

## Club History



Platinum Point Yacht Club (PPYC) enjoys ownership of a scenic waterfront location by the arched bridge separating the two yacht basins of Burnt Store Marina.

PPYC is perfectly situated as a launching point to the boating paradise of Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf of Mexico. Charlotte Harbor, cited by yachting magazines as one of the finest sailing waters in America, is a destination for boating enthusiasts and a gateway to the Intercoastal Waterway.

PPYC was established in 1984 as a not-for-profit organization for boaters and non-boaters alike. It has a rich maritime history and is one of only eight clubs allowed to fly the Olympic flag, having hosted the Soling championships and the Olympic trials in preparation for the Barcelona Olympic Games. The Club is proud to have contributed to a successful 1992 Silver medalist and a 1996 Bronze medalist.

In the beginning, the charter members met on a member's yacht. Later, they convened beneath a small tiki hut and then in a small building near the marina. The club purchased its current waterfront site and built its first club house in 1994. Since then it has been dramatically expanded to service the needs of its growing membership with the current club house renovations completed in 2004. PPYC now enjoys a gracious and comfortable building, well equipped to service its many boating, social, and educational functions, all organized by volunteers.

Come join us at PPYC, soak in the view over the harbor, savor the marina ambiance, and toast the spectacular sunsets from our covered waterside deck.

## On Water Events

Share the excitement of the Platinum Point Experience and come on board with the many "ON WATER" activities PPYC has to offer.

Join in our overnight cruises to marinas and harbors along the Southwest Florida subtropical Gulf Coast where our ever expanding flotilla of friendly mariners experience some of the best days of their lives. Decorate your boat for our Christmas Cruise.



The monthly luncheon cruises to nearby waterfront and island restaurants congenially welcome all members aboard to share in the "ON WATER" fun.

The Club provides a competitive as well as educational venue for sailors with its weekly races on beautiful Charlotte Harbor. The sailing season is highlighted by the Golden Conch Regatta which PPYC hosts each year for racing clubs from the area.

The Blessing of the Fleet is one of the club's most colorful and significant events honoring our maritime traditions. The music of a bagpipe soars over the waters as our vessels of all sizes, decked out in bright flags and their crew all in white, pass in proud review.

As we embark on our second quarter century, we look forward to our ongoing growth and welcoming new members to the Platinum Point Experience.

## On Land Events

The variety of "ON LAND" social and educational activities that PPYC sponsors is extensive, stimulating and almost too numerous to list.

A broad range of educational programs are regularly offered in such areas as boating safety, travel, art classes and computer skills. The renowned Mote Marine Institute educates our members on marine life and ecology right here on Charlotte Harbor. Some of their topics include manatees, dolphins, and even the more friendly shark species.

The premier social event of the year is the Commodore's Ball where members enjoy a gala evening of fine food and dancing. Each year PPYC opens its doors to the Burnt Store Marina community for the Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast, traditionally serving over 600 meals to members and guests, and the men do all the cooking.



The Club is constantly busy with bridge games, quilting and art groups, golf outings, special dinners, seasonal events, ladies luncheons, dance classes, movie night, sunset socials, grill nights and many, many more exciting and fun events. The bountiful energy, enthusiasm and imagination of the membership provides activities to suit every interest.

Join us at Platinum Point Yacht Club, and meet great people destined to become your new best friends; enjoy challenging activities and live the best of life in Southwest Florida!