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"Oh captain my
captain"
John Keating

Dead Poets Society - Robin Williams...said "We don't read and write poetry because it's cute. We read and write poetry because we are members of the human race..."

Commodores Comment

Dear Sailors,

As we move closer to wrapping up another year, I begin to reflect on what has been accomplished during not only my time as your Commodore the last two years, but also in some leadership or servant position the last eight. While we have enjoyed serving you, the members of NYCP, we, Esley and I, also look forward to a few slower months occasionally. This has been a busy year with all the sailing activities, the work on the Bayou Channel, youth sailing and acquiring meeting spaces. We have accomplished much from having our highest numbers of membership, having reliable, steady meeting spaces, getting more boats on the water and winning more races. Our own Navy Cup eluded us again this year, but as always we are hopeful to see its return in 2026. We have finished out our year strong winning both the Curran Cup and the Fish Worlds.

At our social in October, per the Bylaws, a slate of members was presented by the

nominating committee for the proposed Bridge members for 2026. Hearing no nominations from the floor, a motion was made and seconded and voted on favorably to accept the slate as presented.

This month we will host our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. GLYC will be providing an "all hands on deck" turkey dinner with all the fixings and of course dessert. The cost per person will be \$20. We will need a headcount a week before, but I will send an email for that as it gets closer to the date. I hope we will see you there. Even with all that is going on, we do have much to be thankful for.

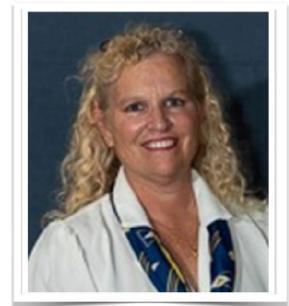
Our Commodore's Ball is coming up December 19. This year will look a little different but will hopefully be more fun. Our awards, as was the case last year, will be held at the Sailors Banquet in January at PYC. Our Change of Watch will be held in January at our first social of 2026, on the 20th at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club at 1800. We will host "Where

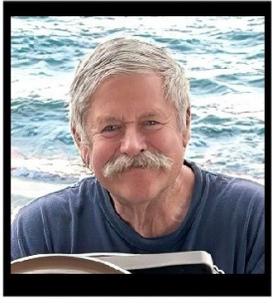
in the World is the Burgee?" at the Ball. This year there will be a DJ so plan to bring your dancing shoes and get ready to dance the night away.

As we celebrate all our Veterans this month, thank you and we appreciate your service

Gratefully,

Mia Ottesen
Commodore
Navy Yacht Club
of Pensacola





Frank Bean

Vice Commodore Report

Halloween is rapidly approaching.

It was always a wonderful evening in my youth. Back when we didn't fear our neighbors and razor blades in apples. Neighbors made donuts and served cider to us goblins out trick or treating. The scent of burning leaves hung lazily in the evenings darkness. A certain magic came from dressing in a costume and hoping to be anonymous. But our neighbors usually picked us out even when we had a mask on. I must admit I was a little chunky then.

There was no need to examine the nights collection of goodies by your parents. The thought of hurting a child had not entered the realm of possibility. I always felt really lucky if our neighbors had a candy bar for our old brown paper bag with little rope handles from the local grocery store. Frankly I didn't care to get an apple. Why was somebody trying to be healthy, no apples.

I always felt safe. I couldn't wait until it got dark since I couldn't stay out after 9. Usually you knew which neighbors kept with the tradition and didn't hand out pennies or Mary

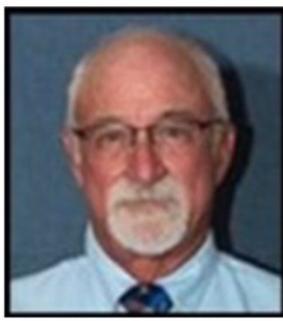
Janes, I never was a fan of that candy. Now Milky Ways or Mars bars got my seal of approval and I made a mental note to start at their house first next year. Most times I dressed as a beggar. Store costumes were not at the top of the budget of the Bean household. But I didn't care. The kids with the fancy costumes didn't get better candy than me.

Slowly the years passed and I was considered too old to go trick or treating. It was sad. Then I became a father and I got to take my son out Trick or Treating. I reminded him to not only say Trick or Treat but thank you no matter what you got. You'll never guess that one year he was overwhelmed with Ghost Busters. We made him a Ghost Buster costume with his own name tag. At 35 he had one made and went to Halloween parties with a proton pack and goggles. Yep just a chip off the old block.

I hope your Halloween is, meaningful, plentiful and safe. Trick or treat.

My friend who drank to excess enjoyed the holiday too. He went Trick or Drinking.

Frank Bean
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Mark Smith

Fleet Captain Report

The next race is gonna be the Jubilee Regatta sponsored by PYC, on November 8, the Big Mouth Regatta to sponsored by Pensacola Beach Yacht Club. Looking forward to seeing everybody at the Commodores ball, and of course the award ceremony for the bay, which is gonna be held in January. Everybody have a safe and happy holiday season. See you soon. Mark

On Oct 11-12, the Fish World's hosted by Bucca-



neer Yacht Club, Mobile, AL. , was won by the NYCP Fish team on Fish #5. Congratulations to Kirk Newkirk, Tom Whitehurst, Burt Rice Jr. and Fleet Captain Mark Smith. Notice Burt with a

paddle, getting them out to the entrance of the bay.



On Oct 18-19, Winners of the prestigious Fish Current Cup trophy also host by Buccaneers Yacht Club: NYCP members to include Krista Young, Burt Rice Jr, and Tom Whitehurst with Alan McMillan, Commodore

Kurt Finkenstaedt

New Member

Kurt is currently a Combat Systems Officer student at NAS Pensacola. He has been interested in sailing since he was a child. He first learned the basics of sailing in Cape Cod, where he sailed Lazars and Sunfish.

Since arriving to Pensacola he has sailed

two races. In his words, "It was a blast and I can't wait to learn more and crew more". Kurt, Welcome to Navy Yacht Club Pensacola.



Ilia Ermoshkin and Harumi Fleming



NYCP New Members- Ilia Ermoshkin and Harumi Fleming

Ilia is a USN Retired LCDR. He was training Skipper for the Offshore Sail Training Squadron at the Naval Academy. He has

owned several sailboats, 23ft to 48ft, but none at the moment.

Ilia and Harumi are holding the NYCP burgee at Schoodic Point in Maine across from the Acadia National Park.

Sheila A Dawson-Mitchell

Sheila is a retired public school teacher from Shreveport, LA. She is a Honorable Discharge Army Veteran (SGT E-5) with twelve years of service. Her leisure activities include culinary, interior decorating, events planning, wealth planning and investment and many community services. She looks forward to being an active member of NYCP.



"Jib ho"

[Visit the Navy Yacht Club Facebook page for Photos and more.](#)

Share our page with your friends and don't be afraid to "comment or like" on the post. Facebook is a great tool to spread the word that we have a great yacht club down here in Paradise!

Sailor Awards

Regatta Photos

Navy Yacht Club Pensacola sailors made a strong showing at this year's WFORC Regatta, held October 25–26 at the Pensacola Yacht Club. Great racing conditions, strong competition, and plenty of NYCP spirit made for an exciting weekend on the water!



Second Place:
"Try Having Fun"

Skipper **Rob Schmidt** with crew **Ilia Eromoshkin** and **Harumi Fleming**, new NYCP

Multihull Classic Class

Third Place:
"XOXO"

Skipper **Jamie Michaels** with NYCP junior sailor **Wesley**.



J/80 Class



Third Place:
"Whitelightnin"

Skipper **Kirk Newkirk** with pictured crew **Calder Epes** and **Lauren Chapman**, new NYCP

Cruising Class

Second Place:
"Walkabout"
Skipper **Bob Kriegel** and crew.



Support



A big thank-you to NYCP supporters **Scott Hand** and **Rick Adams**, representing aboard *"Seahorse."*

Congratulations to all our sailors and supporters!

Your teamwork, sportsmanship, and dedication continue to make Navy Yacht Club Pensacola proud on and off the water. Fair winds and following seas to all.

Regatta Photos

Sailors

NYCP member, James Lockley from Orient, NY has had an exciting race season on the east end of Long Island including a 1st, three 2nd's and two 3rd's out of 8 big boat races on a J-100. He also competed in the Melges 15 East Coast Championship and the recent 2025 National Championship. He's looking forward to heading back to Pensacola and continuing his racing experience.



September 13, Commodore Cup #3-
Beverly Stagg Regatta

Over all winner "Lil Shady", skipper
David Dunbar, crew and Beverly
Stagg with the handmade perpetual
Trophy.

September 27 CC#4 - Whit John-
son's Regatta
The beautiful Whit Johnson Regatta
Trophy held by Kenny Loftin skipper
of "Breezing Up",
Carol Johnson wife of late Whit
Johnson and Commodore Mia



Find all the Regatta pictures on our Facebook page
Navy Yacht Club Pensacola.

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Rear Commodore

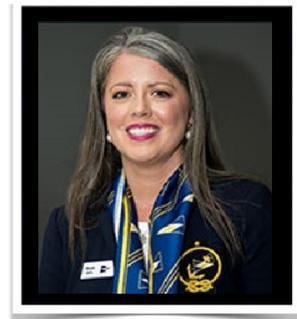
Ahoy, NYCP Members!

Don't forget — you can shop online for a wide array of **apparel, accessories, and other custom Navy Yacht Club Pensacola items.** From shirts and hats to unique keepsakes, it's the perfect way to show your club spirit both on and off the water.

⚓ Shop Now:

<https://stores.crsapparel.com/NAVYYCPENSACOLA/shop/home>

Thank you



Brandy Salvo

Treasurer

As we get ready for the Holiday season our Checking Account Balance is at \$16,932.38 and the Savings Balance is \$12,095.60

Happy Holidays!



Esley Ottesen

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	1 8 Big Mouth Regatta
9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12 Bridge Meeting	13	14 Melges 24 North Americans @PYC	15 Melges 24 North Americans @PYC
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23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
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Membership

2026 Membership Renewal Dues can be mailed to:

NYCP

PO Box 4423
Pensacola, FL 32507
Renew before January 31, 2026 and receive a \$5 drink ticket to use at the March GMM!

Renewal Fees:

Retired Military / DoD
Retired / Legacy:
Family: \$150.00
Single: \$95.00
Active Military / DoD:
Family: \$110.00
Single: \$75.00

Military Student: \$15.00
Out-of-Town Members
(50+ miles away):
Family: \$75.00
Single: \$50.00

Once your check is received, your 2026 sticker will be mailed to you.

If you know friends or family who may be interested in joining NYCP, please let me know — I'd be happy to reach out and walk them through the process.

Fair winds and following seas,



Libby Day



Historian

Over the past few months many pictures have been taken by our club's members. I ask that they be forwarded to Richard Smith via email @ rps2949@att.net, so they can be assembled and placed in our historical archives at the University of West Florida.



Penny Bean

2024-2025 Bridge

Officers

Commodore:
Mia Ottesen
Vice Commodore:
Frank Bean
Rear Commodore:
Brandy Salvo
Fleet Captain:
Mark Smith
Secretary:
Kathy Johansen
Treasurer:
Esley Ottesen
Past Commodore:
Ken Pyle

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