



Pyrate News

The 13th day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Three, Mill Town, Florida

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What is a copyright?

A copyright is a piece of intellectual property that protects an original work of authorship as soon as it is in a tangible, fixed form. This type of protection gives the owner the exclusive right to copy and distribute their creative work.

When referring to copyrights, we think of artistic or literary works, like movies, television shows, plays, or paintings. For example, Disney owns the exclusive rights to its films, and they can sue anyone who infringes on that right.

According to the United States Copyright Office, it's important to note that there are several restrictions regarding copyrights. You cannot copyright a name, idea, fact, system, or method of doing things. They protect only that which exists in a tangible form.

What are the differences?

While there is a similarity in how trademarks and copyrights provide legal protection, they do have many differences. Trademarks protect a word, phrase, or design, while copyrights protect created works.

Not only are they different in what they protect, but they're also different when it comes to ownership. While trademarks can be owned by an individual, business, or legal entity, copyright is owned by the author or creator of the original work.

The timing is also varied. [To register a trademark](#), you must apply for recognition through the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Copyrights are generated as soon as the original work is created and published.

Which one should you get?

As a nonprofit organization, you will benefit more from a trademark than you would from a copyright. Trademarks protect your name, logo, and slogan from being used by any other organization and give you the right to profit off of those marks.

While a copyright can be beneficial, they are only necessary when creating an original piece of tangible work. You could, for example, copyright any original work on your website, including writings, photos, artwork, or other forms of authorship.

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As stated on the previous page, there are subtle differences between a Trademark and a Copywrite. Many laymen consider the verbiage interchangeable. However, legally, the differences are striking.



The Blackwater Pyrates Foundation, Inc is a Trademark. It was officially registered to our organization on December 27, 2022. The logo shown above is not Copyright protected however, the name Blackwater Pyrates is protected and can only be used by our organization.

The process of gaining Trademark protection for our name was rather long and tedious, but Devil Rae, our Treasurer, filed the necessary documentation and worked with the Law Firm who assisted us with getting our Not For Profit (501(c)3) status. Her efforts now afford us the opportunity to utilize our name in our logo, merchandise, letterhead...etc. Additionally, it prevents any other organization from using our specific name in their advertising and merchandise.

It may sound a little bit cliché, but upon advice from council the Blackwater Pyrates Organization is better protected now that we have a Trademark that clearly identifies our name as owned by the Blackwater Pyrates of Milton, Florida.

Legend



THE LEGEND OF THE BLACKWATER BONES LOST TREASURE

Never has a sailor — pirate or otherwise — voyaged the Seven Seas who has not heard tell of Blackwater Bones and his Lost Treasure.

Truth be told, nothing is for certain about the infamous Blackwater Bones Treasure. But there is, indeed a great deal of speculation. Among the illiterates of any pirate crew the great stories were told and retold. Long ago Bones sailed into the river seeking a safe haven from the rough stormy weather. It is believed a vast tide ripped the vessel from her moorings and the forest torn in fury, beat to pieces and washed a shore. At the time of its sinking, the treasure laden ship carried tons of gold and jewelry. The captain hoarded his gold, and rumors circulated the treasure is hidden on any number of inlets. Little of this massive treasure hoard was recovered until nearly hundreds of years later. Treasure hunters have discovered only traces of the riches during the annual Riverfest Celebration “Bones Lost Treasure Hunt”. To this day, ye can hear the rousting voices of the Blackwater Pyrates as they echo through the trees that line the river always in search of their gold. For it is here that the legend lies. So if one happens to be on the river on a dark and lonely night and imagines moving flames rasping voices, run like the wind for ye have stumbled upon Bones and his crew in search of their long misplaced booty.



BWP Stimulus Plan

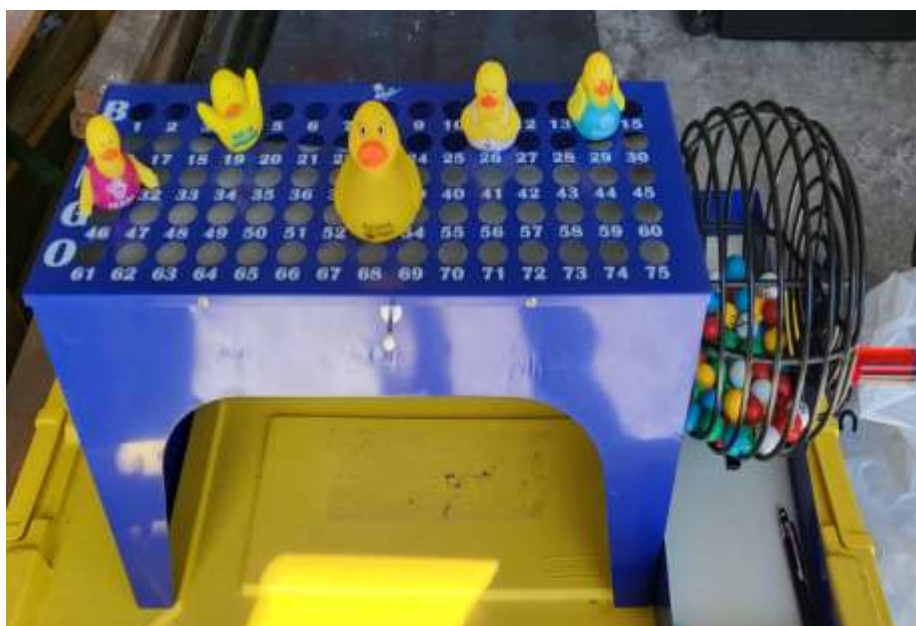
I don't know any better way to help stimulate our local economy than to have a Pirate Raiding Party. Lots of Pirates. Lots of adult beverages. Lots of story telling and comradery. What could possibly go wrong?

On Monday, April 17th the Blackwater Pirates Raiding Party Coordinator (Lovie) looked through her spyglass and set course for the Beardless Brewhaus in downtown Milton. With a crew of about 40 mischievous Pirates, Lovie "raided" the local establishment for a evening of dining, drinking and debauchery.

Owners Nick and Steve (Parrot Tail) spoke to the crowd and discussed the art of brewing the finest beer in the land. With more than 25 styles currently on tap, the Blackwater Pirates were prepared to test them all, and the crew of the Beardless Brewhaus was more than accommodating.

Speaking with Nick about the success of the event and the impact the Pirates had on their business, Nick was quick to thank the Pirates and noted that our gathering not only "brought pieces of eight" from our Crew, it brought positive attention to their business. Several groups walked in off the street and commented that this was a "happening" place in Milton and an environment that they wished to be a part of. Stimulating!!

Now, as far as the "what could possibly go wrong" portion of this story, well, let's just say that the Beardless Brewhaus happened to be the official hangout for our nemesis. The Krewe of Airship Pirates. Those rascals have previously stolen a Pirate flag and held our poor mascot Stewey hostage. It was revenge time. Bingo!!



Yes I said Bingo. Fun fact, the Krewe of Airship Pirates have Bingo nights at the Beardless Brewhaus. In order to play Bingo you need a few essential items. Bingo Cards, Bingo Balls, and a spinning container to randomly draw the Bingo Balls. Those are the basic essentials. Hmmm! I wonder how you can play Bingo without the item shown to the left. The Blackwater Pirates aren't ones to mess with. We have no rules except to win. Bingo!!

CPR/AED/First Aid Training



One of our missions as Blackwater Pyrates is Boater Safety, and how better to promote boater safety than to have a Crew of Pyrates trained in CPR, First Aid, and AED use.

Thanks to the cooperative efforts of a couple of our newest Pyrates (Goober and Columbo) we were able to professionally train about 50 people. The audience (students) included Pyrates, as well as First Responders and families from the local community. Since Columbo (Tim Trowbridge) is a qualified trainer and Blackwater Pyrate, the training cost was free and the knowledge gained was invaluable.

Columbo is currently the Logistics Chief for Santa Rosa County Emergency Management. His background includes Police Chief in Missouri for more than 23 years, and Deputy for Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office for almost 4 years. He is well educated in emergency management as well as very entertaining. The four hour class kept everyone enthusiastically involved and in the end, certified all in attendance as CPR, First Aid and AED qualified.

Additionally, the Blackwater Pyrates have joined forces with the Santa Rosa Emergency Management Team to become First Responders in the event of an emergency on the water. I know we never like to hear about anyone needing a water rescue, but it happens more often than any of us would believe.

Consider when the most recent hurricane hit our area and many Pyrate homes were impacted. Several Pyrates were stranded due to rising water levels and the Emergency Management Team was left trying to assess the damage and provide rescue services for those in need. This is where the Blackwater Pyrates will provide the necessary aid to our community by providing boats and personnel to assist the response team. We will be the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT).

There is no better way to carry on the traditions of the Blackwater Pyrates. We support our community.

Coxswain's Korner

Early spring means it's time to clean and make ready your boat for the summer months. Enjoying the water is just one of many things Pyrates like to do but unless we take the time and go through a few steps concerning our boats it could mean a long and expensive season of not having a reliable vessel at our disposal. Trust me when I say getting towed in is not my idea of a fun day! BoatUS. has authorized a reprint and use of a recent article from the April / May 2023 Edition titled Boater Safety Checklist. Use this guide to help you prepare for the summer boating season and always remember to look out for each other on the water.

Stewburner

BOATING SAFETY CHECKLIST

Make sure you and your crew are safe every time you're on the water, with this checklist

Preseason preparation

- Current registration/documentation papers (including boat trailer) and numbers/decals affixed as required. If you fish, fishing license and fishing gear aboard?
- Review federal, state, and local boating laws and navigation rules
- Take your state's boating safety course, if required. BoatU.S. Foundation's free online course meets requirements in 36 states (BoatUS.org/Free)
- Join or renew your BoatU.S. towing membership (BoatUS.com/Towing)
- Download the free BoatU.S. App to check local weather and tides, and for fastest way to call a tow (BoatUS.com/App)
- Maintain boat and systems per manufacturer recommendations and your visual inspection
- Check expiration dates and condition of fire extinguishers and pyrotechnic flares
- Program your VHF/DSC radio (Request a free MMSI number at BoatUS.com/MMSI)
- Take a course to brush up boat-handling skills (BoatUS.org/On-Water)
- Schedule a courtesy vessel safety check (cgaux.org/vsc)



Visit BoatUS.com/VHF-Device-Setup to learn how to program your MMSI number into your VHF.

Before departure

- Check weather forecasts, tides, currents
- File a float plan with a trusted contact ashore
- Follow safe fueling practices; make sure blower fans are in working order
- Check operation of bilge pump, auto switch, alarms
- Ensure you have appropriate-size life jackets in good repair, and that children wear them. Need a child-sized life jacket? Find a loaner site at BoatUS.org/Life-Jacket-Loaner
- Brief crew on locations and operation of safety equipment including: life jackets, life sling, or throwable flotation; sound-producing device; flares/visual distress signals; fire extinguishers; and a spare engine cutoff lanyard, if equipped.

- Turn on VHF radio. Show passengers how to select Ch. 16, how to use mic, and when/how to transmit a Mayday. Brief on how/when to use and not use the DSC feature if you have it; ensure the MMSI is programmed in
- Check operation of navigation/running lights
- Ensure that one anchor and rode is ready for immediate use
- Before starting a gasoline inboard engine, run blower for at least 4 minutes
- Attach engine shutoff switch lanyard or device, if fitted



Visit BoatUS.com/Float-Plan to fill out and print a float plan for your next onboard excursion.

On the water

- Departing the harbor, store a "go home" waypoint on the GPS, if equipped
- Know the waters you're navigating. Refer to local charts, stay within marked channels, be aware of tides, currents, and areas such as inlets with challenging seas
- Avoid distracted driving, scan the horizon continually for other boats' movements
- Be weather-aware (watch for wind/cloud changes, monitor weather channels)
- While underway, no passengers on the bow, gunwales, or transom
- Monitor fuel consumption and remaining range. Use the "Three-Thirds" rule: one-third outbound, one-third inbound, one-third reserve
- Designate a lookout if engaging in watersports activities
- Engines OFF if people are swimming
- Be aware of dangerous CO gasses from engines and/or generators
- Drink plenty of water; wear sunscreen; don't boat under the influence 🍷



Tear out this checklist and laminate at your local office supply store. Use a dry erase marker to check off each item.

Membership

Everyone knows that Pyrates don't need a particular reason to celebrate. Conquering new lands, confiscating booty, cruising the waterways with a mission, waking up in the morning, watching the sun set in the evening, these are but a few of our times for celebration. However, every year we come together with a different mission in mind. We celebrate (and initiate) the newest Pyrates to join (be shanghaied) the great Blackwater Pyrates organization.

Last Saturday, May 6th, we took the time to get to know our most recent members. More than 50 members (new and legacy) took the time to share stories, enjoy great food and beverages, and generally relax and prepare for another wonderful boating season on the Blackwater River.



Currently, we have more than 50 new individuals who are considered "New" Pyrates. To be considered a new Pyrate, you must have joined between April 2022 and April 2023. Anyone who joined in May of 2023 will be part of our 2024 New Member Party.

Together, the Blackwater Pyrates celebrated those who joined us in the last year. Stories were told of the "good old days." Delicious food and was prepared by our very own

Stew Burner and Lady Belle, as well as delicious sides and desserts prepared by various Pyrates who attended.

It was a fun time for everyone and we look forward to another great summer of fun with our new friends and Pyrates.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this party possible.



Ducks

Tales from the Duck Pond



The Duck Committee met on May 9th at the Bistro and got lots accomplished. We had 9 members attending. The meeting lasted 1 hour and afterwards a few stayed to partake in a few adult beverages. We are Pyrates after all.

Activities were discussed and include the following:

1. Terra, Devil Rae and SasSea will be updating the display cases at City Hall on Monday 5/15.
2. There will be duck adoptions at Bands on the Blackwater on the 19th and 26th as well as June 2nd and 9th.
3. We are also scheduled to adopt ducks at the Bagdad Spring Fest which has been rescheduled for the 24th of June. We will also be participating in the Gumbo Cook-Off.
4. *We will also have a Business Sponsor list to share with the membership. Our goal is to adopt out 5000 ducks by the 4th of July and have 500 ducks to adopt out that day.*

All the above events will need volunteers! We will have a sign-up sheet for Bands on the Blackwater and the Bagdad event at the general meeting. We also have openings on the Duck Committee. If you are interested contact Terra at 850.313.2447 or SasSea at 985.607.8860. You can also come talk to us at the General meeting.

Draft of the 2023 Duck Shirt will be shown at the general meeting, and we will be taking orders.

REMINDER: Because the Great Mill Town Duck Race is our one and only fundraiser, all Blackwater Pyrates are encouraged to adopt out at least 1 sheet (20 ducks). The Duck Committee will have Ducks available for adoption at the General Meeting May 17th. If you have not picked up your duck sheet please do so as all Duck Sheets have to be turned in by June General Meeting on the 21st.

Blackwater Pyrates 2023

January	February	March	April
8 (Not) Change of Command 11 Scholarship Mtg 12 Booty Council 18 General Mtg	4 Milton Mardis Gras Parade – Krewe of Airship Pirates 4 Mardis Gras Flotilla - POLT 9 Booty Council 15 General Mtg	4-5 Renaissance Fair – Duck Adoptions 8 Safety Mtg 9 Booty Council 15 General Mtg – Crew Duck Adoptions Begin 18 WWSRE	8 Poker Run 12 Safety Mtg 13 Booty Council 19 General Mtg 22 River Clean Up/Earth Day *
May	June	July	August
6 New Member Party 10 Safety Mtg 11 Booty Council 17 General Mtg 20 Blessing of the Fleet USCG Boat Insp 22-23 Boater Safety Class	3 Lighted Boat Parade in Ward Basin 14 Safety Mtg 15 Booty Council 21 General Mtg Duck adoption paperwork and \$\$\$ due	4 Great Mill Town Duck Race*** 8 Blues Cruise 12 Safety Mtg 13 Booty Council 19 General Mtg- Membership Dues	5 Lighted Boat Parade 9 Scholarship Mtg 10 Booty Council 16 General Mtg 19 Destin Crawl
September	October	November	December
13 Safety Mtg 14 Booty Council & Scholarship Mtg 16 Upper River Clean Up * 20 General Mtg 23 History Lecture*	7 Skull Island Retreat 12 Booty Council 14 Oktoberfest 18 General Mtg- Scholarship Award 20/21 Ghost Walk	4 Blues Cruise 8 Safety Mtg 9 Booty Council 15 General Mtg	1 Christmas Lighted Boat Parade 6 Budget Meeting 13 Caroling with the Pyrates 31 Red Solo Cup

*Core Mission

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***All Crew Participation





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