

THE FOGHORN

Monthly Newsletter of the Navy Yacht Club of Pensacola September 2024

Upcoming Events

September 7

Beverly Stagg Regatta. Registration will be on Regatta Man After party at the Watson Center at PYC.

September 17

Membership Social at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club.

September 28

SirThomas Lipton Regatta will be held at PYC this year. Registration will be on Regatta Network. Navy will be represented by being a safety boat.

Whit Johnson Regatta/Commodore's Cup #4/ PBC #11, After Race Party and Awards

October 15

Membership Social at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club.

Commodore's Comment

Members,

Here we are at the end of August, gearing up to finish our sponsored racing season. Plan to come out and join us on the water on Sept 7 for the Commodore's Cup #3 and on Sept 28 for the Commodore's Cup #4.

We have so many new people who have joined our club this last month. Please see the Membership Section to learn more about who they are. When you see them, please extend a warm welcome.

We had a good time with Bingo this month, although we missed some of you. Prizes went to PC Chip MacMillan, C Mia Ottesen, Jim DeStael and Beverly Stagg had a tie game, and VC Lauren Harrold.

I have been working with the County to get the channel entrance dredged so people can get in and out safely. Naturally this is a very arduous process as we are working with local agencies to get things done.

We continue to be graciously hosted at Grand Lagoon for our monthly gatherings. It is such a blessing to have some wonderful people to work with at GLYC. Our attendance has been a little slim the last couple months, which I know is typical this time of year with everyone's travel, but I hope you will all come back and join us next month on Tuesday, Sept.17. I want to make sure it is worth their time to have us there.

We are not out of Hurricane season yet, we've been lucky so far. If you have not battened down your hatches, here is a [link](#) from US Harbors with suggestions to help ensure the safety of your boat, should we get one. There are a few sailors in the Club with multiple hurricane experiences with their boat. Ask for help before it's too late.

If you have moved since last December, please reach out to Libby Day to give her your new address. Commodore's Ball invites will be going out in early November and we want to make sure you get yours.

There are some great sailing opportunities coming up. Check out the website for the schedule and come on out!



M. Mia Ottesen,
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Commodore
Navy Yacht Club of
Pensacola

Welcome to our New Members!

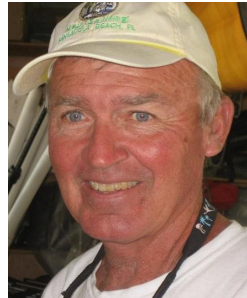


Johnny Smith is a USA veteran and a supporter of ALL yacht clubs on the bay. He is an experienced sailor with a sail boat here in Pensacola. Welcome aboard, Johnny.

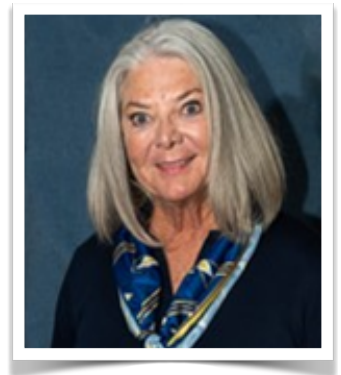
Kirk Newkirk is a legacy member. In the sailing community, Kirk is one of the best competitors with 12 national sailing championships. With numerous boats he continues to exercise his talent in the sailing world. NYCP welcomes Captain Kirk Newkirk for the fish class races.

George Gamble is a USN retired member and a gracious sponsor of sailing in Pensacola bay. George also has multiple national sailing championships. NYCP would like to thank George for hosting the 2024 Navy Cup on the Ivory Lady. Welcome aboard, George.

Nick and Esther Nair are both Navy active duty at NAS Pensacola. They have just moved to Gulf Breeze, Florida and look forward to being involved in NYCP



Johnny Smith



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George Gamble & friends
(He is on the far right)



NYC Pensacola 152 Members!



Money Talk

Our Checking Account is at \$21,591.52, and the Savings Balance is \$12,060.19.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next event.



Esley Ottesen
NYC Treasurer



Money Walk

Rear Commodore Report

A new order of adjustable ball caps has arrived. The colors to choose from are white, khaki and navy blue.

The NYCP burgee along with the words "NAVY YACHT CLUB PENSACOLA" is embroidered on the front of each cap. The cost is \$20 per cap. ..

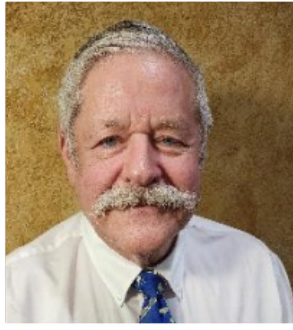


Lauren Harrold
NYV Rear Commodore
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I have some women's self-wicking shirts for display in sizes medium and large. Open collar, no buttons. The NYCP initials and burgee are embroidered on the left front of each shirt. These are examples of what is available locally.

We are still looking at Hawaiian shirts in a fabric that suits our humid weather. More on that when final decisions are made.





From the Vice Commodore Frank Bean

Our past Commodore Ken Pyle recently underwent surgery to remove a cancer from his lung. He is doing well and recuperating. He sends his thanks for the prayers and concerns we all have for his health and well being. Apparently all the cancerous growth was removed and he should have a positive prognosis. A mention to our male members. Get your PSA, (prostate specific antigen) checked regularly, especially over fifty. It may save your life as it did mine. I too am a cancer survivor.

The year is rapidly passing. We still have some races to conduct and some get together events planned. I have been away for the meetings recently enjoying my retirement. It has given me some time to think about the long term goals of our club. We need a place to call our own. Unless we win the lottery or someone gives us a large sum of money we will be at the mercy and kindness of other organizations to let us have a place to meet.

I propose a few things to help us achieve a place of our own eventually. First we can invest in the S&P 500. Warren Buffet an investor of success says that is the way to go in the long run. Presently we are being paid under three dollars a month for the money we have in savings. It will take a long time, certainly not in my life time, but if we don't start we never will achieve our goal, a place we can call home. Here is a good example of an investment we can consider. Since the S&P inception in 1928 it has averaged a little over 10% every year. Like the market does, it goes up and down. But over the long haul, and that is what it will take to acquire enough money to have a place of our own, it has continually grown. Click on the link to see a fund in which we can invest.

<https://personal1.vanguard.com/funds/reports/q03070.pdf>

Next our members can bequeath something to our club, which can be tax deductible since we are a non profit or will be soon. A boat, a car, cash, stocks, land, bonds 401K or anything of value. Penny and I plan on remembering the Club in our estate planning. I hope you will also.

Lastly we can try a Go Fund Me effort to garner funds. I admit it might sound bad a Yacht Club asking for donations but you can never tell who might take pity on our club and help us on our way.

This was presented to the Bridge at our last meeting. Esley Ottesen is investigating how we officially become a legal non-profit. I hope that you will agree and encourage the Bridge to move ahead and invest in our future.

**Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rage at close of day:
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.**