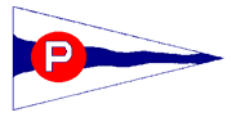


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Whispers over the Waters

June 2011

2011 OFFICERS &

DIRECTORS

Commodore:

Harry Gillean

Vice Commodore:

Larry McAfee

Secretary:

Karen Blankenship

Treasurer:

Steven Huntley

First-Year Director:

Douglas Mann

Second Year Director:

Constantine Foltis

Past Commodore:

Gail Hart

2011 COMMITTEE

CHAIRS

Barkeeper: Guion Lindsay

Boating Rendezvous:
David Girardin

Dinner planning: Karen Blankenship & Dorothy McAfee

Door Committees:
Constantine Foltis

Facilities:

Fund Raising:

Improvements & Maintenance: Robert Trail

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Constantine Foltis

Membership:

Planning Committee:

Programs: Robert Trail

Publicity: Jean Morris

Public Relations: Gail Hart

Sunshine: Jean-nine O'Connor

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Note to Fellow Club Members

A team has completed this newsletter started by Connie Foltis before he was admitted to the hospital. We hope that we've done him justice with this issue. Unfortunately, we don't have the usual photos or graphics that Connie thoughtfully places in each newsletter. Connie is recuperating, and hopefully, will be able to continue his excellent effort of producing our newsletter for July. Please keep Connie and Helene in your thoughts and prayers during this trying time.

Coming Events

June 10-12 (Friday-Sunday) - Raft-up at Silver Glen Springs

Harry Gillean is the leader of this rendezvous. He and Andrea will depart from the clubhouse on "High Times" at midafternoon Friday, heading for the Glen. Travel with them in flotilla or meet at the anchorage in the Glen. Contact: VHF #68 or cell 386-937-0035.

Those traveling separately, go south on the St. Johns River and partway down Lake George, following the channel markers. After you pass marker 6, turn right to a compass reading of 240 degrees, then straight to Silver Glen Springs Run. Coordinates of the green marker at the entrance to the Run are 29d 14.902'N and 81d 38.052'W. The water is very shallow (3' to 3½'), but once in the Run it is deeper and well marked. Proceed up the Run to the Springs and raft up to the largest boat in our group. Bring your own food and water toys. See you there.

If going by car, drive south on SR19 past Salt Springs by about 3 to 5 miles, then take the entrance road to Silver Glen Springs on your left. There is ample parking, a snack shop and changing facilities but no boat launching ramp. Change into your bathing suits ashore and wade through waist-deep water to reach the anchored boats. If you want to take your boat to the area on a trailer, the closest boat ramp is at Salt Springs; however, the entrance to the run at Lake George is shallow. You could also launch at a small ram at Georgetown Marina. Instead of Rt. 19, take Rt. 17 south to Satsuma and turn right on CR 309. Then drive about 15 miles on Rt. 309 to Georgetown Marina at the northern end of Lake George, on the east side of the river.

We will plan to depart for home about noon on Sunday.

June 18 (Saturday) - Dinner at the Clubhouse

Social hour starts at 3:00 PM, but come earlier if you wish by boat or car. A pot-luck dinner will be served at 4 o'clock, for a donation of \$10 per person to cover the club's costs. The menu will be a surprise. Bruce Drackett & Rhonda Masters will be the door committee for this dinner.

July 7 (Thursday) - Board of Directors Meeting

Five o'clock at Andrea's Bookstore. Board meetings are open to all PYC members.

July 9 (Saturday) - Work Party

If you're at all interested in working around the clubhouse, contact Bob Trail (649-8710 or griffinaero@yahoo.com) to see what project you can assume responsibility for.

Someone left the outside lights on during blind mosquito (midge) season. As a result, anyone with a pressure washer might want to start clearing out the "scum" left by the midges all around the exterior of the clubhouse.

Coming Events - continued

July 16 (Saturday) - Poker Run & Dinner at the Clubhouse

Event leaders are the Drackett/Masters team and the Girardins.

Start planning now for our poker run in July. Think of fellow boaters you might want to personally invite to participate. Think of nonboaters who might like to play poker and invite them to ride on your boat. The more the merrier.

We'll have an entrance fee for poker player and one for nonplayers—all of which will include picnic-type dinner at the clubhouse.

The poker run will be set up such that boating will occur in the vicinity of the clubhouse and Murphys Island. Boats of all sizes and shapes should be able to participate. The actual details will be handed out at registration on July 16.

All club members who plan on attending the monthly dinner, even if they're not playing poker will have to commit in advance to attending the dinner and pay the nonplayers entrance fee that covers just the meal. We will not be in a position to accept walkup registrations or diners.

Remaining 2011 Activities

Details of each of the following activities will be included in the newsletter preceding each event. Unless noted otherwise, all monthly dinners will be at the clubhouse on the third Saturday of each month, and Board of Directors meetings will be at Andrea's Bookstore on the first Thursday of each month. Other activities may be subject to later change or cancellation, or new ones may be added.

Date Event

August 4	Board of Directors meeting
August 13	Work party
August 19-21	Raft up at clubhouse and spend <u>early</u> Saturday at the Redneck Riviera sandbar; Leaders: Clark Hoyle & Gemma Rastatter
August 20	Dinner—Door committee: Clark Hoyle and Gemma Rastatter
September 1	Board of Directors meeting
September 10	Work party
September 17	Dinner—Door committee: Betty Poteet
September 24-25	Raft-up behind Murphys Island - Leader: David Girardin
October 6	Board of Directors meeting
October 8	Work party
October 9	Boat to Oktoberfest at Harry & Andrea Gilleans' residence; Leaders: Harry Gillean and David and Linda Girardin
October 15	Dinner—nominate candidates for 2012 Board of Directors; Door committee: Ella Lindsay
October 22	Tentative Canoe trip up Julington Creek and early dinner at Clark's Fish Camp
November 3	Board of Directors meeting
November 4-6	Raft-up at Green Cove Springs public marina & take smaller boats up Black Creek; Leader: Gene O'Connor
November 12	Work party
November 19	Oyster or pig roast dinner and elect 2012 Board of Directors; Door committee: David & Linda Girardin
November 25	Palatka Christmas Parade

Remaining 2011 Activities - continued

December 1	Board of Directors meeting
December 3	Lighted Boat Parade
December 10	Work party (decorate the clubhouse for Christmas)
December 17	Christmas party

Past Events

May 21 - Dinner at the Clubhouse: Twenty-four members and two guests attended this dinner, some arriving by boat. Commodore Harry Gillean was not present (attended his 50th class reunion out of town instead), and Vice Commodore Larry McAfee presided. After the social hour and pot-luck dinner, some members made the following announcements:

1. Bob Trail mentioned that he had posted a clipboard on or near the club bulletin board for members to write in suggested clubhouse maintenance items, which will then be added to work-party agenda.
2. Bob mentioned that the Girardins are doing a splendid job of refinishing the pilot house interior.
3. Bob also announce that he and Carole had brought another trivia game for those interested to play later.
4. Rhonda Masters discussed, at length, plans for our future Mug Race participation. One thing stood out, that we received no publicity in the media for our efforts in the recent Mug Race. She also suggested that we prepare a chart or map of "friendly" docks along the river which would be handy in case of members' boats breakdown. This map would be published in the newsletter for all members to carry onboard. Rhonda reminded club members to place the phone numbers of fellow club members in cell phones.
5. Ernie and Brenda Ricard introduced their guests, Luty and Donald Sutton of Federal Point, Rio de Janeiro, and Orlando.

Irene Waldow won the 50-50 drawing, taking home half of the \$24 collection.

Last on the agenda was the trivia game. This time 11 folks stayed after the dinner, split into three teams: "Gatorbait," "Winners," and "Sunshine." The scores were close, with "Gatorbait" taking home the bacon (\$11) again with 46 points. "Winners" were a close second with 45 points and Sunshine with 34 points. Hopefully we'll have more people next time and be able to split the winnings for a second place winner. In any case, Carole and Bob will be ready if enough people wish to play, because everyone had a fun time and said so.

June 2 - Board of Directors Meeting

1. Secretary Karen Blankenship distributed the minutes from the May 6th board meeting. They were approved without modification.
2. **Treasurer** Steve Huntley distributed copies of the treasurer's report. He noted that June will be a month heavy in interest payments, and that bar receipts are above expenses for each of the last three months. We expect to be showing the usual cumulative profit after June or July.
3. Dorothy McAfee stated that the June dinner will be supplied by the club, with a \$10 per person charge. The menu will be a surprise.
4. Dorothy and Karen Blankenship encouraged all club members to bring in copies of their favorite recipes for the future cookbook. Dorothy is working to obtain recipes from former club members as well. Gene Roberds has offered to do the cover art for the future publication. Linda Girardin has outlined a plan for getting all of this done.
5. Gene O'Connor sent word that the Mug Race mural has been re-sealed.

Old Canoe Trip Photographs



Haw Creek 1997



Pellicer Creek 1998



Ocklawaha River 2007

Miscellany

New Members - Please welcome our newest members: Daryl & Diane Metcalf, PO Box 34033, Louisville, KY 40232; (502) 836-8215

Clubhouse Maintenance - Any member noting areas of the clubhouse that need attention, please notify maintenance chairman Bob Trail at griffinaero@yahoo.com or 386-649-8710. These items will then be included in work-party agendas. See clip board item above.

Photographs - Anyone interested in viewing additional photographs of any event, check the club's website, palatkayachtclub.org, to see if there are other pictures for which there was not room to display in the newsletter.

For Sale - 12-ft Old Town *Sonnet* kayak, with rudder and paddle, all in very good condition; original cost about \$1,000; asking \$550. Contact Bob Trail at 649-8710 or griffinaero@yahoo.com.

For Sale - 15ft Nissan bowrider powerboat presently being refurbished; \$2,700. Includes a galvanized trailer in good condition, new Bimini and cover, and a recent \$600 engine overhaul. Will complete to buyer's specifications. If interested, contact Bob Trail at one of the above numbers.

Miscellany - continued

Club-owned Sunfish - At present, the Club's Sunfish sailboat is locked on the clubhouse floating dock on a secure cradle, from which it can be easily launched for any member to sail. The key for the lock is on the bulletin board. The boat's accessories are stored onboard the clubhouse.

Boat Trailer - The club's Sunfish trailer is at Bob Trail's property in San Mateo for safekeeping. It is available for any member to use to carry small boats of up to 14 ft and 500 pounds or so. Call Bob at 386-649-8710.

After-Dinner Programs - Our program Chairman Bob Trail sometimes has a hard time finding presenters with topics for these 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 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. Bob Trail has provided a bookcase, with a video library of VHS tapes as well as a VHS player to sign out. Hopefully now we can get more tapes and several more players so these can be signed out on a monthly basis. The players are easily connected to modern equipment. Contact Bob for more details.

From "Salty Dog Talk: The Nautical Origins of Everyday Expressions" - Half Mast: The world-wide custom of wearing a flag at half mast goes back to 1612 when the ship *Hearts Ease* sailed up the Thames estuary with her ensign at half staff in respect for her captain killed by eskimoes while searching the N.W. Passage. Previously ships had always worn black flags in tribute to the dead.

Interesting Stuff You May Never Need to Know - The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp (marijuana) paper.

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 Harry Gillean at 386-325-0802 (H), 386-325-1322 (W) or harrYGillean1@bellsouth.net. 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 through the mail, you are urged to file your e-mail address with publisher Connie Foltis at cfoItis@live.com. He will e-mail your newsletter to you each month as a PDF file in full color, which you can then print 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. Members without e-mail will continue to receive paper copies of the newsletter and 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.

