

THE FOGHORN



“PENSACOLA, Fla. -- Pensacola celebrated a major milestone on in March, as local leaders are calling the city the sailing capitol of the United States.”
Mayor D.C. Reeves signed a leasing agreement Monday with the world-renowned American Magic yacht racing team.

Commodore's Comment

Club,

March is on its way out with its unpredictable weather and we welcome Spring with the glorious season of Easter. Thank you for your patience as we work to find an acceptable temporary home for the Club. We have been wholeheartedly welcomed in by the Grand Lagoon Yacht Club. Our gatherings will be held the third Tuesday of the month. We were greeted this last week with a great turn out of members and a nice menu by the club to start us off. It was so great to see so many of you come out on such a great night. GL is going to make such a nice spot for us with their awesome view of the nightly sunsets.

We kick off April right away with the Bikini Regatta and Race for the Roses the next day. The only after race party will be at the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club on Sunday after the Race for the Roses. We will have awards for both races that evening.

We are in the thick of our only fundraiser each year. The Navy Cup Brochure ads team is in full swing but we need your help. Please help us to get ads for our brochure by submitting one or two of your own. Anything as easy as a business card ad or other art work. You can get 1/4 page up to a full page in b/w or color. This 50 page brochure is distributed all over Pensacola, so it does have a broad distribution. Thank you in advance for your help.

I look forward to seeing you on the water,

Your humble Commodore,
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M. Mia Ottesen, MEd.
Commodore
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**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 6 PM
AT GRAND LAGOON**



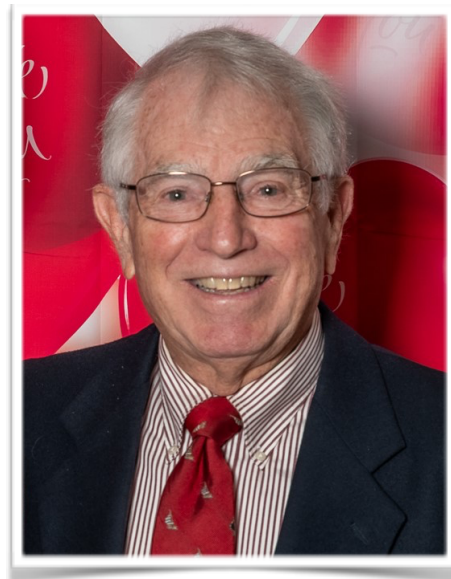
GYA Coordinator

Many of our members have taken advantage of the Adult Education Programs offered by the Satori Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to facilitate outreach programs to the local community and provides sail training at a minimal cost. Though Satori is based out of PYC, the classes are available to the public and offered on a first come first served basis. This year we are offering 4 different courses:

A one day introduction to sailing course. On the water with an overview of the sport.

Fundamentals of Sailing.

Four evenings in the classroom and two full days on the water. A very comprehensive and intense curriculum.



**Chip MacMillan,
GYA Coordinator**



**Sailboat Sunrise Oil Painting
by Award Winning Artist Kendall Kessler**



Frank Bean
Vice Commodore

Members,

One of our goals in the strategic plan is to have a place of our own.

I have come to realize that to accomplish a task so large that we have to begin by taking a first step. It will certainly be long journey for a club of our size and means.

I asked at our last meeting to begin the process we must first ask our members to consider in their Estate Planning to remember their "Club". I ask that any donation and remembrance will go to making a place of our own a reality and not merely a dream. We are after all a Non Profit organization.

Penny and I are planning on bequeathing a sum to NYCP upon our passing. I say this not to garner accolades but to encourage others to do so. A First Step of sorts. I understand every journey begins with a single step. I hope by suggesting this step to others it will encourage this charity at home for the future of NYCP.

I take the risk in asking that I might alienate some members in so doing. But I realized long ago if I never ask, the answer will always be no. Consider donating something, anything to meet this long-term goal.

Anything and everything will be appreciated not just for now but for the future of NYCP.

Frank Bean

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Membership

Thank you, everyone that has renewed their 2024 dues.

I have reached out to all 2023 members that have not renewed. In turn, I have received numerous responses that renewal checks are on their way. Once I have received payment, I will mail you your 2024 membership sticker.

Also, if you have renewed for 2024 and have NOT received your new sticker, please let me know. I'll get it right to you.

If you have friends or family that are interested in joining NYCP, please contact me and I will reach out to them.

Please welcome new members Paul Chlebo, Tracy Gifford and Fred Gard



**Libby Day
Membership**

New Members



Paul Chlebo and Tracy Gifford

Paul grew up in the Hudson, New York area not far from the Catskill Mountain wilderness and Tracy hails from sunny Fort Walton Beach. Both had lengthy careers with the Department of Defense. Tracy served as a senior finance and accounting civil servant for over 30 years and retired in 2020. Paul was an active-duty Army officer who retired from the uniform in 2005 and then retired as a DoD civil servant in 2021. Now residing in Pensacola's East Hill Neighborhood, Tracy and Paul serve as volunteers and board members for a number of our community organizations. Of note, Tracy serves as Secretary of the Five Flags Service to Mankind (SERTOMA) Club. Paul and Tracy are both members of the SERTOMA Speech and Hearing Board. Tracy is also the Treasurer of the Pensacola Airstream Club. Paul serves as President of the Pensacola Airstream Club, Secretary of the Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park, Board Member for the Pensacola Military Officers Association of America (PMOAA), and Area Vice President of the Florida Council of MOAA chapters. He is also a board member of the Father Keating Council of the Knights of Columbus. While active in the community, Tracy and Paul both look forward to supporting Navy Yacht Club Pensacola activities.

New Members, continued

I grew up in Woodstock, Georgia. I went into the US Air Force in 1969 and stayed active duty for 10 years. I went to school on the GI Bill, and graduated in 1984 from the University of West Florida here in Pensacola. After active duty, I went into the reserves and ultimately retired after 14 years as a Master Sergeant. After graduating from college, I went to work for Burroughs Corporation, then Hewlett-Packard, then Kodak, and ultimately went to work for a small startup in Lafayette Louisiana. We sold the company to Petroleum Experts in Edinburgh, Scotland. Upon retiring from Petroleum Experts, I moved to Slidell, Louisiana where I bought a Catalina 36. After a few years, my daughter bought the Catalina and I bought the Hunter 420 passage that I have now.

I sailed to Key West twice and just returned to the Gulf Coast to be near my family, my grandkids and kids. This is the 4th time I have lived in Pensacola and I'm really happy to be back.



Fred Gard

NYCP 2023 Junior Sailor of the year.



Jack McWilliams

Congratulations to Jack McWilliams as the NYCP 2023 Junior Sailor of the year.

Jack started sailing September 24, 2021. He had just turned 6 years old.

His parents, Chris and Ricki McWilliams and his grandparents, Rick and Anita Miller gave him his Opti, "Well Red".

In March, 2022, Jack participated in his 1st race the Dogwood Regatta, in Fairhope, Alabama. Since then, he had raced as far west as San Diego, California and as far south as Miami, Florida. Plus, he participated in a prestigious, US Sailing Jr. Olympic clinic.

Most recently, Jack represented Pensacola, Florida and the USA at the 6th Annual Opti Orange, in Valencia, Spain.

Jack, the NYCP is so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. It is an honor to have you as the NYCP 2023 Junior Sailor of the year.

Our beloved Molly after hip replacement

Our beloved Molly is doing well. She is staying at University Pine on University Parkway, here in Pensacola. Please send her a card or even better give her a quick call. We love you Molly.



Bi-Line Events! Our 50/50 winner for March: Sandy Pyle, April 6

So we have bikini regatta coming up . We still need some volunteers for race committee. Those that are interested please contact me. Best of luck for all the girls that have entered . We'll see how this happens and what we end up with.

Rear Commodore Report

The ball caps that were ordered via Wings and Things have arrived and are being embroidered with the NYCP logo that is in file. I verified in person that the correct logo would be used. Still working on selecting a polo shirt with a wicking capability. Burgees will be ordered this week. UPDATE: 25 Bergees received!

Best regards,
Lauren Harrold
NAVY Rear Commodore
757-754-1464



Esley Ottesen
NYC Treasurer

From the Treasurer's Desk:

Whew, finally some nice weather heading into Sailing Season with Spring around the corner. We have a Checking Account balance of \$13,034.04 and the Savings Account balance is at \$12,047.76.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our after-race parties this year!