

PYRATE NEWS



The 1st day of February in the year Two Thousand and Seven, Mill Town, Florida

FIRE TRUCK RUNS

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Fire Truck Work Day

Forget that it was the day after the Madi Gras Parade, forget it was the day after the ARC Madi Gras Ball, forget all of that. With one eye open and a strong shot of grog Bones and an able crew of technically challenged pirates attacked the Fire Truck work day as if one of them was coherent.



Thanks to Dog, Pup and Rum Front, we were able to move enough stuff around and make enough substitutions to finally get a belch out of the 1941 flathead V8. And belch it did. After a large bilowing flame poured out of the carburetor Dog casually looked at his assistants and announced, "This is going to run". This

was a position that Dog had taken even before the event, but now it was apparent that all the support systems on the engine were doing what they were suppose to. Another few cranks and whoom!, the old V8 churned to life and flame started coming out of the correct end of the engine. **NEXT FIRE TRUCK WORK DAY: March 18, 2007**, Sunday all day. Free Food and the opportunity to get mechanically correct.

Boat Parade Season

I was surprised to receive a request from Team Santa Rosa (via the county) to organize a boat parade for Memorial Day (28 May). After the successful boat Parade held for *Christmas on the River* last December, it's obvious that we, the pirates, have started something and it can only be something good.



As I looked at the summer schedule, I figured we would pre-schedule around the good moon nights (since it gets so dark on the river) and then adjust (as we do so well). The Memorial Day date is a good one

**BLACKWATER PIRATE
2007 BOAT PARADE SCHEDULE**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>MOON</i>
May 28 th	TBA	New
Jun 1 st	7:15PM	Full
Jun 30 th	7:15PM	Full
July 4 th	Riverfest Parade	Daylight
July 30 th	7:30PM	Full
Aug 24 th	7:30PM	New Moon
Last Parade of the Season (Scheduled)		
Sep 21 st	7:30PM	New Moon

These are “scheduled” parades. Other parades happen depending on things like mood or the ability to attack something. We are hoping to add a *Pucker Point Attack night*. But this event solely depends on the Puckers.

How do these parades work?

Firstly, boat parading works best with a boat. Once you have overcome that challenge, it’s time to gather a few things. Rope lights work well and to power them you want to go to Wal Mart and get yourself an inverter. The inverter will connect to your battery and provide you with 110V power for your lights. An extra battery is suggested so you can return with us. It gets lonely on the river at night when your boat will not start and the chance of us noticing that you are missing is slim, we’ll be too busy falling down and stuff. Now – get in your boat, be at the train trestle at the time shown and socialize until someone starts moving towards the north. As it gets dark, turn on your lights and yell pirate words like Arrgh! and be-dangit! and “grog all around!”. These mutterings will get you a bit noticed and the landlubbers will tremble with fear ‘cause they know that once again, the Blackwater Pirates inhabit the river. It’s quite a feeling, a feeling that only a fine pirate can have.

because we’ll be in a *new moon*. If I am losing you here, bear with me and pretend you know what I am talking about. Here is how it will work: (Cut this out and put it next to your toilet so you can study it at length).

**PIRATE MEETING
SCHEDULED**

I think we finally have enough information to pass to have another meeting. The next PIRATE MEETING will be at the boathouse on 13 March @ 5:30 (That’s 5154 Willing Street in Milton). It’s a real easy address to find because it’s the only house on the block. If someone would like to host food, please call 393-0121. If not, bring your grog and the meetings on. Hopefully, we will have the mission in place for review so it can be submitted to Seaweed.

River Tours still happening



No boat? Did you know that you can jump on the Dixie Lou and tour like a pirate. The Water-yeer-Needs tour boat is still operating on the river. Let your friends who have never been on the river know that now is the time. The river is beautiful in fall. The tour rates can be found on ***blackwaterliving.com***.

Great American Cleanup

Mark your calendars. April 21st is the Great American Cleanup. For us, that means it's the Great Blackwater River Pirate cleanup. It's a perfect chance to get your boat out, dust off the barnacles from last year and charge your battery. We will have the details of how we are going to proceed with this in next month's newsletter. Meantime, throw some rolls of toilet paper in your fish pond and practice retrieving them, no telling what we will find in the river.

BOSUN LOCKER

You wanted to know what is for sale so here it is. We are adding items all the time. If you have any requests for items you would like to see, just let us know.



100% Cotton Baseball hat w/plastic strap. Thick-stitch Embroidery Blackwater Pirates Logo on front, Blackwater

Living web sites on back. Adult one size fits all. \$17.95 Product BT-201



Show your "true colors". Let Blackwater Trading Company sew the impressive Blackwater Pirates logo on the back of your shirt (as pictured) or on any of your clothing.. Send your shirt or whatever to Blackwater Trading Company, P.O. Box 912, Milton, FL 32570 or call 393-3144 to drop it off. **\$12.95** per item embroidered. Product BT-200



It's your way of showing your true association with the Blackwater Pirates. This professionally cut vinyl sticker is made of "outdoor vinyl for years of abuse. Works best on car windows but will adhere to any smooth surface. Comes in white. Add \$1.00 for special color orders. Sticker measures 3 1/2 x 5 inches. **\$5.95 each.** Product BT-202

Coming Soon!

The Blackwater Pirate T-Shirt

Upcoming Pirate Events:

March 3rd, Lumberjack Fest at PJC Campus
 March 10th and 11th: Riverwalk Arts Festival
 March 18th: Fire Tuck Work Day
 April 14th Bagdad Village Art Stroll
 April 21st, *Pirate River Cleanup*
 April 27th & 28th: Scratch Ankle
 TBA: Depot Days
 May 28th: 1st Pirate Boat Parade

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat. Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President, 1858-1919.

Contributed by Dagger Don Salter, Santa Rosa County Commissioner and full time Pirate.



The following is

GENERAL PIRATE KNOWLEDGE

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, IF YOU JOINED AND FORGOT TO GIVE YOURSELF A PIRATE NAME DON'T BE SURPRIZED IF SOMEONE APPROACHES YOU AND ADDRESSES YOU AS Olive Oil!

Need a grand Pirate uniform? Pirate uniforms are custom made by our own LeAnne Boswell, our woman of stitch. She will quote you a price if you tell her what you want. Here phone number is 626-1218.

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