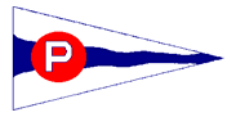


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Whispers over the Waters

August 2010

2010 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

- Commodore: Gail Hart
- Vice Commodore: Robert Trail
- Secretary: Karen Blankenship
- Treasurer: Steven Huntley
- First-Year Director: Constantine Foltis
- Second Year Director: Clark Hoyle
- Past Commodore: Keith Mehl

Coming Events

August 26 (Thursday) - Dinner meeting - Aboard our floating clubhouse. Social hour starts at 6:00 PM, and dinner starts at 7:00. The dinner will be pot luck, and attendees are asked to bring any one of: an appetizer, main entrée, vegetable, salad, bread and butter, or dessert. The door committee will be Connie and Helene Foltis.

September 2 (Thursday) - Board of Directors Meeting - At 6:30 PM aboard our floating clubhouse. Board meetings are open to all PYC members.

PYC Rendezvous Schedule Revisions

August 28-29, 2010 (Saturday-Sunday) - Overnight at Bear Island

Leaders: Gene O'Connor & David Girardin

This activity has been changed from the original schedule.

Club members will make the trip from the St. Johns River up Dunns Creek to Crescent Lake. We will then head to Bear Island, which is located directly in front of the town of Crescent City. On the north side of the island is a small cove and house that belong to John Browning. John has invited us to use the island and house for the weekend. As time draws nearer, we will be making additional plans about side trips, meals, and on-island activities. Keep in touch for later details. We are not going to Welaka Lodge on this or any other date.



September 25-26, 2010 (Saturday-Sunday) - Lunch at Café Bleu & Overnight at the Clubhouse - Leader: David Girardin

This date and activity have been changed from the original schedule. Members and guests will gather at Café Bleu Saturday at noon for lunch. It is critical that reservations be made 10 days before the event to assure that there will be sufficient participation to warrant the restaurant being closed to the public on that day and open just for us. Additionally, menu selections must be made in advance. We may have a limited menu available. Clark Hoyle will take reservations. Call him at 649-6795 by September 15 at the latest.

After lunch, boaters will then proceed to the clubhouse and the Redneck Riviera for afternoon swimming as well as other activities. We will do dinner aboard, and lounging on the upper deck to watch the sun set and the stars come out, and to spend the night either on boats or in the clubhouse. Sunday will probably be a trip to the Redneck Riviera, lunch, and a few libations

2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Barkeeper: Guion Lindsay
- Boating rendezvous: David Girardin
- Dinner planning: Karen Blankenship & Dorothy McAfee
- Door Committees: Ella Lindsay
- Facilities:
- Fund Raising:
- Improvements & Maintenance: Robert Trail
- Internal Communications: Constantine Foltis
- Membership:
- Planning Committee:
- Programs: Robert Trail
- Publicity: Jean Morris
- Public Relations: Gail Hart
- Sunshine: Jeannine O'Connor
- Webmaster: Keith Mehl
- Charities:

Café Bleu - continued

before making our way home. For more information on activities and how to have a great time, see the write-up for the June rendezvous.

The last time we attempted an overnight on the river, we started the rendezvous on Friday and stayed at the clubhouse for the weekend. It is possible that we could start this rendezvous on Friday as well. Stay tuned for future developments.

October 16-17, 2010 (Saturday-Sunday) - Overnight at the Green Cove Springs City Dock Leader: Gene O'Connor

This date has been changed from October 23. We will meet at the Green Cove Springs City Dock at 2:00 PM on Saturday. Once the boats get checked in we will enjoy the boaters company on the dock before walking up to Ronnie's Wings restaurant. We will have supper then retire to the boats for more stories and laughs. The next morning we may take the smaller boats up Black Creek to see how it has changed since years ago. Then, the boaters will probably make their way to the Outback Crab Shack on Six-Mile Creek on the east side of the St. Johns. From there we will make our way back home. More details will be provided at a later date.

October 23-24 (Saturday-Sunday) - Air Show at NAS Jax - The air show, featuring the Blue Angels and others, starts at 10:00 AM on Saturday October 23. Clay Gillean will be at an anchorage for best viewing at 9:00, AM depending on the weather. The show is great and a lot of fun. Anyone interested in watching this may want to meet up with Clay to enjoy the show. Also, you may want to call him at 386-937-0224 to ask about local boat ramp info or other details.

Remaining 2010 Events

Details of each of the following will be included in the newsletter preceding each event. Weekend events may be subject to later change or cancellation.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Leader</u>
September 11	Work party at the clubhouse	Bob Trail
September 23	Dinner meeting - door committee: K. Mehl & E. Lindsay	-----
September 25-26	Café Bleu & Redneck Riviera	David Girardin
October 7	Board of Directors meeting	-----
October 9	Work party - AM & Oktoberfest - PM	Bob Trail AM & Harry Gillean PM
October 16-17	Boat rendezvous - Green Cove Springs - See above	Gene O'Connor
October 23-24	Air show at NAS Jax - See above	-----
October 28	Dinner meeting - door committee: B. Drackett & R. Masters	(Nominate 2011 Officers)
November 4	Board of Directors meeting	-----
November 13	Work party - Oyster or Pig Roast* - elect 2011 officers	Bob Trail AM &
November 20-21	Boat rendezvous - Murphys Creek raft-up	David Girardin
December 2	Board of Directors meeting.	-----
December 11	Work party at the clubhouse	Bob Trail
No date	Christmas party	-----

* Depends on availability of shellfish

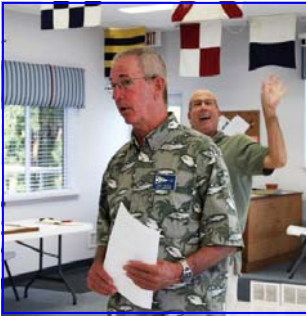
Past Events

July 22(Thursday) - Dinner meeting by Linda Girardin; photos by David and Linda Girardin



Twenty people, including two guests (prospective members), participated in our pot luck meal. As usual for such an event, we had delicious food from appetizers, to main course, to side dishes, to gourmet desserts.

David Girardin discussed changes to the boating schedule for August and September. See above for details.



The club now has UV protected business cards for members to hand out to anyone interested in boating, and hopefully becoming a member. The commodore handed out packets of the cards to those in attendance. More can be found at the clubhouse at our "check in" desk for meals.

Gail Hart won the 50-50 drawing, taking home \$17.



July 30-August 1 - St. Marys Boating Adventure by Gail Hart; most photos by Gail Hart

Friday



Four boats with 15 members and guests made the trip to St. Marys this year. Three went by water: Doug Mann's *Rock and Roll Fantasy*, Bruce Drackett's and Rhonda Masters' *Fantasea*, and Ray and Lana Bunton's *Rain Maker*. In the absence of trip leaders David and Linda Girardin due to Linda's sudden illness, the Buntons led the way in *Rain Maker*. Harry and Andrea Gillean's *Small Boat* went St. Marys



Photo by Betty Poteet

by land on its trailer: Three other members drove there without boats, Larry Hayes and Bob & Irene Waldow.

Onboard *Rock and Roll Fantasy* were Doug, Betty Poteet and myself aboard. We rendezvoused with *Rain Maker*, aboard which were Ray and Lana with brother John and his wife Roxane and Roxane's sister Rene. We also joined up with *Fantasea* to round out the fleet, with Bruce, Rhonda Masters, Bruce's brother Gary, his wife Judi and other guests aboard.



We had our "social hour" on the porch of the newly-refurbished Riverview Hotel. That day (Friday, 8/30) was Doug's birthday, and Harry's was on Sunday (8/1), so Rhonda bought birthday cards which we all signed and made up bags of goodies



St. Marys Boating Adventure - continued

for them. All fifteen of us went to dinner at Lang's, where the "birthday boys" were presented with complementary desserts.

Saturday



The boats left after breakfast to anchor out near the south end of Cumberland Island for swimming and more socializing. Unfortunately, Judi became entangled with jellyfish tentacles and was badly stung. Afterwards we all went to dinner at a steak house, where everyone had delicious food.



Sunday

We left St. Marys at 7:30 AM for home. *Rock and Roll Fantasy* went slow all the way to downtown Jacksonville, and when we were south of the Buckman Bridge the sky became threatening. Then the rain started, and Betty and I went below while our intrepid captain weathered the storm at the helm. We were pounding a lot, and later Doug said we were going through three-foot waves for a while. Those were BIG seas for the St. Johns river.



August 5 - Board of Directors Meeting - The following items were discussed/decided at this meeting:

1. There were no minutes from the last meeting.
2. The treasurer's report, previously submitted online and reviewed at home, was approved.
3. There will **not** be a work party in August. The next one will be in September. That and future work parties will be on the second Saturday of every month, starting at 9:30 AM. When this coincides with afternoon events at the clubhouse, the work will cease at noon. See event schedule above. One ongoing project is installation of additional wiring and lighting in the lower hold, which Steve Huntley is doing. Steve also plans to replace some dock planking, and Bob Trail has suitable lumber for this. Future projects discussed were the addition of an outdoor shower and 30-amp marine electric power receptacles on the dock. Before this meeting, it had been pointed out that the exterior of the clubhouse was badly in need of painting, based on comparison of recent and older photographs. Anyone who has suggestions for other clubhouse work projects, please contact Bob Trail at 649-8710 or griffinaero@gmail.com.
4. Changing the dinner meeting day of the week has been discussed off and on over a long period. This time, after reviewing all the options, the Board made a motion and then voted to change the dinner meeting day to the third Saturday of the month. This was to start with the September dinner meeting, but because of conflict with other weekend events it was later decided to delay the change to the beginning of next year, at which time the new Board of Directors would have the final decision. The advantages of changing the dinner meetings to a Saturday would be: (a) Dinner could be earlier, say 4:00 PM, so people driving or boating to the clubhouse could get home by dark all year round. We could arrive any time before dinner for socializing, swimming etc. If there was a shower, swimmers could shower and change before the cocktail hour. (b) There would be greater utilization of the clubhouse with the above flexibility. (c) Members' boats tied up to the clubhouse would be visible to weekend river traffic, possibly attracting more interest in the club.
5. For the Oktoberfest on October 9, Harry Gillean will cook the meats as usual. Everything else will be pot luck, which attendees should bring. Also, everyone attending should make every effort to bring at least one guest.
6. The nominating committee for next year's club officers has been formed, consisting of: Keith Mehl, Bob Trail and Connie Foltis. The club is looking for volunteers to serve as new club officers and one new Board member, or recommendations from the membership for same. Gail Hart and Bob Trail are each finishing their second year as commodore and vice commodore, respectively, and we need new blood in those positions. The future of the club is at stake. Contact any of the above nominating committee members with suggestions.

Miscellany

For Sale - 15ft Nissan bowrider powerboat presently being refurbished - \$2200. Will complete to buyer's specifications. If interested, contact Bob Trail at 649-8710 or griffinaero@gmail.com.

New Cell Phone Numbers

Connie Foltis: 386-546-6205

Helene Foltis: 386-972-9102

Dinner Meeting Programs - Our dinner-meeting program Chairman Bob Trail sometimes has a hard time finding presenters with topics for after-dinner programs. We club members could probably contribute some topics ourselves. We have all taken some interesting trips and done some interesting things in our lives, or know someone who has. Many of these experiences would make entertaining dinner meeting programs. They don't even have to be recent. Any member who would like to present or suggest something along this line, contact Bob at 649-8710 or griffinaero@gmail.com. And remember, dinner is free. Also, up to two presenters from outside the club will enjoy their meals as guests of the Palatka Yacht Club. Audiovisual resources are available, and all necessary assistance will be provided.

PYC Library - Anyone who has surplus books, VHS tapes, DVDs, pictures, or whatever, that relate to boating, boats or past club memorabilia, could donate them to the club, where they will be kept in the clubhouse for anyone to look at or sign out and take home. Contact Bob Trail for more details.

Nautical Origins of Some Common Expressions - "Chewing the Fat" - In the old days of wooden ships and iron men, crews talked and grumbled while "**chewing the fat**", which was their term for eating their daily ration of brine-softened salt pork. This is one nautical expression that lost its negative overtones when it washed ashore, now meaning any idle friendly conversation.

Interesting stuff you may never need to know - Most boat owners name their boats. **Q.** What is the most popular boat name requested? **A.** "*Obsession*"

Club-owned Sunfish - At present, the Club's Sunfish sailboat is on a trailer chained and locked to the light post by the clubhouse, available for any member to use. The key is hanging on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

Boat U.S. Membership - Our club members are entitled to Boat US membership while paying half-price dues, \$15.00 instead of the regular new membership price of \$30.00. Contact Steve Huntley at 904-692-2952 or protopterus@basicisp.net if you are not already included in this special arrangement for PYC members.

PYC Tent - Any members desiring to reserve the PYC tent should contact Commodore Gail Hart at 386-329-8460 or Irishpower71@yahoo.com. The tent is stored onboard the clubhouse when not in use.

Newsletters - If you have an e-mail address and are currently receiving paper copies of our club newsletters, you are urged to file your e-mail address with publisher Connie Foltis at cfoltis@live.com. He will e-mail your newsletter to you each month as a PDF file in full color, which you can then print out yourself. This would decrease the labor and club's cost of printing and mailing paper copies every month. The same goes for the annual club handbook.

Contact Connie about writing an article for the newsletter (ex: a boating-oriented autobiography or a description of an interesting trip you have taken). You may also place an advertisement or digital photograph in it. Personal advertisements by members are free. Entries should be received before the end of the first week of the month to be included in that month's newsletter. If anyone knows of a member who is not receiving his or her newsletter, please notify Connie at the above e-mail address or telephone 386-328-6783.