

Pirate News



The 6th day of February in the year Two Thousand and Twenty One, Mill Town, Florida

Change of Command 2021



Captain Blackwater Bones provides inspiration and instructions to both the outgoing and incoming Captains and Officers

The change of Command Ceremony has long been a tradition of the Blackwater Pyrates. On January 16, 2021 the tradition continued with Captain Murky and his Quartermaster Two Socks and Coxswain Maltease passing the Command Flag to Captain Lucky and his Quartermaster Woody and Coxswain Way Big Tom.



Barnacle Bailey prepares to fire the cannon as Leatherneck ignites the bottle rockets at the conclusion of the Change of Command.



The Crew listens to Captain Blackwater Bones at the Change of Command.

Captain Murky took the time during the recent Change of Command Ceremony to recognize several Pyrates who have assisted him during his two years at the helm.



Captain Murky presents his Coxswain, Maltease with a plaque for his years of dedicated service.



Captain Murky presents his Treasurer, Devil Rae with an engraved glass for her years of dedicated service.



Captain Murky presents his Historian, J Hawk with an engraved glass for her years of dedicated service.



Maltease, Two Socks, Way Big Tom and Woody meet before the Change of Command

Changing of the Guard

The 2021 Change of Command brought two new Officers into the fold. Woody accepted the Quartermaster position from Two Socks and Way Big Tom accepted the Coxswain position from Maltease.

Two Socks and Maltease have done a terrific job of leading the Pyrates and will continue to “lead from within” as Woody and Way Big Tom learn from their predecessors.

For the newer Pyrates, the Quartermaster is appointed by the Captain and shall act in place of the Captain in the event of the Captain’s absence, or inability to lead, and he/she shall exercise and discharge such duties as may be required by the board.

The Coxswain is also appointed by the Captain and is a unique position as he/she is the safety officer who works directly for the Captain. In the name of safety, and so as to not hamper his effectiveness, this officer has the power to remove any individual from Pyrate activities at will.

Boaters Safety

As one of our missions, the Blackwater Pyrates continuously promote boater safety through our actions. We lead by example at our planned events as well as during our leisure activities. This year we will be having our annual USCG Boat Inspection and Blessing of the Fleet on Saturday, May 22, 2021 in conjunction with the Boater Safety Week.



The Safety Boat assists Hobie Flipper after his mishap during the 2020 WWSRE

Life Jackets

All recreational vessels must carry on board at least one wearable-type life jacket for each person on your vessel or anyone being towed on water skis, tubes, etc. Also, all vessels 16 feet or greater (except canoes and kayaks) must carry one Type IV throwable preserver (i.e., ring or cushion). All life jackets, otherwise known as personal floatation devices or PFD's, must be of the proper size for the intended wearer, be in good condition, readily accessible and United States Coast Guard (USCG) -approved.

- ◆ Water skiers, and other towed watersports participants, must wear a PFD while being pulled on skis, aqua-planes or similar devices.
- ◆ Personal watercraft operators and all passengers must wear a PFD at all times.
- ◆ While on Florida waters, children under six years of age must wear a PFD of proper size while onboard a vessel under 26 feet in length while underway. "Underway" means any time except when the vessel is anchored, moored, docked or aground.

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 Riverwalk Arts Festival 10 Booty Council 13 History Lecture 17 General Meeting	3 New Member Party 14 Booty Council 17 River Clean Up/Earth Day * 21 General Meet
May	June	July	August
1 Skull Island Retreat 12 Booty Council 19 General Meeting 22 Boater Safety Week* Blessing of the Fleet USCG Boat Inspection	5 Lighted Boat Parade in Ward Basin 9 Booty Council 16 General Meeting/Duck adoption paperwork and \$\$\$ due	4 Great Mill Town Duck Race 14 Booty Council 10 Lighted Boat Parade/Blues Cruise/Bones Pen (formerly Butchers Pen) 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 15 General Meeting 18 Upper River Clean Up *	13 Booty Council 16 Blues Cruise 20 General Meeting 22/23 Ghost Walk	10 Booty Council 17 General Meeting 13 WWSRE	1 Budget Meeting 4 Christmas Lighted Boat Parade 15 Caroling with the Pirates 31 Red Solo Cup

***Core Mission**

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*****All Crew Participation**

We are Pyrates with a Purpose! Guardians of the Blackwater





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