



# Pyrate News

The 17th day of September in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Two, Mill Town, Florida

## 2022 Crab Island Crawl



Finally, the day everyone waits all year for. The Blackwater Pyrates annual Crab Island Crawl.

As the Pyrates gathered at their traditional morning watering hole (Juana's) for breakfast and story telling, the skies unexpectedly parted like a sign from heaven. It was clear, the Pyrates were meant to be here celebrating another beautiful day and wonderful event. And celebrate they did!

As the pictures below and on the following pages show, a relatively small but energetic group of about 25 Pyrates started the day off right with breakfast and a little liquid encouragement, and then continued on with our typical Pyrate adventure.

Led by an energetic group of winches (pictured at right), an armada of 5 ships and 25 Pyrates set sail from Navarre and headed east to Destin and the "shores" of Crab Island. Searching for additional booty (again, pictured at right) this hearty group enjoyed the usual Pyrate comradery as well as the crystal clear waters of Destin while soaking up the sun and suds. A Crab Island Crawl would never be complete without a few pudding shots and water aerobics.



Vixen, Bear Claw, Partagas Princess, Devil Rae and SasSea enjoy the view

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Let the "story telling" begin, as Barnacle Bailey stresses the point of his tall tale



Scribbler, Salty Cracker, Popeye, Squiddy, Wino-I-Know, Prickly Pear, Holler Legg, and Capt Fins Up enjoying "breakfast" at Juana's

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At left: Lady Mary, Barnacle Bailey, Honey Badger, T-Bone, CC, Brother DeWars, Stew Burner and Lady Belle.



At right: SasSea, 2 Noodles, Vixen, Devil Rae, Bear Claw, and Partagas Princess.

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Pictured to the right;; Keeping with Pyrate tradition beginning with the rough Crab Island Crawl of 2021, the Blackwater Pyrates organized a “Safe Zone” area beneath Captain Lucky and SasSea’s pontoon boat, the Marinator.



Pictured to the left; The label inside the Marinator says “Total persons allowed onboard is 16, Total persons allowed under is 35” ...and so we tested the limits beneath the boat

For those who could not attend, a few of the Blackwater Pyrates gave a hearty wave, a resounding “wish you were here,” and a loud ARRRRGH from Crab Island in Destin, Florida.



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No words necessary!



The Armada begins its voyage east

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A Beautiful end to a terrific day!

# Travelling Pyrate Flag

As most Blackwater Pyrates know, we have a tradition of carrying an official Pyrate flag with us everywhere we travel. Known as the "Travelling Flag," it is customary to take pictures with our flag at every location that we deem worthy of a Pyrate photo. Our flag has travelled the world and been seen in some very exotic locations. I personally remember seeing pictures of our flag in Alaska, the Caribbean, and as far away as Crab Island.

Below is a long time family of Pyrates who have chosen to make a move to be closer to family in Tennessee. Their picture and message tell the story of their travelling flag. Tight sails and favorable winds to you also Scalawag. The Pyrates miss you.

To our Pyrate Mateys,

Suffolk Scalawag, Seven C'sZ, and their crew of Pyrates-in-training, after a hazardous crossing finally washed ashore in Antioch, TN (just a tad southeast of Nashville). Although we have a nice saltwater pool, the scullery and staterooms are not yet available. Will keep you posted when all is ship shape for boarding.

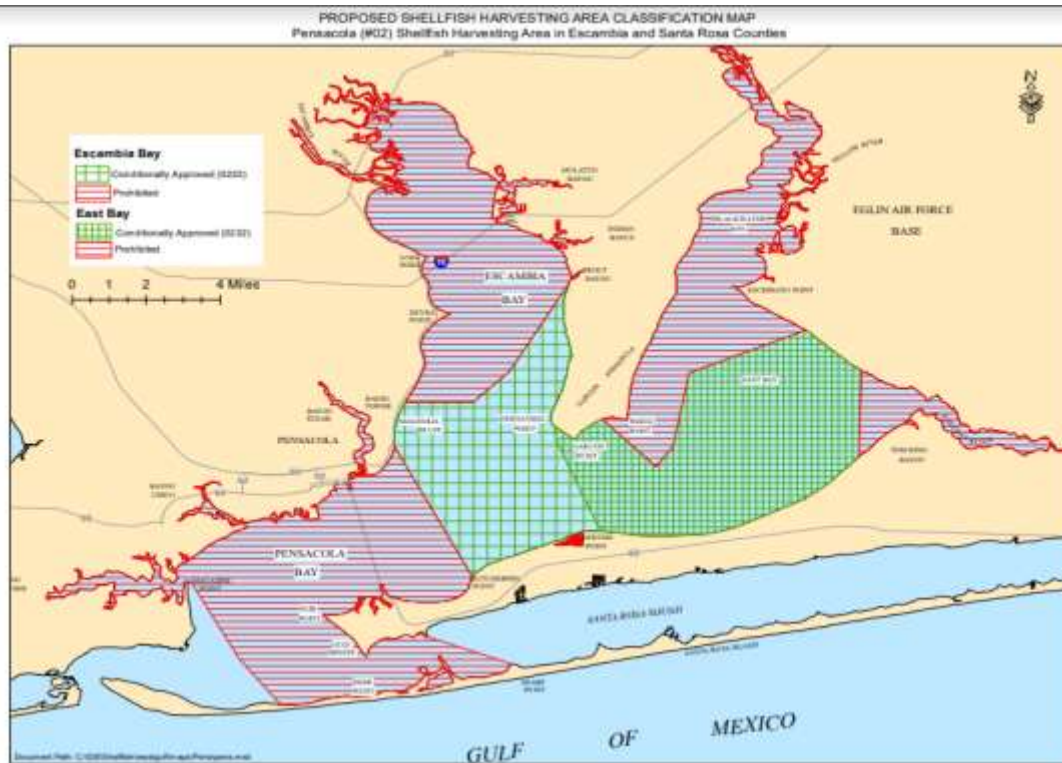
Tight sails and favorable winds,  
Scalawag



# Protecting our waterways

The Blackwater Pyrates organization was founded on three (3) Missions. Boater Safety, River Clean Up, and Maritime History Preservation. Currently, we are being challenged with protecting the cleanliness of our beautiful waterways.

With continued growth in the area, the waterways appear to be getting further contaminated. Unfortunately, the biannual river clean-ups performed by the Pyrates are only capable of clearing solid debris (mostly located on the surface). We are very determined as a group to continue providing the assistance within our capabilities. However, bacterial contamination is impacting our oyster harvesting.



As specifically written in The Code (our governing document), The Blackwater Pyrates were created as and will remain a non-political organization. Consequently, our missions involve actions by the Pyrates, and not demands to our government officials. We work with all like-minded groups in an effort to protect what we hold near and dear, but steer clear of any politically charged issues.

Now that I hope to have clearly defined the Blackwater Pyrate organizational guidelines, I also wish to encourage all members to become actively involved in all areas concerning our great city, county and state. I must emphasize that only the Captain can speak for the Pyrates, but any Pyrate can speak for themselves as long as they make it clear that they are not speaking for the Pyrates.

Several organizations have shown concern and need the support of local individuals and businesses. Oyster harvesting is only one concern however, many long time residents of the area will tell you that they grew up watching the harvesting operations. Additionally, a strong oyster population can also be a sign of a strong ecosystem.

The map included above shows the proposed areas for oyster harvesting. The areas in red are prohibited due to the bacterial contamination. For more information please contact Christian Wagley, christian@healthygulf.org (850) 687-9968, or the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce. Both organizations will be eager to guide you to where you can help or just gather information.



# Who are the Pyrates?

As mentioned numerous times in previous newsletters, as well as earlier in this newsletter, the Blackwater Pyrates were founded with three (3) missions. River Clean Up, Boater Safety, and Maritime History Preservation. In order for us to complete our aforementioned missions, the Pyrates must have volunteers to drive all areas of the organization.

Currently, our organization consists of approximately 200 members. Of the total membership, we currently have approximately 40 members actively involved in leadership roles. Below is a list of those positions, including Officers, Board Members, Booty Council Members, Event Leaders, Crew Positions, and Committee Members. Without these individuals and committees, the Pyrates would not be able to function. Please take a close look at the lists below and consider reaching out to Event Leader or Crew Position Chairperson to volunteer as a committee member. As a Team, we make the organization great.

<b>Officers</b>				
<b>Board of Directors</b>		<b>Captain</b>	<b>Booty Council</b>	
Captain Lucky		Captain Lucky	Devil Rae	
Capt Bones			SeaRay	
Capt Whitebeard		<b>Quartermaster</b>	Capt Fins Up	
Capt Fins Up		Woody	Vixen	
Capt Boot			Rambob	
Capt Murky		<b>Coxswain</b>	Fancy Nancy	
Rambob		Stew Burner	Hands	
Devil Rae				
Rumfront				
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Event Leaders</b>	<b>Committees</b>	<b>Crew Positions</b>	<b>Committees</b>
<b>Duck Committee</b>	<b>Blessing of the Fleet</b>	<b>Safety Committee</b>	<b>Boater Safety</b>	<b>Grants/Scholarships Committee</b>
Terra	Deacon Blues	Stew Burner	Leatherneck	Wayward Teach
SasSea	<b>Caroling with the Pyrates</b>	J Hawk	<b>Facebook</b>	Big Al
Devil Rae	Capt Fins Up	Devil Rae	Diver Diva	Sea Ray
Diver Diva	<b>Change of Command</b>	Bear Claw	<b>Grants</b>	Capt Fins Up
Bottoms Up	Open	Hands	Wayward Teach	
Sea Ray	<b>Ghost Walk</b>	Scooter	<b>Historian</b>	<b>Membership Committee</b>
Vixen	Big Al	Grapeshot	J Hawk	Vixen
Frenchie	<b>Great Mill Town Duck Race</b>	Sea Biscuit	<b>Keeper of the Code</b>	Snookie
Kolea	SasSea	Dollar Bill	Stewey's Dad	
B	<b>Maritime History Lecture</b>	Capt Fins Up	<b>Maritime History Preservation</b>	<b>Technical Committee</b>
Coral Reef	Big Al		Big Al	Capt Fins Up
Bear Claw	<b>Parades - Lighted Boat</b>		<b>Membership</b>	Hell Razor
	Terra		Vixen	Hands
<b>Rumfest Committee</b>	<b>Pyrate Rumfest/Oktoberfest</b>		<b>Merchandise</b>	2 Noodles
SasSea	SasSea		Bear Claw	Grape Shot
Vixen	<b>River Cleanup Fall, Upper</b>		<b>Public Relations</b>	Capt Boot
Bear Claw	Capt Murky		Big Al	Capt Lucky
Devil Rae	<b>River Cleanup Spring, Lower</b>		<b>Salvage</b>	Rambob
	Hands		Open	Polly Anna
	<b>Riverwalk Arts Festival-Renaissance Faire</b>		<b>Treasurer</b>	Blunderbuss
	Frenchie		Devil Rae	Grey Beard
	<b>Vessel Inspections</b>		<b>Technical Crew</b>	Salty Cracker
	Wayward Teach		Capt Fins Up	Wayward Teach
	<b>WWSRE</b>		<b>Webmaster</b>	J Hawk
	Barnacle Bailey		Greymane	Capt Murky
				Stewburner
				Woody

# Blackwater Pyrates 2022

January	February	March	April
12 Booty Council 19 General Mtg	9 Booty Council 12 Milton Mardis Gras Parade 16 General Mtg 19 Mardis Gras Flotilla - POLT	5-6 Renaissance Fair – Duck Adoptions 9 Booty Council 16 General Mtg – Crew Duck Adoptions Begin	9 Poker Run 13 Booty Council 20 General Mtg 23 River Clean Up/Earth Day * 30 New Member Party
May	June	July	August
7 Skull Island Retreat <b>*to be rescheduled</b> 11 Booty Council 18 General Mtg 21 Boater Safety Week* Blessing of the Fleet USCG Boat Inspection	4 Lighted Boat Parade in Ward Basin 8 Booty Council 15 General Meeting/Duck adoption paperwork and \$\$\$ due 18 WWSRE	4 Great Mill Town Duck Race*** 9 Blues Cruise 13 Booty Council 20 General Mtg- Membership Dues	6 Lighted Boat Parade 11 Booty Council 17 General Mtg 20 Destin Crawl <b>? Boater Safety Class</b>
September	October	November	December
15 Booty Council 17 Upper River Clean Up * 21 General Mtg 24 <b>History Lecture* (date change)</b>	1 <b>Skull Island Retreat (date chg)</b> 13 Booty Council 15 Oktoberfest 19 General Mtg- New Captain Nominations 21/22 Ghost Walk	9 Booty Council 12 Blues Cruise 16 General Mtg – Vote for new Capt	2 Christmas Lighted Boat Parade 7 Budget Meeting 14 Caroling with the Pyrates 31 Red Solo Cup

\*Core Mission

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\*\*\*All Crew Participation





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