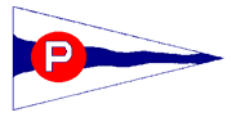


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Whispers over the Waters

September 2010

2010 OFFICERS &

DIRECTORS

Commodore:

Gail Hart

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Robert Trail

Secretary:

Karen Blankenship

Treasurer:

Steven Huntley

First-Year Director:

Constantine Foltis

Second Year Director:

Clark Hoyle

Past Commodore:

Keith Mehl

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

September 11 (Saturday) 9:30 AM - Work party at the clubhouse – The following projects are on the work agenda. Any that are not completed or were not started on this date will be carried over to later work parties.

1. Construct and install outdoor shower.
2. Wire dockside power outlets.
3. Finish pilothouse fascia and lights.
4. Finish sealing exterior pilothouse bulkhead/deck connection.
5. Rebuild interior pilothouse bulkheads.
6. Repair dock planking.
7. Relocate Sunfish stowage to dock.

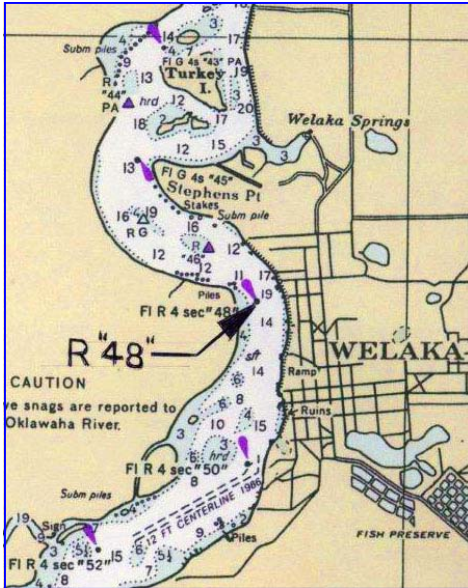
September 18 (Saturday) - Dinner meeting at the Clubhouse - Dinner served at 4:00 PM - Note: New time and date will now be the third Saturday of each month from now on. As noted in the August newsletter, this change was voted upon and approved at the August 5 Board of Directors meeting. In later discussions it was decided to delay this change to the beginning of next year because of interference with other scheduled events. However, at the most recent Board meeting (see below), the Board decided to follow the original approved change to start in September and to make any other adjustments as necessary (see October schedule below). The reasons for this change are: (a) We could arrive at the clubhouse by boat or car any time before dinner, for socializing, swimming etc. (b) After the shower is installed, swimmers could shower and change before the cocktail hour. (c) It may be more convenient to bring friends and introduce them to the club when there is more leisure time available on the weekends. (d) There would be more ways to enjoy using the clubhouse. (e) Members' boats tied up at our dock would be visible to weekend river traffic, possibly attracting more interest in the club - some weekend boaters have expressed their thought that the clubhouse was abandoned, because they had never seen any activity there. (f) Dinner would be early enough for attendees to get home before dark most of the year. (g) Boaters who work weekdays could stay at the club overnight and return home at leisure on Sunday.

Dinner will be pot luck again this time. Attendees are asked to bring any one of: an appetizer, main entrée, vegetable, salad, bread and butter, or dessert. There will be a \$3.00 charge to cover the club's costs. Also please bring copies of your favorite recipes to this dinner. We'll have a box to put them in at the door. Karen Blankenship, Steve Huntley and Dorothy McAfee are determined to assemble a PYC favorites cookbook. The door committee will be Keith Mehl and Ella Lindsay. Connie Foltis will present a talk about his July sailing trip around the Chesapeake Bay and will illustrate it with and chart photographs details.



Coming Events - continued

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



It is critical that reservations be made 10 days before the event, to assure that there will be sufficient participation to warrant the restaurant being closed to the public on that day and open just for us.

Larry Hayes will take your reservations. Contact him at 386-467-2462 or laidbacklarry1@bellsouth.net by September 15 at the latest, to make your reservations and menu choice. There may be a limited menu for the group. The dining room is very small, and anyone showing up without a reservation who cannot find a seat will have only himself or herself to blame.

Boaters tie up at the Welaka floating dock (about ¼ mile from channel marker R-48, about ten miles by water from the clubhouse). Get together on the dock a bit early for Bloody Marys and conversation, then walk next door to the restaurant at noon (address 1100 Front Street). If you drive, 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.

After lunch, boaters will then proceed to the Redneck Riviera for afternoon swimming, then back to the clubhouse. We will do dinner aboard, and lounge on the upper deck to watch the sun set and the stars come out, and spend the night either on boats or in the clubhouse. Sunday will probably be another trip to the Redneck Riviera, lunch onboard, and a few libations before making our way home. For more information on activities and how to have a great time, see the write-up for the June rendezvous.

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 - See agenda for the September 11 work party for ongoing projects.

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 for the club's costs.



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>
October 16-17	Green Cove Springs City Dock	Gene O'Connor
October 23-24	Air show at NAS Jax	-----
October 23	Dinner meeting - nominate 2011 officers	Door committee - B. Drackett & R. Masters
November 4	Board of Directors meeting	-----
November 13	Work party AM	Bob Trail
November 13	Pig Roast PM - elect 2011 officers	-----
November 20-21	Boat rendezvous - Murphys Creek raft-up	David Girardin
December 2	Board of Directors meeting	-----
December 11	Work party AM	Bob Trail
December 18	Flag Officers' Christmas party	Gail Hart & Bob Trail

Past Events

August 26 - Dinner meeting - Twenty-seven members and guests braved a torrential downpour to come to this dinner meeting, all by car of course. Beside the monsoon-type rain, a strong wind was whipping up the river, and no one was out on the water. Everyone enjoyed a convivial social hour and then a delicious pot-luck dinner provided by the attendees. As usual there were too many selections of delicious main entrees, salads, side dishes and desserts for anyone to sample them all. This writer made his usual attempt to do so but again failed.

After dinner vice commodore Bob Trail officiated at the business part of the evening, speaking about the Board's decision to change the day of the monthly dinner meeting, and he called on others who had announcements to make.

David Girardin described in detail the plans for the (then) upcoming rendezvous to club-member John Browning's Bear Island in Crescent Lake on August 28-29. John then described his "get-away" house on the island and some other of the island's features. See trip write-up below.

Ernie Ricard suggested we can earn some revenue for the club by participating in the "Toys for Tots" program and sponsor a Poker Run.

Bob Waldow suggested we make our club more visible to the public by participating in the annual Palatka Christmas Parade and the Lighted Boat Parade. He said we don't do anything now to keep our name in the public eye, or try to get new members interested in what we have to offer. Very



Steve, Linda, Dorothy and David savoring the dinner options

few members even participate in our activities. One thing for the public to see would be to display our trailer boats in the Christmas Parade, emblazoned with PALATKA YACHT CLUB banners and signs. Those boats are usually out of the water at that time of year anyway. We have let the "other club" take over the Lighted Boat Parade, and we have more power boats than they do that could enter. Bob finished up by saying we should go all out with as many boats as we can get and also people to help with the ones we do get. This would really show the public that we are out there and have an active club.



Bob Trail with Carol Martin



David G. with prospective new members Ed & Traci Reed

August 26 Dinner meeting - continued

Guest Carol Martin won the 50-50 drawing, taking home \$24 of the \$48 collection. Carol has since then submitted her application to join the club.

August 27-29 - Overnight at Bear Islandtext and photographs by Rhonda Masters

Our adventure began Friday evening, August 27th, with dinner at Corky Bell's Gator Landing. In attendance were Harry and Andrea Gillean aboard *High Times*, and Bruce Drackett and I aboard *FantaSea*. Joining the group there via land were Steve Huntley, David Girardin and Betty Poteet. The evening was cool and rainy, but the hardy group braved the deck out in the weather, savored dinner and left happy as well as wet! After dinner the boaters and Steve (via car) travelled on to the Palatka Yacht Club and met up with Bob and Irene Waldow aboard *Golden Daze*, where we tied up for the night.



Host John Browning taking some of the group on a tour



Carol, Bob & Heather



Local inhabitants



Rhonda & Sandy Kelley

Saturday morning, after a bountiful breakfast served up by Bruce, Steve and me, the group was joined by David Girardin onboard *Gator Bait*, Clay and Heather Gillean onboard *Reel Off-Roader*, and Gene and Jeanne O'Connor onboard their Panga with Bob Trail and Carol Martin aboard. The group shoved off from the clubhouse with *Gator Bait*, captained by David Girardin and carrying Bob Waldow, Bruce Drackett and me, taking the lead. We were followed by the O'Connors' party, and the Gillean clan aboard *High Times* and *Reel Off-Roader*, as the group's cruise started ... destination: Bear Island! We motored up Dunn's Creek and into Lake Crescent, enjoying the mild weather and beautiful Florida scenery. *FantaSea* and *Golden Daze* remained tied up at the clubhouse because of their deep draft vs. the shallow water around Bear Island.

Bear Island, privately owned by club member John Browning, is approximately 120 acres in size and is located at the southern end of the lake. John and his lovely hostess, Sandy Kelley, met the flotilla at the dock and lodge. "Being there was sheer paradise," said Bruce Drackett. The group enjoyed touring the island on four-wheelers, where we observed the goats, deer, and guineas living in their protected environment. Some of the adventurers swam in the cool waters of the lake, and only the brave dared to take a wild ride down the zipline! Harry captured my last ride on video, where if it weren't for Sandy, I'd have ended up plastered to a pine tree at the bottom of the run! And Clay was brimming with "animal magnetism" as on the four-wheeler ride a goat wanted to be included in the fun, and then during his swim Clay was nudged by a manatee!



The PYC flotilla



Harry & Andrea touring the island

Bear Island trip - continued



Rhonda on the zipline

John regaled all listeners with the rich history of the island. Whether fact or folklore, the stories were a highlight of the day! Ranging from the ancient days where the island was sacred Indian ground, to its being inhabited by pirates and even being given away as a prize on the "Price is Right", the stories were colorful and entertaining. Then, as a crowning touch, John arranged to have his pilot "buzz" the group in his Aztec plane! What an adventure to remember!

Part of the group made a late lunch stop at Three Bananas, a wonderful local watering hole right across the water in Crescent City! Upon returning to the club the group was delighted to discover that Larry Hayes onboard *Jus Loafin* and Doug Mann onboard *Rock & Roll Fantasy* had joined the group! Together we relaxed, imbibed, broke bread and enjoyed reliving the events of the day. *FantaSea*, *High Times*, *Golden Daze* and *Jus Loafin* stayed another enjoyable evening at the clubhouse dock.

By midmorning Sunday, the group was saddened to call an end to a fabulous weekend. Everyone in attendance is looking forward to more events at the club but most of all for another trip to Bear Island!

September 2 - Board of Directors Meeting - The following subjects were discussed and or decided:

- (1) The Board reviewed and then approved Secretary Karen Blankenship's Minutes of the August 5 Board meeting.
- (2) Treasurer Steve Huntley summarized the important points of his monthly treasurer's report, which he had e-mailed to the Board earlier that day, giving everyone a chance to study it ahead of time. The Board approved it after some discussion. A copy is on the clubhouse bulletin board for any member to look at.
- (3) Re plans for the September 11 work party: (a) Steve Huntley plans to penetrate the side shell of the hull, port side, just below the side deck overhang, to lead electric wires to marine-grade 120V AC outlets that will serve boats tied at the dock. Details of the electrical installation itself, and the number and placement of the outlets, have not yet been completed; (b) Bob Trail will bring marine-grade lumber which he owns, originally planned for use in a bulkhead, to use in repairing the club's dock. (c) See also ongoing projects listed under "Coming Events - Sept. 11 Work party".
- (4) Re finishing the galley below deck, the original design plans of the clubhouse dated 2002-2003 show a galley installation based on Harry Gillean's textbook design for a commercial restaurant and hotel-grade kitchen, estimated at that time to cost around \$25,000. That was not then in the club's budget nor probably ever will be. We need a new design of the space, using the equipment we now have, plus whatever additional equipment it will require, such as plumbing, a sink, and ventilation exhaust over the cooking site. Connie Foltis will prepare a drawing or drawings for the new galley design. This will be a long-term project.
- (5) The Board decided to start right away with the new dinner-meeting day, the third Saturday of each month, that was approved at the August 5 Board meeting, instead of waiting until the end of the year. The one exception will be this October, when the dinner meeting will be on the fourth Saturday to avoid a conflict with the previously-scheduled Green Cove Springs boating rendezvous. Following years' rendezvous schedules will have to be arranged to avoid conflicts with the standard dinner meeting dates.
- (6) This year's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 18. It will be called "The Flag Officers' Christmas Party", to be chaired by Gail Hart and Bob Trail. It will start at 7:30 PM, and dress will be semi-formal. Food will be heavy appetizers similar to last year, with cocktails and dancing. Anyone with CDs of their favorite dance music should bring them.
- (7) Steve Huntley talked about imbedding privacy passwords on our club webpage that only club members could access. Nothing further was done about that, however.
- (8) Past Commodore Keith Mehl suggested the club put a \$100 advertisement of itself in the next calendar of the Humane Society of Northeast Florida, which the Board approved. We did that for their 2008 calendar and were featured exclusively on the December 2008 page, with a collage of photographs of the clubhouse, a few members and many members' pets.

Board of Directors Meeting - continued

(9) Carol Martin submitted an application for membership to the club, however it was incomplete, lacking the back page. She will resubmit with the remaining data. She had expressed a willingness to serve on the Board of Directors if asked.

(10) The club is looking for nominees to fill the positions of commodore, vice commodore, treasurer and first-year director on next year's Board of Directors. Anyone interested in applying for any of those positions or in recommending someone for same, please contact nominations committee chairman Keith Mehl at 386-326-1607 or kmehl@gbso.net. Duties of the positions in question are:

- Commodore - It shall be the duty of the Commodore to lead the club and direct its activities, to preside at club meetings and Board meetings, appoint all committees and enforce adherence to the club's by-laws.
- Vice Commodore - It shall be the duty of the Vice-Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his (or her) duties, and in the absence of the Commodore, to serve in his (or her) place.
- Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have custody of all funds of the club, to collect and receive all monies due the club, to pay all bills approved for payment by the Board of Directors, to keep an accurate permanent record of all receipts and disbursements, to make a detailed report to the membership at the regular monthly meetings on the gross receipts since the previous report and the bank balance at the close of the previous month, and to perform such other duties as would normally be expected of this officer.
- Directors serve as voting members at Board meetings when decisions have to be made.

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.

For Sale - Full sized mattress and box spring: Picasso by Sutton Industries; excellent condition; \$150 OBO. Contact David or Linda Girardin at 328-1774.

New Cell Phone Numbers

Connie Foltis: 386-546-6205

Helene Foltis: 386-972-9102

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 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.

Miscellany - continued

Nautical Origins of Some Common Expressions – “Braced Up” - In a square-rigged sailing ship, the braces are opposing sets of lines to the ends of the yardarms which control the angle of the yards relative to the wind angle. A sail is **braced up** when it is drawn taut close to fore and aft in order to sail as close to the wind as possible. (On modern sailing yachts, this is comparable to a sail being sheeted in tight.) Ashore, an individual is said to be **braced up** when tensed in anticipation of a figurative or literal blow.

Interesting stuff you may never need to know - Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?A. One thousand.

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 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 Gail Hart at 386-329-8460 or 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, 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 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.