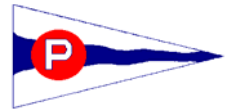


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Whispers over the Waters

January 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

January 15 (Saturday) Work party at the clubhouse - 9:30 AM - On this work session we plan to do the following: (1) Install proper pads for the shore-end gangway rollers; (2) repair the dock, replank where needed and install cleats; (3) repair the water-ruined areas of sheetrock in the pilothouse and clean the space; and (4) improve the floor in the lower hold; (5) bring large donated workbench aboard clubhouse .

The club thanks the loyal workers for the services they've provided in the past and welcomes any other members to join this elite group in this and future work parties.

January 15 (Saturday) - Dinner - Social hour starts at 3:00 PM, but you may arrive any time before that by boat or car for socializing and enjoying the clubhouse. Pot-luck dinner will be served at 4:00 PM, with a donation of \$3.00 per person to cover the club's costs. Attendees are asked to bring any one of: hors d'oeuvre, main entree, side dish, salad or dessert. After dinner, we will inaugurate the new 2011 Board of Directors. They are:

Commodore Harry Gillean
Vice commodore Larry McAfee
Secretary Karen Blankenship
Treasurer Steve Huntley
First-year director Doug Mann
Second-year director Connie 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

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:

The door committee for this evening will be Ella Lindsay. Door committees for monthly dinners from February through May are also signed up so far, as shown in "Remaining 2011 Activities" below. There is a sign-up sheet at the desk for additional volunteers to sign up for the remaining door committees, from June through December. This list will be available at the desk until all door committees are accounted for.

February 3 (Thursday) - Board of directors meeting - At 5:00 PM at Andrea's Bookstore. Board meetings are open to all PYC members.

Remaining 2011 Activities

Details of each activity will be included in the newsletter preceding each event. Other activities may be subject to later change or cancellation, or new ones may be added.

Date

Event

February 12 Work party
February 17-19 Miami Boat Show - Hotel reservations requires ASAP
February 19 Dinner - Door committee: Ernie and Brenda Ricard
March 3 Board of Directors meeting

Remaining 2011 Activities - continued

March 12	Work party
March 19	Dinner - Come early for games - Door committee: Doug Mann
April 7	Board of Directors meeting
April 7-10	Raft-up at Hontoon Island State Park.
April 9	Work party
April 16	Dinner - Door committee: Connie and Helene Foltis
May 5	Board of Directors meeting
May 7	Mug Race Hospitality
May 14	Work party
May 13-15	Raft-up at Fernandina public marina
May 21	Dinner - Door committee: Gail Hart
June 2	Board of Directors meeting
June 9-11	Raft-up at Silver Glen
June 11	Work party
June 18	Dinner
July 7	Board of Directors meeting
July 9	Work party
July 16	Poker Run to clubhouse
July 16	Dinner
August 4	Board of Directors meeting
August 13	Work party
August 19-21	Raft up at clubhouse and spend <u>early</u> Saturday at Redneck Riviera
August 20	Dinner
September 1	Board of Directors meeting
September 10	Work party
Sept. 24-25	Raft-up behind Murphys Island
September 17	Dinner
October 6	Board of Directors meeting
October 8	Work party
October 9	Go by boat to Oktoberfest at Gilleans' residence
October 15	Dinner - nominate candidates for 2012 Board of Directors
November 3	Board of Directors meeting
November 4-6	Raft-up at Green Cove Springs public marina & take smaller boats up Black Creek
November 12	Work party
November 19	Oyster or pig roast dinner - elect 2012 Board of Directors
December 1	Board of Directors meeting
December 10	Work party - decorate the clubhouse for Christmas
December 17	Christmas party

Past Events

December 11 - Work Party - Ten members showed up at the clubhouse for an all-day work session. They accomplished the following:

1. Disassembled the clubhouse mock-up from the Christmas parade of two weeks before, then carried all the pieces into the clubhouse and stowed them in the lower hold, ready to reassemble for next year's Christmas parade.



Work Party - continued

2. Rearranged the furniture in the clubhouse main salon and decorated it for the Christmas party the following Saturday.

There was no time for any other of the planned tasks.

Gail Hart returned another day and added lights and decorations to the outside of the clubhouse.



December 18 - Flag Officers' Christmas Party by Gail Hart



We had a rousing success for our Flag Officers Party on the 18th. The band, "Double Trouble," played great music, and the 38 club members and guests who attended had their dancing shoes on. Again, Karen and Dorothy outdid themselves with food selection - elegant hors d'oeuvres and plenty of them. Richard Ashley, commodore of the Rat Island Yacht Club, attended our party and thanked us for our participation in the December 4 lighted boat parade. He also invited us to attend their January 1 Oyster Roast. Our party broke up at 10:15 - 10:30, with some members sleeping over on their boats at the clubhouse dock.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Gail



Flag Officers' Christmas Party - continued



Band "Double Trouble"

Photo by Girardin



RIYC Commodore Richard Ashley



Past Events - continued

December 31 - New Year's Eve at the Clubhouse by Gail Hart

SOME CAME BY LAND - SOME BY WATER. There were 13 people at the clubhouse for the party. We brought our own music and food; Clark brought fireworks, and a fine display they were. "Golden Daze", "High Times" and "Hart's Desire" stayed the night.

January 1 - RIYC Oyster Roast - At our Christmas party Richard Ashley invited our club to the Rat Island Yacht Club oyster roast on January 1. The following people made a showing for the club: Brenda and Ernie Ricard, Andrea and Harry Gillean, Bob Trail, Carole Martin, John Browning and Gail Hart.



Andrea & Harry Gillean at RIYC Oyster Roast
Gail hart photo



Bob Trail & Carole Martin at RIYC Oyster Roast
Gail hart photo

Everyone from RIYC was pleased that we attended, and they were very welcoming.

Gail

January 6 - Board of Directors Meeting - The following items were discussed at this meeting:

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved without comment.
2. Steve Huntley reviewed the highlights (and lowlights) of this months treasurer's report. The club was \$943 in the red for the year, with a couple of hundred dollars still to be added to that list. The dinners and bar by themselves turned a profit, but overall our expenses exceeded our income.
3. The Board discussed moving the other long floating dock to the clubhouse, which would require new pilings to secure it. This would require permits, which the club does not want to pursue at this time. The Board discussed other possible ways to secure it for more convenient use without new pilings. It is available for our use in its present location, tied up to our landlord's pier.
4. Some repairs to our present floating dock were postponed until warmer weather, because these repairs would require going into the water.
5. The gangway casters will be removed and permanent plates will be secured to the wood platform on which the shore end of the gangway will slide.
6. Steve brought up the subject of annual club dues. They were due January 1 and will be overdue February 1. See below.
6. A representative from the Haven Horse Ranch in St. Augustine discussed their charity drive: "Birdies for Charity." He plans to attend out January 15 dinner and explain it further.
7. Board members contributed to sponsor a young contestant to the Azalea festival.
8. An online organization "www.boating.com" asked if we would add a link for their organization to our website, and in return we would receive a 10% discount on anything they sell. On hold.
9. The Board discussed recent uninvited strangers on our dock.
10. The club recently came into possession of a large workbench, which is presently on Ernie Ricard's trailer. It was decided to bring it onboard in the next work party.
11. Incoming commodore Harry Gillean announced that Board meetings this year would be at 5:00 at Andrea's Bookstore on the first Thursday of the month.

Miscellany

E-mail Address - Please note a new e-mail address for Ernie Ricard and mark it in your 2010 handbook: Cubeinternational@att.net.

Trailer to lend - Bob Trail has a boat trailer he will lend to any member who needs to move a 12'-14' boat. Call him at 649-8710.

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. Also, new vanity front license plates will look like this when our present supply runs out.



Magnetic sign—large

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.

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. Contact Bob Trail for more details.

Nautical Origins of Some Common Expressions - "Chow" - This is another word that dates back to the days of clipper ships on the tea trade to India and China. It is thought to be a shortened version of the pidgin-Chinese word **chow-chow**, meaning food.

Interesting stuff you may never need to know - In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When one tightened the ropes the mattress also tightened and straightened out, making the bed more comfortable. Hence the phrase: "Goodnight; sleep tight."

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 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 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 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

Miscellany - continued

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.



Clouds on the St. Johns

Photo by Girardin



Sunset at the clubhouse

Photo by Girardin