

Palatka Yacht Club

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Whispers over the Waters

February 2010

2010 OFFICERS &

DIRECTORS

Commodore:

Gail Hart

Vice Commodore:

Robert Trail

Secretary:

Karen Blankenship

Treasurer:

Steven Huntley

First-Year Director:

Erika Heine

Second Year Director:

Clark Hoyle

Past Commodore:

Keith Mehl

Commodore's Corner by Gail Hart

Hello to all you great people! Hopefully the year is starting out well for you. One of the items we should all have put on our resolution list is TO PAY OUR DUES. January is the month. There are not enough members now in good standing. Better hurry! You don't want Guido to come calling; it gets ugly.

Our donations to Lee Conlee House last year was greatly appreciated. A suggestion, however, was to once or twice a year give money to a charity of our choice to purchase the food they know is needed. What say you?



2010 COMMITTEE

CHAIRS

Barkeeper: Guion Lindsay

Boating rendezvous:
David Girardin

Calling Committee:
June Henley

Dinner planning:
Karen Blankenship &
Dorothy McAfee

Door Committee:
Ella Lindsay

Facilities: LaVerne Cheshire

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

2010 Calendar of Events

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Leader</u>
January 7	Board of Directors meeting	-----
January 28	Dinner meeting - inaugurate 2010 officers - door committee: Ella Lindsay	-----
February 4	Board of Directors meeting	-----
February 25	Dinner meeting - door committee: Harry and Andrea Gillean	-----
February 27	Boat rendezvous - Corky Bell's Gator Landing	David Girardin
March 4	Board of Directors meeting	-----
March 6	Work party at the clubhouse	Bob Trail
March 13	Boat rendezvous - Café Bleu in Welaka	Clark Hoyle
March 25	Dinner meeting - door committee: Bob & Sue Trail	-----
April 1	Board of Directors meeting.	-----
April 3	Work party at the clubhouse	Bob Trail
April 15-18	Boat rendezvous - Silver Glen Springs & Hontoon Island	Clark Hoyle
April 22	Dinner meeting - door committee: Joe & Jean Morris	-----
May 1	Mug Race Hospitality	Gail Hart
May 6	Board of Directors meeting	-----
May 8	Work party at the clubhouse	Bob Trail
May 22-23	Boat rendezvous - Sandbar (Redneck Riviera) anchoring	Clark Hoyle
May 27	Dinner meeting - door committee: Gene and Jeannine O'Connor	-----
June 3	Board of Directors meeting	-----
June 5	Work party at the clubhouse	Bob Trail
June 24	Dinner meeting - door committee: David and Linda Girardin	-----
June 26-27	Boat rendezvous - Seven Sisters raft-up	David Girardin
July 1	Board of Directors meeting	-----
July 22	Dinner meeting - door committee open	-----

2010 Calendar - continued

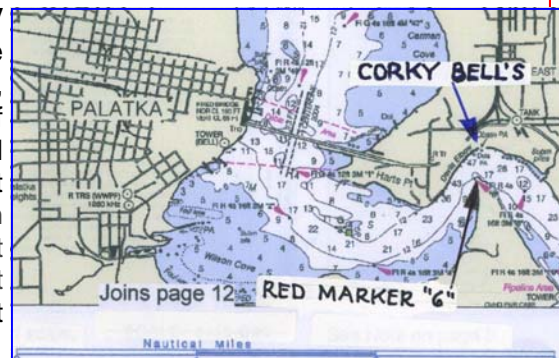
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July 30-August 1	Boat rendezvous - St. Marys, Georgia, at Lang's Marina	David Girardin
August 5	Board of Directors meeting	-----
August 26	Dinner meeting - door committee: Connie and Helene Foltis	-----
August 28	Boat rendezvous - Lunch at Welaka Lodge & Marina	Larry Hayes & Bob Waldow
September 2	Board of Directors meeting	-----
September 11	Work party at the clubhouse	Bob Trail
September 18-19	Boat rendezvous - Bear Island in Crescent Lake	Gene O'Connor & David Girardin
September 23	Dinner meeting - door committee: Keith Mehl And Ella Lindsay	-----
October 2	Work party at the clubhouse	Bob Trail
October 7	Board of Directors meeting	-----
No date	Oktoberfest	-----
October 23-24	Boat rendezvous - Green Cove Springs public Marina	Gene O'Connor
October 28	Dinner meeting - nominate 2011 officers - door Committee: Bruce Drackett and Rhonda Masters	-----
November 4	Board of Directors meeting	-----
November 6	Work party at the clubhouse	Bob Trail
November 13	Oyster and Shrimp Roast - elect 2011 officers.	Clark Hoyle
November 20-21	Boat rendezvous - Murphys Creek raft-up	David Girardin
December 2	Board of Directors meeting.	-----
December 4	Work party at the clubhouse	Bob Trail
No date	Christmas party	-----

Coming Events

February 25th (Thursday) - Dinner Meeting - Aboard our floating clubhouse at Brown's Landing. Social hour starts at 6:00 PM, and dinner starts at 7:00. Harry and Andrea Gillean will be the door committee for this meeting. The sign-up sheet will be at the desk again when you check in, because this July and the January 2011 positions are not yet filled. No door committees are needed for November and December. The meal this time will be completely pot-luck, for a donation to the club of \$3.00 per person to cover the overhead. Attendees are asked to bring their choices of hors d'oeuvres, covered dish main entrées, side dishes, salads or desserts.

The program for this month will be on Health Care Directives, presented by Janet Martin Di Carlo, a Community Liaison from Omni Home Care here in Palatka. There is a lot to learn about the reality of living wills, advance directives, and other issues we all want established in case of the unthinkable happening. Unless it is clearly spelled out and perfectly legal, any one of us could end up like Terri Schiavo, bankrupting the family in a hopeless futile cause. Janet doesn't push anything and has lots of current materials for us to take home.

February 27th (Saturday) - Boat rendezvous - Lunch at Corky Bell's at Gator Landing - To kick off the 2010 boating schedule, we will Rendezvous for lunch at Corky Bell's at Gator Landing on Saturday, February 27 at 11:30 am. If the weather is nice, we will take a number of tables on the deck to enjoy the sunshine and to watch old man river roll by. Take the day and get out onto the water and get rid of some of that old stale gas that needs to be replaced. For anyone who hasn't been there, Gator Landing is on the north shore of the St. Johns River in East Palatka, opposite red channel marker "6", and on Rt. 17 about a mile east of Memorial Bridge. For additional information, contact David Girardin at 386-328-1774 or 386-937-1566.



Coming Events - continued

March 4th (Thursday) - Board of Directors Meeting - At 6:30 PM aboard our floating clubhouse. Board meetings are open to all PYC members.

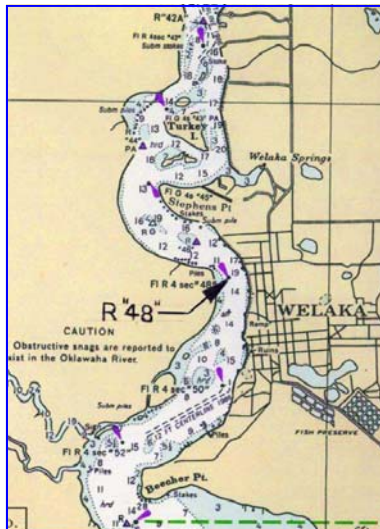
March 6th (Saturday) - Work Party at the Clubhouse - Start 9:30 AM - Jobs planned are:

1. Finish the fascia and the bulkhead base on the pilothouse.
2. Do sheetrock inside the pilothouse.
3. Move the Sunfish to the dock and secure its trailer.
4. Improve the pilothouse latches.
5. Clean the liferings and replace them with one on the lower dock.
6. Repair the grille that blew off the deck, build security for both grilles.
7. Do something about rust spots on the hull.
8. Misc. repairs as necessary.

Any of the above jobs that are not completed on this date will be carried over to following work parties. Anyone willing to help with this maintenance work, please call Bob Trail at 649-8710.

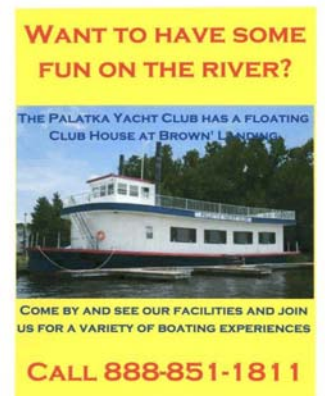
March 13th (Saturday) - Boat rendezvous Lunch at Café Bleu - Start from the clubhouse at 11:00 AM and flotilla to Welaka. Boat-pool passengers should arrange for your rides ahead of time and meet at the clubhouse before 11:00 o'clock departing time. Alternately, go directly to Welaka and tie up at the Welaka floating dock (about ¼ mile past channel marker R-48, about ten miles by water from the clubhouse), and walk to the restaurant (address 1100 Front Street). Plan to be there at noon.

In case of foul weather, this will be a car trip instead of a boat trip. Driving directions are: Take Rt. 17 to just south of Satsuma; turn west onto Rt. 309; go about 6 miles to Welaka; turn right onto Palmetto (the street just before the stop light and before the Log Cabin Bar); turn right into the Old Palms parking lot (it is white limerock gravel). You will see the restaurant on the west end of the parking lot. Meet there at noon. Clark Hoyle is the leader on this activity, and he needs an approximate head count two weeks ahead of time to advise Cafe Bleu. Contact him at 649-6795, cell 916-761-7405 or clarkhoyle@mindspring.com.



Past Events

January 26 - Public Relations Committee Meeting - This small group, chaired by Gail Hart, discussed ways to publicize the club and get it more well known in the community. Gene Roberds designed an easy-to-read flyer to be exhibited in businesses catering to boating activities and also to be given to individuals who may be interested in the club. This was then e-mailed to all the members who could receive it, and copies were distributed at the January dinner meeting. The group also discussed preparing a follow-up flyer with more detailed information, to be given to parties that showed interest in the first one. Gene is now working to create that.



Past Events - continued

January 28th - Dinner Meeting - Twenty-one members and two guests, who may be potential new members, attended this dinner meeting, where this year's officers and directors were 'sworn in'. They are:

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



Board members L-R: Steve Huntley, Keith Mehl, Gail Hart, Karen Blankenship, Bob Trail

Clark Hoyle and Erika Heine were not present for the ceremony, however. See "Miscellany" following concerning Erika's illness.

Our newest members, Bruce Drackett and Rhonda Masters, were officially inducted into the club, sponsored by Steve Huntley. Commodore Gail Hart announced the "Members of the Year" for the last two years: Steve Huntley for 2008, Karen Blankenship & Dorothy McAfee for 2009. She showed the plaque on which their names were engraved, along with those of previous "Members of the Year". To round out the evening, Rhonda Masters won the 50-50 drawing, taking home \$20. The club kept \$19.



Rhonda Masters & Bruce Drackett with Steve



Members of the Year Steve, Karen & Dorothy with Gail

February 4th - Board of Directors Meeting - The Board discussed the following items at this meeting:

1. Secretary Karen Blankenship was absent, so the group could not discuss the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Maintenance chairman Bob Trail announced he will start scheduling work parties for this year. The clubhouse needs continuous maintenance, and there is a considerable backlog of major and minor projects. He has scheduled work parties mostly in the first Saturday in each month, starting in March. Where there are conflicts they will be on the second Saturday.
3. Treasurer Steve Huntley summarized the monthly treasurer's report, the gist of which is that the club lost \$361 in 2009, and the clubhouse slip rental at Brown's Landing has been raised to \$350 per month for the remainder of the year, up from the previous \$300 per month. The Board approved the treasurer's report as written. A copy is on the clubhouse bulletin board.
4. Steve advised that we still have not found affordable insurance for the clubhouse.
5. The Board decided that the entire year's calendar of events should be included in every newsletter, and Keith Mehl is putting it on our website. It will be revised as any changes are made.
6. Commodore Gail Hart suggested that we reinstitute calling committees to remind members of all events as they come up, even though dinner reservations are not usually required. Some people are forgetting about events, and attendance is low.
7. Steve advised that only 22 members had paid their dues as of this meeting, out of 53 paid members in 2009.



Member of the Year Plaque

Board of Directors meeting - continued

8. It was decided to call the \$3 charges for pot-luck dinners “donations” instead of “charges”, to cover the club’s overhead . The \$7 and \$10 charges for partial pot-luck dinners and complete club-provided dinners will remain the same, with the understanding that the \$3 for overhead is included within these charges.

9. We do not plan to call for charitable donations at every event, as was suggested in the December newsletter that would be our policy. (It was forgotten in the January newsletter.) Instead we will plan to have a charity drive once a year, of either non-perishable foods or money, to be given to a different charity each time. See below under “Miscellany”.

10. Clark Hoyle suggested adding a weekend event at the clubhouse to the calendar, with a special luncheon and where every member has to bring a guest.

11. Clark agreed to chair this year’s Oyster and Shrimp Roast. He had previously declined to do it this year, because he no longer had the proper vehicle to transport the oysters. Instead he agreed to take it on with the understanding that others would provide the transportation.

12. David Girardin sent word to the Board that the Putnam Land Conservancy wished to rent the clubhouse on April 11th (Sunday) for the entire day. This will not conflict with our present calendar of events. No one present at the meeting could remember the rental rates agreed upon a few years ago, or where to find them, so we will have to search the records. (We have since found the agreed-upon rental rates.) A club member must be present for that entire meeting, since this is an outside organization.

Miscellany

Illness - Erika Heine is slowly recovering from her stroke in January. After four weeks in the ICU at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, she was transferred to the five-star-rated Flagler Pines Nursing Home in Bunnell, where she will receive physical therapy and speech therapy. Her doctors advised Hans that she is making great progress and is expected to recover.

Fees and Dues - This is a reminder that 2010 membership dues were due and payable as of January 1st and are the same as last year. For more details, see last month’s newsletter and the By Laws, pages 11 and 12 of the 2009 handbook.

Charitable Contribution - We gave the food items donated at the November Oyster Roast and December Christmas party to the Lee Conlee Home for Battered Women in Palatka. They greatly appreciated the gift, and it even earned a mention in the Palatka Daily News, which probably helped our image in the community somewhat.

For sale - Clark Hoyle wishes to sell the following:

- (1) Honda portable generator - 2000 watts, 30amp/110v receptacle. Never used, only cranked several times since new. \$1,100 or best offer.



- (2) Magma Kettle 2 stainless grill, cover, 2 gas control valves (1 is a spare) and 7/8" & 1" rail mount. \$175 or best offer.



- (3) Miscellaneous - Several fenders, dock lines, anchor rodes, plow and spade anchors.

If interested in any of these items, call Clark at 649-6795

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 (home), 972-0507 (cell) 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 - "Bootleg" - This term is strictly American and is thought to have originated from the practice of sailors who once smuggled goods ashore in the upper parts of their seaboots. The meaning was later expanded to refer to anything illegally sold or trafficked.

Interesting stuff you may never need to know - The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

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. Our cost: \$12.50. Contact Steve Huntley at 904-692-2952 or protopterus@peoplepc.com 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. 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 color, which you can then print out yourself. This would decrease the cost and labor of printing and mailing paper copies every month.

Contact Connie about writing an article for the newsletter (ex: a boating autobiography or a description of an interesting trip you have taken) or to 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.