

NOVEMBER 2013

PALATKA YACHT CLUB

WHISPERS OVER THE WATER

Sunshine Corner

Happy Anniversary!!!

Clay and Heather – 13 years

Guion and Ella – 57 years

Make your reservation for the Christmas Party and Commodore's Breakfast at the dinner meeting on Saturday, November 16th.

The Sunshine Corner reports personal news of club members. So if you have a celebration, special occasion, prayer request, or announcement please, let other members know by contacting Judy Boone.

To place a message in the Sunshine Corner contact Judy Boone at
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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Ahoy Members!!

Our PYC Christmas party is an event I always look forward to and this year is no exception. This year we'll have dinner hosted by your Board members and dancing to the music of The Bocats a terrific trio from Jacksonville. More information can be found in this newsletter! And don't forget that I'll be hosting my Commodore's Breakfast the morning of December 8th. Hope to see you at both events!

Bruce Drackett

Save the Date!

Christmas Parade

11-29-13

Volunteers needed to enter your boat into the parade.

See Harry

Christmas Party

12-07-13

Make your plans to attend. Details to follow.

2014 Schedule

The 2014 Calendar of Events schedule to be released soon.

FULL MOON MADNESS

It was a spur of the moment call by our Commodore to meet at the club house and watch the eclipse of a full moon. So on Friday, October 18th, about 20 members and guests met on the riverside patio at Hard Dock Café for cocktails and dinner. Then everyone made their way to the top deck of the clubhouse to watch the rise of the full moon and the eclipse. While none of us actually viewed an eclipse, we still had a great time socializing in the cool of the night.

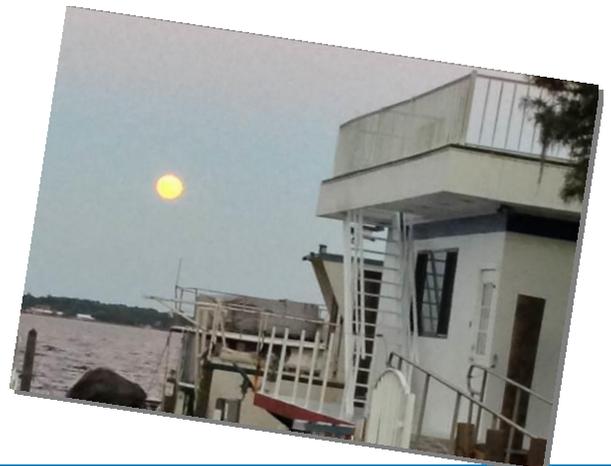
Based on this experience we are going to try a new event... Full Moon Madness! Each month on the evening of the full moon we will gather on the top deck and socialize! The dates of these events have been include on all of our calendars. The next gathering is Sunday, November 17. Join us... and if you'd like bring snack to share with the group!!



YACHTOBERFEST DINNER

Harry and Andrea Gillean continued with what has become a Palatka Yacht Club tradition in cooking a fall feast! This year Harry spent hours slaving over a smoker cooking up brats, pork, and a turkey. According to Harry the turkey was an "afterthought" and one that was a hit with the crowd! Rhonda Masters was even seen scraping the bottom of the pan for scraps!

Members brought appetizers to share during our cocktail hour along with fresh popped corn. The Gilleans cooked sides of German potatoes and cole slaw.



Upcoming Events

November 2013

- Nov 16 9 am Work Day
 10:30 am Board of Directors Meeting
 3 pm Cocktails: Door Committee ~ Roberds
 4 pm Dinner: \$12 per person ~ Bruce and Rhonda
- Nov 17 4:51 pm Full Moon Madness (time is the moon rise)
- Nov 23 9 am Special Work Day ~ Float Decoration
- Nov 29 5 pm Palatka Christmas Parade ~ Harry Gillean



December 2013

- Dec 7 Christmas Party (time changed from last newsletter)
 5 pm Cocktails
 6 pm Dinner
 7 pm Live Music and Dancing
- Dec 8 8 am Commodore's Breakfast
- Dec 17 5:08 pm Full Moon Madness (time is the moon rise)

Reminder: There is growing interest in renting of the clubhouse for special events. As these events are finalized, it will be reported in this newsletter and on the calendar on our website palatkayachtclub.org. It would be a good idea to check these sources prior to planning a visit to the club outside of our normal club activities.

PYC COMPUTER

The PYC Computer always has the latest BSB (Maptech format) raster charts and NOAA Electronic Navigation Charts for coastal waters of Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas. I will try to update them at less-than 30-day intervals. Some of you may have chart plotters that you can update. Bring a thumb drive to the clubhouse and I'll show you how to copy the data. I also update the Inland Waterways charts in ENC format, but not as frequently.

Steve Huntley

RENDEZVOUS: CEDAR KEY

Thirty-two Palatka Yacht Club members and guests found their own route to Cedar Key on Friday, October 4 for the start of a fabulous weekend trip. Most everyone arrived by 1:00 pm, and started the launch of their vessels, establish slips, or take a ride for the afternoon around the Gulf. A total of 6 boats and 2 jet skis provided enjoyment for everyone's pleasure.

The group dined at the famous Tony's Seafood Restaurant, home of the world champ clam chowder three years running. Folks attending the gathering had a great meal enjoying chowder and other seafood dishes.

After dinner, there were two gatherings one at Pirate's Cove and the other at Mermaid Landing for drinks and socializing. All went great, but we had to keep Joe Morris in check most of the weekend. Sure hope I'm able to enjoy life as much Joe!

Saturday breakfast was at the members' leisure, then off to the boats. Even under the threat of bad weather from a tropical depression, the group experienced perfect weather for boating to close-in islands and waterways. We anchored or beached at Seahorse Key, a small island to the west for some fishin', jawin', sunnin', and drinkin'. Some catches were made—small fish and a couple of bonnet head sharks. Watching Ed "walk" on water to escape a potential shark bite was pretty humorous.



Pretty "well done" from hours on the water, we went ashore and rested or napped in order to refresh ourselves for the evening ahead. While Dan Askew and Margaret Tinney went out and had some luck fishing.

Everyone fended for themselves for their evening meals. Sarah Alexander and her friend Krister along with Dan and Margaret put on a nice fare! Another group including the Boone's, Morris', and others, grilled fish at Pirate's Cove while others went to the Pickled Pelican for Gulf side dining. Later that evening most gathered at the designated watering sites for more socializing and telling lies.

Sunday we all headed back to the real world!

All in all... a wonderful weekend. Thanks to all who helped make this a tremendous event. And thanks to Commodore Bruce and Vice Commodore Rhonda, for all their help and participation.

We have 5 reservations already for next year! Don't miss out... Come and join us NEXT YEAR!!!!

By Ed and Traci Reed

Bosun's Locker

By Steve Huntley



NOAA Paper Charts to be Phased Out

If you like the look and feel of the classic NOAA paper charts – buy one now so that you may frame it and place it on a wall.

According to the *Maritime Professional* newsletter, “NOAA’s Office of Coast Survey has announced major changes ahead for mariners and others who use nautical charts. Starting April 13, 2014, the federal government will no longer print traditional lithographic (paper) nautical charts. NOAA will continue to provide other forms of nautical charts, including Print-on-Demand paper charts as well as electronic and digital formats. Since 1862, those lithographic nautical charts—available in marine shops and other stores—have been printed by the U.S. government and sold to the public by commercial vendors. The decision to stop production is based on several factors: the declining demand for lithographic charts, the increasing use of digital and electronic charts, and federal budget realities. NOAA will continue to create and maintain other forms of nautical charts, including the increasingly popular Print on Demand (POD) charts, updated paper charts available from NOAA-certified printers. NOAA electronic navigational charts (NOAA ENC®) and raster navigational charts (NOAA RNC®) used in a variety of electronic charting systems, are also updated weekly and are available for free download from the Coast Survey website.”

New chart format available on a trial basis

For the three-month trial period (from October 22, 2013, to January 22, 2014) NOAA is providing about a thousand high-resolution printable nautical charts—almost the entire NOAA suite of charts—as PDF files. The PDF nautical charts, which are exact images of the traditional charts currently printed by lithography, will be available for free download. Coast Survey will then evaluate usage and user feedback to decide whether to continue the service.

Key features of the PDF nautical chart

- **Updated Weekly.** PDF charts are up-to-date with critical corrections from Notice to Mariners.
- **Available Immediately.** New PDF chart editions are available two to eight weeks sooner than traditional NOAA paper charts have been. Enhanced Readability. These are printed in brighter colors, so the charts are easier to read. Further, the files are high resolution, at 400 dpi.
- **Printable.** Most charts can be printed from any plotter capable of plotting 36” width to achieve 1:1 scale.

Go look for yourself at: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/pdfcharts/>
Chart 11487 *St Johns River Racy Point to Crescent Lake* is 3.28 MB

Legalese: If for any reason you need to meet USCG chart carriage requirements under federal regulations, only printed charts provided by NOAA certified POD providers will meet U.S. requirements when the traditional lithographic nautical are gone. Printing one of these—even if you have a 36”-wide printer—does not count.

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