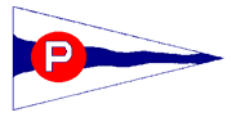


# Palatka Yacht Club



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## Whispers over the Waters

October 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

**October 7 (Thursday) - Board of Directors Meeting** - At 6:30 PM aboard our floating clubhouse. Board meetings are open to all PYC members.

**October 9 (Saturday) - Work party at the clubhouse - 9:30 AM** - Continuation of the work started on, or planned for, the September 11 work party.

**October 9 (Saturday) - Oktoberfest** - Start arriving about 1:00 PM. Bring your thirst, your appetite and a side dish, such as an hors d'oeuvre, salad, vegetable or dessert. Harry Gillean will prepare the main course of traditional Oktoberfest meats, which should be ready to serve around 2:00 o'clock or so. There will be a charge of \$8 per person for the club's costs.

**October 16-17, 2010 (Saturday-Sunday) - Overnight at the Green Cove Springs City Dock - Leader: Gene O'Connor** - Note: This event was rescheduled to this date in August, from its original rendezvous date published at the beginning of the year, and it pre-empts the new third-Saturday-of-the-month dinner schedule.

We will meet at the Green Cove Springs City Dock at 2:00 PM on Saturday. Those joining the group by car will find the City Dock at the east end of Walnut Street in Green Cove Springs. Once the boats get checked in we will enjoy the boaters' company on the dock before walking up the street to Ronnie's Wings restaurant. We will have supper there, 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. Call Gene at 325-4405 for any questions or last-minute details.

**October 23 (Saturday) - Dinner** - Note: This is the fourth Saturday of October which, this month only, deviates from the new third-Saturday-of-the-month dinner schedule, to avoid a conflict with the previously-scheduled Green Cove Springs rendezvous. Social hour starts at 3:00 PM, but you can arrive any time before that by boat or car, for socializing and enjoying the clubhouse. The club will provide the entire dinner, at a cost of \$10 per person, and it will be served at 4:00 PM. The door committee this evening will be Bruce Drackett and Rhonda Masters. After dinner, Keith Mehl, chairman of the nominating committee, will present the slate of officer and director nominees for 2011, as chosen by the nominating committee.

**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 and Heather Gillean will be on their boat *Reel Offroader* at an anchorage for best viewing at 9:00 AM, as close as possible to the end of the runway, about a mile north of the Buckman Bridge, depending on the weather. Anyone interested in watching this may want to meet up with them to enjoy the show. Radio Clay on channel 68, when you get close, so he can direct you to their anchorage. They plan to spend the night there and view some or all the show again on

### 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:

## Coming Events - continued

Sunday. There is a Hooters nearby (Goodsby Creek) for dinner, or they will set up a grill on the boat and party. You may want to call Clay ahead of time at 386-937-0224 to ask about local boat ramp info or other details.

Note: This is not a club-sanctioned event. The Saturday part of the air show conflicts with the scheduled dinner at the clubhouse, but the repeat air show on Sunday does not.

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

## Remaining 2010 Events

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Leader</u>
November 13 - AM	Work party at the clubhouse	Bob Trail
November 13 - PM	Pig Roast - elect 2011 officers	-----
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
December 18	Flag Officers' Christmas Party	Gail Hart & Bob Trail

## Past Events

**Work Parties - September 11-12 & 15** - Nine stalwart members showed up on Saturday morning: Bruce Drackett, Rhonda Masters, Steve Huntley, Harry and Andrea Gillean, Gene O'Connor, Doug Mann, Bob Waldow and Connie Foltis. They accomplished the following, some working all day.



1. Power washed the main and upper exterior decks, railings and shoreside boarding platform.
2. Cleaned the heads, including removing all the mineral scale from the plumbing fixtures.
3. Drilled and burned holes through some of the steel structure, through which to run (a) PVC piping for an outdoor shower, and (b) electric wire in conduits to marine receptacles under the portside deck overhang, to which docked boats can plug in for shore power.
4. Began installing the conduits.



## Work Parties - continued

5. Fitted an outdoor shower to the forward stairway for swimmers to rinse off before going inside to change. The water supply piping was not installed.
6. Sketched, took measurements of and photographed all present galley equipment onboard in preparation for designing a working galley suitable for preparing dinners onboard. In addition to the complete set of kitchen cabinets, countertops and electric range that David and Linda Girardin had donated earlier, we will need: (a) a range hood, (b) hot and cold supply and drain plumbing for the sink and future dishwasher, (c) a sump pump to send the drain water to the macerator in the forward utility compartment, (d) 240V AC electric service to the range, and (e) 120V AC service to the other aforementioned electrical items.
7. Maintenance chairman Bob Trail brought a swim ladder for the floating dock, but it was not installed.

No lunch arrangements for the workers had been made, but most of the group made up for that by boating to Corky Bell's that evening for a pleasant dinner outside on the deck. Work continued the next day, Sunday, with Bob Waldow, Gene O'Connor, Steve Huntley and Bruce Drackett on the job:

8. Completed torch work, laid conduit in place and installed tug lines.
9. Purchased valves and fittings for connecting the shower.
10. Planned to pull wires and mount electric boxes during the week.

Bob Trail and Connie Foltis again visited the clubhouse in mid-week, for the following:

11. With a little help from Connie, Bob further waterproofed the pilothouse portside deck joint, where there may have been some continued water intrusion into the pilothouse. The epoxy/iberglass fillet installed last year had separated from the house side, and rain water evidently ran down into the space.

12. Connie took more measurements and photographs of the galley area for the working galley design.

Bob suggested that we relocate our unused section of floating dock from where it is presently secured to our landlord's pier, so the club can use it for more boat dockage. He pointed out a location at the east end of the barge, extending from near shore by the gangway, across the stern to the east end of our present floating dock.

**September 18 Dinner** - Twenty-one members and one new applicant for membership, Carole Martin, attended. Dinner was pot luck, with many delicious selections of appetizers, entrees, salads and desserts. There was a \$20 collection for the 50-50 drawing, which Commodore Gail Hart won and took home \$10. The after-dinner program was a talk and photo presentation by Connie Foltis about his recent sailing trip to various parts of the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay this past July.

This was the first dinner in our new Saturday schedule, and as expected, attendance was light. Perhaps this was due to the change in scheduling, or maybe because it was still summer and people were doing other things. Some members came by water, with five boats filling the dock and slips - a good sign. It remains to be seen how this new arrangement will work out.



Photo by H. Foltis



## Past Events - continued

### September 25-26, 2010 (Saturday-Sunday) - Lunch at Café Bleu & Overnight at the Clubhouse

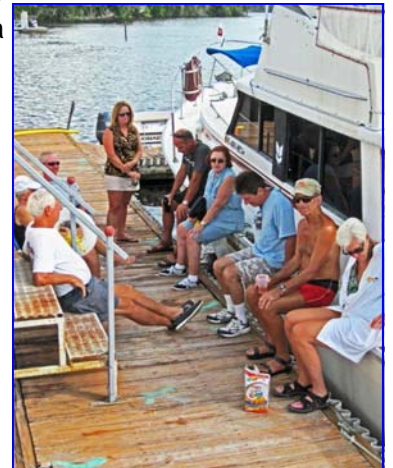


Eighteen members and guests came to this luncheon on Saturday, some by car and some by boat. At one point there were four PYC boats at the floating dock next to the Café Bleu in Welaka, Doug Mann's *Rock and Roll Fantasy*, the Waldows' *Golden Daze*, Larry Hayes' *Jus Lofin* and the Girardins' *Gator Bait*. Most of our group arrived early enough to have our usual social hour on the dock before walking up the hill to eat. The menu, though limited to two items, fish & chips and quiche, was delicious. We were a raucous and noisy crowd in that tiny restaurant, and all had a good time.



Dock party in Welaka

After lunch most of the group headed for the clubhouse to continue the dock party, joined by Bob Trail and Carole Martin in Bob's newest boat, an antique 14-foot Alumacraft skiff, and late arrival Betty Poteet. Some of the revelers, the Girardins, the Waldows and Larry Hayes, stayed on to watch the sunset and then spent the night aboard their boats.



Dock party at the clubhouse



Sunset dock party - Photo by D. Girardin



Photo by D. Girardin

## 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](mailto:griffinaero@gmail.com).

**After-Dinner Programs** - Our after-dinner 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](mailto: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.

## Miscellany - continued

**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 – “Booby Hatch”** - This colloquial expression for a mental institution may have arisen from the old practice of punishing sailors by locking them in a small compartment near the bow of the ship called the **booby hatch**. This sometimes brought forth screams of the unfortunate sailors imprisoned in its cramped, stifling confines. Another possible source could be from the slang word **booby** itself, which was derived from the Spanish word **bobo**, meaning slow witted and foolish.

**Interesting stuff you may never need to know** - Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? ---- A. All were invented by women.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 through the mail, you are urged to file your e-mail address with publisher Connie Foltis at [cfoltis@live.com](mailto: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.