



Pyrate News

The 14th day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Two, Mill Town, Florida

River Clean Up



One bright sunny Saturday, the Blackwater Pyrates once again set out to scour the waterways of the Blackwater River in search of treasure. Okay, so we weren't searching for real treasure. We were searching for trash that periodically (far too often) invades the natural beauty of our pristine river and shorelines.

As one of our missions, the Blackwater Pyrates

conduct two river clean-ups annually. One clean-up is completed on Earth Day (the Lower River Clean-Up), and another is completed in the Fall (the Upper River Clean-Up).

On Saturday, April 23rd, about 60 hearty souls on a dozen Pyrate vessels endured all the hazards that Mother Nature and King Neptune could throw at them as they set out to once again clean the river.



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Led by their sense of adventure and desire to obtain bragging rights for another year, these hearty captains and their crews proceeded to travel the mighty Blackwater River and several of its basins and arteries in search of the “mother load” of refuse.



Once again, Captains Fins Up and Murky took their sometimes reluctant crews into uncharted waters with a myriad of obstacles. You could almost hear them repeatedly saying “No Guts, No Glory” as they ventured north toward Ski Beach and Paradise Island.

With a keen eye, ever watchful for unruly pirates from those less desirable groups, these mighty warriors of the waterways successful filled their “holds” (cargo areas for the more refined sea traveler) and returned to port (Bagdad Mill Site Park Boat Launch) to deposit their spoils.



River Clean Up



Capt Lucky and his motley crew on the Marinator; SasSea, Bear Claw, Vixen, Frenchie, J Hawk & Slimshady make up the crew of winches. Brother Dewars, Rambob & Capt Lucky are the cabana boys.

Captain Lucky was by far the most courageous of the captains (or the most crazy) as he set sail with five seaworthy winches and three cabana boys. The added rum, wine, champagne, beer and any other alcohol that could be taken aboard, helped ease the pain. The empty containers also added to the “payload” of collectables.

All in all it was another successful day on the river as the Pyrates collected another ton of trash. Barnacle Bailey and crew earned bragging rights



Capt Lucky and Hands (the Event Leader) congratulate Barnacle Bailey and Crew

New Member Party



Devil Rae, Vixen, Frenchie and SasSea conduct a planning session for the New Member Party. Vixen prepared Margaritas. What could possibly go wrong?

Every year the Blackwater Pyrates welcome new members by throwing a party. I know, I know, quite a shock to me also. Who would have thought the Pyrates would have a party?

This year Frenchie and Hands hosted the event and our Membership Chairperson was Vixen. As with many of our events, a committee was created to help plan the event. Also, like with most committees, several planning sessions are required in order to get the event to come off without a hitch. And what is a planning session without a little libation?

This year the committee was focused on ensuring the new Pyrates are welcomed by introducing them to the Legacy of the Blackwater Pyrates. Swag bags were specifically created for each new member to include a training video of what it means to be a Pyrate, as well as many other goodies including a copy of our Code book and our 15th anniversary lapel pin. Additional items have also been donated by some of our Duck Race Sponsors including Bruce Baker Realty.

New Member Party



New members were introduced to Legacy Pyrates and everyone mingled during our social hour, which happened to last for about 4 hours. After about the first hour, Captain Lucky introduced several Event Leaders and previous Captains. Additionally, everyone present introduced themselves so the new members would be able to put a face to a name (no test required).



Up and to the left is pictured Terra and Coral Reef in “proper Pyrate Attire.” They were part of the parade of Pyrates who showed off how we put together our outfits.



Up and to the right is pictured Vixen, Frenchie and Hands. Without them, there would not have been a New Member Party. Directly to the left are new members, I T and Sarge, and directly above is Colorado High, John E Smoke and Squiddy.

New Member Party



It is almost impossible to name every Pyrate who attended the party. Many are pictured over these few pages however, many more were present and enjoyed telling the tales of being a Pyrate. Directly above is Ruby Red, Sand Dollar, Lucky Wren, Scruffy Beard, Wino I Know, Squiddy and Prickly Pear.

Above and to the right is our Pyrate models. Bottoms Up, Crows Nest, Terra, Capt Murky, Devil Rae and Coral Reef.

To the right is Lucky Wren, Scribbler, Flossy Flounder and Big Al.



Directly to the left are Blunderbuss, Mermazing (our newest Pyrate) and Siren.

Many more pictures were taken and posted to Facebook on the Pyrate page.

Although it was a little breezy, the party was a huge success. New Pyrates quickly became part of the Blackwater Pyrate family and are now "Legendary."

Milton Garden Club Golf Tournament



Renegade, Break It, Scooter and Capt Lucky proudly stand by the BWP Tee sign.



Capt Murky, Colorado High, John E Smoke and Capt Fins Up proudly stand by the BWP Tee sign.

The Blackwater Pyrates are well known for participating in fundraising activities organized and sponsored by groups closely associated with similar goals as the Pyrates. Although they are not exactly well known for their golfing prowess, they have been known to go out have fun for good causes.

This year, the Milton Garden Club organized their first ever golf tournament. And the Pyrates came out in force to support them.

Scuttlebutt and Reel Deal wrangled a couple of wringers in to make one team, and Capt Fins Up, Capt Murky, John E Smoke and new member Colorado High made a second team.

Capt Lucky, Renegade, Break It and Scooter brought a team together and closely competed with Woody, Greymane, Smiley and Gringo, our final team. All together the Blackwater Pyrates brought together 4 teams of golfers (using that term very loosely). Each team paid their own dues and made additional donations in the name of the Pyrates. We were well represented.



Break It, Renegade, Capt Lucky and Scooter stand by the Service Matters Tee Sign (a business owned by Pyrates Sea Rock and Shhh)

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 *to be rescheduled 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 SS\$ due 18 WWSRE	4 Great Mill Town Duck Race*** 9 Blues Cruise 13 Booty Council 20 General Mtg- Membership Dues	6 Lighted Boat Parade 10 Booty Council 17 General Mtg 20 Destin Crawl ? Boater Safety Class
September	October	November	December
14 Booty Council 17 Upper River Clean Up * 21 General Mtg 24 History Lecture* (date change)	12 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

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***All Crew Participation





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