



Pyrate News

The 25th day of January in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Five, Mill Town, Florida

Captains Log 01.25.2025

Welcome to 2025 Blackwater Pyrates! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Based on the National Championship Game results, Woody is having a banner year already!! Congrats Woody. As we launch into our new year, we have several events to look forward to, starting with the 2nd Annual Chili Contest that will be held on January 25th at the Beardless Brewhaus, this event has become a way for Pyrates to help our local food banks with non-perishable foods and cash to help those in our community in need. There is nothing more fulfilling than giving generously to those who need it.

I've established a Fourth Mission Statement called "Community Service", I feel that we as an organization are already doing the service, so we might as well make it a Mission.

Duck Adoptions have started and I urge all Pyrates to sign out at least one sheet and a bag of duckies, adopt some for your kids and grandkids and see if you can add to their college savings account! Anyway you all want to adopt them out is fine, as long as we support our only fundraiser and everyone participate. It does take all of our collective efforts to ensure we have another successful year.

The North Florida Renaissance Faire is coming to town at the end of February, this year the Faire is under new ownership and will run for two weekends vice one. The Pyrates will represent and set up for Duck Adoptions for both weekends. Big Al Productions will host kids activities for 3 of the 4 days, last year, Big Al's crew was a hit and had several "Little Pyrates" visit them. We will set up Stewie and Blackwater Pearl, so you know we will be noticed!

I want to express my appreciation to all of the Event Leaders and Volunteers that make the Pyrates the best organization in our community, without our Volunteers we wouldn't exist, if you are on the fence about getting involved, please consider joining the Duck Committee, Big Al's Team and/or the Technical Crew, I promise you that it will be a choice you will be glad that you made!!



Above: This Flyer is from Captain Whitebeard, if we have any runners, then this event is for you! We will be onsite adopting Ducks so if you want to join us please contact Goober or Terra!

Right: What in the name of Sam Hill is going on here in Milton, Captain Morgan threw on a cape and said to hell with this!! Snow day in Milton, pool open for any crazed Crew!



Some of our Crew serving the Annual Christmas Dinner at the Community Center.

Pirates with a Purpose

Captains Lucky, Stewburner, Dragon, Murky, Boot and Fins Up.



Left: Pepperhead at the meeting.

Slim Shady and Ram-Bob, a couple of old timers!!

Bottom Left: Some folks enjoying Christmas Dinner at the Community Center.



Left: CPT Stewburner's Daughter and Grand Daughter working the dessert table!!!



Top: Volunteers helping out at the Community Center.

Middle: Hambone and Sundance

Above: I don't even want to know, CPT Lucky had frosting on his face.

Left: Well, I've seen it all!

Our second annual Chili Contest was a blast and with over 21 entries the judges were working overtime to declare the best Red Chili, White Chili and Spiciest Chili!! After all bribes and votes were tallied, Ladybelle won best Red Chili, Blas won the best White Chili and Pepperhead won the best Spicy Chili!!

Stormy took 2nd place for Spicy, Patricia Forest took 2nd for the White, Scribbler took 3rd for White, Blas took 3rd place for Red. We had a couple who won 2nd in the White Chili category who were from Ontario. Total cash collected was \$260 and we will get the total weight of the non perishable food donations soon.

Thanks go to Salty Bacon and Half Pint who have created a Pyrate event that combines charity and beer!! They continue to do an outstanding job!!





Blas, 1st place for White Chili

Ladybelle, 1st place for Red Chili

Pepperhead, 1st place for Spiciest Chili

Half Pint below





Mr. Rodney Wilson, Manager, Feeding the Gulf Coast.



When we get the donations weighed, I will send an email out to the Crew. I'm going to guess and say, 1400.



Blackwater Pyrates 2025

January	February	March	April
08 Booty Council 15 General Membership Mtg Duck Adoption begins 25 2 nd Annual Great Chili Cookoff	<u>13</u> Booty Council Mtg 15 POLT Flotilla Parade 19 General Membership Mtg 22-23 Renaissance Faire, Fairgrounds Duck Adoptions ***	1-2 Renaissance Faire / Duck Adoptions ** * 13 Booty Council Mtg 19 General Membership Mtg	05 WWSRE 10 Booty Council 16 General Membership Mtg 19 Lower River Clean Up * Pyrate Event 22 Earth Day
May	June	July	August
08 Booty Council 10 New Member Party Pyrate Event 17 USCG Boat ----- -Safety Inspection and Grill Hot Dogs -Blessing of the Fleet -Skull Island Retreat 21 General Meeting	07 Lighted Boat Parade in Ward Basin 12 Booty Council 18 General Membership Mtg 18 Duck adoption paperwork and \$\$\$ Due 26 Technical / Safety Mtg	4 Great Mill Town Duck Race* Core Mission *** 10 Booty Council 12 Blues Cruise 16 General Membership Mtg 16 Membership Dues \$\$\$\$\$ 17 Technical Crew Debrief	14 Booty Council 16 Lighted Boat Parade-Wrights Basin 20 General Membership Mtg 23 Destin Crawl/ Swim/ Float
September	October	November	December
11 Booty Council 13 Upper River Clean Up * Pyrate Event 17 General Membership Mtg	04 Pyrate Festival 09 Booty Council 15 General Membership Mtg 25 Trunk or Treat	TBD Blues Cruise 08 Bowling Event 13 Booty Council 19 General Membership Mtg	TBD Christmas Lighted Boat Parade TBD Caroling with the Pyrates 31 Red Solo Cup

*Core Mission / Pyrate Event Revised January 2025 ***All Crew Participation



2024 Great Milltown Duck Race

Title Sponsor



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Beardless Brewhaus (In-Kind)

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Community Bank

The Country Gym (In-Kind)

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Ears 2 Hear	The Viper Room
The Prost Office	82 Magnolia Aesthetics
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Redneck Riviera Smokers	Fish the Bite
Three Rivers RC&D	Taco Town
Hewes and Company	JHawk Group



“It’s the little things that count on your Boat”

Show your compass some love at the end of each trip: Give it a gentle freshwater rinse to remove corrosion-inducing salt residue. Never use waxes or abrasive cleaners, which can scratch the compass dome (the same reason to avoid wiping saltwater spray off with a rag or your hand), and let your compass air dry before installing its protective cover.

Inspect your compass regularly for both physical damage and installation issues that could affect operation. One of the more noticeable problems a compass can develop is the dreaded air bubble. Compasses are routinely exposed to temperature extremes. With each cycle, internal pressure can force fluid past hardened O-rings, cracked domes, or damaged expansion bellows (which accommodate normal fluid expansion) leading to fluid loss and the formation of air bubbles. Moisture in these bubbles eventually causes pitting of the compass card and damage to other internal components. So, contact the manufacturer for the recommended dampening fluid to use (and instructions for adding it), or have your compass serviced by a professional at the first sign of bubble formation.

Keep your compass covered with a light-colored cover when not in use. Not only will it reduce heat (and fluid loss), but it also protects plastic domes from crazing due to prolonged UV exposure. Store your compass ashore during the winter months or when the vessel faces long-term storage.

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