

# Palatka Yacht Club

WHISPERS OVER THE WATER

June 2008

## 2008 OFFICERS &

### DIRECTORS

#### Commodore:

Keith Cheshire

#### Vice Commodore:

Gail Hart

#### Secretary:

Karen Blankenship

#### Treasurer:

Steven Huntley

#### Second-Year Director:

Linda Girardin

#### First-Year Director:

Constantine Foltis

#### Past Commodore:

Clark Hoyle

## 2008 COMMITTEE

### CHAIRS

#### Boating events:

David & Linda  
Girardin

#### Communications:

Constantine Foltis

#### Dinner meeting Programs:

Robert Trail

#### Facilities:

LaVerne Cheshire

#### Fund raising:

#### Improvements & Maintenance:

#### Membership Growth:

Linda Girardin

#### Membership programs:

#### PR:

#### Special Events:

## Commodore's Corner..... by Keith Cheshire

Well hello from the left (West) Coast :-> LaVerne and I are cruising in our "land yacht" and doing what we can to pump up the economy or at least gas profits! Today we hit the absolute record, a stunning \$5.89/gal (but wait, it was FULL SERVICE) at a small station in the Big Sur area of CA HWY 1!

If there a nautical term that comes to mind after hearing the attendance at our May meeting (which we missed because of our trip west) it would be the doldrums! SO gang I know it is summer and like the Cheshire's many of you head to cooler climes, but as you enjoy the cool breezes of the NC mountains, Upstate NY or other great retreats, please think about our wonderful club and how we can put more wind in the sails as we move through 2008. Those prizes are still out there for the picking so bring those guests and potential members and get your name in the pot for yacht stuff or dinners!

Sincerely,

Keith



## Coming Events

**June 14-15 (Saturday-Sunday) - Silver Glen Springs** - Meet at the Palatka Yacht Club at 8:00 AM for the trip south on the river for either an overnight visit or a day visit. For boats only. Those interested, contact either Clark Hoyle (649-6795, [clarkhoyle@mindspring.com](mailto:clarkhoyle@mindspring.com)) or Clay Gillean (904-268-3235, [chg1100@bellsouth.net](mailto:chg1100@bellsouth.net)), for the latest information about the event and to give Clark and Clay an idea about how many people and boats will be participating.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday) - Pork Pickin's Luncheon** - 1:00 o'clock at the clubhouse. The club will provide a full menu featuring pulled pork with all the trimmin's, at \$8.00 per person. The regular bar will be open, with a special featured mixed drink: Lynchburg lemonade at \$3.00 each. Come by boat or car.

Members are invited to bring guests. All PYC alumni are invited as well. Members, please get the word out to former members. The dinner meeting calling committees are requested to call all members ahead of time as a reminder and to get an idea of how many people will be coming. Reservations are not required, however. Anyone wishing more information, or more importantly, anyone wishing to help (cooking or whatever), contact Dorothy McAfee at 328-2103.

**June 26<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) - Dinner meeting** aboard our floating clubhouse at Browns Landing. Social hour starts at 6:00 PM, and a covered dish dinner starts at 7:00 o'clock. The barbecued chicken & sliced pork remaining from the May dinner meeting, which had

## Upcoming June 26th Dinner Meeting - continued

been frozen afterwards, will be reheated and served. There will be no charge, and reservations are not required. Members are invited to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts. The door committee will be [Jean and Joe Morris](#). In Commodore Keith Cheshire's absence (vacation), Vice Commodore Gail Hart will be officiating. There is no special program scheduled for that evening.

As noted last month, the reduced dinner attendance in summer months makes it impossible to recoup the costs of catered dinners for the May, June, July and August meetings. The caterer requires a minimum number that we cannot reach in these low-attendance months, when many members are on vacation trips or away for the entire season.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday) - Board of Directors Meeting** - 6:30 PM aboard or floating clubhouse. Board meetings are open to all PYC members.

**July 6<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) - Fish fry at the clubhouse** - The club will provide the meal at \$8.00 per person. Dorothy McAfee will give more information about the event at the coming dinner meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Also look for a special e-mail announcement closer to the date of the event. Otherwise call Dorothy at 328-2103. Come by boat or car.

**July 18-20 (Friday-Sunday) - St. Marys, Georgia** - This trip is about a 100-mile journey by boat from Palatka, with fuel available in downtown Jacksonville, Fernandina Beach, and St. Marys. If the weather permits, we will circumnavigate Cumberland Island at some point during the weekend. Potential passengers, please remember about sharing fuel and other costs.

For information on dockage, call Langs Marina at 912-882-3242. Call the Riverview Hotel (across the street from the marina) for room reservations: 912-882-4452.

Departure times, meeting locations and any possible last-minute changes will be noted in the next newsletter. Those interested, contact David or Linda Girardin at 328-1774, 937-1566, 329-6566, or [DLBG@hotmail.com](mailto:DLBG@hotmail.com). Leave a message if you call and they are not home. Those traveling to St. Marys by car must use their judgment on timing.

For a tentative schedule of later PYC events, see the entire 2008 activity calendar published in your April newsletter and summarized on page 8 of your PYC handbook.

## Past Events



**BBQ and Saturday Night Live - May 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** - Cancelled for lack of participation.

**Dinner meeting - May 22<sup>nd</sup>** - This was the first of our new summer dinner meeting schedule in which we do not employ our caterers to provide the meals, for reasons explained above. Twenty-six members attended this meeting, a new low. The club provided the main entrees, barbecued chicken and sliced pork, along with coffee and tea, for \$7.50 per person, and the members that attended brought everything else. As usual with our covered-dish affairs, there was enough food for three times the number of people present. It was all delicious, and it was not possible for any one person to sample everything, although this writer tried. The club made a small profit on the main entrée meats, the remainder of which were frozen for later use, and everyone brought home their leftover covered dishes for later meals at home.



## May 22nd Dinner meeting - continued

Both commodore Keith Cheshire and vice-commodore Gail Hart were out of town, so club secretary Karen Blankenship officiated.

After dinner, David Girardin spoke about the next boating events coming up, which are described above. Karen also officiated for the 50-50 drawing, collecting \$50. David Girardin drew the winning number, taking home \$25. There was no special program for the evening.

**Board of Directors Meeting - June 5<sup>th</sup>** - There was no quorum at this meeting, as only three Board members were present. Vice commodore Gail Hart presided over informal discussions. Dorothy and Larry McAfee attended, and Dorothy spelled out her plans for the June 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup> events described above.

## Miscellany

**Covered-Dish Dinner Meetings** – In order to more properly serve the food provided at the coming June, July and August dinner meetings, the club requests donations of four 9-quart rectangular chafing dishes and two 5-quart round chafing dishes. Contact Karen Blankenship at 328-3887, 546-6583, or [kdb@bellsouth.net](mailto:kdb@bellsouth.net), if you are interested in making some or all of these donations

**Dinner Meeting Programs** - Our program Chairman Bob Trail has been having a hard time lately finding presenters with interesting topics for after-dinner programs. We have all taken some interesting trips and done some interesting things in our lives, or know someone who has done so. 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 386-649-8710 or [griffinaero@yahoo.com](mailto:griffinaero@yahoo.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.

**Nautical Origins of Common Expressions - "Cut of his Jib"** – In the days of ships under sail, the shape or cut of a jib often indicated the type of ship, or in some instances, its nationality. The expression, "**I don't like the cut of his jib**" has morphed from identifying an unfriendly ship by its sails to taking an instant dislike to someone based on his appearance or outward demeanor.

## Announcements

**Club-owned Sunfish** – At present, the Club's Sunfish sailboat is on a trailer at David and Linda Girardin's residence and is available for any member to use, however it will be moved to the clubhouse at some future time. If interested, contact David or Linda at 328-1774 or [DLBG75@hotmail.com](mailto:DLBG75@hotmail.com).

**PYC Tent** - Any members desiring to reserve the PYC tent, contact Commodore Keith Cheshire at 386-328-3420 or [keith.cheshire@mindspring.com](mailto:keith.cheshire@mindspring.com). 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 ([cfoltis@bellsouth.net](mailto:cfoltis@bellsouth.net)) and arrange to receive your newsletters by e-mail as pdf files. This would lessen the cost and labor of printing and mailing paper copies every month.

To write an article for the newsletter (including a short description of an interesting trip you have taken) or to place an advertisement or digital photograph in it, contact Connie at 328-6783 or the above e-mail address. Entries should be received by the end of the first week of the month.

**PYC Web Site** - <http://palatkayachtclub.org/> or [www.palatkayachtclub.org](http://www.palatkayachtclub.org)