



The Pilot

Palm Coast Yacht Club



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Fleet Report

Planning the 4th of July fireworks overnight trip to **St Augustine** became a weather avoidance challenge. However in the end we finally made the trip with 4 boats. (See Judy Sulser's article for more details) One of our participants was a "new boat" with "new members" going to a "new marina" on a "solo pilotage" that ended with a perfect docking! So, a hearty welcome to our newest members Mitchell and Linda Murray aboard Excalibur.

We tried a **kayak outing** with a low turnout, but it has only inspired us to reconsider the event.

We will be working on another Kayak event in the near future with additional festivities that should inspire everyone. Secret Hint: Green Lion.

September's outing is shaping up as a weekday event in a combined smaller boat and poker game in our "**Poker Run**" Mark your calendars for Thursday September 30th. Details are still being formulated so please stay tuned to our website and the general meeting on September 17th.

October 16th is our **Scavenger**

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Social Activities

Deckhands! All are welcome at Denny's for "breakfast". It starts at 11:30AM each Thursday.

Shipmates! Wednesday, September 1, our Shipmates luncheon will be at the Green Lion Cafe at Palm Harbor Golf Club. Thursday, September 16, we'll head to the beach for lunch at the Atlantic Grille at the Club at Hammock Beach. Next month there will be luncheons on Wednesday, October 6, at the Green Lion Cafe, and by popular demand we will lunch at Break Awayz on A1A in Flagler Beach on Thursday, October 21. All luncheons will begin at 11:30am.

The Palm Coast Yacht Club and the City's Chez Jacqueline boutique will be partners for a benefit to raise funds for Flagler Humane Society. It will be held on September 8, 2021 from 5 to 7 PM. Tickets are being sold for \$25.00 each to attend a special show featuring fashions from the boutique which are being modeled by members of the Yacht Club. Plus, Chez Jacqueline will be making available wine and cheese during the fashion show. In addition, special discounts to area restaurants, businesses and services will be raffled off during the event. All proceeds from the show will be donated to Flagler

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Events

1. Shipmates at Green Lion
- 2,9,16,23,30 Deckhands lunch
3. Members Dinner, PLGC
4. ICW Cleanup (City of PC)
6. Captains Meeting
7. Dinner at Tortuga's
8. Fashion Show, Chez Jacqueline
10. BOG & Member Dinner PLGC
17. Membership Mtg & B'day & Anniversary Dinner PLGC
21. Food Truck, Town Center
24. Member Dinner, PLGC



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COMMODORE'S

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I'd like to begin by thanking everyone who took the time to fill out the questionnaires that were mailed to members recently. It's clear that many of you dedicated a lot of time and thought to filling out your surveys. For that, the Renaissance Committee is thankful.

A couple of things were very clear from your responses: Most members do not want to purchase another building at this time, yet many are open to leasing a full-time facility.

You, as a group, don't think meetings need more structure and you don't want the Fleet Captain's Meetings combined with the General Membership Meetings.

I had the opportunity to look over the sheets you returned and I saw that most people joined for the same reasons I did. You wanted to meet other boaters, forge new friendships and share boating advice and experiences. I hope you are finding those desires met within the club.

There were also areas where some members felt the club fell short. Your Board of Governors will address those issues and try to develop ways to improve.

A breakdown of the responses and comments is available on our website: www.palmcoastyachtclub.com.

Vice Commodore Sarah Ulis is working with a committee to update our bylaws. That process will also involve a review of our Articles of Incorporation.

Both our boating and social calendars are filling up for the rest of the year. Both Rear Commodore Candy Schmidt and Fleet Captain Robin Whitcher are open to suggestions for even more activities.

Finally, I want to thank Bill Schwartz for agreeing to head up our Education efforts. In the weeks to come we will announce a program of Safe Boating Classes that will be open to all members and to the public.

Thanks for your support.

Donnella Crawford.

Commodore

The PCYC Member Roster and Fleet List
 Are both now available on our website.

PLEASE

Do not share this information with non-club members.

One important way to keep our personal information safe and avoid compromising our website security is to refrain from sharing this information.

Commodore Donella Crawford

PALM COAST YACHT CLUB AND CHEZ JACQUELINE PARTNER IN FUNDRAISER FOR FLAGLER HUMANE SOCIETY

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Contact Judy Sulser at jasulser@gmail.com or (386) 503-3115 to reserve a seat.

This is the sixth benefit held by the Palm Coast Yacht Club, which has staged major fundraisers for local charities including The Family Life Center; the local chapter of Disabled American Veterans; Love in a Backpack, providing supplemental nutrition to Flagler's children; and Florida's Guardian ad Litem Program, advocating for abused and neglected children.

Chez Jacqueline is located at 25 Palm Harbor Village Way, W#3, and is a popular source for fashion, gifts, and home décor. The store has a two-decade tradition of raising funds for local charities on behalf of the city's clubs and service organizations. (The boutique is near Cantina Louie Mexican Restaurant on Old Kings Road N.)



Candyce, one of the models, trying to find the perfect outfit to model



The Posse was there to protect him, so PC Jim Dupuy felt safe enough to venture out for dinner with his fellow PCYC members. Wife, Dee, led the Posse, so he was protected. It was great to see them feel safe enough to join us for dinner.

Celebrations



Birthdays

Deckhands September

07 Jack Murdock
13 Mike Norris

October

01 Mike Ferreira
Dave MacDonald
07 Alan Titus
21 Ron Murphy
23 Bill Schwartz
27 Mitchell Murray

Shipmates September

07 Judy Van Train
19 Jane Titus
23 Linda Taillon

October

04 Bernita Moulton

Anniversaries

September

25 Jim & Delores Chambers Dupuy

October

21 Alan & Jane Titus
28 Mike & Ruthanne Ferreira

Celebrants for July & August





Palm Coast Yacht Club

September 2021

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| | | | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 |
| | | | Shipmates Green Lion 11:30am | Deckhands Lunch Denny's 11:30am | Member Dinner PLGC Meet 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm | ICW Clean up PC Community Center 8:00am -1:00pm |
| 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 |
| | Fleet Captains Meeting Ulis Residence 5:00pm | Tortuga's After 6:00pm | Chez Jacqueline Fashion Show 5:00 – 7:00 | Deckhands Lunch Denny's 11:30am | BOG 4:00pm Member Dinner PLGC Meet 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | | | | Deckhands Lunch Denny's 11:30am Shipmates Atlantic Grill 11:30am | Membership Mtg 4:30pm B'day & Anniversary Dinner PLGC Meet 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | Food Truck Tuesday Town Center 5:30pm | | Deckhands Lunch Denny's 11:30am | Member Dinner PLGC Meet 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
| | | | | Deckhands Lunch Denny's 11:30am POKER Run | | |

A 4th of July PCYC Tradition

A cherished tradition of the PCYC fleet is the annual boat trip to St. Augustine to celebrate the 4th of July and to enjoy the Ancient City's blockbuster fireworks! Mike Norris aboard 'Xtasea', Robin and Lois Witcher aboard 'Sea Resort', and Bill and Judy Sulser aboard 'Dream Catcher' were underway on Friday, July 2. New members Mitchell and Linda Murray aboard 'Excalibur' departed Palm Coast a day later on Saturday, July 3.

As many times as Bill and I have visited St. Augustine by boat, the City always delights us. And this trip was no exception. Our cruise was organized by Event Captain Bill Schwartz; unfortunately Bill and Pat could not join us since 'Radio Active' had electronic issues.

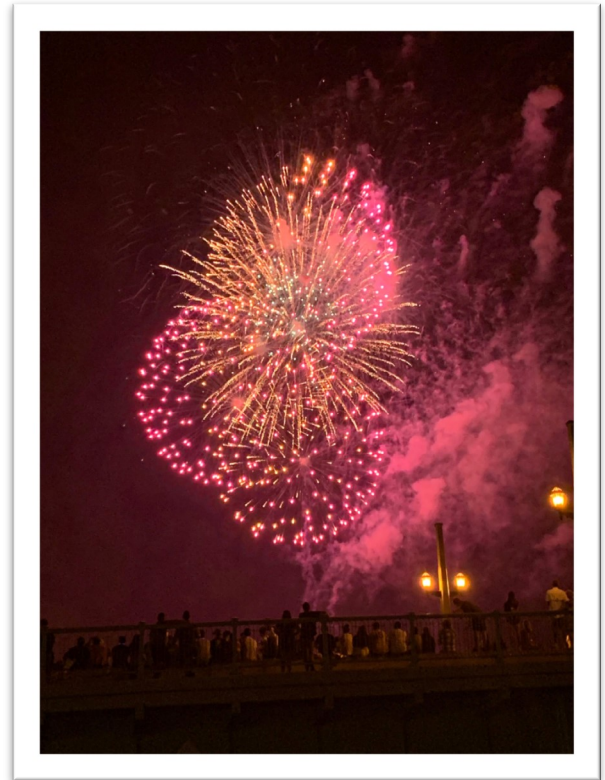
As Hurricane Elsa approached our coast, a great deal of rain and thunderstorms were forecast for the holiday weekend. Happily there were plenty of clear skies. And the rains moderated the temperatures to a comfortable degree!

Friday at O.C. White's spirits and seafood were enjoyed by a cheerful crowd with Ken and Brenda Damiani and Mark and Paula Lewis joining the fleet for dinner. On Saturday many of us enjoyed shopping and walks through the City and socializing on our boats. Our Commodore Donella Crawford, Ron and Maurine Murphy, and Claire Goldstein joined us for dinner at A1A Ale House, which was followed by a social aboard 'Excalibur', hosted by Mitchell and Linda.

On Independence Day the City was packed with cars and people, and sporadic rains showered us throughout the day. We enjoyed an early dinner of pizza and sides aboard 'Excalibur', thus avoiding a rainy dock party. We were all hopeful that the skies would clear by nighttime. And they did! And fireworks exploded another magnificent display in the night sky!



Judy Sulser



Kipnis' Find New Boat



Back in the Fleet! After a long search, Barry and Barbara Kipnis found Paradise, a 2018 Jeanneau NC895 cruiser. They're busy figuring out how to fit a lot of boat stuff from the 44' foot catamaran into a much smaller 29'9" package. 50 years ago, they started with a 15' foot Albacore sailboat, worked up to a 50' Marine Trader trawler, and now are gradually working back down the scale. A name change may be in the works making Paradise the fifth "Iffin."

Bringing the boat back from Fort Pierce was HOT and uneventful, until we got stopped for speeding just north of the Palm Coast bridge. The difference between "Minimum Wake" and "NO WAKE" appears to have multiple interpretations.

Food Truck for Dinner?



The first arrivals encountered the rain so Food Truck Tuesday migrated to the Green Lion Deck. The Kipnis arrival coincided with the clear blue skies so they represented PCYC admirably.



14TH ANNUAL INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY CLEANUP
SEPTEMBER 4TH | 8 AM - 1 PM
PALM COAST COMMUNITY CENTER

- PROTECT AND ENJOY NATURE BY REMOVING TRASH ALONG CITY PATHS, WALKWAYS, AND WATERWAYS.
- FREE SHIRT AND MATERIALS PROVIDED.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!
PALMCOASTGOV.COM/EVENTS/INTRACOASTAL-CLEANUP

Fleet Report

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Hunt where boats cruise the local waters capturing pictures of water related objects and activities, ending with a BBQ at the Herschel King Park pavilion.

Several grand events are also coming towards the late fall:

*5 day cruise to **Halifax Harbor** in Daytona with a tag along to **New Smyrna Beach**. Boats large and small along with landside B&B opportunities.

*5 day cruise to **Fernandina Beach** with stops in **Palm Cove** and ending with the **Festival of Lights in St Augustine**, again B&B/hotel options are available. This includes both the decorated boat parade and an estimated 6 million lights along the boardwalk. A spectacular sight!

For both of these events, you must make the reservations for dock space and hotel/B&B NOW!

We are already starting to plan next year's events. We have a great Ocean Cruise in January with approximately 24 participants. We are also looking at an MTOA rendezvous, the red carpet of boating events.

To support our water events, the Board of Governor's recently voted to establish an educational program. That program will address general water and boating safety. This program is being coordinated with the Flagler County Sheriff Department as well as their vast expanse of other agencies to provide educational opportunities for our club and local communities. Bill Schwartz will be leading this committee, so please stay tuned for some great opportunities to expand and improve your water knowledge.

Got a great location or waterside event? We are accepting all ideas large and small. If it safely includes a boat, let's do it. Give me a call and we can get your event on our schedule!

Robin Witcher

Fleet Captain



Treasurer's Report

In short, all our bills are paid and we have money in the Bank. Significant Financial Events since the last General Membership Meeting included paying our 2020 Federal Tax Return, a Worker's Compensation Review and transferring funds between accounts. (Ed. Note: The financial itemization was presented at the GMM 8/20/2021)

Respectfully submitted:

Andy Boothe

Treasurer

Doing a Little Storm Chasing



Social activities

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Humane Society. Please contact Judy Sulser or me for tickets or questions. We hope to see all of you there! If you cannot attend, we are accepting donations for the Flagler Humane Society. Please make all checks out to Flagler Humane Society.

Activities! Tuesday's on the Town. The first and third Tuesdays of the month we try and have a casual dinner at one of the areas fun restaurants. On the 7th, we will be going to Tortuga's after 6:00 PM. On the 21st, we will be again trying Food Truck Tuesday's meeting at 5:30PM. Blasts will be sent out as a reminder. While some of us "chickened out", the Kipnis' did attend!! I promise to be braver in September.

Candace Schmidt

Rear Commodore

Fleet Captain's Annual Schedule (UPDATED)

September 6th Fleet Captains Meeting 5pm
Hosts Robert & Sarah Ulis (703) 606-5508

September 30th Thursday Boating Poker Run
A fun water getaway playing poker within the canals
Event Captain: Donella Crawford (248) 302-3434

October 4th Fleet Captains Meeting 5pm
Hosts Donella Crawford (248) 302-3434

October 16th Scavenger Hunt Herschel King Pavilion and Dock
An energized boating event for smaller vessels. Searching for nautical themed items
Event Captain: Donella Crawford (248) 302-3434

November 1st Fleet Captains Meeting 5pm
Hosts Barry and Barb Kipnis (386) 246-6940

Nov 5-10th Halifax Harbor and New Smyrna Beach City Marina.
Halifax Landside accommodations at Live Oak B&B, Foxtail Estate, The German Berl Inn
NSB Landside accommodations, Night Swan Intracoastal B&B, Anchor Inn NSB B&B
Event Captain: Judy Sulser

December 6th Fleet Captains Meeting 5pm
Hosts Ron and Maurine Murphy (386) 447-6513

Dec 7th –13th St Augustine Holiday Boat Parade and Fernandina Beach Marina.
Landside accommodations at local B&B
Event Captain: Bill Schwartz.

December 18th Annual Christmas Holiday Parade
Event Captain: Sarah Ulis.

Jan 21, 2022 Celebrity Equinox Cruise Aruba, Curacao Bonaire and Cayman Islands
Caribbean destinations Ft Lauderdale visiting Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire and Cayman Islands.
Event Captain: Alan Titus.

Have an event you want to share with the club?
Contact Robin Whitcher Robin58@mindspring.com 919-818-3960
cell 386-283-5453 home



Captains' Meeting

*Monday,
September 6
5:00 pm*

*Robert & Sarah Ulis
Vanderbilt Place*

General Membership Meeting

**Friday September 17
Meeting 5:00pm
Pine Lakes Golf Course**



PCYC Fernandina St Augustine Cruise. Dec. 7 to 13.

December 7, Cruise Palm Coast to Palm Cove, 51 miles about 3.5 hours. Dinner at Marker 32

December 8, Cruise to Fernandina, 31 miles, 2.5 hr. Dinner at Bretts Waterfront Café. 6PM

<https://www.fernandinaharbormarina.com> for boaters – book soon!

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/aishshx-hampton-suites-amelia-island-historic-harbor-front>

For our landlubber friends.

December 9, Amelia River Cruise tour 10:00 AM. \$30.00 Dinner TBD

<https://www.ameliaadventures.com/amelia-island-boat-tours/amelia-island-cumberland-island-boat-tours/>

December 10 TBD

December 11 Cruise to St. Augustine City Marina. 61 miles, 5 hours.

St. Augustine has many motels near marina for landlubbers.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/usthdf-hilton-st-augustine-historic-bayfront/>

<https://www.marionmotorlodge.com> or <http://www.bayfrontinn.com>

Pizza? Watch Regatta of lights 6PM

<https://www.visitstaugustine.com/event/regatta-lights>

December 12 Breakfast. Athena, Trolley with free wine and spirits! Dinner O.C. Whites 7PM

December 13 Cruise home 25 miles to PC marina 2 hours.

I am working to make reservations for 7 at Palm Cove – OK- and 9 at St. Augustine.

Fernandina requires each to use Snag -a-Slip themselves. Sulser, Kipnes and Schwartz have, others need to soon, this is busy season.

This should be lots of fun to two historic cities right downtown.

Ideas for other activities are welcome.

If you do not want to do whole thing, you can do part.

I will need to know your boat data for Palm Cove and St Augustine.

We are really looking forward to a fun ending of the cruising season.

Cruise captain Bill Schwartz, WS1C@icloud.com




PCYC Poker Run
Thursday,
September 30
 Details will follow
 Mark your calendar now for
 this event.






Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, October 26

10:00AM—3:00PM

October 16th will be our **Scavenger Hunt** where boats cruise the local waters capturing pictures of water related objects and activities, ending with a BBQ at the Herschel King Park pavilion.

THE PALM COAST HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

Proudly the Largest in Central Florida

December 18th 2021 at 6 p.m.

Join us from the shore or on your own boat!

Back for the 36th Year

As Always, Free to ALL! Membership not required

Start Planning Now!

For all viewing information and how to register your boat
Visit www.PalmCoastYachtClub.com or Facebook



*PCYC Ship Store
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palmcoastyachtclub.com*



Go online to the Club website to order the PCYC gear. We are being encouraged to wear shirts to meetings, dinner and other Club events. The more formal historic uniform of PCYC has been suspended for the foreseeable future so a shirt with your name or your boat's name is the new uniform

PCYC Education September 2021

I will start this month with links to some great guides I keep on board, but not required under 40'. They are recommend reading, lots of good stuff.

<https://www.uscgboating.org/images/420.PDF> This has a quick reference of items required.

<https://www.fau.edu/ehs/info/florida-boating-handbook.pdf> Florida's is online here.

<https://bookstore.kalkomey.com/products/handbook-florida-boating-laws-responsibilities>

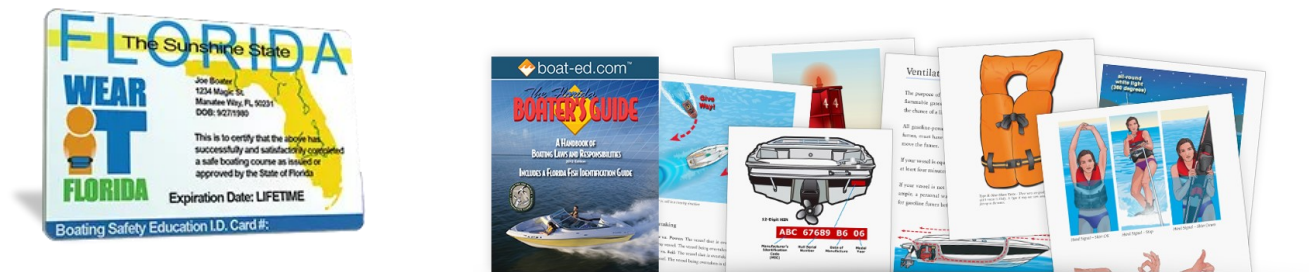
Hard copy for sale here, 1.99 a copy.

Both used to be free in racks at boating stores, not sure they are today.

<https://www.boatsmartexam.com/us/florida/> Safe boating course with ID card. \$29.95

This is taught by USPS and USCGA, approved by all 50 states and required for anyone born after Jan. 1, 1988. Do not think there are many PCYC members under 33!.

This is a great course, Pat and I took older hands on version that took 16 weeks in 1995 when we bought first boat. It was shortened to 12, then 4 weeks, now done in 1 day.



Next month Vessel Safety Checks or VSC. I will link a USPS and USCGA inspector since I am not current. I highly recommend this. Many of you have had. Ron & I got the first 2 offered last year from USCGA in St. Augustine last June. Many believe the USCG and local law enforcement are less likely to stop inspected boats, since it indicates captain cares about safety.

My history, I took 16 week safe boating course from USPS in 1995. Then went on to take all courses offered through celestial navigation and weather prediction! Pat took Seamanship and Piloting, and cruise planning. I went on to fill the chairs leading to Commander. After that I was the Public Boating course chair, then Education Officer. The EU is equal to Commander as education is USPS primary mission. I taught many of the courses offered, but I am not current. Also did VSCs

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