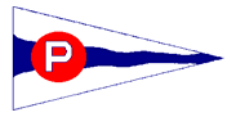


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Whispers over the Waters

March 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

Coming Events

March 12 (Saturday) Work party at the clubhouse - 9:30 AM - This work session will include a light lunch for the participants. We plan to do the following:

1. Improve the galley flooring, including painting the recently-burned steelwork in the area to be used as a walkway between the stairs and the galley working area.
2. Reinforce the structure and cabinets as necessary.

Steve Huntley has volunteered to be the chairman for the dock and gangplank projects. Harry Gillean has volunteered to be the chairman of the hull-painting project, which will get going in June when the water temperature is comfortable. Both of them will input their work-party schedules and material solicitations independently. Bob Trail will continue as general maintenance chairman.

In the future, any second-Saturday work party that conflicts with a club activity should be considered cancelled; otherwise please join us in our remaining work parties to keep our clubhouse as nice as it is!

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

Internal Communications:
Constantine Foltis

Membership:

Planning Committee:

Programs: Robert Trail

Publicity: Jean Morris

Public Relations: Gail Hart

Sunshine: Jeanne O'Connor

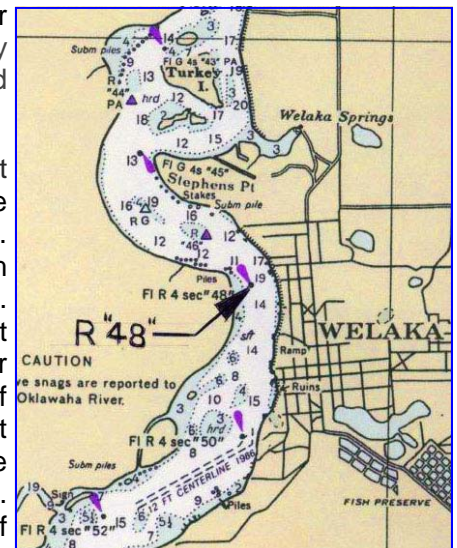
Webmaster: Keith Mehl

Charities:

March 19 (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 4:00 o'clock, for a donation of \$3 per person to cover the club's costs. Attendees are asked to bring any one of the following: hors d'oeuvre, main entree, vegetable, salad, or dessert. Doug Mann will be the door committee for this dinner.

March 26 (Saturday) - Lunch at Cafe Bleu, Welaka - 12 o'clock noon - This trip was not in the original boating schedule and was added since the last newsletter. The restaurant is tiny, with limited seating: 30 in the dining room, 15 at tables outside and 7 at the bar, so early reservations and menu selections are mandatory if you want to eat with our group. They offer three menu choices: lasagna, fish and chips, and quiche. Be sure to make your **reservations and menu choices** with organizer Connie Foltis **by March 19** at the latest, otherwise you may not be able to eat with the group. Connie can be reached at 386-328-6783 or cfoltis@live.com.

If you've never been to the Cafe Bleu, here's how you get there by water or land: Boaters could either meet at the clubhouse to pick up passengers or go directly to Welaka. Those who want "boat-pool" rides should arrange for them ahead of time, and don't forget to share in the fuel costs. Tie up at the Welaka floating dock, about 1/4 mile past channel marker R-48 and about ten miles by water upriver (SW) from the clubhouse. Leave for Welaka in plenty of time for a "social hour" on the dock, then walk up the hill at noon to the restaurant. In case of foul weather, this will be a car trip instead of a combination boat-and-car trip. Driving directions are: Take Rt. 17 to just south of

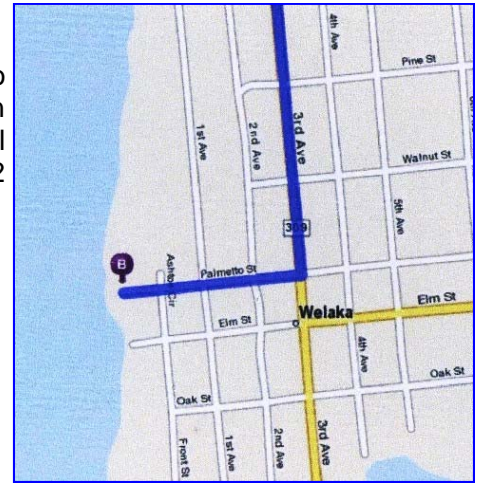


Lunch at Cafe Bleuu - continued

Satsuma; turn west onto Rt. 309; go 5½ miles to Welaka; turn right onto Palmetto St. (the street just before the stop light and before the Log Cabin Bar); turn right into the old Palms parking lot (white limerock gravel). You will see the restaurant on the west end of the parking lot. Its address is #2 Palmetto Street.

April 7 (Thursday) - Board of directors meeting - Five o'clock at Andrea's Bookstore. Board meetings are open to all PYC members.

April 7-10 (Thursday-Sunday) - Raft-up at Hontoon Island State Park - Rescheduled to a later date. See below.



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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	
April 16	Dinner - Door committee: Connie and Helene Foltis	
April 17-24	April 17-24, PYC "open house" at Hontoon Island State Park - Leader: Gail Hart - Details later	
May 6	Board of Directors meeting (Friday) - 8:00 PM @ tent on waterfront	
May 7	Mug Race Hospitality	
May 13-15	Raft-up at Fernandina public marina - Leader: David Girardin	
May 21	Dinner - Door committee: Gail Hart	
June 2	Board of Directors meeting	
June 9-11	Raft-up at Silver Glen - Leader: Bruce Drackett	
June 18	Dinner - Door committee: Bruce Drackett & Rhonda Masters	
July 7	Board of Directors meeting	
July 9	Work party	Ju- July
July 16	Poker Run to clubhouse - Leaders: Rhonda & Bruce with assistance from David Girardin	
July 16	Dinner - Door committee: Bob & Irene Waldow	
August 4	Board of Directors meeting	
August 13	Work party	
August 19-21	Raft up <u>early</u> Saturday at the redneck Riviera sandbar - Leaders: C. Hoyle & G. 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 Gilleans' residence - Leaders: H. Gillean and D. & L. Girardin	
October 15	Dinner - nominate candidates for 2012 Board of Directors - Door committee: Ella Lindsay	
November 3	Board of Directors meeting	
November 4-6	Green Cove Springs public marina & take smaller boats up Black Creek - Leader: G. O'Connor	
November 12	Work party	
November 19	Oyster or pig roast dinner - elect 2012 Board of Directors - Door committee: D. & L. Girardin	
November 26	Palatka Christmas Parade - date tentative	
December 1	Board of Directors meeting	

Remaining 2011 Activities - continued

December 10	Work party (decorate the clubhouse for Christmas)
December 17	Christmas party
December 18	Palatka Lighted Boat Parade - date tentative

Past Events

February 12 - Work party at the clubhouse - Ten members attended this work party, pretty much the same group that does most of the upkeep work. It was a chilly morning, so most of the work done was inside the clubhouse. The group accomplished the following:

1. Bob Trail picked up the heavy 12-foot long table that Ernie Ricard had donated to us and brought it by trailer to the parking area adjacent to the clubhouse. Because of its size and weight, the group partially dismantled it, then carried the components aboard the clubhouse to reassemble it.

2. Before going onboard to work, the group observed that the mooring lines had stretched and would soon have to be tightened*. Also they observed that the gangway rollers had gouged out the landing platform in areas where the bearing plates don't cover. There needs to be one large steel plate over most of that platform, so the rollers cannot wear the wood decking.



3. The group cleaned up Ernie's table and reassembled it in the main salon, where it will be used as the serving table for dinners. More work still must be done on it: (a) refasten with screws the joints that had been pulled apart when dismantling the unit (the original fastenings were long staples); (b) eventually replace the weathered fiberboard top with a new clean top surface.

4. Guion Lindsay worked outside, weed-whacking the grounds around the clubhouse and dock.



5. Steve Huntley cleared the heavier growth that Guion left, as well as assisting with various jobs inside.

6. Gail Hart and Linda Girardin did a thorough cleanup and major rearrangement of the main salon.

7. Gail then cleared the sidewalk of trimmings from the mowing.

8. Bob Trail and other members of the group cleaned out extraneous materials from the pilot house, organizing and stowing some of it below and trashing some of it.



* On the following Wednesday, Feb. 16, Harry Gillean, Gene O'Connor and Connie Foltis went to the clubhouse and tightened the slack mooring lines. Connie thought they had stretched from age, but Gene was certain that someone had tried to tighten them by hand since the last time he had headed a group to do this. **BECAUSE OF THE SIZE, WEIGHT AND WINDAGE OF OUR CLUBHOUSE BARGE, THE MOORING LINES CAN ONLY BE SUFFICIENTLY TIGHTENED BY TENSIONING THEM WITH A 4-WHEEL-DRIVE VEHICLE ON SHORE. HUMAN MUSCLE CANNOT DO IT, SO DO NOT ATTEMPT IT. ANY TIME THE MOORING LINES NEED TIGHTENING, CALL GENE O'CONNOR WHO WILL DO THE JOB OR SUPERVISE IT.** This job was done the same way as in the past, using an auxiliary line tied to the mooring line with a rolling hitch, then looped around the bollard and the other end attached to the vehicle on shore. Harry backed the vehicle away and tensioned the auxiliary line, which also tensioned the mooring line, and Gene then re-tied the free end to the bollard while the line was still under tension. They performed this procedure on all the slack lines, one by one. This has been described in detail in past newsletters.



February 12 Work party - continued

9. Bob Trail brought in a small bookcase, along with a VHS player and some videotapes. There is still lots of room for any of those boating tapes you wish to give or lend to the membership.

10. David and Linda agreed to take on the job of replacing the interior sheetrock in the pilot house that had been destroyed by entrained rain water before the leaks were found and sealed.** Linda suggested making portable ramps in way of the door sill to facilitate rolling out the folding tables stored in the pilot house - future job

11. Bob Waldow brought his heavy oxy-acetylene burning equipment from home and trimmed some extraneous steel plating that was a tripping hazard in the galley area in the lower hold. Bruce, Doug, Steve and Connie assisted. Bruce noticed that a stanchion intended to support a deck girder at mid-span was not welded to it, leaving the girder unsupported over the length of the hold. It can be satisfactorily attached by bolting, rather than welding it within inches of the wooden cabinetry - future job.

** The Girardins have advised that, as of Feb.22, all the pilot-house drywall has been installed, with some left over that will be stored in the hold. Joint tape was on and partly spackled. The project is still ongoing, but progress has been made!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



February 17-19 - Miami Boat Show by Rhonda Masters

David and Linda Girardin's motto is "Time Spent on the Water is not Deducted from One's Lifespan!" I would now like to expand that to include "or at a Boat Show!"



February 16th the adventure began...

The Girardin's, along with Steve Huntley, Bruce Drackett, and Rhonda Masters packed into the Girardin's land yacht (RV), and headed for Miami Beach and the infamous International Miami Boat Show! We arrived in Miami Beach mid-afternoon, where we stayed in a "historic" hotel in the Art Deco District of South Beach. Later that evening, we were joined by Clay and Heather Gillean. Note: "Historic" means there will be challenges with your stay, which makes the trip all the more memorable!

David was in charge of coordinating evening meals, and he did an outstanding job! The first evening he found a family-operated Cuban cafe within walking distance of the hotel. The food was a culinary experience that appealed to everyone's pallet. So, the plan to dine at a different restaurant each evening was altered after that first sumptuous meal. We ate at David's Cafe each evening and also for breakfast the last morning of our stay. We each had our favorites, but I think we all fell in love with the plantains and the cilantro sauce.

Thursday morning February 17th was the first day of the show. Dressed in our shorts and walking shoes, we arrived at the Miami Beach Convention Center as the doors opened and stayed until the very end of their opening day... 8 hours of visiting vendors, and we didn't begin to see all of the boating booty. The second day we again arrived at the opening hour and stayed for approximately 10 hours. This day (and the next) we used the free

Miami Boat Show - continued



transportation to travel to the In-Water Show, All-Sail Show and Brokerage Show.

I'll answer the big question now! No one bought a boat although we had some serious lookers. With three solid days of shopping, the group's purchases of boating accessories resulted in a near disaster. If we'd collected much more we would've had a space issue in the land yacht to carry it all home!

There were literally thousands of vendors and likewise thousands of boats to see. A few highlights besides the boats were sports and luxury cars, meet-and-greet with Guy Harvey, and even a mermaid swimming in a tank! As for our favorite sights:

For Steve Huntley it was the unique design Korean-made mini submarine.

For Clay Gillean it was the auto racing simulator that could be purchased for the bargain price of \$134k and placed in your game room.

For Bruce Drackett it was several of the off-shore racing boats.

For David Girardin it was any one of the many European-dressed women. (If you don't know what that means just ask!)

For Linda Girardin it was all the new and different kinds of "toys" for boating. She easily went into sensory overload.

For Heather Gillean it was the entire experience that is often the case when a newbie visits the most famous boat show in the world.

For Rhonda Masters it was enjoying the food and sharing the experience with great friends.

The group left Miami Saturday morning, and all agreed that, amazingly, two plus days wasn't enough time to see everything at a leisurely pace! We hope to repeat the event either at the Miami or the Ft. Lauderdale boat show!



1979 TUPOLEV (N007)



**Motor - MP14 9 Cylinder Radial 365 hp
264 KW Turbocharged**

"150 Miles Per Hour on Water"

Empty Weight..... 3150 lbs.

Payload..... 630 lbs.

Length..... 6110 Cm.

Width..... 2160 Cm.

Draft..... 10 Cm.

Only Three Produced

Only One Still in Existence

Estimated Cost in U.S. Dollars

\$2 Million

History of Tupolev "007"

In 1961 the Russian military ordered the Tupolev Aircraft Company to design and build an amphibious craft small enough to be transported inside the Russian MK6 giant helicopter. It was to be used for the recovery of Russian cosmonauts downed in Siberia after completion of their spaceflights. The craft had to be capable of crossing lakes, swampy tundra, and hostile terrain. The craft needed to be capable of operating at temperatures well below freezing at speeds of well above 160km/hr.

Aleksei Tupolev (1888-1972) was a Russian aircraft designer. He is considered the father of Soviet Aviation. His designs include the Tu-95 Bear which is a famous Russian bomber and the TU-444 which is also known as the Russian concord. Tupolev turned into one of the most successful aviation companies in the world employing more than eleven thousand of Russia's finest engineers.

In 1965 Tupolev first introduced his prototype we call the "007" at the "Exhibition of Russian Achievements of the National Economy of the USSR" located in Moscow. His design won the "Diploma of Finest Engineer in the USSR." At this exhibit the engineering of this machine won the following medals: For the propeller they won Gold Medal G.V Makhotkinym due to the special two bladed silt which promoted efficiency in the basic service speed. For body style and overall appearance: Silver Medal "M. Tatarinou" and Bronze Medal A.D. Vordoyeu V. Merkulou and T. Zhevakin.

The engine was over hauled in Bacau, Romania by the original factory. The restoration of the propeller and the interior of the craft was also necessary and was completed by outstanding craftsman of different nationalities.

The exact number of these Cosmonaut rescue crafts has always been kept a secret.

The "007" is the first one made.

It comes with it's original owner's manual and tool kit.

Enclosed in this manual you find the basic technical data such as:

Engine: MP14B, 360 HP

Length: 6, 11 meter

Width: 2, 16 meter

Height of propeller: 2, 20 meter

Weight: 2100 kg

Payload on water: 500kg

Fuel Capacity: 350 liter

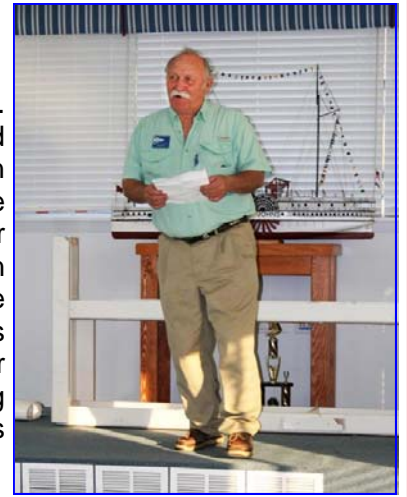
It has a 600psi air pressure system to start the engine and operates without the need of batteries in super cold temperatures.

More Information at www.russianboat.com It has info about the Tupolev.



Past Events - continued

February 19 - Dinner - There were 30 members and guests at this dinner. Attendees brought all manner of delicious hors d'oeuvres, side dishes salads and many desserts, to complement the main entree of chicken the club provided. Karen Blankenship roasted half of it at home, and Larry McAfee grilled half of it on the clubhouse upper deck just before was served. As usual, there was plenty for everyone and enough left over to take home. After dinner Commodore Harry Gillean and maintenance chairman Bob Trail talked about work party plans, which are discussed above under "Coming Events - March 12 Work Party." Connie Foltis mentioned that we needed more door committees for dinners later in the year, after which a few more members signed up. Helene Foltis was asked to draw the winning number for the 50-50 game, which turned out to be number of the ticket she was holding. She took home \$27 of the \$54 collection, the remainder going to the club.



March 3 - Board of Directors Meeting - The following subjects were discussed and/or decided upon:

1. Due to Secretary Karen Blankenship's illness, there were no minutes of the last meeting for our review.
2. Treasurer Steve Huntley reviewed the main points of his monthly treasurer's report. So far, all but three of last year's members' dues are paid, as of February 28. Dinners and the bar are making a profit. The Board approved the report after the review. A copy will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board for members' information.
3. Commodore Harry Gillean noted that Board members should carry club application blanks in our cars to distribute to interested persons.
4. Club members were making final preparations for the Azalea Festival Parade. The "Smokestacks" and more delicate decorations were to be fitted to the clubhouse mock-up float after it arrived in the Price Martin parking lot, before the parade starts. The stacks will clear the overhead wires on the parade route but will have to be tilted to pass under overhanging tree branches.
5. Harry suggested that we enter the float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade two weeks afterward and perhaps the Blue Crab festival later on. The more exposure we have, the better. Our float is on Ernie Ricard's trailer, and he will need it right after the parade. Harry thought he could lend Ernie one of his trailers instead, to avoid disassembling the float when it might be used again so soon after this event.
6. Gail Hart's trawler yacht "*Hart's Desire*" will be the race committee start boat for the Mug Race again this year, which takes place on May 7. It is possible we may also be asked to provide the finish-line committee boat at the Rudder Club in Orange Park. Various possible logistics of that scenario were discussed. Steve talked about the usual preparations we will have to make for our Mug Race hospitality: refreshments, ice, chase boats, etc.
7. The club will be looking for chase boats to monitor the Mug Race fleet from the starting line to the Shands Bridge, where they will pass off escort duties to Rudder Club chase boats north of the bridge. Our group will then rendezvous for lunch at the Outback Crab Shack on Six-Mile Creek. Anyone with a power boat who is interested in using it as a chase-boat in the Mug Race, call Harry Gillean.
8. The Board approved a motion to not renew the club's membership in the Chamber of Commerce this year.
9. Harry discussed some of the maintenance work necessary to do on the clubhouse: painting the entire hull exterior when the river is warmer; rebuilding the galley floor; providing power to the galley stove (requires an additional electric power circuit); and installing plumbing to the galley sink (requires a pump for the sink drain). When completed, the galley stove can only be used for warm-up. There can be no frying food in that space without first installing an expensive exhaust system. Frying can be done on deck on a barbecue.
10. Steve sent an inquiry to the Rudder Club regarding their course for training sailing instructors.

Past Events - continued

March 5 - Azalea Festival by Rhonda Masters

..... Photos by Gail Hart & Connie Foltis

A Palatka Yacht Club First... members participated in the 2011 Azalea Festival Parade!

Preparations began on February 26 to erect the float, which is a replica of the clubhouse. The group included Steve Huntley, Bruce Drackett, Gail Hart, and Connie Foltis. Thank you again to the Ricards for the use of their trailer for the float.

The day of the parade (March 5) started at 7:30am, with members rendezvousing at the clubhouse and then proceeding on to the parade staging area. Members participating in the parade were Bruce Drackett (pulling the float), Harry Gillean (Commodore's seat on the float), Andrea Gillean, Steve Huntley, Doug Mann, and David Girardin (riding on the float), Gail Hart and Rhonda Masters (walking with the float). After arriving at the staging area, the group placed the finishing touches on the float... thousands of azalea's harvested by Gail, Andrea and Harry. It was a beautiful sight!

Those riding on the float threw candy to the crowd lining Main Street while Gail and Rhonda walked and handed out flyers containing information on the club and a schedule of events for 2011, in hopes of getting new members for the club.



Miscellany

New E-mail Address - Brenda Ricard has a new e-mail address: brendaricard@att.net. Please mark that in your club handbook and your -mail address files.

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Website for New Electronic Navigation Aids - Bob Trail submitted this link, which advertises new marine navigation software: <http://www.suite101.com/content/seaclear-offers-free-marine-navigation-software-a221812>

Magnetic Palatka Yacht Club Logo Signs - Linda Girardin has arranged for a number of these signs to be made, that can be attached to car doors or other smooth steel areas. They are similar to the club's vanity front license plates that have the PYC burgee on them, except that these also show the club name and website. They come in two sizes, 6" x 12" and 4" x 8", and sell at \$12 (large) and \$9 (small). Linda will take your orders for your magnetic logo signs, or you can order them directly from Sunshine Trophy in Palatka. New vanity front license plates will look like this when our present supply runs out and we order more.



Miscellany - continued

For Sale - 15ft Nissan bowrider powerboat presently being refurbished - \$2700. 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 649-8710 or griffinaero@yahoo.com.

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 - Bob Trail has the club's Sunfish trailer at his property, which is available for any member to use. It is suitable for small boats up to 14 ft and 500 pounds or so. Call Bob at 386-649-8710.

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.

Nautical Origins of Some Common Expressions - "Down the Hatch" - Cargo being lowered down through a hatch to a ship's hold inspired the well-known toast "Down the Hatch", which celebrates the act of drinking. The expression is thought to date from the early 1930s and has been attributed to author P.G. Wodehouse.

Interesting stuff you may never need to know - In English pubs, customers order ale by pints or quarts. So in old England, when some customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase "Mind your P's and Q's."

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 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 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.