

PYRATE NEWS



The 1st day of September in the year Two Thousand and Six, Mill Town, Florida

PIRATES ORGANIZE!

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PIRATE MEETINGS BEGIN

The first official BP meeting was held on 12 August just prior to the boat parade. It was a good meeting with a lot of input but now we need input from our out of town pirates and those who were not there.

MINUTES

The Blackwater Pirates, August 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM.

This was a general meeting to explore the interest in the Blackwater Pirates as an official organization and to discuss the would-be organization mission and purpose. Pirates present for the meeting were Blackwater Bones, Wench Anne, River Rat, Sea Weed, Crooked Finger, Captain Morgan, and Sidekick.

Mission/Purpose/Activities:

We discussed what our mission and purpose could be for the group.

RIVER: There was a census that the Pirates would focus on the River and areas surrounding the river as our main purpose. An actual mission statement was not developed.

EDUCATION: Teaching individuals, schools, and the community about the River and how to keep it safe and clean is a must. We could host seminars on boat safety and usage including involvement with the Coast Guard. We could educate the local schools about Florida Maritime history. We could educate the community on protecting the River shoreline and its Native Plants.

COMMUNITY: The Blackwater Pirates could serve as a voice for the community to speak directly to the City officials concerning River issues. We could tackle issues such as no wake zones, docking on the boardwalk, or adding another shift to the train bridge. Our efforts could assist in creating a boat friendly community and help local business growth by attracting out of town travelers by boat. We would coordinate river cleanup functions. We could participate in conjunction with other local organizations such as ARC, Mainstreet Milton, Santa Rosa Arts and Culture Foundation, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Milton to create a beautiful River Front destination location.

Membership and Dues:

How will the membership be structured and what will the requirements be?

The group purposed a fee was needed to be a part of this fine organization. We thought \$20.00 per person or \$25 per family (2 or More) was a reasonable fee. The definition of family was not clearly defined. Bones purposed to prorated dues to the end of the year and charge the full amount at the first of the year. Kick backs for being a member could include the monthly E-mail Pirate News Letter, discounts on Blackwater Pirate paraphernalia, a free Blackwater Pirate logo for your boat or vehicle, discounts at local boat launches, and the satisfaction of being a member of such a prestigious organization. Moneys collected from dues or made from the Blackwater Pirate Store (BPS) would be spent on things that will support our mission and purpose.

Treasure:

Seaweed educated the group on the pros and cons of operating as a Florida not-for-profit organization. We would have to provide a basic budget based on our activities. He could help with this process if we decide to go this route vs. a "for profit" organization. Currently we are in the RED but BONES thinks we can be in the BLACK by the end of the year. We have some booty in our possession that could be sold in the Blackwater Pirate Store without further outlay of cash!

Pirate Code:

These are the bylaws and operations to be decided in the future.

We should have an Annual Meeting to vote on stuff. There should be standing committees with their function related to the purpose of the organization. Suggestions for the committees were children's education, water activities/safety, river clean up/education, history/historic ships, and a benefits committee. Please send your suggestions to BONES!

Pirate WEB site:

Driftwood has been so gracious to keep us Pirates up to date on the web site. We would like to keep him since he keeps Bones in order. He needs to be able to collect some fee for his service. Bones will get a quote for the cost of monthly up keep and a set up charge. The web page will keep all Pirates up to date on current activities and more. We plan to keep an archive of all of our past activities and mishaps including old news letters. If there are any Pirates interested in contributing articles or other content for the web site, contact Bones.

Pirate LOGO:

Bones presented two Logos at the meeting. Wench Anne liked the one with the smile but preferred he wear a hat vs the hanky. What do you think? We are looking for more logos so please submit all ideas to Bones. Logos will be used for T-shirts, hats, flags, stickers, and more.



Officers:

We voted to keep the current temporary officers in place until further notice. Seaweed voiced his concern about someone named Crooked Finger being the treasure. No one was listed as Secretary and I think Crooked Finger was appointed to that position as well. Rumor has it that Jules, Zero, and Florida Boy went down with the ship.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 PM and Junior Pirates mysteriously appear on the South Riverwalk. They are

young, they are confused, and without a boat, but they pillage better than we do so we always make sure they are amongst the crew.

THIS MEETING REQUIRES INPUT FROM THOSE NOT IN ATTENDANCE SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD. Please respond before 1 October 2006. If you don't respond it will be a good indicator that you got washed overboard and we will act accordingly.

Riverfest Video Released

Finally, the Riverfest video, produced by Steve Brown, has been released. This beautiful 25 minute video can be yours for a mere \$10.00. Proceeds will go to Riverfest 2007 so buy one even if you plan to feed it to your dog. This great video features all the events that took place that day so if you missed some things it's a great way to catch up. I think all of us can be found somewhere in this work of art so if nothing else you can see how cool we look while pillaging. To purchase your copies send a \$10.00 check per copy and make your check payable to **SRC Chamber @ Santa Rosa Chamber Attn: Riverfest 2006 Video, 5247 Stewart Street, Milton, Florida 32570**. On the bottom of your check write "Outrageous Riverfest Video". Once you have done this, go sit by your mailbox and wait for the video to arrive. If it begins to rain, go in the house and watch the mailbox from the window – It will arrive soon.

END-OF-SEASON BOAT PARADE SCHEDULED

Our next boat parade will be Saturday, 2 September 2006. You can either be at Pucker Point at 6:00 PM or be at the trestle bridge at 7:00 PM with lights on to start the parade. I didn't get any further information on the PPP parade so I guess it's not happening. The band at PP will be "Touch of Blue" and Bones has promised not to issue one of those boring political speeches. The Pucker Point Pirates (PPP) has completed their new stage complete with backdrop curtain and Bones has already met with Captain Jim of the PPP to set up the rules of engagement.

CRUZIN' with Pinky

Pinky the Pirate has created a cruise night that will occur on Friday nights and be staged in the center of town. Cars should park in the Imogene parking lot, in front of the courthouse, and in the fountain lot across the street from the Exchange Hotel. Pinky has volunteered to feed all car show participants with cokes and hot dogs.



To do this he has mortgaged his house and asked that several banks in the area back his feeding efforts. As time goes by Pinky has come to realize that some of the boys in this town are a threat to Burger King, but he has committed so the feed is on. He is currently in search of anyone who would like to come down and play 50's music for this weekly event because he just can't sing that well. **This all starts at 5:00 PM on Friday nights. Be there.**

MAIN STREET CAFÉ

Main Street Café now offers an expanded menu that satisfies the most sophisticated palette. If you haven't been there in a few weeks, make it your stop at the end of a busy day. *"It's where neighbors meet"* and Bones won't bore you yet another one of those boring political speeches.

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Pirates in Paradise

Key West, Florida

"Yikes, yet another adventure and I haven't washed my knickers since the last one."

This is it guys. We are fast approaching "Pirates in Paradise". The official dates are November 25th through December 4th. Now is the time to apply for lodging. Do good Internet searches and make sure you avoid the dates of Fantasy Fest because all accommodations are more expensive on those days and Fantasy Fest is close to PIP. Car-pooling is recommended due to gas prices and a two-day trip is advised because of the distance. Scooters are the transport of the day in KW so plan to rent one for \$25 doubloons a day. Clothing should consist of Shorts, a T-shirt, and sandals. The dress code in KW is written on a sacred rock that we are still looking for. Keep in mind that you don't have to be in Key West proper because the other keys are just a jaunt away. **RETIRED**



MILITARY: The Navy has accommodations in Key West proper. If you need more info on this contact Bones at mysticmotor1@aol (as if he knows something).



Upcoming Pirate Events:

September 2nd is the End-of-Season Boat Parade

September 19th is International Talk like A Pirate Day – Get in somebody's face. **NOTE:** I spoke with **Tom Scott of Mansfield England**. We first thought that Tom had invented Talk like a Pirate Day, but it turns out he is only the representative in England. He has continued the tradition there. The English pirates will be joining us on TLAP Day (on their side of the pond) so do your best to hold up our end.

Late October: Johnny Rebel's Ghost Walk – Dead Pirates are for sure going to be on the

streets. The Blackwater Pirates have been asked to give guide assistance – I guess they are not concerned with getting their tourist back safely – News at 11.

November 30th is the beginning of the weeklong “Pirates in Paradise” (Key West). Make your reservation now!

December 1st and 2nd: Christmas on the River.

December 16th: “*Caroling with Pirates*”. A delightful journey with your beloved pirate crew through the ajoinments of our Mill Town community. Join the Blackwater Pirates as they sing your favorite carols in the streets of Mill Town with a piano they stole from the church. **It’s a night to remember!**

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“I’d like to make a motion that we second that motion”

City Council Member, City Unknown

The following is general pirate knowledge:

**IF YOUR JOINED AND YOU FORGOT TO
GIVE YOURSELF A PIRATE NAME DON’T BE
SURPRIZED IF SOMEONE APPROACHES
YOU AND ADRESSES YOU AS *Olive Oil***

If you come on board with the Pirates of the Blackwater (www.blackwaterliving.com) and you do not have a name, we will take the liberty of

assigning you one at any given time. So just remember those words of wisdom from **Stinky** who says; **“Do it, do it NOW, for goodness sake, when they tell you to do it – DO IT NOW!!!!”**

DISCLAIMER

If you found this fine publication in print, you’re a might lucky buccaneer and may consider goin’ out to play the lottery today. If you are receiving this as email you could possibly be an official member of the Blackwater Pirate Crew (Or, you could just be a homeless person with a computer for all we know). As a Blackwater Pirate you will occasionally receive emails reminding you of all the great things going on in Mill Town. If you are reading someone else’s email and wish you were a Blackwater Pirate, go to www.blackwaterliving.com and sign up. If you are not reading someone else’s email and got this by accident, feel fortunate. If you are sitting in front of your computer and this message mysteriously appears on the screen that’s pretty spooky – you might want to seek psychiatric help. This is probably the most exciting email you are going to receive today so read it carefully and don’t think about it for extended periods, it could make your head hurt. *This important information has been disseminated in an effort to keep you informed of things that are important in life. If you don’t see it that way, please turn away from this immediately because we are going to deny that we wrote it and it could cause brain damage in people who are already on the edge.*

COULD IT BE TRUE THAT YOU DON’T WANT TO GET THIS EMAIL?

If you do not wish to receive this email simply hit reply and type in “Please remove this from my computer, I work for a living and have no time for nonsense, and furthermore I hate people who aren’t stressed out like me!” In turn, we will be offended but we will keep it to ourselves – “ourselves being the citizens of Northwest Florida and portions of the southeastern United States”. If you found this on the street – TURN AWAY! And scream “I can’t imagine anyone doing this!” It’ll make you feel better and, of course, we’ll know you got our message