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Fleet Report

On Friday, June 14 the PCYC fleet cruised to Halifax Harbor Marina in Daytona Beach. Five boats made up the fleet: 'Iffin' captained by Barry & Barbara Kipnas, 'Sea Resort' captained by Robin & Lois Whitcher, 'Dancin' captained by Bob & Peggy Bescher, 'Dreamcatcher' captained by Bill & Judy Sulser, 'Vixen' captained by Mike & Ruthanne Ferreira. Les & Carol Abend travelled aboard 'Sea Resort'. Both Les & Carol and Mike & Ruthanne stayed at B&Bs close to the marina. On Friday evening - after impromptu cocktails at the dock - the group got dressed up for dinner at the Halifax River Yacht Club. Saturday gave us a chance to explore the flea market, shops, restaurants, and antique stores along Beach Street. Some of the group took the Chocolate Tour at Angle & Phelps, while the rest of us enjoyed the air conditioning and candy samples. Saturday night was an early dinner at Starvos Pizza House, where we were joined by members that drove down to join us. Dinner was followed by a invitation by Les & Carol to join them on the porch of the Live Oak Inn for drinks and conversation. Sunday a wonderful weekend came to an end as we all headed back north to Palm Coast on a beautiful balmy day.

On July 1 the Fleet Captain's Meeting will be at the home of Alan & Jane Titus. 26 members are signed up to attend. Social begins at 5:30pm, pizza at 6:00pm, and our meeting at 6:30pm.

Also in July we are looking forward to our traditional Independence Day cruise to view the fireworks at St. Augustine. The fleet will be departing Tuesday, July 2, and returning Friday, July 5. Event Captain Mike Norris has reserved dockage at St. Augustine Municipal Marina and dinners at O. C. Whites and Columbia Restaurants. Six boats are signed up: 'Dancin', 'Finess', XtaSea', 'Radio Active', 'Sea Resort', and 'Vixen'.

There will be no ICW Island Cleanup in July.

Monday, August 5 the Fleet Captain's Meeting will be at the home of new members Barry and Barbara Kipnis. Saturday, August 17, Event Captains Carol Hunt and Robert McCann are planning a cruise or drive to Hidden Treasure Raw Bar & Grill in Flagler Beach. Wednesday, August 21 we will return to Mellon and Jordan Islands for a workday. Details will be forthcoming.

Bill Sulser Fleet Captain



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Happy 4th And Happy Summer



July Events

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- 03 Shipmate's at Green Lion
- 05 Member Dinner at PLGC
- 03 Member Diffier at FLGC
- 11,18,25 Men's Lunch at Denny
- 12 Birthday & Anniversary
- 17 Shipmate's at Waterside GH
- 19,26 Member Dinner at PLGC



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COMMODORE'S

This is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of our nation and hopefully remember how truly fortunate we are to reside in this coun try. We have all lived sufficient years to know of its imperfections but for anyone fortunate to have traveled internationally, we can realize how blessed we average citizens are to be here. My ancestors arrived in the 1600's so we have been here long enough to experience both the blessings and the banes of residency. While I suspect there were both patriot and tory, privileged and indentured, as well as category "other" in my family tree, I thank them for risking it all to migrate less than 200 years after the world ceased to be flat.

We have the opportunity to welcome additional new members to the PCYC family. Since the last Pilot was published for May/June we have added seven new members. Membership Chair Judy Sulser has done her usual great service to welcome them and make them aware of our activities. Our new members have joined in Friday night dinners as well as the fleet trip to Halifax Harbor Marina. Her article giving a brief bio of the new members can be found on page 3 of the Pilot. Welcome Aboard to Robert and Ruth Bester, Judie Hoggan, Barry and Barbara Kipnis, Robin and Lois Whitcher.

The June Fleet Trip to Halifax Harbor Marine was enjoyed by both water and land cruisers. Some members enjoyed the boat ride and stayed in B&Bs across from the marina which provided the perfect gathering spot for predining libations. Other members chose to commute from home daily. The shops of Beach Street were near enough to draw our boaters and no trip can be complete without shopping.

New member Barbara Kipnis has submitted a very timely article regarding evacuating within Palm Coast. This article is based on their own experience with the pet friendly shelter in Bunnell. She gives attention to details that you would not glean from anyone who has not had such an experience. Thanks to Barbara for sharing her knowledge.

Member Mike Ferriera brought his cottage industry of logowear with him when he retired from his day job and moved to Palm Coast. It is nice to have an 'in house' source for PCYC shirts, jackets, caps, visors or tote bags. His initial offering is on page 11 so you can contact him directly to order from that or any other preference you have. I am pleased with the shirt he did for me and you will see evidence of his work on other members. Now seemed the time to make our entire Club aware of his products as we continue to grow and add new members.

The Annual July 4th St. Augustine Fleet Trip is July 2-July 5. Again it will blend water and land cruisers with gathering at dinner for swapping of stories of the day. The firework displays will be watched from the dock of the Marina.

Whenever PCYC members congregate, the fun begins.

Next up – St. Augustine!

Linda OsbornCommodore

Welcome New Members

Robert and Ruth Bester are 'new' Americans from South Africa, where they lived all their lives. They came to the States in 2008 and resided in Washington D.C. for five years before moving to Florida. Both have jobs in Jacksonville. Robert is a Home Improvement Specialist. Ruth is a Personal Assistant. They live aboard their 41-ft ChrisCraft at Yacht Harbor Village Marina, and are enjoying their 'working retirement.'

Judie Hoggan was an Attorney in Washington D.C. before she moved to Florida. After retirement she entered the ministry. She is also a certified Integrated Energy Therapist. "Coach Judie" now practices as an Interfaith Minister and spiritual life coach in Palm Coast. Currently she is writing two books: "The Seven Spiritual Paths to Higher Consciousness", and a children's book "The Love Connection." Judie enjoys boating, social events, and travel.

Barry and Barbara Kipnis lived in Chicago, sailing on Lake Michigan. In 2000 they purchased a trawler, bringing the boat through Canada and down the East Coast to Palm Coast in 2004. Barry was an Engineer and Director of Zenith, and Owner of a power conditioning sales company. Barbara is a retired high school English Teacher and Computer Manager. Both are active in the Marine Trawler Owners Association. Barry has a black belt in jujitsu, a ham radio license, and swims laps three times a week. Barbara is a Master Gardener, chocolatier, quilter, and enjoys May Jongg and Chinese cooking. They have been boating for 47 years.

Robin and Lois Whitcher moved to Palm Coast from Apex, North Carolina. Robin was a U.S. Marine 1976 to 1985. After his military service, Robin worked in Airport Operations, for the Boy Scouts, and at Nortel Networks. He owned an embroidery business, and works locally for Skyway Builders. Lois has worked for 30 years - and continues to work - in Pharmaceutical Research. They own a 34-ft Well Craft cruiser "Sea Resort". Robin and Lois enjoy outdoor activities, and watching boats from their new canal side deck.

Welcome Aboard Everyone!

Judy Sulser Membership

Vice Commodore's Report Progressive Dining - PCYC Style

Our Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 26. Most of you are familiar with the Progressive Dinner concept, but ours involves a few twists.

Here's the general idea: Participants are assigned to a boat, a dish to share along with a place to share it, and 2 or 3 stops.

On the day of the event, everyone drops off their dish at the assigned home a couple of hours before the dinner begins. Couples should bring a dish to serve 8. Individuals should bring a dish to serve 4. You and your food may not end up at the same home during the dinner, so disposable serving dishes or at least inexpensive ones are recommended.

Let's say there are 4 boats (1,2,3 & 4) and 5 homes/locations (A,B,C,D,E). Boats 1 and 2 will go to home A for appetizers and boats 3 and 4 will go to home B. Boats 1 and 3 will go to home C for the main course and boats 2 and 4 will go to home D. All boats will go to location E for dessert.

Each participant will be asked for a donation of roughly \$5 to cover the cost of wine, iced tea, paper plates and napkins. If you'd like to slip your captain a couple of bucks for fuel, I'm sure he or she wouldn't mind.

In the past the Progressive Dinners have been a highlight of the season. You get to interact with different groups of people at different homes and the food is always plentiful and delicious. Plus you get to spend an afternoon on the water.

Bill Sulser and Donella Crawford are the event captains. You will be hearing from them shortly about details. So far we have 4 boats and 4 homes volunteered. If you live on a canal and would like to volunteer your home, please let Bill or Donella know. We are also looking for other boat captains to volunteer, since we can never guarantee the mechanical readiness of all the vessels in our fleet.

Respectfully submitted,

Donella Crawford
Vice Commodore



Celebrations

Our next celebration of PCYC members' Birthdays and Anniversaries will be held on Friday, July 12 at the Pine Lakes Golf Club at 6:00 pm. Be sure to join us for this enjoyable occasion and share in the happiness of the members listed below.

Birthdays

Deckhands July

18 Ron Murphy 19 Bob McCann 24 Carence Brodnax

August

26 Bill Sulser

Shipmates **July**

02 Carol Abend 07 Linda Osborn

09 Jean Sedlak

15 Peggy Bescher

16 Barbara Kipnis

17 Judy Sulser

23Elaine MacDonald

26 Shari Hildebrandt

26 Lorna Schaller

30 Stephanie Rast

August

11 Rhenda Brodnax12 Linda McCann

Anniversaries

July

05 Ken & Brenda Damiani 13 Bill & Judy Sulser

August

01 Barry & Barbara Kipnis

08 Dave & Elaine MacDonald

20 Clarence & Rhenda Brodnax

21 Ken Mazzie & Donna Heiss

23 Al & Becky Skrzypecki

30 Steve & Dara Gerrish

Ms. Jackie was our Celebrant for May



Dee & Pat were celebrants for June Our flag was celebrated too.



JULY

Sun	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Captains' Mtg Alan & Jane Titus home 13 Carollo Ct. 5:30 greet 6:00 meet	Fleet to St. Augustine w/Dinner @ O.C. Whites	Fleet in St. Augustine w/Dinner @ Columbian House	Pireworks in St. Augustine Onboard viewing	Pleet returns Member Dinner PLGC Meet 5ish pm Dine 6ish pm	06
07	08	09	10	Men's Lunch Denny's 11:30pm	BOG Birthday & Anniversary Dinner Meet 5ish pm Dine 6ish pm	13
14	15	16	Shipmate's Waterside GH 11:30	Men's Lunch Denny's 11:30pm	Member Dinner Meet 5ish pm Dine 6ish pm	20
21	22	23	24	Men's Lunch Denny's 11:30pm	Member Dinner Meet 5ish pm Dine 6ish pm	27
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PCYC June Cruise to Halifax Marina











PCYC's 2019 Boating Schedule

June to December

Friday, June 14 - Sunday, June 16 - - Halifax Harbor Marina - - Daytona Beach - - - Event Captains Bill & Judy Sulser

Wednesday, June 19 - - - ICW Island Cleanup

July 1 - Monday - - Fleet Captain's Meeting - - Home of Alan & Jane Titus - - 5:30pm Social, BYOB / 6:00pm Pizza & Salad - \$5pp / 6:30pm Meeting

July 2 - July 5 - - - Fourth of July Celebration - - St. Augustine Municipal Marina - - Event Captain PC Mike Norris

August 5 - Monday - - Fleet Captain's Meeting - - Home of Barry & Barbara Kipnis - 5:30pm Social, BYOB / 6:00pm Pizza & Salad - \$5pp / 6:30pm Meeting

August 17 - Saturday - - Luncheon at Hidden Treasure Raw Bar & Grill, Flagler Beach - - By land or water - - Event Captains Carol Hunt & Rob McCann

Wednesday, August 21 - - - ICW Island Cleanup

September 2 - Monday - - Fleet Captain's Meeting & Labor Day BBQ - - Home of Robert & Sarah Ulis - - 3:30pm Social, BYOB / 5:00pm BBQ - Details TBD / 6:00pm Meeting

September 7 - September 13 - - Celebrity Cruise to Key West and Mexico - - out of Fort Lauderdale - - 6-nights - - With bus transportation to and from Fort Lauderdale - - - Event Captains PC Bill & Judy Sulser

Wednesday, September 18 - - - ICW Island Cleanup

Wednesday, September 25 - Friday, September 27 - - - Camachee Cove Yacht Harbor, St. Augustine - - - Old Towne Trolley Promotion for Palm Coast residents - - - Event Captain TBD

October 7 - Monday - - Fleet Captain's Meeting - - Home of Bob & Peggy Bescher - - 5:00pm Social, BYOB / 6:00pm Pizza & Salad - \$5pp / 6:30pm Meeting

Wednesday, October 16 - - - ICW Island Cleanup

Saturday, October 26 - - - **Progressive Dinner** - - - Event Captains Donella Crawford and PC Bill Sulser

Fleet Schedule

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Wednesday, November 6 - Tuesday, November 19 - - St. Johns River Trip - - - Palm Coast to Sanford - - - Event Captain Bill Schwartz

Wednesday, November 20 - - - ICW Island Cleanup

December 2 - Monday - - Fleet Captain's Meeting - - Home of Bill & Judy Sulser or other member's home - - 5:30pm Social, BYOB / 6:00pm Pizza & Salad - \$5pp / 6:30pm Meeting

Wednesday, December 18 - - - ICW Island Cleanup

Saturday. December 7 - - - Holiday Boat Parade - - - Event Captains Robert & Sarah Ulis

Thursday, December 12 - Monday, December 16 - - - "Last Hurrah" at St. Augustine Municipal Marina - - - Event Captain Mike Norris

Your suggestions for 2020 boat trips



In Remembrance of John Mullins

PC John Mullins completed his earthly journey in June. He was one of the founding members of Palm Coast Yacht Club and was the builder of the physical plant that housed PCYC from 1992 until 2016. He and his wife Marie were among the early residents of Palm Coast as they moved here in 1975. He was involved as one of the founders of Flagler-Palm Coast Builders Assn and Flagler-Palm Coast Rotary Club. He was also a member of Enterprise Flagler, the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce and Flagler County Council on Aging. His first mate Marie predeceased him in 2011. He was an educator in New Jersey and New York prior to retirement. He held a Doctorate degree and was Superintendent of schools in multiple districts and an adjunct instructor for NYU graduate courses.

PC Mullins truly made a difference in the early years of Palm Coast. Private family services will be conducted at Mother Seton Church.



Barbara Kipnis submitted this article based on first-hand experience.

Trawler owners usually live near a coast. Although Flagler County, Florida hadn't been hit by an Atlantic hurricane since 1896, there was always a chance. There's lots of info out there on protecting your boat in a hurricane – but what about protecting YOU?

MANDATORY EVACUATION of all residents living east of I-95! Oh-oh. Although we had planned on greeting Hurricane Matthew from our Palm Coast home, a <u>mandatory</u> evacuation quickly changed our minds. Mandatory means if you have a heart attack, break a leg, or smell a gas leak, you're on your own! First Responders aren't allowed to be on the road in winds over 45 mph, for their own safety. And if you live on a barrier island, the bridges are closed. After hearing from friends that hotels were booked all the way to Tallahassee, we decided to take BJ, our Tibetan Terrier, and go to Flagler County's pet-friendly shelter in Bunnell Elementary School. All we knew about shelters came from TV coverage of Hurricane Katrina, and that didn't give us a warm and comfy feeling. Fortunately, Bunnell Elementary was great! But we did learn a lot about how to make a shelter experience a GOOD experience. Bring the following with you:

- Pillows and sleeping bags or blankets. Cots are provided, but they're narrow with synthetic (and slippery) fabric. For the future, we're going to buy a full size "egg carton" foam mat, cut it in half, and store it with our sleeping bags. And bring a towel. If you walk your dog, you'll get wet!
- Non-perishable snacks. Also bring rations like peanut butter, jelly, and a loaf of bread (don't forget the spreader), as well as some granola bars. Although you will be fed, the menu may leave a lot to be desired. Think fish sticks and applesauce. If you're going to a school, bring salt and pepper shakers. Federal low-sodium guidelines mean really dull food. If you have special dietary needs, bring your own food!
- Something to keep you busy. We were lucky the school had guest Wi-fi and they provided a large screen news feed in the cafeteria so we could find out what was going on outside. However, four of the women in our room were Mah-jongg mavens and none of us had brought a set! A couple of decks of cards, your e-reader, some books, dominos, knitting, hand quilting: anything will do. A radio is great.
- Flashlights and a portable lantern. Bunnell had a generator and we never were without power, but be prepared! We were told that we must sleep with "lights on" for safety reasons, but one of our roomies had brought a battery operated lantern and we used that in our room so we could sleep more easily.
- Don't forget your meds! Bring extra. We stayed two days, but some people without power in their homes stayed five. If you wear glasses or contacts, bring spares.
- Ear plugs and a sleep mask. Thirteen of us were in a first grade classroom, but many slept in the corridors or cafeteria, where there was noise and continual distraction. And even in our room, there were snorers.
 - Little things. Toothbrush, toothpaste, nail clipper, water bottle, pocket knife. Extra batteries and/or those storage thingies that power up your phone or table with an emergency charge. An extension cord wall plugs are not always near your cot.
 - A spare set of clothes so you can handle weather extremes. We wore shorts and t-shirts. We could have also used some jeans and fleeces. Since we didn't lose power, the A/C kept us really cold. We spent a lot of time under the covers, reading our Kindles. Don't forget your foul weather gear and boots. If the sidewalks flood, Crocs are great but sneakers will keep your feet wet all day.

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A fanny pack. They may not be "cool," but they're great for keeping your cash and phone on you at all times. You won't need money at the shelter, but if the power is out, you'll want cash with you when you return home. Winn Dixie, for example, opened right way, but couldn't take credit cards.

If you have a pet, bring a leash, crate, a bed or sleeping mat, water and food dishes, and food. A blanket or large towel to put over the top of the crate will help keep your dog or cat calm. The Flagler Humane Society was wonderful. They took care of the pets 24/7 and saw that they had food and water. There were regular "visiting hours" to take your buddy for a walk. If your pet has special needs – like a Thunder shirt or tranquilizer, bring it!

Things you DON'T need:

An attitude. 99% of the people were helpful, considerate, and happy to be safe.

Pajamas and make-up. You sleep in your clothes. It's a big "come as you are." Forget style. Elastic waistbands rock! Lots of extra luggage. There's not a lot of room between cots!

Firearms. Much too dangerous with all the kids running around.

Other miscellaneous tips:

If you can, shower, shave and wash your hair before you leave home. It may be your last shower for a while.

If you don't text, or have a limited plan, change it for a month. I had a 250 message texting plan. I used 187 the first day in the shelter, so I called Verizon and had my plan changed. Texting was the easiest and fastest way to check on friends and family and have them check on you.

Schools usually have emergency generators and are built to strict codes. Several friends in motels lost power and were confined to their rooms for "security reasons." No TV, no A/C, no way to recharge phone and computer.

If you can, bunk down in a classroom. There are fewer people, a door that closes, and often, especially in primary grades, private washrooms!

Plan to stay until the local Emergency Center says it's safe to leave. The Shelter volunteers won't keep you against your will, but people who left during the lull of the "eye" were just stupid. The County wanted their Emergency staff to check every street for downed trees and power lines BEFORE the public headed home.

Be grateful! Many "refugees" offered to help with meals, garbage, etc. Most of the staff are volunteers, staying away from their own families to help you. Some of the police officers drove hundreds of miles to help us.

The thirteen of us in Mrs. Pickett's first grade classroom called it the "penthouse" and decided that we would all room together again if needed in the future. We exchanged names and email addresses and reported on the condition of our homes when we returned. And we got to check out our homes a half hour after we left the shelter, without hours on the road, worrying about the gas level dropping in the tank. We'd do it again – but we hope we never have to!

Flagler Historical Tour

On November 19, 2019, we are scheduled on the Flagler Historical Tour. This event is sponsored by the Shipmates of PCYC. All are welcome, however there are only 14 seats. People who have gone on this tour have raved about it. If you have been on it before, consider going again as evidently stops have been added.

If you are interested please send me an email ASAP as 11 people have already signed up. If there is enough interest, we can schedule a second tour or luck out and get a second bus. The cost is \$20 which does not include lunch at Dead Lake, Fish Camp restaurant. If you go to the following link, you can see the tour route.

https://www.flaglercountyhistoricalsociety.com/

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- Personalization \$5

Welcome new members! Now is the time to get your PCYC logowear for summer. We are limiting the original offerings and will build on the list of products as we sail thru the summer months. If you have any questions, contact Mike directly for your specific needs and wants. (562) 212-1462

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