

# Palm Coast Yacht Club

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#### The "Official Boat" of PCYC

Their histories range long through the story of mankind: Over Homer's storied wine-dark seas, in the crowded bays of Asia, on the shores of the New World, small boats hurtled out of their harbors, their mission to intercept incoming ships looming on the horizon. They were a common sight in the ancient world and for millennia thereafter until as recently as a century ago. These were pilot boats in earnest competition to bring large ships safely in and out of port. Numbering in the thousands, ubiquitous and diverse, pilot boats measured as long as forty feet, others as short as six yards.

Once serving military behemoths, giant container ships, freighters and fishing boats, they are now finding new lives as lobster and crab haulers. Others are pure pleasure boats. Still more have been transformed into colorful party boats, status symbols popularized by television icon Martha Stewart. They continue to give their all for their new captains.

Once such helmsman was Palm Coast community stalwart Alois Michael Krier, who died last year in his 86th year. Al was well known to Palm Coast as a weekly presence on its canals enjoying the pleasures of his Herreshoff Pilot, its small bell ringing as Al announced his presence to the houses he passed every day, often stopping to say hello. As his daughter Roseanne Dunn says, "He never met a stranger."

Of the more than 20 boats Al owned over the years, the final boat was the 18-foot Herreshoff Pilot named "Pilot 49," because it was the 49th such boat built. "He liked to keep things simple," said his son, Joe. Through the years, he had boats named "BOAT," "187," and "LBA," which stood for "Last Boat for Al." "We knew that wasn't true," Joe said.

Al had bought the Pilot 15 years ago, having spotted it not at dock, but underwater. The boat was raised, and the ruined engine was swapped for a Volvo Penta Diesel. The Pilot became Al's primary nautical transport and was a staple in the Palm Coast Holiday Boat Parade.When the Palm Coast Yacht Club named the 2023 Parade in his honor, Al's family decided to donate the boat to the care of its membership.

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**COMMODORE'S** 

#### Commodore's Corner September 2023



Happy September to all -As usual, we have many things planned for the month! Please read the Pilot and check out the calendar for the latest!

Two activities I am looking forward to are the Shipmates lunch on Wednesday at Next Door. It used to be the Green Lion and now is located next door to the Golden Lion in Flagler Beach! I hear great things about the restaurant!

Also, we have Mimosa Sunday coming up, September  $10^{th}$  in the Members Lounge. I thought I would be there but changed my travel pans and now I will miss it – Drat!

Look at the calendar and pick your events, they are FUN! Looking forward to seeing you at events of your choice,

Candyce Schmidt

Commodore

A special thank you is due to several members of PCYC. As some of you are aware, this past year and not been a stellar year for my health but I am thankful that I remained above water rather than below. A special thanks to Barbara and Barry Kipnis for accepting all responsibility for the Pilot on the shortest of notices and always providing our membership with a top quality Pilot. I am very grateful for their oontributions.

PC Linda Osborn Publisher

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 Candyce Schmidt

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It is now in St. Augustine, undergoing a restoration by All Source Marine that will give it a new mission as the first sailing emblem of the club and a symbol of the parade as its lead boat for as long as the parade continues to run.Al's 1974 Pilot is an important part of American boatbuilding history.

The Herreshoff Manufacturing Company of Bristol, Rhode Island, was established more than 150 years ago. Among the company's clients were the Vanderbilts and Whitneys. After the company went out of business in 1947, Nowak and Williams, also of Bristol, assumed the manufacture of Pilots until its demise in 1980.

The vessels were built to be durable and serviceable. At first glance, the boats look clunky, scarcely the vision of a sleek millionaire's yacht. An exaggerated high prow dominates the profile. According to Mike Dolan, owner of All Source Marine, "It is most efficient not on the plane that is, not skimming the surface of the water, but by charging right through it."

This extends the line of the hull on the waterline, offering the boat more buoyancy and greater speed, and improves its performance in rough water.

Primarily distinguished by yellow or red paint, the boats are also identified by the word "Pilot" on the hull.

Common navigation lights were supplemented by a round white light and below a red light. The mnemonic "white cap, red nose" was used to remember the lights' configuration as the captain's white cap and his red nose because of the copious amounts of alcohol that were supposedly consumed waiting for business. The Herreshoff Pilots carried "un-stayed masts," the sail secured only at the top and bottom of the mast. Many sailing experts agree that the freestanding sail reduces the load on the hull, increasing the boat's propulsion. The captain stood to navigate. Chairs were not used because they would reduce a captain's ability to move about the small deck and would inhibit vision of the surrounding seas. Joe Krier built stools for the Pilot, but his father preferred not to use them, or, if someone else was at the wheel, to recline contentedly in the bow.

Now in the enthusiastic hands of the Yacht Club, the boat is in all-hands mode for its maintenance and restoration, from its fiberglass hull to the top of the mast, which will now be fitted with a new eight-foot sail emblazoned with the club logo.

Finishing work on the teak fittings will be provided by the woman affectionately known in Palm Coast as "the Boat Girl". Jennifer Fallon is doing the work gratis.

The boat soon will be graced with a formal name. But its most important hallmark will be the bell, still hanging just outside the cockpit door next to the wheel. On Dec. 9, it will be ringing loudly as the boat leads the parade out to the Intracoastal Waterway, a tangible memory of Al Krier, his spirit very much alive.







# Celebrations

# **Birthdays**

# <u>Deckhands</u>

### **September**

03 Jim Morgan07 Jack Kurdock13 Mike Norris14 Louis Pacheco

# <u>October</u>

01 Mike Ferreira Steve Franklin07 Alan Titus21 Ron Murphy23 Bill Schwartz2y Mitchell Murray

# <u>Shipmates</u>

## <u>September</u>

19 Jane Titus
 23 Linda Taillon
 24 Carol Grau
 25 Linda Allen
 30 Terry Franklin

## <u>October</u>

04 Bernita Moulton 06 Danette Potochick 16 Rasha Lammam

# **Anniversaries**

### **September**

01 Ramone & Suzy Vazquez
20 Deb Royle & Karl Reiser
24 Jim & Kerri Morgan
25 Jim & Dee Dupuy
30 Manny & Carol Grau

#### <u>October</u>

01 Louis & Bobbi Colageo02 Lynn & Stephen Toben21 Alan & Jane Titus22 Tom & Linda Britton28 Mike & Ruth Ferreira



Member in need of a Boat Slip

We have a member looking for a home for his 21-foot powerboat. A boat lift is also requested. If you have an open slip with a

lift and you're open to renting that space to a PCYC member, please let me know.

Many thanks for your help here. Enjoy your holiday weekend.

Cheers!!

Otis Gilyard Fleet Captain 386-569-9485 ogilyard@gmail.com

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# Talm Coast Yacht Club September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	тни	FRI	SAT
					01 Dinner PLGC 6:00-8:00	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
			Ship- mates 12:30	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00N	Dinner PLGC 6:00-8:00	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mimosa Sun- day 1:00-4:00 PCYC Clubhouse		Fleet Cap- tain Meeting 6:30-7:30	Board of Dir. 6:30 -7:30 Clubhse	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00N	Dinner PLGC 6:00-8:00	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Tuesday on the Town	Book Club 7:00pm PCYC Club house	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00N Shipmates 12:30pm	Dinner PLGC 6:00-8:00	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00N	Dinner PLGC 6:00-8:00	

Howdy and HAPPY DAY, PCYC!!!

I hope this report finds you all well. Please see the below from "Event Captain", Donella, pertaining to the upcoming progressive dinner:

Hello everyone,

It's time to get ready for one of the most fun activities of the year, our Progressive Dinner. It will be held Saturday, October 7 beginning at 11:00 am.

For those of you who haven't taken part before, this is how it works:

\* Members with boats volunteer their vessels and invite other members to join them.

\* Members with homes on the canals volunteer to host a food course.

\* Members who participate but volunteer neither homes nor boats prepare food to share. In the past, everyone donated food. I hope that isn't necessary this year.

\* Between 9:30 and 10:00 cooks drop off their food at the appropriate home.

\* At 10:45 passengers arrive at the home of their assigned boat and the boat leaves the home dock at 11:00 and heads for the assigned appetizer house.

At approximately 12:30, everyone gets back on the boats and heads for the main course house. Around 2:30, back on the water to visit the assigned dessert home. At 4:00-ish boats head back to their home docks and drop off passengers. There will likely be more than one home for each course. We try to get home volunteers onto boats for the other courses.

Planning this event is tricky. Seriously.

So - please let me know at your earliest convenience if you would like to volunteer your home, your boat, or if you would like to prepare a dish and hitch a ride with a fellow member. If you are a boater, let me know how many people your vessel will accommodate. If you are a "home" let me know how many people your house will accommodate, and perhaps more importantly, how many boats your dock can accommodate and the size of the largest boat that can comfortably tie up at your dock. Also let us know if your dock is inaccessible at low tide (although we shouldn't have that problem).

The Club will provide disposable dishware and utensils, as well as wine, tea and lemonade.

<u>Signup deadline is September 15</u>. Boats are never 100% reliable, and we'll try to make accommodations for engine trouble, etc. But we cannot promise to accommodate members who have not signed up by September 15.

Please RSVP to Donella, our event captain — donellacrawford@gmail.com

**Otis Gilyard** Fleet Captain

#### FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

I scream, you scream, we all scream for Ice Cream!

And we were all screaming with laughter at our Ice Cream Social on July 29<sup>th</sup>! Not only did we enjoy our Sundaes with all kinds of toppings and Root Beer Floats, but the games and jokes were a hoot! Did I mention that some of our "syrups" were Tennessee Salty Caramel Whiskey, Bailey's Chocolate Mint and good old standard Bailey's Irish Cream?! They were delish! Lynn Toben and Deb Winter planned this event while I was away, and it was an absolute hit! Thank you, ladies! Couldn't have done it without the both of you!

Also in July, the Shipmates had Luncheons at Margarita Island Mexican Kitchen and Sonny's BBQ. Two great places with delicious food and drinks! Needless to say, the Ladies really enjoyed themselves!!

Tuesday Night on the Town (TNT) was arranged by Sarah Ulis and we found ourselves at "Thai and I' in Bunnell. If you like Thai food, then this is the place for you! Thanks again, Sarah, for finding us another place to get together and have a terrific time!

In August, we found ourselves in grass skirts and leis at Pine Lakes Golf Club's Hawaiian Luau. Entrees included Huli-Huli Chicken, Polynesian Pulled Pork and Grilled Mahi w/tropical papaya relish. And, of course, plenty of Pina Coladas, frozen Daiquiris and Margaritas. Some of us even had a Hula lesson at poolside! SO MUCH FUN!!

The Shipmates had their first Luncheon in August at the Clubhouse, enjoying a potluck of all kinds of salads. We even had cloth napkins at our place settings! The second Luncheon was at Highjackers. If you haven't tried this restaurant, I 'high-ly' recommend you do!

In September, we may be saying goodbye to Summer, but we're saying so-long with a BANG! On September 6<sup>th</sup> the Shipmates Luncheon is being held at Nextdoor at Flagler Beach. On the 9<sup>th</sup> we're having a Water Sports Day and the 10<sup>th</sup> is MIMOSA SUNDAY! Later in September we will be combining TNT and our monthly event. We'll be seeing a classic movie at Epic Theater and dinner afterwards at Highjackers. So, look for emails with dates and times for all events.

Just a little preview for October: Shipmates Luncheons on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of the month, TNT on the third Tuesday of the month, a Progressive Dinner by boat, a Fleet Trip to St. Augustine and a beach party to see the Blue Angels!

And Gentlemen, don't miss your Luncheons every Thursday at noon at Bob Evans!

That's it for now. I hope everyone is enjoying their PCYC Membership, and we encourage you to invite friends/prospective members to all events!

In your service,

**Terry Franklin** Rear Commodore

# Hawaiian Luau













































## Member Les Abend Discusses his Mystery Thriller with PCYC Book Club



OnThursday, August 17, Les Abend joined the members of the Palm Coast Yacht Club to discuss his Mystery Thriller, *Paper Wings*.

Les was generous with his time and talked about the reasons he wrote the book, how he crafted the characters and the process for getting the story from his brain to the published page. He hinted at a sequel that would follow a case briefly mentioned in the final pages of the current book.

This was the first time many of the members had a chance to discuss a book with its author. It was a real treat and an opportunity most book clubs never have. Thanks, Les. We're looking forward to your next novel.

Our September selection is *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones . The discussion will be led by Donella Crawford. In October, we will read *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto. Barbara Kipnis will lead the discussion. Our November selection is *Tourist Season* by Carl Hiaason.

We'll take December off and start the new year with a discussion of *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towle. The discussion will be led by Kathy Kurdock.

We have money in the bank, money invested, and bills have been paid We have also used funds to help promote social events as a member recruitment tool. The Rear Commodore and Membership Reports can attest to that success. I believe that this has not only raised the fun level for our members but also attracted quite a few new members to our club.

Moreover, please note that my email address for anything to do with PCYC is now as follows: StevePCYC46@gmail.com

Steve Franklin

Treasurer

#### Welcome New Members

Our club is growing like grass after an August rain. We have several members who have joined since the previous edition of The Pilot. We welcome the following new PCYC members:



Linda Allen is a retired RN. She worked in the operating room for the majority of her 48year career. She also had a business, along with her late husband, making water filtration systems which were sold worldwide. Linda has a CS40 sailboat that is currently for sale. Ten years ago, her husband's Parkinsons disease progressed to the point that he could no longer sail. Before that they took a trip to New England and back, living on the boat for a year. They raced at Port Canaveral Yacht Club and were on the board there until they moved to Palm Coast. Linda has already volunteered for the PCYC event planning team.



John and Lynn Negovetich are originally from the Chicago area, but most recently moved to Palm Coast from the San Francisco Bay Area. They discovered Palm Coast through a friend in 2019, and decided this was their new home. They bought a lot, built a house, and have been enjoying the Florida experience since moving cross country in November 2021. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren who are thrilled with their choice for relocation. John and Lynn say they are delighted to be new members of the Palm Coast Yacht Club and look forward to making new friends.



George and Kathy Waite are returning to PCYC after a several year hiatus. In fact, George even served as Vice Commodore of the club. As the officer in charge of the house, he still remembers (not necessarily fondly) the eight AC units in the attic of the building. George is a retired optometrist and Kathy is a retired office manager. They were also involved in marine sales and service. The Waites have enjoyed a lifelong hobby of boating. They used to like to fish, but now prefer to just float and be rocked to sleep by the sea.



Beverly Kelm has lived in too many places to list here. Her last home was in Pittston, Maine. She has been in Palm Coast for just under a year. She learned about the club from a couple of her bridge buddies who are members. Each Wednesday Beverly and her canine companion can be found at the Public Library for the PAWS to Read program.



Pauline Standish retired from the airline industry and continues to enjoy the benefits which allow her to travel. Her career spanned five different airlines and included sales jobs and airport operations. She moved from Hawaii and bought a house in Palm Coast in March. Her number one hobby is traveling to far and distant places, and she still has a bucket list of places to visit. She loves playing bridge and walking her dog. Pauline claims her boating skills are rusty and she would enjoy taking boating /sailing lessons whenever they might be available.



Rasha Lammam and Louis Pacheco had taken a break from boating for a while. But recently they decided to get back on the water and purchased a Bayliner Discovery 266. Rasha is a local real estate agent and investor. Louis is a mortgage banker and real estate investor. Along with boating they enjoy travel, dancing, and sports.

We also welcome Steven and Laura Berger. They have a 21-foot pontoon. They are our newest official members, even though they attended their first PCYC dinner several months ago.

All members are welcome to join the book club discussions, the only requirement is to read the book 2

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## Blue Angels Airshow 2023

Boaters Overnighting Palm Cove Marina and Windward Marinas <u>www.palmcovemarina.com</u> <u>www.mywindward.com</u> at State Highway Bridge 90 Jacksonville Beach



https://www.blueangels.navy.mil/

https://specialevents.coj.net/Special-Events/Sea-and-Sky-Airshow.aspx

Departing: Thursday or Friday, October 19 + 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Saturday and Sunday (Oct 21 & 22) Airshows on Jacksonville Beach Returning: Monday, October 23, 2023

Enroute Overnight Options at St. Augustine

Airshow can be seen from beach or from ocean via boat. Boaters wishing to view from ocean need to coordinate a St Augustine docking. MORE DETAILS at Septembers Fleet Captains Meeting or call Robin.

Robin Whitcher, Event Captain 919-818-3960

# Join Us for a PCYC MIMOSA SUNDAY Come & Go Open House

To Welcome New Members and Meet Prospective Members

Sunday September 10 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm



PCYC Clubhouse European Village

Stop by, enjoy light brunch fare and toast our newest members:

Linda Allen Beverly Kelm Rasha Lammam & Louis Pacheco John & Lynn Negovetich Pauline Standish George & Kathy Waite Fred & Deb Winter

RSVP by <u>September 2</u> by replying to this email or texting 248 302-3434 Submitted by Tom and Linda Britton regarding their recent boating experience.

#### FIRE ON THE BOAT!

Cruising from Port Ludlow, WA to Everett, WA across the Puget Sound, we were just about to eat lunch when my wife, Linda, notice the smoke. It increased quickly, so I shut off the engines and we both grabbed fire extinguishers. Since it was coming from the engine room, I lifted the hatch, and black smoke poured out, filling the boat and making it impossible to see. Linda grabbed her purse and headed outside and aft to the dinghy. I tried to call "mayday", but choked on the smoke and couldn't talk. I started back to the dinghy with Linda, but she yelled that the dog, Lilly, was still in the boat. I went back to the boat aft cabin and felt around for her. Luckily I found her quickly and got outside. Linda was struggling with the dinghy, but fortunately a passing boat pulled up and took us aboard. We pulled away from our boat and soon it was engulfed in flames. We watched, helplessly, as the mast, flybridge, and cabins collapsed. Sea Scouts and two fire boats poured water into the fire to no avail. The boat burned to the waterline and sank.

#### What we learned:

You can't put a fire out if you can't get to it. Small access holes may have let us shoot extinguishers into the engine room.

There is no time to think about picking up phones, wallets, iPads, glasses, etc. before you're forced outside. Survival is the only goal.

Dinghy launching needs a backup manual system, and it has to be simple. My dinghy was on an electric davit system that may not have worked if the electricity was damaged. I had tied the dinghy four ways to prevent it from swinging, all with knots that needed to be untied, taking valuable time. If the electric davit didn't work, the only way to launch the dinghy was to cut the lines that held it. I had no tool handy for cutting those lines.

Life jackets take time to put on. We typically didn't wear life jackets unless we were on deck. They were handy, right next to the door, but in the fire, it seemed like a cumbersome process.

There is an emergency button on your VHF radio if it has AIS. Be sure to know where it is so you can just press it and leave.

#### Aftermath

Know what's covered and update your coverage for improvements. Since we purchased our boat we made several upgrades that added value to the boat. Unfortunately, I hadn't upgraded the insurance amount, so we didn't get full value from our loss. Also, personal items were only covered to \$3,000, so we had to use our homeowner's coverage for additional items. Take pictures of your stuff because the insurance company will want an itemized list.

#### Environmental Impact:

Just as we were wrapping up our insurance claim, we received notices from the Coast Guard and the WA State Department of Ecology that we may be responsible for any diesel fuel polluting the water. The Coast Guard eventually cleared us, as we tried to salvage the hull, but the divers couldn't find it. Plus, there was no sign of any spill. The department of Ecology is different, saying they can assess us from \$1 to \$300 per gallon for damage from fuel potentially spilled. This is complicated, as initially they wanted to base it on our fuel tank size. We felt that was unreasonable since our tanks were only half full, and we don't know how much fuel burned in the fire. So, we're waiting for notification from them to see what happens next.

#### Salvage Effort:

As the Coast Guard had asked that the sunken hull be recovered to prevent a diesel spill, the insurance company contracted with the salvage company to recover it. Apparently, they deployed a barge, crane, and divers to the site, but didn't find the hull. The insurance company received a bill from them for \$125,000, which they plan to dispute. They have hired a maritime lawyer to handle this. Glad we are covered for that!



# Presents

# The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Palm Coast Holiday Boat Parade

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December 9th 2023 at 6 p.m.

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