

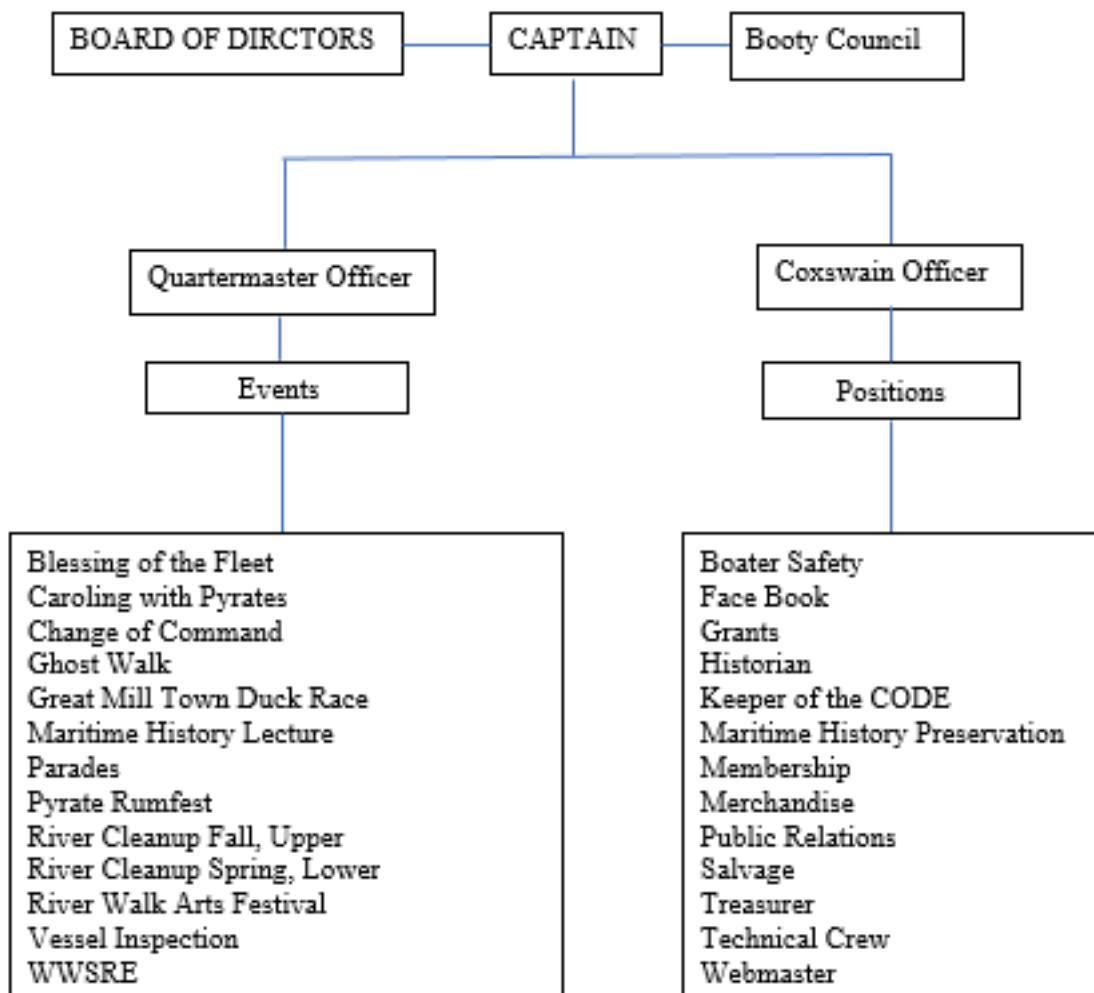


Pyrate News

The 12th day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Two, Mill Town, Florida

Who are the Blackwater Pyrates?

BLACKWATER PYRATES' ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



Note: Event Leaders and Crew Position Leaders standard operating procedures (SOP) are available from the Keeper of the CODE or the BWP Captain. These SOPs are suggested guidelines based on past practices but are not intended to limit the creativity of those leading them.

Note: The Blackwater Pyrates were created as and will always remain a non-political organization.

Who are the Blackwater Pyrates?

As shown on the previous page, the organizational structure of the Blackwater Pyrates is extensive yet basic. A copy of this structure can be found inside the pages of The Code (page 10). Immediately following the organizational structure are descriptions of each Crew Position Leader, Event Leader, Ship's Officers, as well as the Booty Council and the Board of Directors.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, The Code does a good job of describing the positions, but it never really identifies who the fine volunteers are who staff these positions and thus make the Blackwater Pyrates so successful. Since every position is filled with a volunteer, the names can change frequently.

But in this edition of the Pyrate News, I am going to put a few names to the position titles in order to help familiarize everyone with who is really driving this ship.

Board of Directors		Captain		Booty Council
Capt Bones		Captain Lucky		Devil Rae
Capt Whitebeard				SeaRay
Capt Fins Up				Capt Fins Up
Capt Boot				Vixen
Capt Murky				Rambob
Rambob				
Devil Rae				
Rumfront				

The Board of Directors is that group of Pyrates vested with the management of the business and affairs of this crew. The Board is subject to law, the Articles of Incorporation, and The Code. It should be noted that Articles of Incorporation and The Code are two separate items as is the Board and the Crew.

The Booty Council is the financial arm of the Pyrates. Its role is to review all requests for funding.

The Captain is also a member of the Board of Directors and the tiebreaker vote for the Booty Council. However, each member has an equal vote concerning all matters brought before them. The Captain does not make any decisions concerning legal matters (Board of Directors) or funding (Booty Council) alone. This is a team and the team decides which direction we should proceed.

The Quartermaster is the officer in charge of the Event Leaders and the Coxswain is the officer in charge of the Position Chairpersons. Once again, this is a team and each individual Event or Position is supported by committees and the officer in charge.

Pirates with a Purpose

Continuing with the Event Leaders and Crew Position Leaders, below is a listing of each. I really must stress that these Event and Position Leaders change names frequently and thus, this listing is only as accurate as the last meeting. For example, the Change of Command Leader is only named every two (2) years since we only elect a new captain that frequently. Additionally, The Great Mill town Duck Race Event Leader is currently the Duck Diva SasSea, however next year Coral Reef will take over the reigns of our mighty ducks.

Without these terrific volunteers, the Blackwater Pirates would not accomplish such greatness. Please contact any of these volunteers if you wish to join their committee.

Event Leaders

Crew Positions

Blessing of the Fleet				Boater Safety
Deacon Blues				Leatherneck
Caroling with the Pirates				Facebook
Capt Fins Up				Diver Diva
Change of Command				Grants
Open				Wayward Teach
Ghost Walk				Historian
Big Al				J Hawk
Great Mill Town Duck Race				Keeper of the Code
SasSea				Stewey's Dad
Maritime History Lecture				Maritime History Preservation
Big Al				Big Al
Parades - Lighted Boat				Membership
Terra				Vixen
Pyrate Rumfest/Oktoberfest				Merchandise
SasSea				Ruby Red
River Cleanup Fall, Upper				Public Relations
Capt Murky				Big Al
River Cleanup Spring, Lower				Salvage
Hands				Open
Riverwalk Arts Festival				Treasurer
Vixen				Devil Rae
Vessel Inspections				Technical Crew
Wayward Teach				Capt Fins Up
WWSRE				Webmaster
Barnacle Bailey				Greymane

Pyrates with a Purpose



The Duck Committee is hard at it, planning for another successful Duck "Hunting" Season

The Duck Committee (shown above) is one of the first true Pyrate committees. This committee is headed by Terra and consists of the Duck Diva (SasSea) and several young Ducklings. Shown above are (front left around the table) Coral Reef, SasSea, Terra, Frenchie, Kolea, SeaRay, Devil Rae, Bottoms Up and B.

The Duck Committee is already hard at it and you will get to meet them personally at the General Membership Meetings beginning in March. During the before the meetings, the committee will be ensuring every Pyrate is given their personal Duck Sheets.

For those who don't know, every Pyrate is asked to adopt out a page of ducks annually in support of our one and only fundraiser.

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Capt Fins Up and Capt Lucky beached at The Flori-Bama at the end of the Mardi Gras Flotilla

Laissez les bons temps rouler! Let the Good Times Roll!

Every year during Mardis Gras season, the Pirates of the Lost Treasure located in Perdido, hold a Mardis Gras Flotilla. The Blackwater Pyrates are always invited to attend. This year Captain Bones, Captain Fins Up and Captain Lucky were able to participate in the event.

For those unfamiliar with a Flotilla, it is when a group of boaters get together for a parade on the water. Since it is a Mardis Gras Parade, the participants decorate their boats and throw strings of beads, Moon Pies, and other trinkets to the awaiting crowd located on the shores and docks along the parade route. At the end of the parade, all boaters pull into Floribama and are treated like rock stars. Crowds of snowbirds line the beach and holler "throw me something." It is Mardis Gras, Florida style.

After about an hour of picture taking and smiling faces, the crews continue the parade on foot to the stage area of the Floribama where they are introduced to the crowd. It is truly a festive day that everyone should experience.

Pyrates with a Purpose

I hope everyone who receives this Newsletter takes the time to look at the three (3) pages of Sponsors located at the end. These businesses were gracious and generous enough to donate (sponsor) to our mission. Without them, we would not be able to give back to our community in the manner that we have grown accustomed to.

The annual 4th of July Great Mill Town Duck Race is our one and only fund raising event and many dedicated volunteers spend countless hours working to make the event a success every year. Individuals speak with our local businesses and solicit their support, and support is what we receive in the form of donations through our duck adoptions. It is a joint effort and our community always supports our efforts.

Well, it is Duck Adoption time again. This year like last, we started our season off with the Renaissance Faire at the Santa Rosa County Fair Grounds. And it was a huge success!



Blackwater Pyrate volunteers work the 2022 Renaissance Faire adopting out ducks for the 4th of July Event

We began this year's event with one goal in mind. Exceed last year's total sales (adoptions). And exceed we did!! Last year was a very successful year with total adoptions exceeding 17 pages (17 x 20 = 340) or 340 ducks or approximately \$1700. This year we totaled over 25 pages. Totaling over 500 ducks and \$2500. We are off to another successful season. Thank you to the volunteers who worked the event.

Just a reminder, every active Pyrate is asked to adopt out 1 page of ducks annually in support of our organization. This year we will be reaching out to each of you starting at the Gen Membership Meeting Wednesday. Please do your part to support our cause by either paying for your individual page (\$100) or adopting the ducks out individually. We can't do it without you. Thank you!

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 16 New Member Party 20 General Mtg 23 River Clean Up/Earth Day *
May	June	July	August
7 Skull Island Retreat 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 SSS 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
10 History Lecture* 14 Booty Council 17 Upper River Clean Up * 21 General Mtg	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

*Core Mission

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***All Crew Participation





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