



PONTOON YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Happy April Birthdays!

April 25 Sharon Vincent

Hope you a have terrific day, week, month & year!

Celebrate enough for all of us!



Commodore's March Comments – Tom Williams

I am sitting down to write this newsletter after just arriving home from a fantastic week long trip to the Parramorers Campground outing. If you have never joined us on one of these away trips you are missing out on what our club is all about-camaraderie, boating, campfires, swimming in the springs, and observing all sorts of wildlife from the comfort of your pontoon. Adding to all of this is really getting to know your fellow club members.

An update to the timing of the closing of the Haines Creek lock. It has been moved back to June 1st. We have rescheduled the Moss Bluff event to April 11th to accommodate this change. The Nautical Flea Market has been cancelled due to no one willing to host the event. Additionally, the Lake Griffin State Park picnic has also been cancelled due to no host and the closing of the lock.

All of these changes and cancellations leaves us with five (5) open dates that need hosts. According to the PYC Policies and Procedures Manual all "club members are responsible for the planning and organization

of the various boating activities throughout the year. Each member is expected to participate in planning and organizing at least one event during the year. One of the best ways to do this is to co-host an activity with another member or members. The ongoing success of the Club depends on the commitment, enthusiasm, participation, and attendance of each member." Without your support our wonderful club cannot exist, it needs all of us! If you need help learning the process all you need to do is, ask and we will gladly assist you.

We do have a full schedule through the first event in June with many exciting outings planned. So please join us for fun and friendship, we look forward to seeing you. A warm welcome to our newest members, we look forward to meeting and getting to know you personally. If you need assistance with anything club related, please ask myself or any of our members. Welcome aboard!

Respectfully, Tom

Vice Commodore Report – Cheryl Rhoads



Let's all welcome our **newest members!**

Ted Banasiak

Mark & Laurie Evangelista

What fun we had being with you again!

Wanted all PYC members to see how much the City of Eustis loved our Georgefest parade.

A photograph of a handwritten note on a light-colored piece of paper. The text is written in cursive and reads: "Dear Cheryl and Pontoon Yacht Club members Georgefest was a great success this year! Watching folks and their families out having fun is what its all about! The continued support of local businesses and clubs like yours is what help make it all work! Not just your sponsorship but your enthusiasm for Heaven. Thank you Christine Schiffe and the events team." The note is placed on a light blue background.

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Vice Commodore Cheryl Rhoads



Rear Commodore Report – John Mest

On March 14th we had a fun outing to The Crazy Gators in Eustis. I would like to thank our hosts Sharon Vincent and Jerie and Ray Tallman! We played the Road Rage game and had a 50/50 drawing with 3 prizes. We had another drawing for 2 beautiful St Patrick’s Day wreaths made by Sharon! Thank you, and another prize or two! We had 38 people attend and 7 boats! Thank you to our new Cruise Master Scott Smith on his first cruise!

On March 19th thru 22 we had our first traveling event at the Parramores Campground and Resort! After a chilly start on Tuesday, we cruised south on the St John’s River and had a very enjoyable ride! We had lunch at Drifters. Then continued south. On Wednesday we headed out to The Sugar Mill for lunch. This trip was a very enjoyable afternoon [unlike last year] On Thursday we went to Silver Glen and had a picnic lunch on our boats. Some of the braver people went swimming! Much to cold for me! That evening we did a sunset cruise to Lake George. We had 20 people and 5 boats!

I would like to thank our hosts Terry and Kay Weaver and Tom and Mary Jo Williams!! Thanks for all your time scouting and planning this outing! Most of all Thank You to Mother Nature for the great weather!

Until next time safe travels and boating **John Mest**



Treasurer – Jay Asaibene

"I would like to use this space for a special shout out to our “Out of Town Event Team”, Butch & Merrilyn Karrels, Terry & Kay Weaver and Tom and Mary Jo Williams for another great get away event. They do the work of scouting out places to stay, planning our daily boating events and ensuring we have a place to gather at the end of the day. Thanks for always making these so much fun."

Jay Asaibene Treasurer



Sunshine Chair - 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

APRIL 11th, 2024 OUTING

Hosted by Richard & Cookie Brown

A day trip to Moss Bluff (SOUTH) Facility, Pavilion # 1



For sea dogs (arrival by boat) raft up 9:30-9:45

Haines Creek & Lake Eustis

For landlubbers (arrival by car)

16298 SE 95th Place, Ocklawaha, FL

Enjoy the feeling of YOUR Pontoon Yacht moving:

Forward, Backward, up, down as we navigate the lock

The hosts will bring fried chicken----

Please bring a side dish to share:

Side dishes such as Chips & dips

salad—potato, macaroni, slaw, baked beans

The hosts will also bring tablecloths, paper plates, eating

utensils, paper towels

Desserts: COOKIES

DON'T FORGET YOUR DRINKS !!

To offset expenses, please send our Treasurer, Jay

Asaibene, \$5 per person

By Monday, April 8th

Jay Asaibene 3040 Indian Trail, Eustis, FL 32726

PLEASE contact Richard Brown

RSVP: by phone/text at 518-867-5756

We need to ensure we have supplies enough for YOU .

pictures from March Outing – Crazy Gators

A lot of laughter at this event and so much going on

Outstanding job to our hosts: Jeri & Ray Tallman, Sharon Vincent!!!

Wow, everyone had a great time at the event. Great Job Hosts!

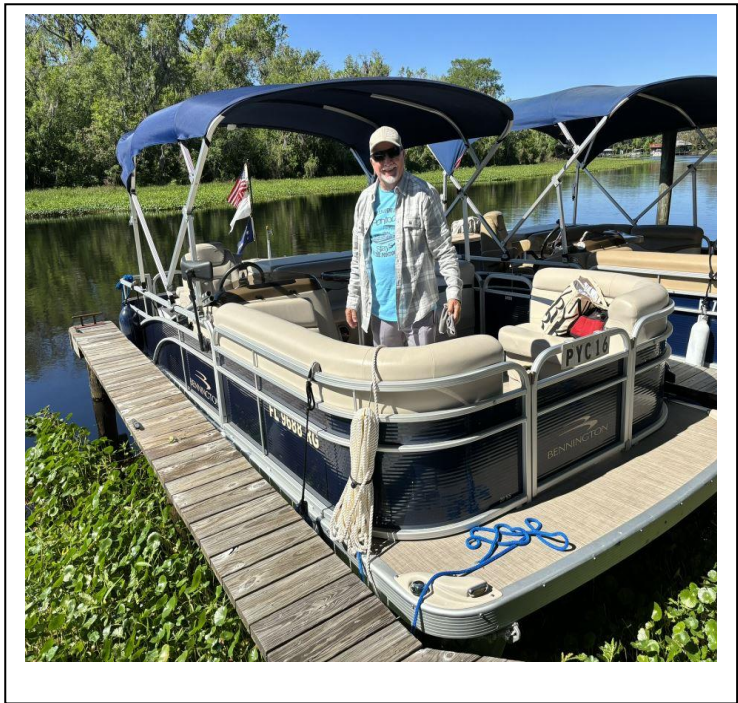
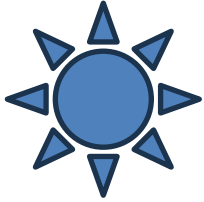


Parramore Campground OUTING



**Great Job Hosts:
Terry & Kay and
Tom & MJ!!!!!!
Boating at it's
BEST**

Look at the great smiles







Everyone was having a beautiful, enjoyable day on the water





CAMARADRIE AROUND CAMP



PYC Rainbow/Withlacoochee River Event October 8 to 11, 2024

Make your reservations early, only 12 cabins available

12450 Turkey Creek Dr. Dunnellon, FL. 34432

Cabin rentals are \$169.00/night + tax, all cabins are 2 bedrooms 1 bath, full kitchen and screened patio, bunk with another couple and share expenses. Mention the PYC when making reservations, \$150.00 deposit holds cabin.

352-489- 9983 Rainbow River to head springs cruise Wed. 10/9/2024

Withlacoochee River to Lake Rousseau Dam 10/10/2024

Bring lunch for Wednesday and Thursday on your boat

Swampy's Restaurant Wednesday evening by boat.

The Rainbow Rivers Club
12450 Turkey Creek Dr. Dunnellon, FL 34432
Phone: (352) 489-9983

Welcome to the Rainbow Rivers Club
A party will be paired with your cabin # in the range station. Your Cabin will be assigned with your keys and parking permit. If you need assistance call cabin house manager. The clubhouse is located in the clubhouse next to the coffee makers. Call the clubhouse and ask for a manager.
Cabins - Enter cabins #1-3 thru front door, enter cabins #4-12 thru screened porch.

PONTON BOAT RENTALS
By Reservation Only
Minimum Full Day Rental

Clubhouse & Ranger House
Mon & Tues 9:00 - 5:00
Wed - Sun 9:00 - 5:00
Phone # (352) 489-9983

Office & Boat Marina
Call the Office for:
Pontoon Boat Rentals
Membership Information
Clubhouse Rental

Office Hours
Monday - Friday 9:00 - 5:00
Saturday - Sunday (CLOSED)



Kay Weaver

On April 1, 2006, twelve PYC boats cruised across Lake Harris to the Sarabande Country Club with 46 members/guests, and we each received a bottle of "Over the Hill" pills prescribed by "L B Older". Three bottles of the pills had the numbers 1, 2 or 3 on them. Winner #1, Jean Van Meter, was the winner of a 10-day cruise to Alaska, donated by Bill & Marie Davis. The ooh's and aaah's of envy were very loud. Jean gave Bill a big hug just before he told her that the offer had expired on March 25. Winner #2, Starr Weddle, received an iridescent gold gift bag containing some Limburger cheese (peeee yeew)! Winner #3, Dan Willich, got a six pack of empty beer bottles. Needless to say, we were a bunch of FOOLS on April Fool's Day! Thanks to our hosts for a fabulous day of entertainment.

PYC Event Signup Sheet 2024

Every member needs to sign up to host an event. Use the attached calendar to choose the exact date As of 12/31/2023

Date - 2024	Actual Date	Outing Description & Location	Host 1	Host 2	Full Moon
2 nd Week of January 7-13	13 th Sat.	Puddle Jumpers	Vik & Elizabeth Kapoor	Leo & Harriet Reuter	
4 th Week of January 21-27	1/25 Thur.	Geocaching	Scott & Loraine Smith	John & Elaine Mest	Jan. 25th
2 nd Week of February 11-17	2/15 Thur.	Valentine Cruise	Steve & Sue Roeske	Earl & Jane Wadewitz	
February 24	2/24 Sat.	George fest Parade - Eustis	Gary & Cheryl Rhoads	Mike & Bonnie Wells	Feb. 24th
2 nd Week of March 10-16	3/14 Thur.	St. Patrick Day Celebration	Sharon Vincent	Ray & Jerie Tallman	
3 rd Week of March 17-23	3/19-22 Tues-Fri.	Parramore's Campground	Terry & Kay Weaver	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Mar. 25th
2 nd Week of April 7-13	4/11 Thur.	Joe Comastra Memorial Moss Bluff Picnic/Cruise	Richard & Cookie Brown		
4 th Week of April 21-27	4/23 Tues.	Hide Away/Sunset/Full Moon	Gary Papucci & Virginia Calven		Apr. 23rd
May 4	5/4 Sat.	Paratroop Drop Lake Dora	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Steve & Sharon Sensenbach	
May 18	5/18 Sat	Mt. Dora Movie Night	Tom & Mary Jo Williams	Scott & Lorraine Smith	May 23rd
2 nd Week of June 9-15	6/11-6/14	Palatka	Terry & Kay Weaver	Butch & Merilyn Karrels	June 21st
4 th Week of June 23-29	DATE	Ski Beach/Sunset/Full Moon	Name		
2 nd Week of July 7-13	DATE	Deer Island/Fire Works	Name		
4 th week of July 21-27					July 21st
2 nd Week of August 11-17	DATE	Cookout At Our House Bert & Karen Sofield	Bert & Karen Sofield	Wes & Amy Latham	Aug. 19th
4 th Week of August 25-31	21-23	Deer Island/Grilling Lunch	Name		
2 nd Week of September 8-14	DATE	Beach Party/Cookout at Asaibene's.	Dave & Jay Asaibene		Sept. 17th
4 th Week of September 22-28	9/28 Sat.	Poker Run	Bob & Cathy Banta		
2 nd Week of October 6-12	8-11	Rainbow Springs	Butch & Merilyn Karrels	Gary & Cheryl Rhodes	Oct. 17th
4 th Week of October 20-26	DATE	Lake Griffin SP, Picnic	Carl & Joan Scott		
November	DATE	Thanksgiving Dinner	John Paul Dargo		
November 9th	11/9 Sat.	Paratroopers Water Jump in Lake Eustis	Tom & Mary Jo Williams		Nov. 15th
December 15th	13 Fri.	Christmas Dinner	John & Cindy Kindinger	Richard & Cookie Brown	

Any corrections to newsletter please email: debrapyc@gmail.com

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