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PALATKA YACHT CLUB

WHISPERS OVER THE WATER

Sunshine Corner

Welcome home Harry and Andrea Gillean from your vacation! We'll look forward to hearing of your travels.

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Our heartfelt sympathy to Karen Blankenship on the loss of her sister who died last month.

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Let's support Palatka Main Street, Inc. They're working diligently to provide activities that will promote our city and bring business to the area.

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Former member, Linda Mann has closed her business "Skin Retreat" which was located downtown. She will continue selling skin care products just not providing her excellent services any longer.

To place a message in the Sunshine Corner contact Rhonda Masters at 386.983.1659 or rhondamasters50@gmail.com



COMMODORE'S CORNER

Ahoy Members!!

We have some great adventures ahead of us, on the water and at the club. Silver Glen and Cedar Key should not be missed. Check in with your hosts for details.

Improvements continue at the club, thanks to the hard work of many members! Continue to monitor your emails or call Harry Gillean or me for updates and information.

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.



POKER RUN FUN

BOATS, BIKES or BUGGY was the theme of the Palatka Yacht Club poker run coordinated by Ernie and Brenda Ricard!

Midmorning on July 6th, participants gathered at the clubhouse despite the choppy waters and overcast skies to sign-up for the event. There they were met by the Krewe of the Black Heart and Ancient City Privateers!

Members arriving by boat were, Clay and Heather Gillean on "Reel Offroader," Harry and Andrea Gillean on "Small Boat," Gene and Jeannine O'Connor on the Panga, David and Linda Girardin on "Gatorbait," Gail Hart and guests on "Hart's Desire," and our hosts Ernie and Brenda Ricard and guests on one of their many boats. Bruce Drackett and Rhonda Masters brought their jets skis although Rhonda wimped out and road the course on "Reel Offroader!" Members also participating were Betty Poteet, Bob Trail, Carol Martin. Thank you to members Bruce Hall and BJ Sapp for managing the registration process!



By water, runners traveled to nearby markers, Beef 'O' Brady's and Corky Bell's. By land, bikes and buggies traveled to Beef's and Corky's as well as the Moose Lodge, High Level, and Cheyenne Saloon.

By 3 o'clock, runners arrived back at the club where Bruce Drackett served as the dealer! This year we broke the streak of guests being the big winners! The big winner was Betty Poteet, netting her \$110! Second Place winner was Heather Gillean, and she took away \$24. But, Betty's winning didn't stop there! Dozens of items were given away to those who bought raffle tickets. We stopped counting when Betty won six of these gifts.

The club's coffers have been enhanced by \$200 as a result of the Poker Run's success. Thanks again to Ernie and Brenda.



Upcoming Events

August 2013

- August 17 9 am Work Day
- 3 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- 4 pm Cocktails: Door Committee ~ The Eubanks
- 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 ~ Gillean'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 TBD Decorating Float
- Nov 29 TBD Palatka Christmas Parade

JUNE DINNER

Our hosts for the June dinner were dynamic duo Gemma Rastatter and Clark Hoyle! Steve Huntley served as our greeter for the evening. Assisting the hosts were their guests Terrie and Reed Brandtley.

Stepping inside the club everyone immediately noticed the new tablecloths and the new signage. This gave the club a fresh new look and feel. Cocktails were enjoyed by members along with a smattering of hors d'oeuvres and popcorn made fresh for the group by Steve Huntley.

The menu included: pulled pork, smoked chicken, potato salad, baked beans, corn bread with lemon meringue pie for dessert.



June Rendezvous: Outback Crab Shack

Five boat captains were willing to deal with the summer weather to travel from their ports of call to the Outback Crab Shack on Saturday, June 22. During the day, the 20 people aboard these boats experienced light winds, heat, humidity, and rain—which dropped the temperatures dramatically. In reality, it was a beautiful day on the water. Joining the boaters at the restaurant for a late lunch were another 9 people coming by car. The camaraderie was typical of our outings—great! Stories were told and new ones created, and new friends were met including Kelly and Whitney Redford, our new landlords; Gary and Judy Drackett, Bruce's brother and his wife; Judy and Marvin Boone's son and granddaughter; and Ernie and Suzanne Driskoll, friends of Bruce and Rhonda. Thank you to Gene and Jeannine O'Connor for hosting this delightful outing.



Bosun's Locker

By Steve Huntley



THE NAUTICAL MILE

The Nautical Mile (symbol M, NM or nmi) is one minute of arc of latitude measured along any meridian at latitude 48°, or about one minute of arc of longitude at the equator. By international agreement it has been set at 1,852 meters exactly (about 6,076 feet).

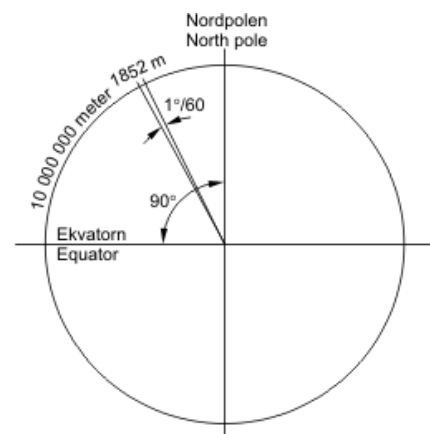
The nautical mile remains in use by sea and air navigators worldwide because of the convenience when working with charts. Most nautical charts use the Mercator projection whose longitudinal scale varies by about a factor of six from the equator to 80° latitude, so charts covering large areas cannot use a single linear scale. The nautical mile is nearly equal to a minute of latitude on a chart, so a distance measured with a chart divider can be roughly converted to nautical miles using the chart's border latitude scale near the distance in question.

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Happy Reading!