

Pyrate News



The 10th day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty One, Mill Town, Florida

We arrgh Pyrates with a Purpose



Woody, Lady Mary, Barnacle Bailey and Fix It work to repair bicycles for the children at My Father's Arrows

As the Blackwater Pyrates ease into their 15th year, we continue to identify more opportunities to give back to our community.

Although not specifically written into our mission statement, the Blackwater Pyrates have been know to provide assistance to those in need. This year the Pyrates identified a greatly under-served part of our community and decided to “pay it forward” by donating and repairing bicycles for the children at My Father’s Arrow.

Break It and Fix It, owners of 2 Gauge Marine and Trailer, were gracious enough to volunteer their parking lot as a staging and repair area for the bicycles. Several hours were spent by the Pyrates cleaning and repairing the donated bicycles. When finished, the Pyrates felt a great sense of pride in what they had accomplished.



There were plenty of bicycles in need of repair

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What could possibly bring a dozen Pyrates together on a cool rainy Saturday (besides Rum)? The opportunity to give back to our community by participating in a local fundraiser is always a reason to gather in force.

The Blackwater Pyrates participated in the 1st Annual Butterfly House fund raiser golf tournament at the Tanglewood Golf Club on Friday, April 16th. Joining in on the fun were Capt Boot, Capt Lucky, Capt Murky, Squiddy, Graymane, Tiny, 2

Squiddy, Graymane, 2 Noodles and Tiny join in the fun at the Butterfly House fund raiser golf tournament.



Capt Boot, Capt Lucky and Capt Murky join in the fun at the Butterfly House fund raiser golf tournament.

Noodles, John E Smoke, Break It and Real Deal. Although not in contention for winning, no one had more fun than the Pyrates. And contrary to initial forecasts, the weather turned out to be beautiful as the rain stopped and the clouds parted just as they teed off.

Since the Butterfly House moved to Milton, they have been raising funds to repair, rebuild and expand the facility. It is a great addition to our local community and we look forward to many years of shared support.

2 Gauge Marine and Trailer, and The Blackwater Bistro (both Pyrate owned businesses), as well as the Blackwater Pyrates, provided support through donations for the purchase of Tee signs.

Please be sure to visit the Butterfly House when it opens at it's new location at 4966 Henry Street in Milton. Let's show our continuing support for our local business.

Who arrgh the Blackwater Pyrates?



Mariposa Matie & Rum Runner relax and enjoy a good meal at the 2021 New Member Party

The 2021 New Member Party brought out about 70 Pyrates. The event was hosted by Way Big Tom and the Event Leader was Vixen. Many Pyrates assisted Vixen and worked in the background to ensure the event went off without a hitch.

The following pictures show most of the participants including about 26 new Pyrates and several of our Founders.

The pig was donated by Stewey's Dad (Dan Stewart) and smoked by Grover T's. Side dishes were purchased by the Pyrates and provided by Grover T's. Desserts and appetizers were provided by everyone in attendance.

No one went home hungry and every new Pyrate in attendance received a New Member bag and a membership certificate signed by Captain Blackwater Bones and Captain Lucky.

Additionally, all Pyrates were entertained by Terra's fashion show. The show included four "runway models" who displayed proper Pyrate attire and Terra described how one could purchase or make the ensembles.



Fire Fly, Scooter, Frenchie and Hands enjoying the New Member Party meal together.

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One Eyed Willie, Her Airness, Goldie Daubloon and Barbarosa share a table for lunch during the New Member Party.



Sand Dollar, Not Yet, Tiny, Blue Eyes, Blackwater Joe and Ruby Red discuss when Leigh will officially become a Pyrate. She says "Not Yet," and a new Pyrate name is declared.

The Legacy of the Blackwater Pyrates continues



Rumfront, Duval Crawl, Key West, Terra, Poppy, Bully, Clyda and Sea Ray smile and discuss the legacy of the Blackwater Pyrates.



Graymane, Wayward Teach, Smiley, Gringo, Woody, Big Al and Suffolk Scalawag share a smile and an ale.

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Wicked Pam, Captain Dragon, Polly Anna, Grape Shot and Captain Fins Up enjoy a meal and a laugh.



Bear Claw, Vixen, 2 Noodles, Captain Bones, Leatherneck and Sandy Bottom tell stories at the New Member Party.

Pirates with a Purpose...and Plenty of Rum Fun!



From bottom left; Sandy Bottom, Capt Murky, Frenchie, Lovie, Florance, Poppy, Lady Belle, Devil Rae. 2nd Row; SasSea, Capt Lucky, Coop, Bottoms Up, Master John, Bully. Back Row; Vixen, Diver Dan, Diver Diva, Stewe Burner, Crows Nest, Clyda and Terra. Not pictured but present; Rowdy Sex.

Like usual, when it comes to having fun and supporting good causes, the Pyrates come out in masses. On Sunday, May 2nd, the Krewe of Lafitte had a fund raiser and the Blackwater Pyrates invaded.

About two dozen Pyrates bowled side-by-side with members of several other Krewes. It was serious business as shots were fired across the bow of the ships. Okay, maybe shots were passed from table to table, but there were some serious shots taken.

Although no bowling stars were discovered, the Blackwater Pyrates did take home the Booty. Diver Diva was successful in overpowering the Pirates standing guard as she grabbed the treasure chest and escaped back to the safety of her Pyrate companions.



Diver Diva shows off her Booty (prize) .

Lower River Clean Up

One of the Core Missions of the Blackwater Pyrates is River Clean Up. Saturday, May 8th the Pyrates gathered near the Kayak launch by Shell Pile Landing (previously called Tampa Landing) in preparation for conducting our annual Lower River Clean Up.

About a dozen boats and 50 Pyrates participated in the event that was rescheduled from April due to weather. Big Al was the Event Leader and with her meticulous preparation, the event went off without a hitch.

The weather was beautiful, the water was calm, and the Pyrates were eager to once again clean up the Blackwater River.

After converging in Bagdad, the Pyrates set sail to the four corners of the earth. Sea Rock and Shhh added new Pyrates Long John Silver, Budder Fly and El Jaffe to the crew and led the armada headed south to the I-10 bridge.



Event Leader (Big Al) Talks to the group



Pirates gather the tools necessary to perform our annual Lower River Clean Up

Lower River Clean Up



Pirates discussing navigation strategies before “attacking “ the Blackwater River

Wayward Teach and Suffolk Scalawag headed West and converged on Pond Creek as Iron Leg Mike and Squiddy maneuvered their ships off the East coast of the river, in and around Marquis Basin. Capt Fins Up, Leatherneck and several others attacked the Wright Basin and Cooper Basin areas to the north. No place was safe from the Pirates as about a ton of trash was once again removed from the river.



Pirates preparing to depart for Lower River Clean Up

Blackwater Pyrates 2021

January	February	March	April
13 Booty Council 16 Change of Command 20 General Meeting 30 Milton Mardi Gras Parade	10 Booty Council 17 General Meeting	6-7 Renaissance Fair – Duck Adoptions 10 Booty Council 17 General Meeting	10 New Member Party 14 Booty Council 17 River Clean Up/Earth Day * 21 General Meeting
May	June	July	August
1 Skull Island Retreat (rescheduled) 12 Booty Council 19 General Meeting 29 Boater Safety Week* Blessing of the Fleet USCG Boat Inspection	5 Lighted Boat Parade in Ward Basin 9 Booty Council 12 Skull Island Retreat 16 General Meeting/Duck adoption paperwork and \$\$\$ due	4 Great Mill Town Duck Race*** 10 Lighted Boat Parade/Blues Cruise/Bones Pen (formerly Butchers Pen) 14 Booty Council 21 General Meeting	7 Lighted Boat Parade 11 Booty Council 18 General Meeting 21 Destin Crawl ? Boater Safety Class
September	October	November	December
8 Booty Council 11 History Lecture* 15 General Meeting 18 Upper River Clean Up *	13 Booty Council 16 CBD Farm Experience 20 General Meeting 22/23 Ghost Walk	6 Blues Cruise 10 Booty Council 13 WWSRE 17 General Meeting	1 Budget Meeting 4 Christmas Lighted Boat Parade 15 Caroling with the Pyrates 31 Red Solo Cup

*Core Mission

Revised March 30, 2021

***All Crew Participation

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Ducks are available for adoption at the following locations;

Blackwater Bistro - 5147 Elmira, Milton
Return to Health - 6341 Old U.S. 90 (90 & Glover)
Sonny's BBQ - 54115 US-90, Pace



*The
Great Mill Town
Duck Race*