

AUGUST 2013

PALATKA YACHT CLUB

WHISPERS OVER THE WATER

Sunshine Corner

The baby boom continues in the Drackett family. Commodore Bruce Drackett has become a grandfather for the third time! Ethan Michael Drackett was born August 8 to parents Steve and Julie Drackett of Bradenton, Florida. Bruce arrived within minutes of his birth and spent hours holding his newest family member. Of course, Ethan already has his boat shoes in anticipation of his first outing on "FantaSea!"

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Happy 50th Birthday

JOEY EUBANKS!

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Ahoy Members!!

While we have several activities planned for the next few months, the Cedar Key Trip might wind up being the trip of the year! Over 25 people have made reservations with others planning on making the trip. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on the upcoming trips, dinners and parties!

Bruce Drackett

Save the Date!

Aug Rendezvous
08-23-13

Silver Glen a club favorite for a raft-up! Contact Bruce for details.

Sep Rendezvous
08-23-13

Lazy Daze raft-up in Murphy's Creek! Contact Gail for details.

Oct Rendezvous
10-07-13

Cedar Key Bound. Don't miss this trip! See the Reeds for info.

POT LUCKY IN JULY!!

All who attended agreed that we got LUCKY in July with our dinner! It was a bright and sunny day made all the finer by the excellent turnout for our July Dinner. Each member brought his or her signature dish to share for our culinary feast! Commodore Drackett commented that it was the best meal of the year!

As is usually the case, a guest won the 50/50 pot. Congrats to Terrie Brandley, guest of Clark Hoyle and Gemma Rastatter.



We were also LUCKY to officially welcome two new members to the Palatka Yacht Club, Bruce Hall and BJ Sapp of Interlachen. They are the proud owners of two vessels, a 55' Skipper Line houseboat, "Comfort Zone" and a 33' Chris Craft, "Divine Intervention."

Workday Wonders!



TAKE NOTE: We have completed a few more improvements on the club! The smoke stacks were reinstalled and crowned with stainless steel. Clay Gillean, Bob Trail, David Girardin, and Steve Huntley were the metal workers whose handiwork is now seen atop the Texas Deck. In order to better secure the club, Bruce Drackett, Harry Gillean, Clark Hoyle, and Steve Huntley successfully attached piling rings to barge. David and Linda Girardin along with Rhonda Masters rehung the freshly cleaned and pressed signal flags on ceiling of the salon. Please take the time to thank them all for their efforts in improving our club's esthetics.

Upcoming Events

August 2013

- August 17 9 am Work Day
- 3 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- 4 pm Cocktails: Door Committee ~ Drackett/Masters
- 5 pm Dinner: \$12 per person ~ Betty Poteet



August 23-25 Silver Glen Rendezvous ~ Bruce and Rhonda



September 2013

- Sept 7-8 Murphy's Creek Lazy Daze Raft-Up ~ Gail Hart
- Sept 21 9 am Work Day
- 3 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- 4 pm Cocktails: Door Committee ~ Lindsays
- 5 pm Dinner: \$12 per person ~ Ricards

October 2013

- Oct 4-6 Cedar Key Fishing and Star Gazing ~ Reeds
- Oct 19 9 am Work Day
- 3 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- 4 pm Cocktails: Door Committee ~ Trail/Martin
- 5 pm Dinner: \$12 per person ~ Gilleen's Oktoberfest



November 2013

- Nov 16 9 am Work Day
- 2 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- 3 pm Cocktails: Door Committee ~ Gene Roberds
- 4 pm Dinner: \$12 per person ~ Drackett/Masters
Shrimp and Oysters (note price of dinner may change)
- Nov 23 TDB Decorating Float
- Nov 29 TBD Palatka Christmas Parade

SCENES FROM JULY



Bosun's Locker

By Steve Huntley



The Atlantic hurricane season is about to enter its most active phase as conditions for the powerful storms increase across Florida. The Atlantic season began on June 1, and the most active portion falls between August 20 and October. September 10 is the statistical peak of the period, according to the center in Miami. Four storms have already formed in the Atlantic basin this year, putting the season ahead of schedule. The fourth storm usually forms by August 23, center data shows. The four named storms we've seen so far this season: Andrea, Barry, Chantal, and Dorian.

NOAA is forecasting a 70 percent chance of 13 to 19 named storms, 6 to 9 of which would become hurricanes and 3 to 5 major hurricanes (Category 3 or higher on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale).

While last year there weren't any storms, which made US landfall we still need to be prepared. Boat US has published a guide that will be of assistance to you. Check it out at the following link: <http://www.boatus.com/hurricanes/assets/pdf/HurricaneWarning.pdf>

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Happy Reading!