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PALATKA YACHT CLUB

WHISPERS OVER THE WATER

Sunshine Corner

Former Member Barry West passed away from a brain tumor in January. A memorial service was held on January 23 at the St. James United Methodist Church. Our heartfelt condolences to his family.

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Harry and Andrea Gillian lost their beloved Cocoa recently. Cocoa spent many hours in the boat and in the water and for years was a regular attendee of PYC rendezvous. Cocoa will be missed by us all.

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Bruce Drackett is delighted that he's going to be a grandfather, again. His daughter, Jennifer and her spouse Kevin are expecting a boy in March and his son Steve and his wife Julie are expecting a baby in August.

**To place a message in the Sunshine Corner contact Rhonda Masters at
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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Ahoy Members!! 2013 is off to a great start including successful rendezvous, great dinners, an exciting boating schedule, participation in community events, and a steady growth in membership. As you all know we are in the process of identifying potential new homes for the clubhouse so we may be moving by June. As your Commodore, I'll do my best to keep you informed.

Have a great month!

Bruce Drackett

Save the Date!

Azalea Festival

03-02-13

PYC Parade
Participation.

Event Leaders
Bruce and Dan

St. Patty's Parade

03-17-13

Volunteers needed
to decorate the
float. See Harry
Gillean

60th Mug Race

05-03-13

Community Party
at the Riverfront.
See David and
Linda Girardin



60th Annual Mug Race

May 3-4 ~ The 60th Annual Mug Race hosted by the Rudder Club of Jacksonville. PYC will once again be a host of this historic sailboat race on the St. Johns. Volunteers are needed to work with Hospitality Tent where we sell beer, wine, soda and ice. Also Chase/Safety Boat volunteers are needed the day of the race. Please contact David or Linda Girardin by email dlbg75@yahoo.com or 386.328.1774. For more info go to: <http://www.rudderclub.com/mug.html>



January Work Day

On January 19 a team arrived early at the clubhouse. Task of the Day: Prepare the float for the Azalea Festival Parade. Our replica of the club will receive the "artist's touch" from Dan Askew and Margaret Tinney. According to parade rules the float and the truck need to be decorated and include Azaleas. We'll set another date to meet and decorate the float so look for future announcements. The parade line-up is at 8:30 am on March 2nd with the parade starting at 10 am.

SPOTLIGHT: New Members

Joey and Karen Eubanks were installed as new members of the Palatka Yacht Club at the January dinner. Sponsored by Bruce Drackett and Rhonda Masters, Joey and Karen have recently relocated to the area from Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Eubanks are a high energy, fun couple who enjoy time on the water. Joey is an avid fisherman. According to Karen, he fishes everyday either from their dock at Federal Point or in their boat, Federal Point Posse.

The move to Florida was a "homecoming" for Joey as he was raised in the Mandarin area.



PYC Website and Facebook Pages

Our website is back online and under reconstruction! Thanks to David and Linda for working on this project. Also check out our Facebook

Page at: www.facebook.com/PalatkaYachtClub



2013 Installation of Officers

On January 19th prior to our dinner, Past Commodore Harry Gillean inducted Bruce Drackett as the returning Commodore of the Palatka Yacht Club. Bruce thanked the members for their confidence in him to lead the group in a year filled with change! He then introduced his Flag Officers: Vice Commodore, Rhonda Masters; Secretary, Betty Poteet; Treasurer, Traci Reed.

The Board of Directors for 2013 includes the above listed members along with Past Commodore, Harry Gillean; Director, Clark Hoyle; and Director, David Girardin.

Commodore Drackett made a few announcements to the membership which included the non-renewal of our clubhouse lease, the club's participation in the Azalea Festival and

St. Patty's Day parade, along with the re-launch of the newsletter, *Whispers Over The Water*.

Jeannine O'Connor was called on to bless our meal. Dinner, hosted by Rhonda Masters, included Roman chicken, pasta and mixed vegetables. Dessert was a nice treat... Rhonda grilled pound cake that members topped with their choice of ice cream, peaches and cool whip.

The 50/50 raffle ticket was drawn by Gail Hart and \$29 was handed over to David Girardin. This was a departure from our "norm" which is for a guest to win our raffle!

Guests at our January dinner included Joe and Edith Aldrich and Kirk and Selene Mast, all of whom reside at Federal Point.



2012 Members of the Year

Commodore Bruce Drackett exercised his authority to name the 2012 Member of the Year. Clark Hoyle and Gemma Rastatter join an elite group of members who have worked diligently to improve our organization.

Their contributions included:

- Leader of the Hontoon rendezvous trip,
 - Volunteering to re-launch the Hospitality Committee resulting in an increased attendance at dinners,
 - Membership Committee,
 - Attendance at work days,
 - Christmas decorating team
- THANKS Clark and Gemma!

Upcoming Events

February 2013

February 14-17 Miami Boat Show

February 16 9 am Work Day

3 pm Cocktails: Door Committee ~ Girardins

4 pm Dinner: \$12 per person ~ Lana Bunton



March 2013

March 2 Azalea Festival Parade

March 9 Rendezvous at Café Bleu ~ Skip and Irene Rogers

March 12 6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting

March 16 9 am Work Day

3 pm Board of Directors Meeting

4 pm Cocktails: Door Committee ~ Askew/Tinney

5 pm Dinner: \$12 per person ~ Harry Gillean

April 2013

April 13 - 16 Hontoon Island ~ Waldows

April 20 9 am Work Day

3 pm Board of Directors Meeting

4 pm Cocktails: Door Committee ~ Boones

5 pm Dinner: \$12 per person ~ Blankenships



Classifieds

2000 Pro-sport 23-foot cuddy cabin boat on magic-tilt aluminum double axle trailer with breaks; has live bait well, large cabin, Suzuki 200 hsp 2-stroke engine, radio, and antenna; needs seats and propeller

Contact Ernie Ricard at 386.328.0720



Rendezvous: Crystal Cove!

By Rhonda Masters

(with the later two making it an overnight stay).

Amazingly, on both Friday and Saturday nights Dockmaster, Mark transformed into Mark the Entertainer. Playing his guitar and singing hits from the 70s, he delighted the crowd and inspired Gail to dance!

My most memorable moment... Lesson from Gene O'Connor! I can now tie a bowline and properly throw a line!! After my disastrous attempt to tie up our boat in the winds, I now feel assured that I can handle the lines after my lesson. THANKS GENE!

During our time on the dock, several of us met BJ and Bruce Hall who live in Keystone Heights and keep their boat tucked away at CCR. Bruce and BJ witnessed our "good times" and want to join us for a few more events. Their first will be dinner this month with Clark and Gemma hosting them during their visit.

Guests included: Kirk and Selene Mast, Mike and Peggy McCrosky and Doug and Linda Mann!

Even though the weather wasn't ideal, Bruce and I want to thank everyone for coming out to enjoy each minute of our time at the Resort visiting with all of you over a cocktail... or two... or three!

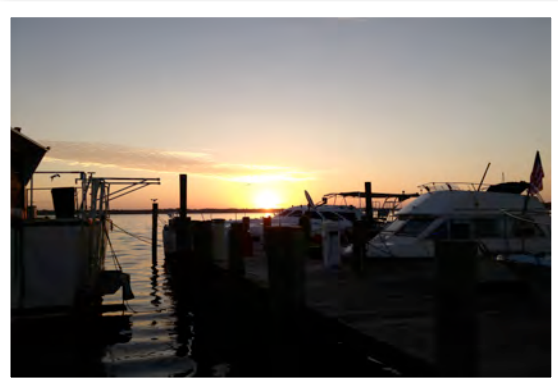
Crystal Cove... was the perfect setting for either a weekend get-a-way or a day with friends!

On February 8th, Gail Hart arrived at the docks of Crystal Cove with David Girardin and Gene O'Connor on board. Waiting on the dock were Linda Girdarin and Jeannine. Their wait was longer than expected as *Hart's Desire* was pulled over by a Wildlife Officer for a routine inspection! *FantaSea* wasn't far behind with Bruce Drackett and Rhonda Masters onboard joining the others for the first of several dinners at Blue Water Bay.

New owner, Kelly Redford, joined us for short visit to meet and greet the group during Friday evening's dinner. It was evident to us all that he has a passion for truly building this facility into a resort destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

Saturday arrived along with a total of 41 people for cocktails, lunch, docktails, and eventually another dinner in the bar! Our servers Scott and Senice were fabulous... The food was outstanding... the kitchen heard from us as well.

We had a total of 9 vessels arrive for the event including, the Ricards on their boat along with members aboard *Rocket Ship*, *the Panga*, *High Times*, *Gator Bait*, *Golden Daze* and *Reel Offroader*

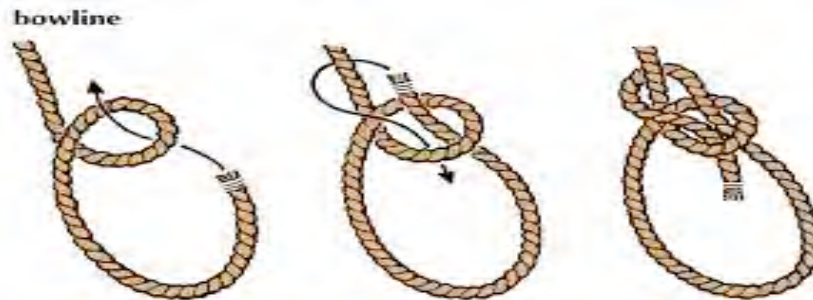


Bosun's Locker

By Steve Huntley



Knot Tying: bowline (pron.: /'boulɪn/) is an ancient and simple knot used to form a fixed loop at the end of a rope. It has the virtues of being both easy to tie and untie. The bowline is sometimes referred as *King of the knots* because of its importance. The bowline knot is thought to have been first mentioned in John Smith's 1627 work *A Seaman's Grammar* under the name **Boling knot**. Smith considered the knot to be strong and secure, saying, "The *Boling knot* is also so firmly made and fastened by the bridles into the cringles of the sails, they will break, or the sail split before it will slip.



Step 1. The Rabbit Hole - Standing line on top (first figure) Step 3. The Rabbit goes around the tree (second figure)

Step 2. Out comes the Rabbit – from the hole (first figure) Step 4. The Rabbit goes back down the hole (last figure)

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The first issue of "Whispers On The Water" was met with rave reviews. We hope you enjoy this issue and those to follow. If you have ideas for an article, pictures of events, or items for sale, Contact: Rhonda Masters at 386.983.1659 or at rhondamasters50@gmail.com

Happy Reading!