: the Clarks, the Bantas, and Virginia Calven.

On October 30th, PYC saved the world from the Zombie Apocalypse. There were plenty of Zombies in attendance, and for a while the outcome was uncertain. The battle was waged at Trimble Park and after several skirmishes, the Humans finally defeated the Zombies! The Nebergalls and the Costoplos organized a terrific event and at the end all sides sat down to a great buffet from Oakwood Barbecue.

I want to thank those of you who responded so quickly and filled out the survey by the St. John's River Water Management District regarding the future of the Rodman Dam. Restoring the Ocklawaha River and reuniting it with the St. Johns River and Silver Springs is an important issue to our club. The Free the Ocklawaha River Coalition (FORCE) and one of their members, the 1000 Friends of Florida, are taking the lead on this. Check out <https://freetheocklawaha.com> to keep abreast of action alerts and news and <https://1000fof.org> where you can sign up for webinars on these issues.

If you plan on attending our Thanksgiving event, please email Angela Brown hlangela17@gmail.com to R.S.V.P. and let her know what dish you are bringing. You need to reply by Tuesday, Nov. 2nd.

Make sure you get your checks in on time for our Christmas Banquet on Saturday, December 11th. Checks need to be in by Monday, December 6th. I would suggest bringing your check to give to Carol Clarke at our Thanksgiving luncheon. Please remember to make all checks out to PYC – not Carol Clarke (3542 Manatee Rd, Tavares, FL 32778). More information follows in this newsletter. Guests are invited to this event.

Finally, as we look forward to a new year, I will be passing around a sign-up sheet where you can choose the date you want to sponsor an event. Please remember that part of our commitment as members of this club includes hosting an event.

Hope to see you all in November and December. All the information you need is in this newsletter.

Stay safe on the water,

Commodore Cindy

Rear Commodore Report – Gary Rhoads

Saturday, October 9th Poker Run was held at Hickory Park Pavilion. There were 8 boats and 40 “sailors.” The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed the Poker Run.

Saturday, October 30th Zombie Apocalypse was held at Trimble Park. Weather was questionable but Bill & Robin Costoplos were brave enough to bring their pontoon to the event. There were 28 present some Zombies and the rest were “normal” people. Two dogs showed up in costume so we couldn’t recognize them. A great time was had by all.

Vice Commodore Report – Bob Nebergall

We had a banner month for new member join-ups in October. First, Jim Stewart joined, after being referred by Butch Karrels. He has a 22-ft G-3 pontoon with a 225 hp Yamaha motor and keeps it at his new home on the west shore of Lake Eustis. Jim has 50 years of boating experience.

Next, Jim and Betty Lou Pearce re-joined PYC. Many of you will remember that they are former members who left the club a few years ago. It’s good to have them back! They keep their 22-ft Bennington at Fox Run Marina.

Wally Moon and Shirley Coutu joined PYC in late-October. They also keep their 20-ft Godfrey pontoon at Fox Run Marina. Wally has about 70 years of boating experience!

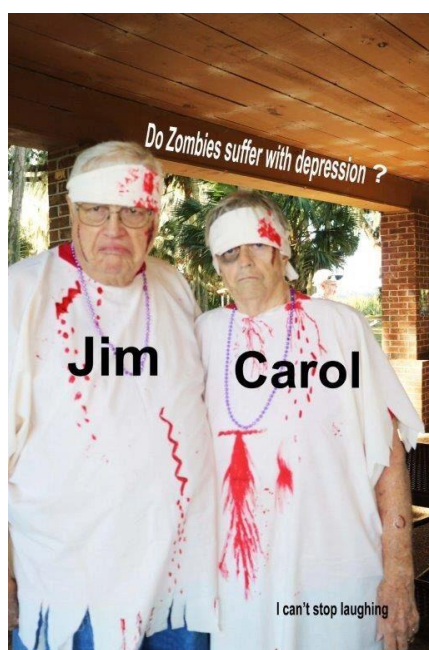
And I have just today approved the membership application for Al and Diane Allen. Al has sailing experience, and Diane has open-sea trawler experience. Their brand new 20-ft Bennington is their first pontoon. They keep it at their home on the north shore of Lake Eustis. Thanks go to Mike Wells for referring them to PYC.

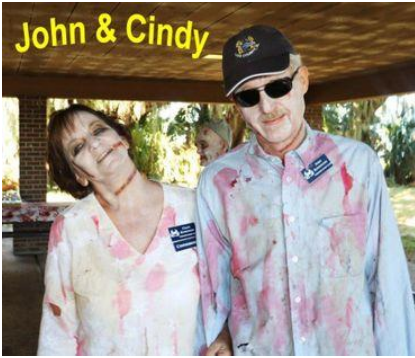
Poker Run – October 16, 2021





Zombie Apocalypse – October 30, 2021





\$\$\$ REMINDER FROM YOUR TREASURER \$\$\$

Make sure to get your checks in for the **Christmas Party by Monday, December 6th**.

As a reminder, PYC annual dues for 2022 are **due by January 1, 2022**. The annual dues are still \$24.00. Every year the dues are for the current year, January 1 to December 31.

However, the dues need to be a separate check from the Christmas party check as that check will be held until January before being deposited. This allows us to keep the dues in the year in which they were paid. All dues for 2022 must be paid by **January 31, 2022** to maintain membership status.

Checks should be made out to PYC and sent to the treasurer Carol Clarke -3542 Manatee Road, Tavares, FL 32778. Thanks in advance for your support and paying your dues on time.

**Thanksgiving Luncheon
November 13, 2021
Grand Island Resort**

LAST CALL

I need to know by November 2 at 4:00pm if you plan to attend or will not attend the November Thanksgiving luncheon.

I can be reached on HLangela17@gmail.com or 352-408 5721.

Please don't procrastinate any longer. Need to hear from you TODAY.

**Remember to bring your own place settings and beverages. Alcohol is allowed.
Angela Brown**



PYC Christmas Banquet

Holiday Attire is suggested.

Saturday, December 11, 2021

*Country Club of Mt. Dora
1900 Country Club Boulevard, Mt. Dora*

Social Hour 5:30 – 6:15 P.M. Cash Bar

A sit-down dinner will be served which includes salad, entrée, vegetable, starch, rolls and dessert.

Beverages include coffee, tea, and water.

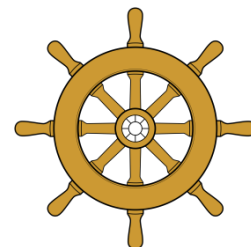
Christmas Card Raffle will be played.

2022 Officers will be installed.

Music by Lonnie Shriver for your listening and dancing pleasure.

*Reservations and Money must be received by Carol Clarke by **Monday, December 6, 2021** along with your choice of entrée – Chicken Marsala with whipped potatoes or Burgundy Mushroom Beef Tips with wild rice.*

\$25.00 Members \$30.00 Guests



Captain Jim's Toon Tips

Breezy conditions sometimes make it very difficult to maneuver your boat. If you must go up to a pole in the water or a dock, ease the boat up against it, then leave it in gear at idle speed which will hold the boat against the object. If you have a starboard breeze it tends to push your boat to the port. While you are against the dock or piling in gear at idle speed, you can keep the boat straight by turning your wheel to the left. This will cause the motor to push the boat against the breeze. You can adjust the angle of the boat by turning the wheel

right or left as needed. When you are done, put it in reverse and back away.

When loading your boat on a trailer or putting it in a slip and you have a cross wind blowing from port or starboard you would approach by moving toward the wind, away from your desired end result and moving very slowly forward, let the breeze help you line up with your desired objective. Boat handling in breezy weather is always problematic in close quarters. Therefore, the more experiences you have with this scenario the better you will become in handling your boat. This is very helpful for poker runs and other games that require picking cards from canisters.

TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT.

If you have any questions, thoughts or need help contact Jim Clarke at jclarke529@gmail.com or 352-343- 9113. I am always willing to help.

Capt. Jim

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Save The Date

4/25/2022 – 5/2/2022

Terry & Kay Weaver and Butch & Merrilyn Karrels are organizing PYC's first away St. John's River Cruise for 2022 at the Castaways on the River in Astor, Florida. The Castaways has an excellent website at castawaysontheriver.com that show all the hotel rooms and all the cottages.

We are in the process of working with the manager to schedule this event and we do not have rooms blocked off since there are so many options available for booking. There are 1- 2 and 3-bedroom cottages if members want to group up in the cottages to save \$\$ on accommodations.

Your hosts: Terry, Kay, Butch, and Merrilyn are already booked for the dates shown above. We anticipate the club would prefer it be a three-day event checking in on Tuesday, 4/26/2022 and leaving Friday morning 4/29/2022.

We suggest you start looking now on the website to make your accommodations if you want to customize your stay at the Castaways on the River in Astor, Florida. We have two cruise events planned heading north to Silver Glen Springs on Wednesday, 4/27 and south to DeLeon Springs on Thursday, 4/28.

Don't wait until your options are very limited booking PYC's first away trip for 2022.

Get well cards from the Club

If anyone would like the PYC club to send a get-well card to an ill member please call Edna Korb at 352-978-5513 or 352-357-4383

Date	Form	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2
1/9/2021		Gilbert Park	John & Cindy Kindinger	
1/23/2021		Canada Event	John & Sue Pierce	John & Cindy Kindinger

2/13/2021		Nature Scavenger Hunt	Steve & Sue Roeske	
2/27/2021		George Fest, Pontoons on the Water	Bob & Bettie Nebergall	
3/13/2021		St. Patricks' Day	Dan & Sharon Vincent	
3/27/2021		Long Island Nude Beach	Carl & Joan Scott	Ken & Maggie Crowell
4/10/2021		Beach Picnic	Mike & Bonnie Wells	Bill & Jan Byzek
4/24/2021		Pizza on the Pavilion	John & Cindy Kindinger	
5/8/2021		Crazy Gator	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	John & Cindy Kindinger
5/22/2021		GPS Scrabble	Butch & Merrilyn Karrels	Carl & Joan Scott
6/8-11/2021		St. John's River trip	Terry & Kay Weaver	
6/30/2021		Hurricanes Dockside Grill	John Gancar, Shelly McGarry	Jeri & Ray Tallman
7/12/2021		Puddle Jumpers/Lake Dora	Ken & Maggie Crowell	
7/22/2021		Lake Harris Hideway	Virginia Calvin	Jim & Carole Clark
8/14/2021		Brat's on the Barbie	David & Jay Asaibene	Bill Byczek Jan Matthews
8/26/2021		Fish Camp	Mike & Bonnie Wells	Carl Weickhart
9/9/2021		Lake Harris Hideway	Mike & Bonnie Wells	
9/23/2021		Hurricane	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	
10/9/2021		Poker Run	Jim & Carol Clarke	Bob & Cathy Banta
10/23/2021		Zombie Apocalypse	Bob & Bettie Nebergall	
11/13/2021		Thanksgiving	Tim & Angela Hill	Joe Comastra & Lorraine Weirsma
12/11/2021		Christmas Banquet Country Club of Mt.Dora	John & Cindy Kindinger	Richard & Cookie Brown