

# The Pilot



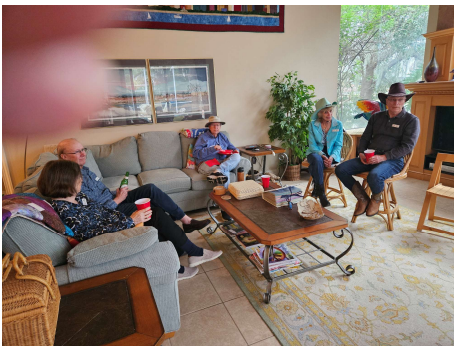
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## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off

Over twenty members showed up at Barbara and Barry Kipnis' to determine the best chili between the ICW and I95! Wearing their best western gear, contestants submitted six crockpots of chili to the discerning judges, who filled out their ballots and then finished filling their tummies with the chili and other goodies. Spiciest chili went to Janie Ball and our second place winner was Linda Allen. First Place (and the one to beat next year) was Master Chef Robert Ullis, whose chili had too many ingredients to count.



*2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chile*  
Linda Allen



*1<sup>st</sup> Annual PcYc Grand Prize*  
Won by Robert Ullis



*Spiciest Chile*  
Janie Ball



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# COMMODORE'S

## CORNER

Good morning, everyone! First let me thank you all for the work you put in for PcYc in the past and the fun you added to events you participated in. A lot is happening so I thought a short recap might be necessary. In this group it is not good to think out loud.

When we sold the building, we lost many members and did not see a clear path forward except for what we figured out. PLGC was an interim solution as it was for free, wanted us there, and were reasonable in their charges for our use of their facilities. We spent last year trying to grow membership through many events which the club picked up more of the tab. We also outgrew the Members Lounge this year! We finally gave notice to the owner of the room and will vacate at the end of this March. During this change over, if needed, we are using Member's houses and people seem to really enjoy that. For example, more folks come to the Fleet Capt's Mtg if at a member's house (\$5 for pizza and BYOB) than if it is at the ML. In the meantime, we were looking for another place. I have made clear my bias is that we should look out windows and see water, not golf greens.

The clubhouse contents - we are selling all. If we cannot, we will store some things. We are looking into the costs for that. A LOT of the furniture has sold. We will be picking up the items the 3-4 week of March. Contact Sarah Ulis if you are interested in seeing what is left.

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## MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
				Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00	Dinner @ PLGC 6:00-8:00	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Shipmates Lunch 12:30 Margarita Mexican Kitchen	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00	Dinner @ PLGC 6:00-8:00	Blessing of the Fleet 11:00-1:00 Hammock Beach Marina
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Captains Mtg 6:30-7:30 Location TBD	BoG Mtg. 6:30 Location TBD	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00	Dinner @ PLGC 6:00-8:00	Poker Run 8:00-11:00
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Tuesday on the Town 6:30 Location TBD	Book Club Location TBD	Cruise to Halifax ~~~~~ Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00 ~~~~~ Shipmates Lunch 12:30 Location TBD	Cruise to Halifax ~~~~~ Dinner @ PLGC 5:00-7:30	Cruise to Halifax
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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31	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Shipmates Lunch 12:30 Location TBD	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00	Dinner @ PLGC 6:00-8:00	



### Monthly Milestones

**Beverly Kelm's Birthday**

**Pat & Bill Schwartz's Anniversary**

## APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Shipmates Lunch 12:30 Location TBD	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00	Dinner @ PLGC 6:00-8:00	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		HBO Water Shadowing 9:00-11:00 ~~~~~ Captains Mtg 6:30-7:30 Location TBD	BoG Mtg. 6:30 Location TBD	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00	Dinner @ PLGC 6:00-8:00	
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28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			Shipmates Lunch 12:30 Location TBD ~~~~~ Knot Training 2:00-5:00 Location TBD	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00	Dinner @ PLGC 6:00-8:00	

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Steve Campbell signed up to be part of the PcYc family early this year. Steve is retired. He served in the U.S. Army for 30 years and then worked in corporate America in the area of public relations and enterprise communications for about 15 years. These days he stays active as a Rotarian and volunteer Guardian ad Litem in Flagler County. He's also a new boat owner and enjoys inshore fishing from his center console fishing skiff.

Please join me in welcoming Steve to the Club.

## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

WOW! Did we end 2023 with a bang, or what?!

Donella's December "Mimosa Sunday", which was held at the Kipnis's, was incredible!! Flowing champagne and delicious food were enjoyed by all. And, as usual at the Kipnis's, the event lasted longer than scheduled! THAT'S when you know you have thrown a great party...when you can't get rid of your guests who are still having a terrific time well past the end of the party! Thank you, Donella, Barbara, and Barry!!

The Boat Parade was spectacular! This year we had well over 150 participants, making Palm Coast's Boat Parade the second largest in the country (second only to Rhode Island)! Sarah Ulis did a brilliant job of coordinating the event, which also included bus shuttles from the Community Center and Daytona College. I'll let Sarah tell you all about it in her column. But, KUDOS, once again, Sarah Ulis!!

An amazing time was had by all at our Holiday Party at the Italian American Social Club. They always do such a beautiful job decorating the hall, providing absolutely delicious appetizers during the social hour, and entrées "to die for"!! The band, Debbie D. and Vintage NOW, provided the music that had us dancing the night away! Some of us even *got down* on the floor! Ain't that right, Donella?!? (hehehe!)

Due to the intense number of events in December, we took a break in January. However, we came back strong in February!!

In addition to the Shipmates luncheons to Hull's Seafood Restaurant and Market (great lobster rolls!) and the Olive Garden where laughs were on the menu, we had our **First Annual PcYc Chili Cook-Off!** There were 6 contestants: Lynn & John Negovetich, Ginny Riquier, Linda Allen, Janie Ball, Candy Schmidt and Robert Ulis. It was a tough decision because all the chilis were delicious. Janie Ball won for the Most Spicy, Linda Allen took 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, but, in the end, **Robert Ulis** won First Prize!! Congrats, Robert and heads up to next years' contestants. This guy's chili was GOOO-OOOD!!

Two big events are coming in March. On 3/9 we have the Blessing of the Fleet in the morning, followed by a party at Herschel King Park. And, on 3/16, we have the Poker Run in the morning, followed by a party at Bing's Landing. Watch your emails for details on these events!!

Shipmates Luncheons are at 12:30 on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of the month. Deckhands Luncheons are at noon every Thursday at Bob Evans (usually). And we meet at Pine Lakes every Friday night at 6:00 for fellowship, food and fun!

Who's up for Tuesday on the Town this month? It is held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Any volunteers to head up this event? Give me a buzz to find out what this entails.

That's it for now! Looking forward to the months ahead!

Terry Camilleri  
Rear Commodore

## FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN

Howdy PCYC. It's hard to believe that we're already halfway through the 1st quarter 2024. Many activities and training have already hatched and a very busy season is upon us. Please dig in, as your participation is what makes our club social a special one!

Past events / trainings:

02/03 - CPR / AED training and certification 02/03. Flagler County Fire did an outstanding job, and those who participated earned a BLS Certification.



Fleet Captain luncheon  
2/10/24 Golden Lion

02/10 - Meet the Fleet Captain. Approximately 9 of us met up at The Golden Lion Cafe for lunch. What a great time breaking bread with some amazing members. Beautiful weather accompanied by the crashing waves in the background... This event was about meeting the fleet captain, however I left with many new friends. The commodore was able to learn my favorite color. You should ask her what it is.

02/13 - Planning a Boating Trip workshop. This was a great training session. We had 3 attendees, but the room was action packed. It was a pleasure sharing and trading stories.

3 events coming up in March:

03/09, Blessing of the fleet and PCYC Club Parade, 11a-1p.

03/16, Poker Run 8a-1p.

03/21 - 25, Fleet Trip - Halifax Harbor Marina.

April Event:

04/23 - 05/13 - Fleet Trip to TAMPA!!

This trip will make up for our Bahamas absence. Currently under construction, but will not disappoint.

Many other events on the upcoming calendar. Please peruse the calendar and get with me about your plans or suggestions.

Otis Gilyard  
Fleet Captain

# BLESSING OF THE FLEET



***Presented by Palm Coast Yacht Club***

Date – 03/09/24

Time – 11a-1pm

Venue – Marinas at Hammock Beach

Address – Yacht Harbor Dr, Palm Coast, FL. 32137

Questions - Reach Fleet Captain Otis G., 386-569-9485

## Captain Instructions:

All boats will approach from the south (near the toll bridge) headed to the furthest north point of the elongated outer most finger. As boats approach this north position on the finger the Pastor will extend her blessings upon your travels. Captains are asked to approach the dock towards the pastor but **not to stop or tie up**. The Pastor will extend her blessings as you float by headed north.

## 2024 POKER RUN BY BOAT HOSTED BY YOUR PALM COAST YACHT CLUB



When – Sat. March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8am – 11am

Where – Palm Coast, FL

Registration – [ogilyard@gmail.com](mailto:ogilyard@gmail.com) – 386-569-9485 (deadline for registration Fri. – 02/26)

Captains meeting, Pre-Event – Tues. - 03/13/24 (**All Captains / Volunteers Required to attend**)

Location / Time for Pre-Event Meeting – TBD

Tickets - \$20 PER PERSON on participating boats (each ticket includes lunch)

***There will be PRIZES – 50/50 RAFFLE – LUNCH – FUN***

**\*\*COME SPLASH YOUR TOY WITH US!!\*\***





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We have been in conversation with Hammock Dunes for meeting space and where we could hold events. Clearly the place is beautiful. We are using the ML until the end of March and not paying double for anything. Meetings at the Hammock will be free except for a cleaning fee when we leave. Event space will be more and the food and drink will be expensive. There is a food truck we could make use of for events (Poker Run and Blessing of the Fleet) that end at the marina. Only the Hammock will provide food. The Italian American Club has let us party there for LOW costs and reasonable rates for food and drink. Our Holiday party is still talked about as FUN and Fabulous.

What we do going forward we will try and make changes if it does not work out. We are not planning on buying anything nor signing any contracts at this point. But we are still learning and growing. We, again, got a letter from "the equity members" still trying to get money out of us. By law they will get any unless the club "goes under". That does not appear likely. The attorney wrote back, again, that it is not forthcoming by law. We are trying to take a conservative approach to our future.

Please check the calendar and articles by BOG members to see what is up and coming! Members seem to enjoy all of the planned activities and is one reason why we are growing. We have a full calendar! Please call if you have further questions.

Candyce Schmidt, Commodore

## Jo & LEO HAGAN

"Leo & Jo Hagan became PcYc members in January of 2023; after reading about the club in the Palm Coast magazine. They purchased a penthouse condo unit at Cinnamon Beach Resort in 2019 and have been spending winters there each year since. Summers are spent at their main house in Harbor Springs, Michigan and their family boat, Hagan's Ark is moored at Bay Harbor Lake Marina in Bay Harbor, Michigan.



Their long-owned second boat is a pristine Regal cuddy cabin that was transported to Palm Coast in January of this year. After launching it at Bing's Landing on January 22nd on a near freezing day, Leo, his buddy Mike Kirchler (who transported the boat from Michigan) and our very own fleet captain, Otis Gilyard moved it to its new location in Bill & Pat Schwartz's boat house at their lovely home on Crampton Court.

Since moving into the Schwartz's boat house, Leo has been in continuous improvement mode on the boat; installing fishing rod holders and a stainless flag pole to fly the PcYc burgee. In order to allow Jo and others to more safely board the boat, Leo who before retiring in 2017, was a longtime engineering and auto executive, used his design training to craft a custom-made boarding ramp with anti-skid strips and a



handrail. This ramp easily lifts off and onto the boat and is stored at the home when the boat is in use.



Leo is very grateful to Bill & Pat for sharing their beautiful dock space with the Hagan family. Jo & Leo participate in many club activities during their months spent in Florida and are very glad they joined."