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Palm Coast Yacht Club



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Fleet Report

On April 17th we held our **Annual Blessing of the Fleet** at the Yacht Harbor Village Marina. Although the weather was overcast with off and on drizzle, the sun arrived promptly at 11 am and we had five diligent boaters who accepted the blessing from Rev Bob Goolsby. Yacht Harbor Village Marina allowed the PCYC to use their outermost dock and the lobby for a luncheon. We had 37 attendees which included 10 guests.

On May 1st we will be having our **Progressive Dinner**. Donella Crawford and Bill

Sulser are the Event Captains for this wandering dockside dinner extravaganza. We are expecting 26 attendees to be transiting the canals by boat or landside by car to various dockside homes.

On May 10th Barbara and Barry Kipnis will be hosting our monthly **Fleet Captains Meeting** to discuss upcoming events and activities. Boat and vehicle access is available. Boaters please RSVP.

On May 27th several of our MTOA members will be ventur-

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Social Activities

Although some club social functions are resuming after being suspended by COVID restrictions, we are still masking and proceeding cautiously. Members can count on dinners in the main dining room at Pine Lakes Golf Course each Friday at 6:00pm, Men's Lunch at 11:30am each Thursday at Denny's, and Shipmates Luncheons on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month.

As discussed at the General Membership Meeting in March, an occasional weekday dinner can be planned by any member at the restaurant of their choosing; just send your announcement to Past Commodore Linda Osborn for e-

blasting to our members. Linda's e-mail address is linosbo@bellsouth.net. The first such member-inspired dining experience was hosted by Linda Osborn at the Green Lion Cafe at Palm Harbor Golf Club on Tuesday, April 13. Sixteen members enjoyed al fresco dining on the cafe's back patio. Linda got the ball rolling. So how about taking a turn?

May's Shipmates Luncheons are planned on Wednesday, May 5 at the Green Lion Cafe, and Thursday, May 20 at Island Grille at the Topaz in Flagler Beach. June's Shipmates Luncheons are planned Wednesday, June 2 at

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May Events

- 1st Progressive Dinner
- 3rd Captains Meeting
- 5th Shipmates at Green Lion
- 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Men's Lunch At Denny's
- 7th Birthday & Anniversary
- 14th, 21st, Dinner at PLGC
- 20th Shipmates at Island Grille
- 21st GMM at PLGC at 5:00



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COMMODORE'S

ORNER

I want to start out my May column with a look back at an April event. Despite the weather, the Blessing of the Fleet was a big success. Robin Whitcher did a great job putting it all together and rounding up a group of fun volunteers. Thanks to Robin and team.

As I write this, the May Progressive Dinner is still a few days away. But it promises to be another fun time, thanks again to the number of people who stepped up to help out.

Thanks also go out to Linda Osborn for organizing the first of what I hope will be monthly Tuesday on the Town dinners. Linda has offered to provide pointers to any member who has a favorite dining spot they would like us to visit one Tuesday.

Linda and Pat Wade also deserve our gratitude for publishing this great newsletter. They've done it for at least as long as I've been a member, and I read every word.

I also want to thank Judy Sulser for stepping up to take on the responsibilities of Rear Commodore for one month while we look for a full-time replacement.

I'm also grateful to Barry Kipnis for volunteering to update the membership roster for the website. If you have not already done so, please check palmcoastyachtclub.com and make sure your information is correct.

Have you noticed the classy face masks Mike Ferreira made for the line officers? Thank you!

And thanks to everyone who has made contributions to the club that I didn't specifically mention. You've made a difference too and we appreciate it.

Are you noticing a theme here? The more people who step forward and offer their skills and energy to the club, the more fun we can all have together.

That brings me to volunteer opportunities. We need a Rear Commodore. That person is in charge of land-based events and will serve on the Board of Governors. He or she doesn't have to do it alone. The Rear Commodore heads the Social Committee, a group of volunteers who help with the larger events. If you would like to be part of the BOG and have a larger voice in the ways we engage socially, please consider applying for the job of Rear Commodore. Just send me a note. Or if you simply enjoy helping to throwing a good party, please sign up for the Social Committee.

And finally, Sarah Ulis has put on the biggest and best Holiday Boat Parade in central Florida for several years. I volunteered to take over last year, and you know how that turned out! Let's get behind Sarah this year and lend a hand. She has several specific tasks that need to be done. If each of us signs up for just one, nobody will have a lot to do. This is OUR parade. So, WE need to help. See Sarah for ways you can assist in making this year's parade the best yet.

Don't forget to pay your 2021 dues by May 15. Thank you for that, too.

Donnella Crawford.
 Commodore

Fleet Report

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ing to **Ortega Landing** Jacksonville FL). Bill Sulser, our Event Captain has coordinated a super 5 nights docking fee for the price of 1 night. This event includes one of the best marinas on eastern seaboard of Florida with over(night stops in Palm Cove Marina and St Augustine Municipal Marina.

On June 2nd Alan and Jane Titus will be hosting our monthly **Fleet Captains Meeting** to discuss upcoming events and activities. Boat and vehicle access is available. Boaters please RSVP.

On July 4th (Thursday 1st-Monday 5th) **Fireworks at St Augustine Municipal Marina** will be captained by Bill Schwartz. We currently have 6 boats overnighing and those wishing to participate by land are welcome to join us by car on the asphalt waterway.

This fall we will be conducting a **Pirates Treasure Hunt**. Theresa Williams is the Event Captain for an energized boating event for smaller vessels searching for nautical themed items. We are hoping to open this event to the public and have prizes for category winners. Jump in the boat and bring your camera for some great seafaring fun.

In the late fall 2021 or spring 2022 Event Captain Alan Titus is coordinating an exotic 7 day Caribbean adventure on a **large ship cruise**. Due to the current Covid restrictions the dates and exact cruise itinerary have not been determined. Let Alan know if you're interested.

We are seeking individual event captains to lead one of our fun waterside getaways with our smaller fleet vessels. Proposed local destinations include **Cassen park dock and an Ormond Beach restaurant** and another great option is **the Culinary Outfitters Restaurant on the San Sebastian river** on the south side of St Augustine.

September is a great month for the **Daytona Beach Bandshell** with an opportunity to get the larger vessels back on the water. September shows include tribute bands for Elton John, Pink Floyd and Led Zepelin.

We are also starting to plan an **open water fishing trip out of St Augustine or Ponce Inlet**. Stay tuned as this is just now developing...

As you can see, we have a lot of hooks in the water AND we have room for more!

Have an event you want to share with the club? Please contact me to assist in any future PCYC Fleet Events.

Robin Whither

Fleet Captain
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Social Activities

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the Green Lion Cafe, and Thursday, June 17 at Cantina Louie in Palm Coast. Please save these dates on your calendar. Details will be e-mailed a few days before each luncheon.

I am happy to be your acting Rear Commodore until a permanent Rear Commodore fills the vacancy on the Board.

Judy Sulser

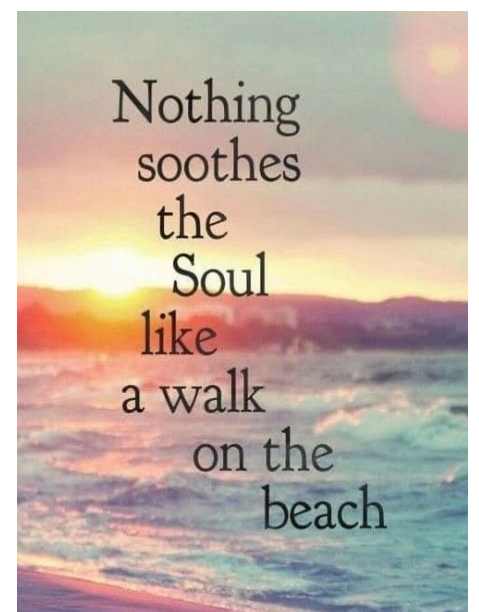
Acting Rear Commodore



Captains' Meeting

Monday, May 10
5:00 pm

Barry & Barb Kipnis
Sabal Bend



Celebrations



Birthdays

Deckhands

May

08 Barry Kipnis
27 Les Abend

June

26 Mark Lewis

Shipmates

May

01 Virginia Riquier
08 Jacqui Sales

June

09 Paula Lewis
10 Dee Chambers-Dupuy
19 Pat Wade
24 Monika Cullen
27 Delores Kelley
28 Lois Whitcher

Anniversaries

May

05 Bob & Theresa Williams
09 Greg Davis & Jacqui Sales
25 Les & Carol Abend

June

03 Chris & Ann Vorndran
27 Jack & Kathy Kurdock

**The Green Lion, Tuesday, April 13.
Got the vaccine and dining out more. Great to meet face to face!!!**



MAY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01 Progressive Dinner 2:00pm until dusk
02	03	04	05 Shipmates Green Lion 11:30am	06 Men's Lunch Denny's 11:30am	07 Birthday & Anniversary PLGC Member Dinner 6:00pm	08
09	10 Captains Meeting Home of the Kipnis 5:00 pm	11	12	13 Men's Lunch Denny's 11:30am	14 BOG 4:30pm Member Dinner 6:00pm	15 PCYC "Dues Are Due" ENDS
16	17	18	19	20 Men's Lunch Denny's 11:30am Shipmates Island Grille 11:30am	21 GMM 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm PLGC	22
23	24	25	26	27 Men's Lunch Denny's 11:30am	28 Member Dinner 6:00pm	29
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March Cruise to Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island, Florida

Amelia Island has two marinas offering overnight dockage to cruisers. At marker “3” proceed up Jackson Creek to friendly Amelia Island Marina, which has a convenient on-site restaurant and Cantina Louie nearby. However, four nautical miles farther north on the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) is an outstanding boating destination - Fernandina Harbor Marina - adjacent to a charming town with shops, historic buildings, bars, pubs, restaurants, galleries, hotel, B&Bs, a Saturday Farmer’s Market, a fort, beautiful marsh views, and more.

Five boats were originally signed up for the trip to Fernandina Beach. But boat repairs and family priorities whittled the number down to one boat - ‘Dream Catcher’. When a bleak weather forecast threatened this boat trip, I was feeling pretty low. Bill and I checked NOAA National Weather Service Marine Forecasts to see if there was a good weather window we could take advantage of. We departed one day early and enjoyed a wonderful cruise on Wednesday, March 17 from Palm Coast to Palm Cove Marina in Jacksonville Beach. The front was to approach North Florida Thursday afternoon, so we departed at daybreak and arrived at Fernandina Harbor Marina by noon before the ICW waters became choppy. We hadn’t planned that our slip would be on the inside of the long face dock with so little wind protection. We rock’n’rolled quite a bit throughout our stay. However, the wind didn’t stop us from enjoying walks in town, scouting out the best places to dine, and a most pleasant visit with Barry and Barbara Kipnis who stayed Friday night at the Hampton Inn.

Bill and I were surprised that the wind would not let up. So we extended our stay at Fernandina Harbor an additional night, departing Tuesday, March 23 under close to ideal boating weather. With the wind at our stern and favorable tidal currents we cruised the 60 miles to St. Augustine Municipal Marina with ease. Then enjoyed a late lunch at Athena’s Greek Restaurant and some shopping along George Street. Departing St. Augustine Wednesday morning March 24, arriving in Palm Coast unscathed - fortunately!

Bill and I were not going to take ‘Dream Catcher’ on the water in bad conditions, and guided by marine forecasts our boat performed admirably, not unlike “The Little Engine That Could”.

Judy Sulser



Top Left to Right, Capt Bill at Palm Cove Fuel Dock. Dream Catcher at Fernandina Harbor looking South. 1st Mate Judy standing beside Boat

Bottom Left to Right, Capt Bill aboard, Capt Bill with Barry & Barbara Kipnis, standing on the dock.

Progressive Dinner Saturday, May 1

Saturday, May 1, 2021

11:30 - Noon Drop off food at assigned home
 2:00 Meet your Captain at his boat
 2:15 Leave home dock for assigned appetizer location
 3:00 Arrive at appetizer location
 4:00 Leave appetizer location -
 Cruise or drive to main course location
 4:45 Arrive at main course location
 5:45 Sea Resort leaves for Titus dessert location,
 Dream Catcher heads for home port.
 6:30 Everyone meets at Titus home for dessert
 7:15 Leave for home port
 8:00 Arrive home port by dark



Birthday and Anniversary Dinner and Farewell to Peggy & Bob Bescher



Fleet Captain's Annual Schedule

May 1st Progressive Dinner

Donella Crawford and Bill Sulser are the Event Captains.
Within the canals and intra-coastal waterway.

May 10th Fleet Captains Meeting

Monthly meetings to discuss upcoming events and activities.
Boaters and vehicle access
Hosts Barbara and Barry Kipnis **(386) 246 6940**

May 27th Ortega Landing Jacksonville FL

Bill Sulser is the Event Captain.
5 nights for the price of 1 night \$3 ft and \$5 electric
One of the best marinas on eastern seaboard of Florida
Enroute overnight stops in Palm Cove Marina and return at St Augustine Municipal Marina

June 2nd Fleet Captains Meeting

Monthly meetings to discuss upcoming events and activities
Boaters and vehicle access
Hosts Alan and Jane Titus **(386) 225-4372**

July 4th (Thursday 1st-Monday 5th) Fireworks at St Augustine Municipal Marina.

Landside accommodations at local B&B
Bill Schwartz is the Event Captain.

Pirates Treasure Hunt Date TBD

An energized boating event for smaller vessels
Searching for nautical themed items
Theresa Williams is the Event Captain

A large cruise ship event Fall 2021 Spring 2022

Alan Titus is the Event Captain.
Caribbean destinations

Luncheon Getaway to Cassen Park and Seaside Restaurant Date TBD

A fun water getaway to Ormond Beach for smaller vessels
The Event Captain: TBD

Luncheon Getaway to San Sebastian and Culinary Outfitters Restaurant Date TBD

A fun water or driving getaway to San Sebastian for smaller vessels
The Event Captain: TBD

Have an event you want to share with the club?

Contact the Fleet Captain Robin Witcher
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Palm Coast Yacht Club 4th of July cruise to St Augustine.



We leave Palm Coast on July 2nd and return on July 5th, avoiding weekend traffic.

In addition to fireworks on Sunday night the 4th, we typically have a dock party, lots of fellowship, boat visits and sample some of St. Augustine's fine restaurants such as: O. C. Whites, A1A Ale Works, South O Philly, Harrys Seafood Bar & Grill. There is shopping on St. George street. Everyone has a great time!.

Please contact cruise captain Bill Schwartz by email if interested. He will gather information needed for marina reservations: Boat name, Captain first and last name, Phone number, Street address, city state zip. Overall length, Beam, Draft and 30-50 or 100 Amp.

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2021 Blessing of the Fleet

