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Thirsty Thursday at the Portuguese Wine Bar

Palm Coast Expo & Farmers Market Booths

John Negovetich needs people to man the Yacht Club's booths at two public events, May 7 and 25th. (see the calendar.) Please contact John directly to volunteer, 925-788-5437.



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COMMODORE'S CORNER

We are off to an active spring & summer. Big thanks to John and Terry and all of their helpers for a very successful poker run, with 40 members attending. One week later the Blessing of the Fleet had double the participants of last year. Big thanks to Leo for administering the Blessing. The trip to Halifax was enjoyed by all who attended, and Mike has several trips planned, so watch the calendar. May is chock full of events, kicking off with the Quatro De Mayo party on the 4th, so again watch the calendar as there are events every week, ending the month with the general membership meeting at Pine Lakes. Looking forward to attracting new members and seeing more current members participating.

Les Ball

Terry Camilleri resigned her position as Rear Commodore. On April 22, the BOG held a Special meeting and appointed Linda Allen as Rear Commodore until the General Meeting in May, which will include an Election for the position.

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MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				Deckhands IHOP 12:00		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Quatro de Mayo Party @ Ball's home 12:00-4:00		Dinner @ Italian American Club 6:00-8:00	Shipmates 12:30 ~~~~~ Booth @ Palm Coast Expo Community Center 5:30	Deckhands IHOP 12:00 ~~~~~ Thirsty Thursday	Cruise to Conch House	Cruise to Conch House
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Cruise to Conch House	Return from Conch House		BoG Mtg. 4:00	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00 ~~~~~ Shipmates 12:30		Raft-Up @ Cimmaron Basin 11:00
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Captains Mtg @ IHOP 12:00 ~~~~~ Dinner @ Italian American Club 6:00-8:00 <i>Free Pizza</i>	Book Club <i>A Thousand Acres</i> Lead: Linda Britton 6:00	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Booth @ European Village Farmer's Market 11:00				Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00	General Membership Mtg. @ Pine Lakes 5:30-6:30 ~~~~~ Dinner Afterwords	

JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Dinner @ Italian American Club 6:00-8:00	Shipmates Lunch 12:30	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			BoG Mtg. 4:00	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00 ~~~~~ Tonny's Wine Café @ 6:00		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Captains Mtg @ IHOP 12:00 ~~~~~ Dinner @ Italian American Club 6:00-8:00	Book Club <i>Demon</i> <i>Copperhead</i> Lead: Linda Osborn 6:00	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00 ~~~~~ Shipmates 12:30	Pilot Deadline: Articles, Columns & Events	Beach Party Jungle Hut 12:00
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Rain date: Beach Party Jungle Hut 12:00				Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00	Dinner @ Pine Lakes 6:00	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		Dinner @ Italian American Club 6:00-8:00	Shipmates 12:30	Deckhands Bob Evans 12:00 ~~~~~ Cruise to St Augustine	Cruise to St Augustine 	Cruise to St Augustine

Rear Commodore

Hello, everyone. I am Linda Allen and I will be Rear Commodore until the Special Election in May. Terry has stepped back from her position due to health reasons

The Poker Run was a huge success and Terry did an excellent job with the party at Bings Landing. The food, catered by Captain's BBQ was delicious.

Everyone had a good time. I want to extend a big thank you to our members who helped set up the party and clean up afterwards.

Moving forward, we are planning the Cinco de



Mayo party which will be held at Les and Janie's home on Quatro de Mayo: Sunday, May 4th. We will have a taco bar, nachos and dip and a machine to make frozen margaritas! A flyer is being sent out to your email. Please reply and pay by Wednesday, April 30. The cost will be \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for guests.

The next Shipmates lunch is on May 7, destination TBA. Watch for the email! Dinner at the Italian American Club is every 1st and 3rd Tuesday. Our next general membership meeting is Friday, May 30 with dinner to follow at Pine Lakes Country Club.

On June 21, we are planning a beach party. Look for details in your emails!

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Allen

Fleet Captain

Happy boating, PCYC recently had several successful boating events.

1. 12 APR was the highly attended Poker Run, organized by John Negovetich. 5 vessels participated and the social was great fun.

2. The Blessing of the Fleet was held on 19 APR; 5 boats participated and were blessed by Leo as they passed John's dock.

3. The Captains Meeting convened on 15 APR at IHOP for lunch.

We had a record high of 12 attendees. Highlights below:

- The cruise to Ortega was cancelled because of the distance and low participation.
- I said I would schedule a cruise in early May for a closer destination. That cruise is to Conch House Marina in St. Augustine for 9 - 12 May. As with many marinas, Conch House



is using an on-line booking service; DOCKWA.COM is their service. Contact them to make your reservation. They want the dimensions of your boat and a credit card. It is easy; I did it.

4. There was an unfortunate accident during the poker run. A club member fell on a member's boat and was injured.

TWO RULES for passengers:

- Only one person moving on a boat at a time.
- If a passenger is not seated, they must have a hand hold on the boat **at all times**.

5. The next Captains meeting will be 13 May at IHOP.

Mike Norris

Chili Cookoff



The 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff was held March 8th at the home of Barbara and Barry Kipnis.

Seven contestants vied for the title of PcYc Chili Champion, with the rest of the attendees bringing salads, cornbread, appetizers

and desserts. After lots of tasting, members voted and new member Jody Banjak counted the ballots. Linda Allen was crowned as the new Champion, followed by John Negovetich in second place and last year's champ, Robert Ulis, snagging third.



Poker Run

The Yacht Club held its annual poker run on April 12. The Poker Run involves boats going from dock to dock until they collect five sealed poker cards per player. There were 44 players this year with five boats carrying the players from dock to dock. The final hands were unsealed at Bings Landing and the winner was determined after a barbecue luncheon catered by Captain's Barbecue. This year's poker hand winner was Bernita Moulton with a hand of three aces. Congratulations Bernita and thanks to all who participated.



John Negovetich



Blessing of the Fleet – April 19th

Mariner's Prayer:

- May these vessels sail safely through calm and stormy waters alike.
- May the crews be guided with wisdom, protected from harm, and return safely to their loved ones.
- May prosperity, peace and good fortune follow each journey.
- Bless this fleet and all who sail within it.

Thanks, and God bless, Leo Hagan



Safety Aboard – For Captains and Guests

Most of you know that Ginny fell and broke her arm while getting off the boat after the Poker Run. It seems like a good idea to review safety rules.

Captain's Responsibility:

- Let your guests know your rules before you get underway.
- Don't overload your boat. Always have a life jacket for each person aboard.
- Decide whether your guests should be wearing life jackets. Obviously, it's always a good idea, but sometimes it's essential. Size of boat, wind and water conditions, and mobility of guests should determine how strict you should be. It's YOUR BOAT and YOUR DECISION.
- BUT - ALL children under 13 MUST wear life jackets. (Florida law says "under 6," but the 7 to 12s probably don't know that, so lie a little. We are used to Illinois law, which uses 12 as the cutoff.)
- Point out location of throwable cushions and life jackets.
- Decide whether you allow drinking while underway. (Barry and I do not!) Under no circumstances should the captain imbibe. The risks and penalties are just too great. Wait until you're tied up!
- Make sure your guests can safely get on and off the boat. The boat should be steady, not rocking. A handle on a piling is always helpful. Otherwise, make sure an able-bodied person is on the dock to give a helping hand.

Guest's Responsibility

- ALWAYS have one hand on the boat and one hand for yourself, unless seated. Boats have handholds and railings for a reason.
- Check with the Captain on where to put your carry-on bags, food, etc. Captain will know the best spot for everything.

- Stay seated when docking, unless the captain assigns a job to you. Captain will tell you when it's safe to move around. (Believe me, you don't want your body between the crew and whatever they need to do fast.)
- Take turns moving around. "Look, there's a dolphin!" can result in everyone crowding to one side and a potential capsizing.

Barbara Kipnis

Our Newest Members



We are Chuck and Jody Banjak. In February 2025, we relocated to Palm Coast from the Ohio/Pennsylvania area. As seasoned boating enthusiasts with 25 years of experience on Lake Erie, we have cultivated a profound appreciation for water-based activities. We are enthusiastic about pursuing new ventures along the Intracoastal Waterway and the ocean as we embark on this next stage of our lives in Florida.

Recently, we sold our HVAC business in Pennsylvania and are currently enjoying a period of temporary retirement. Our passion lies in exploring new regions and engaging with diverse individuals, and we look forward to establishing new connections here in Palm Coast.

April 25 Pine Lakes Dinner

