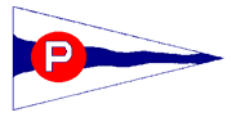


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Whispers over the Waters

September 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:

Ernie Ricard
(appointed by the
Commodore to com-
plete Connie's term)

Past Commodore:

Gail Hart

2011 COMMITTEE

CHAIRS

Barkeeper: Guion Lindsay

Boating Rendezvous:

David Girardin

Dinner planning:

Karen Blankenship

& Dorothy McAfee

Door Committees:

Facilities:

Fund Raising:

Improvements &

Maintenance: Robert Trail

Internal Communications:

Membership:

Planning Committee:

Programs: Robert Trail

Publicity: Jean Morris

Public Relations: Gail Hart

Sunshine:

Jeannine O'Connor

Webmaster: Keith Mehl

Note to Fellow Club Members

This edition of the newsletter was prepared and edited by Commodore Harry Gillean. Anyone wishing to volunteer as the newsletter editor and compiler should contact Harry at 386-937-0035 (cell phone).

Past Events

The August work party was successful in many areas, but some still need attention. Nine members worked, some until the afternoon despite the sweltering heat. We had just one pressure washer and it was very busy, but the bugs make it a two-person job...one with a brush and detergent while the other jets the scrubbed area. Carole cleaned the salon while Bob touched up the carpet stains and the men's john. Bruce and Steve mowed and pressure washed once Gail relinquished the job. Dorothy arrived just in time with a light lunch for all.

Palatka Yacht Club's Weekend at the Sandbar on the St. Johns River, Submitted by Bob Trail

After the Club Dinner, 16 members formed three teams and stayed on for a trivia game. Players were: The Weiners with Ernie & Brenda, Bruce & Rhonda, Savannah and Todd Williams and G.T. Bell, The Winners with Harry & Andrea, Larry & Dorothy, and Karen, and The MD 20/20 with Clark & Gemma, Todd, and Gail. Bob was emcee and Carole kept the scores. We played a dollar per contestant and The Weiners won the pot.

A great time was had by all.

September Board of Directors:

As there was not a quorum, no official business was held.

Coming Events

September 10 (Saturday)—Work Party

The bugs have been busy and the place needs pressure washing, the carpet is stained, the pilothouse has to be checked for pesky leakage, the toilets are stained, the Sunfish has to be repositioned, the grill was about to blow overboard again, the galley floor and lighting need attention and a few other jobs as usual. Hopefully, members will be there to do whatever they feel comfortable with; please bring your own tools (there is a lot of hose for the pressure washer there) and the bleach, etc. will be provided.

Because it gets hot we'll want to start early and quit early, perhaps about 8:30 or sooner. Bob's cell number is 972-0507 if you need any information (like the door lock combination).

Bob Trail *interim* maintenance chairman

October 6 (Thursday)—Board of Directors meeting

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

September 17 (Saturday) Meeting at clubhouse pot luck dinner @ 4:00 \$3.00

Leaders: Clark Hoyle & Gemma Rastatter

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

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

Miscellany

New Members - Welcome to Traci & Ed Reed. Add their information to your book, 4083 Reid Street, Palatka, 325-1145.

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.

From “Salty Dog Talk: The Nautical Origins of Everyday Expressions”—Slush fund: The sailors in the navy are allowed salt beef. From this provision, when cooked, nearly all the fat boils off; this is carefully skimmed and put into empty beef or pork barrels, and sold, and the money so received is called the slush fund.

Interesting Stuff You May Never Need to Know—A castrated rooster is called a Capon.

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.

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.

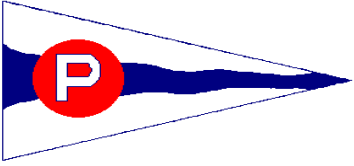
Boat Trailer—The club's Sunfish trailer is at Bob Trail's property in San Mateo for safekeeping. It is available for any member to use to carry small boats of up to 14ft and 500 pounds or so. Call Bob at 386-649-8710.

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.

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 Gilleen at 386-325-0802 (H), 386-325-1322 (C) or harrYGilleen1@bellsouth.net. The tent is stored onboard the clubhouse when not in use.



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