

Palatka Yacht Club

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Whispers over the Waters

November 2009

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

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

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Jeannine O'Connor

Webmaster: Keith Mehl

Commodore's Corner by Gail Hart

Your Board has had one of its top priorities to move the clubhouse to the Palatka waterfront. We're doing the best we know how to accomplish this.

The oyster roast will be great fun!!! We hope all of u r planning to attend. John Browning volunteered to donate the shrimp. Come ready for a party, rain (don't you wish) or shine.

Our Christmas party is Dec. 12 @ 7:30 PM **come all!!** We plan on playing dancing music, so ladies find your fancy dress and gents, your best as well.



Coming Events

November 14th (Saturday) - Work Party at the Clubhouse - 9:30 AM - The jobs scheduled are: 1. Pilot house - (a) Install the vinyl fascia on the aft end of the P.H. roof and paint it; (b) Fiberglass the base/deck seam; (c) Improve the door latch; (d) Clean and organize the contents. 2. Fashion proper supports on the dock for the Sunfish and move the boat to the dock. Call Bob Trail at 649-8710 (home), or at 386-972-0507 (cell), if you can help with any of these projects. Also call if the weather looks threatening for outdoor work. Bring a change of clothes or at least a clean shirt for the Oyster and Shrimp Roast in the afternoon.

November 14th (Saturday) - Oyster and Shrimp Roast at the Clubhouse - 2:00 PM - This is the date as it was originally scheduled. This writer apologizes for the error showing it incorrectly as Sunday, Nov. 15, in the last newsletter and in other messages. The club will provide the oysters, shrimp, various kinds of chowder and everything else to round out the meal. There will be something for everyone to eat, no matter what their preference. Member John Browning (owner of San Mateo Seafood restaurant) has volunteered to donate the shrimp, but oysters are expensive, so there will be a \$15 charge per person. This event will take the place of a normal November Thursday evening dinner meeting, and it will be early enough in the month to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday. Arrive promptly at 2:00 o'clock or before, because we will be taking care of club business first thing, before the festivities start, while the guests socialize. This club business will be to vote on the candidates for the 2010 officers and Board of Directors that were proposed at the October 22 meeting, along with any nominations from the floor (or from the deck in this case). Signup for this event was cut off after October 31, as time was required to order the food. If you have any questions, contact the event organizer Clark Hoyle at 386-649-6795 or via email at clarkhoyle@mindspring.com.

December 3rd (Thursday) - Board of Directors meeting - At 6:30 PM aboard our floating clubhouse. Board meetings are open to all PYC members.

December 12th (Saturday) - Work Party at the Clubhouse - 9:30 AM - Members will be decorating the clubhouse for the Christmas party that evening. Other work projects will be determined later.

Coming Events - continued

December 12th (Saturday) - Christmas Party - 7:30 PM - This will be a 'dressy' evening occasion at the clubhouse, with a finger-food meal of heavy hors d' oeuvres provided by the club, at a cost of \$10 per person to cover the club's costs. Plans for the party are still being developed, and Dorothy McAfee is looking to provide entertainment. If any member with musical talent can 'do their thing' that evening, or knows of anyone who can, please call Dorothy at 328-2103. Also, bring your favorite CDs. We will have a CD player there. We would like Christmas music for the dinner/social hours and then music for dancing afterwards. Suggest you label your CDs so they don't get mixed up. Y'all come, and bring friends. Look for any last-minute details in the December newsletter.

Past Events

October 10 - Work Party at the Clubhouse by Bob Trail



R.Trail photo

We had a successful day. Present were Sue Merritt-Trail, Gail Hart, Linda Girardin, Steve Huntley, Dorothy MacAfee, Gene O'Connor, and myself. Gene repaired the door; Steve repaired the mast mount; Gene and I secured the floating dock; Sue painted the pilothouse fascia; Linda labored on the inventory; Gail cleaned the grilles and just about everything else; and Sue and Linda did some yard work, uncovering part of the sidewalk. A lot more needs to be done there, with an edger. Dorothy fixed us all lunch and helped Linda. I pitched in on most jobs. Remaining to do are: the Sunfish relocation, pilothouse fiberglassing and rear fascia, stack overhaul, hull painting, some grille repair, and life-ring cleaning and replacement. We started early and finished around 4:00 o'clock, having had a very satisfying day.



R.Trail photo

October 18 - Oktoberfest at the Clubhouse



About 20 members and guests attended this festivity on a beautiful chamber-of-commerce Sunday afternoon. As at all past club Oktoberfest gatherings, Harry and Clay Gillean prepared delicious roast pork loin (cooked 12 hours over low heat) and bratwurst (cooked next to the clubhouse in Clay's giant cooker). Other members brought every manner of side dishes and desserts, all delicious and more than anyone



B. Ricard photo

could possibly sample in a single meal. That day it was learned that a flotilla of cruisers from Queens Harbor, Jacksonville, was staying at the Quality Inn in Palatka, as a stopover on their tour of the St. Johns River, so Gail Hart and Ernie Ricard went there to invite them to our festivity. They had to decline, however, because they were already obligated to dine at the Quality Inn. There was much food of all kinds left over, and the club sold the surplus pork and bratwurst to members present. Those who didn't come to this affair missed a good time.

October 22nd - Dinner meeting - The dinner at this event was unusual in that, this time, members brought the main entrées, all pasta dishes, and the club provided everything else: appetizers, garlic bread, salad and various desserts. And of course our famous PYC bar activity was in full swing before dinner, to help get the affair moving. As usual, there was way too much food for the 24 people in attendance, and it was all delicious.



L. Girardin photo

Oct. 22 Dinner Meeting - continued

After dinner the club business commenced. Nominating committee spokesman David Girardin announced the names of the officer and director candidates for 2010, for which the club members present at the November 14th Oyster and Shrimp Roast can vote, plus any new candidates nominated from the floor. The proposed candidates are:

Commodore:	Gail Hart
Vice commodore:	Bob Trail
Secretary:	Karen Blankenship
Treasurer:	Steve Huntley
Second-year director:	Clark Hoyle
First-year director:	Erika Heine
Past commodore:	Keith Mehl

Commodore Gail Hart made some other announcements:

1. She explained how she and Ernie Ricard had invited the Queens Harbor cruisers from Jacksonville to our Oktoberfest luncheon, with the hopes of possibly gaining additional members. They could not come but said that they would very much like to attend next time. (Editor's note: let's send them next year's activity schedule as soon as it is made up, so if they want, they can arrange their St. Johns River cruise to coincide with one of our clubhouse weekend events.)

2. Gail reminded us not to forget about the food drive for Thanksgiving gifts to the needy, in the form of canned goods or other non-perishables. A few members brought some to this meeting, but there will still be another opportunity to do so at the Oyster and Shrimp Roast.

Bob Trail announced he was scheduling a work party at the clubhouse for the morning of the Oyster and Shrimp roast. See above. Ernie Ricard showed a short video about the NYC firemen who were lost in the 9/11 World Trade Center attack, and he showed a commemorative coin struck in their honor. Ernie also said he was collecting digital photographs of club events and club history, and he asked the members to put them on CDs for him, which will be used for publicity about the club. The evening's program was a talk and photo presentation by Connie Foltis about a sailing trip he took with friends in Maine this past July. (Editor's note: Thanks go to (1) Steve Huntley for providing the digital images of pertinent chart details illustrating the day-to-day legs of the trip, from Boothbay Harbor, ME, to Camden, ME, and points in between; and to (2) David Girardin for assistance in the presentation by handling the computer/projector for the pictures.) Afterward, Connie won the 50/50 drawing, taking home \$18 of the \$36 collection.

November 5th - Board of Directors meeting - Subjects covered during this meeting were:

1. Larry and Dorothy McAfee came to the meeting by boat in the dark of night so Dorothy could talk about plans for the Christmas party. Details are shown above in "Coming Events".

2. Treasurer Steve Huntley discussed the monthly treasurer's report, which the Board then approved. A copy is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.

3. Steve mentioned that landlord Ron Dore has agreed to pay for the entrance road paving, approximately \$1600.

4. In further discussions with Steve, Mr. Dore said that he wanted to raise the rent and mentioned \$500 to start. Steve told him there was no way we could afford that. We may eventually agree to a smaller increase, or investigate other options closer to downtown, but no decision was made at the time.

5. Steve has a good lead on an insurer which may be able to issue a policy to cover the clubhouse at an affordable premium. We will try for full coverage but will settle for liability only, if that is all that the club can afford.

Nov. 5th Board Meeting - continued

6. Commodore Gail Hart is accepting canned goods and other non-perishable foods to benefit the needy in our community. Those brought in already and those to be donated at the upcoming Oyster and Shrimp Roast will be donated to charity to help out for Thanksgiving. The Board decided to make this an ongoing project, and members are asked to bring in these items to donate at every club event from now on. An extra bonus for the club will be to get more exposure to the community at large.

7. There was a discussion about meal prices at clubhouse events. The club has been making a profit on meals since we stopped using a caterer, and some members thought we that we should not be doing that. On the other hand our dinner committee, who works hard at preparing and serving our meals, disagrees and feels that our dinner revenues should aid the club's financial position. The Board agreed to review this subject but would not set any hard and fast rules. The price of each event will continue to be determined ahead of time by an estimate of the club's costs, which include an allowance or cover charge to pay for the indefinable costs of utilities and materials (paper plates, etc.). These indefinable costs are not included as dinner expenses in the treasurer's report, so actual dinner expenses are slightly higher than shown, with a consequent reduction in profit.

8. Clark Hoyle said that he had 34 people signed up for the oyster and shrimp roast.

9. Bob Trail announced that he would like to schedule a work party the morning of the Christmas party, December 12th. The projects planned will be determined on how much gets done at the November 14th work party.

Miscellany

Found - In the clubhouse men's room, a black and white windbreaker jacket.

New E-Mail Address - Connie Foltis has a new e-mail address: cfoltis@live.com. Please use this from now on and correct your records accordingly.

For Sale - Canon EOS Rebel Digital 5.5 megapixel SLR Camera - \$300

Includes:

- 18 to 55 mm autofocus zoom lens
- Camera strap
- 4 GB memory card
- 1 GB memory card
- 256 MB memory card
- 2 Batteries
- Battery charger
- Download patch cable
- Scandisk card reader (makes downloading from the camera to the computer about 10 times faster)
- Manual



Computer software

Camera can take delayed pictures and multiple pictures. Camera body and lens are about 4 years old and originally cost \$1,000.

Contact David Girardin, 386-937-1566

Miscellany - continued - Online NOAA Charts - Received from Steve Huntley.

Their website is: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/BookletChart.html>.

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- nowCOAST: Real-Time Coastal Data Map Portal
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- Nautical Chart Calendars

Miscellany - continued

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 interesting 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 or 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 anyone to look at or sign out and take home. Contact Bob Trail for more details.

Nautical Origins of Some Common Expressions - "Bitter End" - The anchor lines on old wooden sailing ships was attached to stout oak posts on the forward deck called a 'bitt', which was securely built into the ship's structure. The inboard end of the anchor line attached to the **bitt** was called the '**bitter end**'. That term is still used today on modern ships and large boats, although now the anchor rodes or chains are secured below the forward deck. When at the end of your rope on land or at sea, you have reached the **bitter end**.

Interesting stuff you may never need to know - The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour is 61,000.

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 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. 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.