



Pirate News

The 15th day of October in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Two, Mill Town, Florida

2022 Upper River Clean Up

The Upper River Clean Up is scheduled annually in September. The cleanup area can vary slightly through the years, and depending on Mother Nature, it can be a difficult event to complete. September is peak hurricane season and Florida tends to be a hurricane magnet.

Over the past couple of years, Mother Nature has sort of created obstacles for us. Specifically, in 2020 hurricane Sally came ashore just west of us in Gulf Shores, Al. Although only a category 2 hurricane, Sally created plenty of concern in our area with excessive rain and winds. Although not really Pirate-like, the Blackwater Pyrates determined that we should act safely and responsibly and chose to delay the clean up for another year. The 2021 Atlantic hurricane season was the third most active on record, producing 21 named storms and becoming the second season in a row in which the designated 21 name list of storm names was exhausted. These storms created a major disruption in the water level and current intensity on the Blackwater River. Another “wash out” for Upper River Clean Up.



Satellite view of Hurricane Sally as it makes landfall in 2020

2022 Upper River Clean Up



Pepperhead, Capt Murky, Bear Claw, Sandy Bottom, Devil Rae, SasSea and Leatherneck prepare to camp at the Blackwater River State Park

Consequently, the 2022 Upper River Clean Up became the first to be completed in the last 3 years. And what an event it became. We had 4 trailers/RV's occupying 5 campsites at the Blackwater River State Park. 10 Pirates spent the evenings around the campfire telling stories of days gone by. There may even have been a little alcohol involved.

Friday before the actual complete river clean up event, Captain Murky organized a smaller group of Kayak and

Canoe adventurers. They set out on an

abbreviated version of the clean up and they gathered and removed about 6 large garbage bags of trash from the river, as more of an advance search party.

Saturday, an energetic group of about 12 Pirates set sail, canoes and kayaks beneath them (mostly), at about 9 am. I would swear that I heard the Gilligan's Island theme song playing in the background. You know, a 3 hour tour. 6 hours later, the adventure on the waterways came to an end and a truck load of trash was removed from the river.

This hearty group of explorers rode the current of the Blackwater River and cleared all forms of rubbish that they came upon. Along the way they took the time to teach rookie kayakers (Capt Lucky) the proper way to stay afloat.



Bear Claw demonstrates starting a fire with Doritos

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Pyrates inspecting their vessels and receiving a Safety Briefing before the Upper River Cleanup

Saturday's event was once again coordinated by Captain Murky. His expertise on the waterways was extremely beneficial and necessary. The voyage was approximately 6 hours in length, and the weather could not have been more perfect.

Our 12 hearty souls set out on their adventure around 9 am with one thought in mind. Clean up our beautiful waterway while enjoying the day. With that thought in mind, the day was a complete success.



Pictured: T-Bone and Honey Badger, Sandy Bottom, Scuttlebutt and Nauti-Ann, Pepperhead, Bear Claw, Capt Lucky, Capt Murky, Long John Silver, Leatherneck and Hands preparing to depart on the Upper River Clean Up

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Leatherneck showing the way an experienced kayaker
leisurely flows with the current



A truck load of trash is removed from the river



Pepperhead cooling off in the river



Scuttlebutt and Nauti Ann enjoy a river retreat

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T-Bone and Honey Badger (front left). Sandy Bottom, Scuttlebutt, Nauti Ann, Pepperhead, Bear Claw, Cap Lucky, Capt Murky, Long John Silver, Leatherneck and Hands prepared for the 2022 Upper River Clean Up

Without a great group of volunteers, none of the Blackwater Pyrates missions could be complete. The Upper River Clean Up is no exception. Pyrates with a Purpose!



Leatherneck teaching Capt Lucky about Kayaks



Lesson 2, getting back on the kayak



Success!!



T-Bone and Honey Badger...now you're just showing off!



Long John Silver enjoys the day

2022 ~~Hysterical~~ Historic Presentation



2022 Blackwater Pirates **Free**
~~Hysterical~~ Historical Presentation

We make history fun!

Free—Free—Free—Free



Lost Industries of the Blackwater River Area An Antebellum Job Fair

Take a look back at the industries in the Blackwater River area from
the eyes of the owners and job seekers.

When: Saturday, Sept 24, 2022 — 2:00 pm

Where: Bagdad Community Center — 6872 Pooley St, Bagdad, FL 32583

2022 ~~Hysterical~~ Historic Presentation



The Blackwater Pyrates captivate the crowd at the Bagdad Community Center

On Saturday, September 24th, the Blackwater Pyrates continued the tradition of entertaining the local community with a Historic Presentation. Almost 20 Pyrates, dressed in Antebellum era attire, gathered to present the “Lost Industries of the Blackwater River Area.”

On this “Historic” day, the local business owners of 1830-1860 came together for a job fair. They interviewed prospective employees for jobs important to community during that time frame. Additionally, a few other locals were introduced.

Store Owner (Lady Mary) talked about her store and how individuals bartered for supplies. Doc Brown (Wayward Teach) talked about the health care of the time period. The Narrator’s wife discussed the role of the women in the community and mostly at home. Confederate Soldier (Deacon Blues) spoke of the orders from Lt. Col. Beard to destroy everything of value during Beard’s Raid. The Preacher (Prickly Pear) talked about “Hell and Damnation” and the evils of alcohol. County Commissioner Thomas Ates (Pepperhead) talked about the benefits of selling the panhandle of Florida.

Additional presenters included the Narrator (Capt Lucky), Brick Recruiter Mrs. John Hunt (Flossy), Brick Job Seeker (Holler Legg), Brick Recruiter Mr. John Hunt (Greymane), Timber Industry Recruiter Mr. Joseph Forsyth (Stewey’s Dad), Sawmill Job Seeker (Woody), Ship Building Recruiter (Capt Boot), Ship Building Job Seeker (Fancy Nancy), Turpentine Recruiter’s Wife Mrs. David Faircloth (Two Mile), Turpentine Job Seeker (Capt Fins Up) and Turpentine Recruiter David Faircloth (Goober). Barnacle Bailey and Jay Conrad provided technical assistance.

The event was a complete success and everyone went home educated and entertained. Mission complete!

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Top Left; Brick Recruiter, Mrs. John Hunt (Flossy). Center; Turpentine Recruiter, David Faircloth (Goobar). Top Right: Brick Job Seeker (Holler Legg).

The Cast and Crew

Bottom Left: Turpentine Job seeker (Capt Fins Up). Center: County Commissioner, Thomas Ates (Pepperhead), Bottom Right: Turpentine Recruiter's Wife, Mrs. David Faircloth (Two Mile).



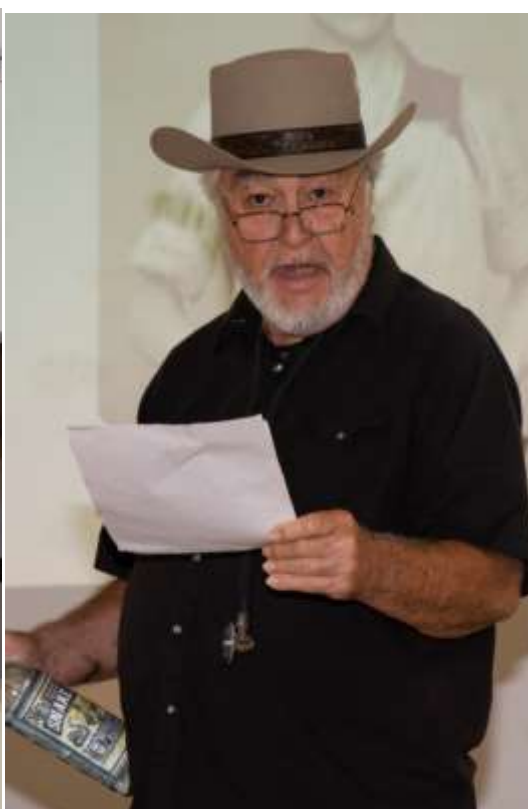
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Top Left: Ship Building Recruiter (Capt Boot), Center: Confederate Soldier (Deacon Blues),
Top Right: Timber Industry Recruiter, Mr. Joseph Forsyth (Stewey's Dad)

The Cast and Crew

Bottom Left: Sawmill Job seeker (Woody). Center: Doc Brown (Wayward Teach),
Bottom Right: Narrator's Wife (Shhh)



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Top Left: Ship Building Job Seeker (Fancy Nancy), Right: Director (Big Al)

The Cast and Crew

Bottom Left: Store Owner (Lady Mary), Right: Preacher (Prickly Pear)



2022 ~~Hysterical~~ Historic Presentation



The Cast and Crew

Front Row from Left to Right: Capt Fins Up, Capt Boot,
Big Al & Greymane

Second Row: Deacon Blues, Two Mile, Prickly Pear, Holler Legg,
Wayward Teach, Flossy, Shhh & Fancy Nancy

Back Row: Stewey's Dad, Barnacle Bailey, Pepperhead,
Capt Lucky, Woody, Lady Mary & Goober

2022 Skull Island Retreat



Finally, we were able to celebrate our annual event with the Queen of Skull Island (Slimshady).

Sunset at the 2022 Skull Island Retreat. Nothing more impressive than a bunch of Pyrates enjoying themselves at Skull Island. Hurricanes can't scare us off! Yellow flies may carry us off but they won't scare us off. This is how you party like a Pirate!

About 30 Pyrates, including 6 of the 8 Captains attended the



event Saturday. Several new Pyrates also attended

and were indoctrinated into the Crew of the Blackwater Pyrates. Thump and his band were the highlight of the evening playing music for several hours.



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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 \$\$\$ 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 ? Boater Safety Class
September	October	November	December
15 Booty Council 17 Upper River Clean Up * 21 General Mtg 24 History Lecture* (date change)	1 Skull Island Retreat (date chg) 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

Revised September 12, 2022

***All Crew Participation





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A banner for "The Great Mill Town Duck Race". The text is written in a large, stylized, red cursive font. The background of the banner shows a large number of yellow rubber ducks floating in a body of water.



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Riverwalk Hair Exhibit

The image shows a large number of yellow rubber ducks floating in a body of water. Overlaid on the image is the text 'The Great Mill Town Duck Race' in a large, stylized, red font with a white outline.

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