

# Palatka Yacht Club

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*Whispers over the Waters*

*January 2010*

## 2009 OFFICERS &

### DIRECTORS

Commodore:

Gail Hart

Vice Commodore:

Robert Trail

Secretary:

Karen Blankenship

Treasurer:

Steven Huntley

First-Year Director:

Clark Hoyle

Second Year Director:

Constantine Foltis

Past Commodore:

Keith Cheshire

## Commodore's Corner ..... by Gail Hart

Happy New Year, one and all !!

Your Board of Directors is ready to rock and roll this new year. Our new Public Relations Committee will be working hard to get our club name out to the public. We will let people know what a fun group we are. We belong to the Chamber of Commerce, and their 75<sup>th</sup> annual party is on January 22 at 6:30 at the National Guard Armory, 1301 Mosely in Palatka. If anyone would like to join me at this affair, please let me know by January 15<sup>th</sup>, which is their last day for RSVP at \$45 per person.



## Coming Events

**January 28<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) - Dinner Meeting** - Aboard our floating clubhouse at Brown's Landing. Social hour starts at 6:00 PM, and dinner starts at 7:00. The club will provide the full dinner of: bratwurst w/sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, an apple dish, rolls w/butter, and desserts, at a charge of \$10 per person. Ella Lindsay will be the door committee for this meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet at the desk when you check in, on which members can volunteer to be door committees for the remainder of the year's meetings. After dinner we will inaugurate the new Club officers and Board members. They are:

Commodore ----- Gail Hart

Vice Commodore ----- Robert Trail

Secretary ----- Karen Blankenship

Treasurer ----- Steven Huntley

First-Year Director ----- Erika Heine

Second-Year Director ----- Clark Hoyle

Past Commodore ----- Keith Mehl

We will also induct our newest members into the club: Bruce Drackett and Rhonda Masters. Steve Huntley is their sponsor.

We will have cameras ready to photograph any members who wish to update their handbook portraits. Alternately, you may submit your own or studio photos, which we will copy and if necessary crop to the desired head-and-shoulders format.

**February 4<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) - Board of Directors Meeting** - At 6:30 PM aboard our floating clubhouse. Board meetings are open to all PYC members.

**Remaining 2010 Non-Boating Events** - Details of each of the following events will be added later, as they come up in the newsletter immediately preceding the event. Board of Directors meetings and Dinner meetings are at the Clubhouse on the first and fourth Thursdays of the month, respectively. Weekend event listings may be subject to change.

February 25 - Dinner meeting.

March 4 - Board of Directors meeting.

## 2009 COMMITTEE

### CHAIRS

Barkeeper: Guion Lindsay

Boating rendezvous:  
David Girardin

Calling Committee:  
June Henley

Dinner planning:  
Karen Blankenship &  
Dorothy McAfee

Door Committee:  
Ella Lindsay

Facilities: LaVerne Cheshire

Fund Raising:

Improvements &  
Maintenance: Robert Trail

Internal Communications:  
Constantine Foltis

Membership:

Planning Committee:

Programs: Robert Trail

Publicity: Jean Morris

Public Relations: Gail Hart

Sunshine:  
Jeannine O'Connor

Webmaster: Keith Mehl

## Remaining 2010 Non-Boating Events - continued

March 25 - Dinner meeting.  
 April 1 - Board of Directors meeting.  
 April 22 - Dinner meeting.  
 May 6 - Board of Directors meeting.  
 May 27 - Dinner meeting.  
 June 3 - Board of Directors meeting.  
 June 24 - Dinner meeting.  
 July 1 - Board of Directors meeting.  
 July 22 - Dinner meeting.  
 August 5 - Board of Directors meeting.  
 August 26 - Dinner meeting.  
 September 2 - Board of Directors meeting.  
 September 23 - Dinner meeting.  
 October 7 - Board of Directors meeting.  
 Oktoberfest - no date set.  
 October 28 - Dinner meeting - Nominate 2011 officers and directors.  
 November 4 - Board of Directors meeting.  
 November 13 - Oyster and Shrimp Roast - Elect 2011 officers and directors.  
 December 2 - Board of Directors meeting.  
 Christmas party - no date set.

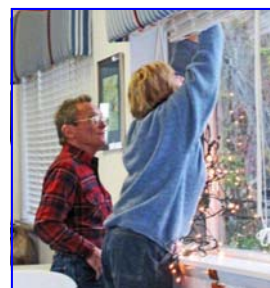


**2010 Boating Schedule** - Details of each rendezvous will be added later, in the newsletter immediately preceding the event.

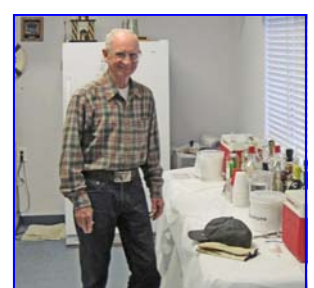
<u>Month</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Leader</u>
January	No scheduled activity	-----
2/27/10	Lunch at Gator Landing/Corky Bell's	David Girardin
3/13/10	Lunch at Café Bleu	Clark Hoyle
4/15-18/10	Silver Glen Springs and Hontoon Island	Clark Hoyle
5/1/10	Mug Race	Gail Hart
5/22-23/10	Sandbar (Redneck Riviera) anchoring	Clark Hoyle
6/26-27/10	Seven Sisters raft up	David Girardin
7/30-8/1/10	St. Marys, Georgia, Lang's Marina	David Girardin
8/28/10	Lunch at Welaka Lodge and Marina	Larry Hayes/Bob Waldow
9/18-19/10	Bear Island/Crescent Lake	Gene O'Connor/David Girardin
10/23-24/10	Green Cove Springs public marina	Gene O'Connor
11/20-21/10	Murphys Creek raft up	David Girardin
December	No scheduled activity	-----

## Past Events

**December 12<sup>th</sup> - Work Party** - This turned out to be a rainy morning, so there was no outside work done. A few members came to decorate the clubhouse and set up for the Christmas party that evening, and two work-party volunteers pitched in to help with that. Their efforts showed that evening in the very nice Christmas décor. No new date has been set for another work party.



Hanging Christmas lights



Setting up the bar

## Past Events - continued

### December 12<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party

This was a jumping affair, notwithstanding the solemn occasion for the holiday. The party started out quietly enough, though, with the 23 attendees socializing and partaking of the bar and the attractive hors d'oeuvre table filled with delicious finger foods. Thank you, Karen Blankenship and Dorothy McAfee, for preparing all those delicious things to eat and for setting them out so nicely (and to Erika Heine for bringing her wonderful cake). Thank you, Dorothy, for making the beautiful centerpieces for every table, and thank you, everyone else who helped make this a

success. Things soon livened up when DJ Jarrett Lehman and his wife Cindy got the music started. The dance music was all appropriate for our age group: big bands from the 1940's and later, and most everyone got out on the dance floor and had a good old time. The party and the dancing continued on into the late evening until all the worn-out revelers drifted away home.

**January 7<sup>th</sup> - Board of Directors Meeting** - The Board discussed and/or decided upon the subjects shown below. This was the last meeting of the 2009 Board of Directors, who were: Gail Hart, commodore; Bob Trail, vice commodore, Karen Blankenship, secretary, Steve Huntley, treasurer; Clark Hoyle, 1<sup>st</sup>-year director; Connie Foltis, 2<sup>nd</sup>-year director; and Keith Cheshire, past commodore. Note that the commodore, vice commodore, secretary and treasurer will be serving in those same capacities again in 2010. Non-Board-members David and Linda Girardin also attended this meeting.

1. Minutes of the December 3<sup>rd</sup> B.O.D. meeting were read and approved without comment.
2. Steve Huntley was absent - out of state on holiday, but he had e-mailed the monthly treasurer's report to each Board member before the meeting, and the Board reviewed, discussed and approved it.
3. The clubhouse is still without insurance.
4. The Board approved rejoining the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce for the next year.
5. Commodore Gail Hart formed a new committee, "Public Relations" - to reach out to the community, perhaps become involved in community affairs, and help attract new members.
6. The Board urges all members to warmly welcome guests that might become members.
7. It was suggested that we put notices about the club in marinas, boat supply stores, etc., as a way of attracting new members. Gene Roberds, who is a professional artist, is making up a flyer for this purpose.
8. Boating director David Girardin noted that the year's boating activities do not have to be limited to those in the posted schedule. Any member who wishes can organize a rendezvous and work it into the existing schedule.



Come on - Let's do the Twist!!



## Miscellany

**Illness** - Erika Heine has had a stroke and is in Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

**Fees and Dues** - This is a reminder that 2010 membership dues are due and payable as of January 1<sup>st</sup> and are the same as last year. For more details, see last month's newsletter and the By Laws, pages 11 and 12 of the 2009 handbook.

**Dinner Meeting Programs** - Our dinner-meeting program Chairman Bob Trail sometimes has a hard time finding presenters with topics for after-dinner programs. We club members could probably contribute some topics ourselves. We have all taken some interesting trips and done some interesting things in our lives, or know someone who has. Many of these experiences would make entertaining dinner meeting programs. They don't even have to be recent. Any member who would like to present or suggest something along this line, contact Bob at 649-8710 (home), 972-0507 (cell) or [griffinaero@gmail.com](mailto:griffinaero@gmail.com). And remember, dinner is free. Also, up to two presenters from outside the club will enjoy their meals as guests of the Palatka Yacht Club. Audiovisual resources are available, and all necessary assistance will be provided.

**PYC Library** - Anyone who has surplus books, VHS tapes, DVDs, pictures, or whatever, that relate to boating, boats or past club memorabilia, could donate them to the club, where they will be kept in the clubhouse for any member to look at or sign out and take home. Contact Bob Trail for more details.

**Nautical Origins of Some Common Expressions – “Bonanza”** – The word bonanza is derived from the Spanish, meaning to sail with fair wind and weather. It is thought that American mariners borrowed the word from their Spanish counterparts and used it to describe prosperity in general. The word crept into colloquial American English and came to mean anything that is considered abundant.

**Interesting stuff you may never need to know** - The first novel ever written on a typewriter was Tom Sawyer.

**Club-owned Sunfish** - At present, the Club's Sunfish sailboat is on a trailer chained and locked to the light post by the clubhouse, available for any member to use. The key is hanging on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

**Boat U.S. Membership** - Our club members are entitled to Boat US membership while paying half-price dues. Our cost: \$12.50. Contact Steve Huntley at 904-692-2952 or [protopterus@peoplepc.com](mailto:protopterus@peoplepc.com) if you are not already included in this special arrangement for PYC members.



**PYC Tent** - Any members desiring to reserve the PYC tent should contact Commodore Gail Hart at 386-329-8460. The tent is stored onboard the clubhouse when not in use.

**Newsletters** - If you have an e-mail address and are currently receiving paper copies of our club newsletters, you are urged to file your e-mail address with publisher Connie Foltis at [cfoltis@live.com](mailto:cfoltis@live.com). He will e-mail your newsletter to you each month as a PDF file in color, which you can then print out yourself. This would decrease the cost and labor of printing and mailing paper copies every month.

Contact Connie about writing an article for the newsletter (ex: a boating autobiography or a description of an interesting trip you have taken) or to place an advertisement or digital photograph in it. Personal advertisements by members are free. Entries should be received before the end of the first week of the month to be included in that month's newsletter. If anyone knows of a member who is not receiving his or her newsletter, please notify Connie.