



# Pyrate News

The 27th day of February in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Five, Mill Town, Florida

## Captains Log 02.27.2025

Good afternoon Blackwater Pyrates! Here we are in February 2025 and time is moving at warp speed. Goober issued Ducks and Duck sheets at our January meeting and although I haven't gotten any updates, several Pyrates have already turned in their sheets. It's important that we stay in front of the Duck adoptions so that we can have another successful July 4th! If you know of a small business that is willing to sponsor us please reach out to Goober or Terra and they will guide you through the process, small businesses are the backbone of our community and by seeking out their sponsorship we can highlight them and their importance to our town.

After the snowmageddon hit our area and the cold temperatures set in there was a massive fish kill on the Blackwater River and as temps warmed you can imagine the stench. Wrights Basin was hit particularly hard with dead mullet floating up to the surface and washing up on residents shorelines. Many thanks go out to Captain Lucky, SasSea, Devil Rae, Slim Shady and 2 Noodles as well as Leatherneck who jumped into action and started cleaning up the mess. Terra, Clyda and many more residents spent days scooping and disposing of thousands of dead fish. This event was far worse than the 2008 freeze that killed thousands of fish and the only creatures that enjoyed it were the birds and critters.

Stewies Dad hosted a Mardi Gras bash at Andy D's in early February. SasSea and Devil Rae organized and decorated for the festivities and provided entertainment with karaoke and door prizes!! We had over 100 Pyrates attend and everyone had a great time partying, singing and getting to know each other, lots of new Pyrates were there and it gave them a chance to meet most of the Pyrates that live locally, thank you Stewies Dad for a great party! We also discovered some real talent in Long John Silver and Medicine Woman, man they can sing!! Benito De Soto and the rest of the brave souls held their own as well!!

The North Florida Renaissance Faire is right about the corner and Terra is looking for Volunteers, remember Pyrates, this is a Core Pyrate event that supports the Great Milltown Duck Race, please consider donating some of your time and energy. You will enjoy the sights and sounds of the Faire!!

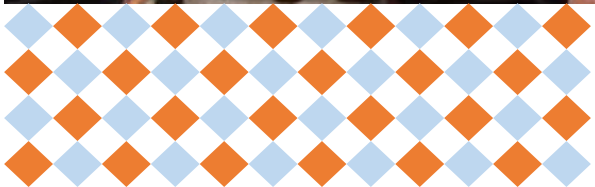




Left: Captain Boot, Salty Bacon, Half Pint and Flossie. Top: Clyda, Terra and Holler Leg. Below: Slim Shady and Waterbaby, Lady Beryl, Cataline and Candy Can.



Left: The Karaoke Crew!  
Pirates enjoying the evening.  
More Pirates at the Mardi Gras Party.





Several Pyrates took part in the Pirates of the Lost Treasure Flotilla held on February 15th and after tossing moon pies and beads, we stormed the Flora Bama Lounge and drank grog and watched Captain Lucky and the crew bust many moves on the dance floor and tables. Blas and Stormy won best in show and I am convinced it was because of the Margherita mixer running full time during the parade. I hope to get more info out to the Crew next year to include more Pyrates and their boats.

The Renaissance Faire is still in full swing and we have had a good response with Adopting Ducks , so far we are represented by a lot of Pyrate volunteers and I am so grateful, one more weekend to go and we'll move on to the next event.

There will be a Jeep Show at the Chamber of Commerce on March 15th, the Blackwater Pyrates will be there to adopt Ducks to the Jeep owners, I would imagine that we will have a very good day since the Jeep people do that "duck" thing!!! I'll send out a flyer shortly with all pertinent information. The Duck King and Committee will be seeking volunteers so, be ready to sign up.

Before you know it, we will be gearing up for the WWSRE. The race is going to be held on April 5th, it is the greatest sail boat race in the Blackwater Bay, we usually have a good turnout and then enjoy a pot luck at Big Al and Woody's afterward. Trophies will awarded.

On April 12th we will be at the Mill Site Park in Bagdad to adopt Ducks to the Florida Department of Health and their sponsored, Color Fun Run, to support Mom's and babies!! It should be fun and hopefully we will have Stewey and Pearl as our backdrop.

The Pyrate Festival planning meeting will be held on 27 February and we begin to outline our vision of what we want to offer to the community. It's an exciting time to be a Blackwater Pyrate and I appreciate everyone that is doing their part to make us a successful community member. Below is a picture of Stewey Junior, he dropped in on me one afternoon and started swearing like a good Pyrate demanding beer! As a good Captain I promptly obliged



Stewey JR!! Pyrates, spring is coming, it is time to start your annual boat maintenance and preparations for the end of winter and time to resume our adventures on the water. Be safe, hit the streets and get our Ducks adopted out to worthy families!! As always, thank you all for being a Blackwater Pyrate, our impact is noticed throughout our community.

Captain Stewburner

Pirates with a Purpose and Guardians of the Blackwater River!





Top Left: Rumfront, Sea Ray and John E Smoke and Colorado High! Top: Some of the crowds at the POLT parade in Perdido.



Left: The Blackwater Pyrates after storming Floro Bama!! Great music, bushwhackers and cold grog!!  
Bottom: The Margherita Boat and Captain Fins Up!







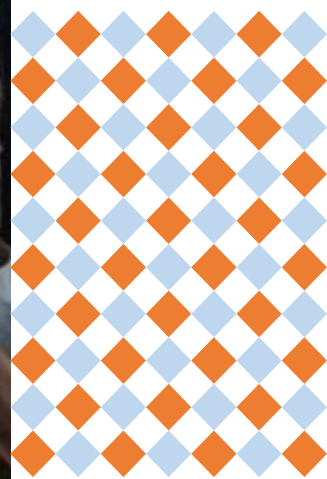




Raiding the Flora Bama Lounge during the Pirates of the Lost Flotilla after party!



I think Captain Boot took over the stage and proclaimed Blackwater Pyrates owned the place now!!



Left: Captain Fins Up and his Motley Crew riding in to toss beads.

Left: Pyrates with a Purpose.

## Blackwater Pyrates 2025

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

\*Core Mission / Pyrate Event    Revised February 2025    \*\*\*All Crew Participation





# 2024 Great Milltown Duck Race

## Title Sponsor



Team Bruce Baker, MBA – RE/MAX Infinity

### **Admiral Level Sponsors**

Cat Country 98.7 (In-Kind)

### **Captain Level Sponsors**

Billy Clark Bail Bonds  
Milton Animal Hospital – Dr. Loper

### **First Mate Level Sponsors**

Advance Insurance of NW Florida  
Audio Video Installations  
Beardless Brewhaus (In-Kind)  
Blackwater Bistro (In-Kind)  
Community Bank  
The Country Gym (In-Kind)  
Edward Jones – Derek Park  
General Rental Center  
Katona Wood Worx  
RM Integrations



## Navigator Level Sponsors

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Armor Service Group	Blackwater Bay Tours
Milton Garden Club	Baily Testing
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Vaughn's Pools	Tops Appliance
Ears 2 Hear	The Viper Room
The Prost Office	82 Magnolia Aesthetics
Boomerang Pizza	Smoothie King (In-Kind)
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General Electric	El Paso

## Helmsmen Level Sponsors

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Unlimited Lawn and Tree Care	Whip It Inventions
Wicked Dragon Productions	2 Guage Marine & Trailer
Lakeside Ladies	Robert O Beasley, Esq
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Hafner's Lawn and Supply	Derrel's
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Comprehensive Dental Center	Arista Builders
Southern Site & Utility Design	Gulf Coast Led Lighting
Rollo's Seafood	Eddie English
Primerica – Margarita Vazquez	Eddie Hobbs Automotive
Three Tokes Over the Line	Reeder Financial Group
Redneck Riviera Smokers	Fish the Bite
Three Rivers RC&D	Taco Town
Hewes and Company	JHawk Group

Ensure you can handle just about any emergency aboard with this well-stocked, waterproof kit that's also compact and easily stowable.

Stowing a first-aid kit on board is not a Coast Guard requirement, but it's a smart move for any boater. But if the same kit sits in a compartment over several seasons, the minor emergency that finally has you opening it could reveal a mess of saturated, moldy bandages. That's because most [first aid kits](#) are designed for life on dry land don't fare well aboard damp boats.

Boaters have a new friend. The [Uncharted First Aid Plus kit](#) is packed in a 600D welded tarpaulin completely waterproof shell. Inside are 92 pieces, everything from bandages to antibacterial wipes (and an instruction guide). Stowing the kit is easy thanks to a "Mollie" style quick-attachment system with removable hook-and-loop closure.



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