

NAVY Yacht Club
of Pensacola

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"Why motor
when you can
sail"

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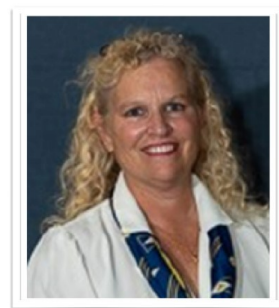
Commodores Comment

Sailors,

Although it may seem that our sailing has come to a close for this year, it hasn't. We just finished the Commodore's Cup series with ten boats entered. Mark will put all the data together for the four races and we will present the winner at the Sailors Banquet in January. This last Saturday we held CC#4, the Whit Johnson Regatta; the trophies were reminiscent of Whit's favorite saying, "It doesn't get any better than this". Carol Johnson was on hand to present the awards. See the Facebook page or regatta man for the standings. Coming up in October we have the Curran Cup and the Fish Worlds. We will have a team for each race.

Our next gathering will be Tuesday, October 16. Staying in sync with the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee will be presenting a proposed slate of officers for the 2026 sailing year. This is also your opportunity to put forth any nominations you may have. **THE CHANGE OF WATCH WILL BE HELD JANUARY 20, 2026** at our regular meeting, **NOT AT THE COMMODORE'S BALL**. I hope to see you there.

We are planning to have a Thanksgiving dinner at our social in November. I hope you will plan to join us.



Mia Ottesen
Commodore
Navy Yacht Club
of Pensacola



Junior Sailor Notes / Regatta Notes

Jr. Sailor Jack McWilliams brings home 1st place within the OPEN SKIFF fleet. At the Wadewitz Regatta hosted by Fairhope Yacht Club.

CC#3 - Beverly Stagg Regatta

Beverly Stagg Regatta over all winner "Lil Shady", skipper David Dunbar, crew and Beverly Stagg.

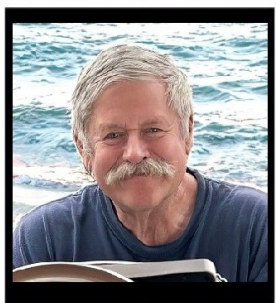
CC#4 - Whit Johnson's Regatta

The beautiful Whit Johnson Regatta Trophy held by

Kenny Loftin skipper of "Breezing Up",

Carol Johnson wife of late Whit Johnson and Commodore Mia Ottesen.

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



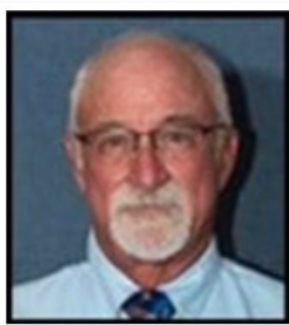
Frank Bean

Vice Commodore Report

Sitting here watching Alabama and Georgia knock helmets and worried about the weather. The last part of September and early October I am always a bit apprehensive. I've lost four boats to named stores. Extra anchors, sand bottoms, you name it. Good intentions every time. Some one broke loose, some one dragged anchor, you name it. The only thing that saved me

was insurance. It never made up for the boat I loved. But it did kinda ease the pain. Bob Kreigel recently spoke to our monthly meeting and discussed preparing your boat for storms. Anchoring, sails off, locations to weather the storm all the things you should do. The most important thing I got from his address was, Make sure your insurance is current.

Fair winds my friends, Frank



Mark Smith

Fleet Captain Report



Held the last race for the Navy Yacht Club on September 27 congratulations to David Dunbar Kenny Lofton and Chip MacMillan for their first place finishes. Navy Yacht

Club is also involved in management of the Hobby 16 N. Americans there are 69 boats competing for this title. Good luck to them all. Wish the Navy CURRAN cup team good

luck so we can win the trophy back this year. We lost it last year by one point. Thanks to everybody that's helped on race committee this year.

Where's the Burgee?

Dr Shelley Ovsak
San Francisco, CA

On board ALCATRAZ City Cruises on way to ALCA-TRAZ ISLAND. Golden Gate Bridge in far back-ground.



Alan and Gina Sappenfield



New Member

Alan & Gina Sappenfield are both retired and are enjoying their blended family of seven children. Gina was an entrepreneur who started, built and sold multiple businesses in her na-

tive Philippines. Alan is a retired Naval Aviator and retired real estate brokerage owner. While Gina is a beginner sailor, Alan has been sailing for over half a century. He

has decades of experience in yacht racing, race management and sailing instruction. They are both hopeful of being welcomed into the Navy Yacht Club Pensacola family

Where's the Burgee?

Ricki McWilliams in London Airport representing the Navy Yacht Club Pensacola.



Burgee Picture

Ricki McWilliams and George Gamble on an October Fest tour at Bellingrath Gardens

Mobile Alabama.



"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!

Junior Sailors

Sailor Photos

Junior Navy Yacht club members Claire and Emmett Perez attended the Wadewitz Regatta, hosted by the Fairhope Yacht Club on September 27-28, 2025. This event attracted 170 sailors and had 71 races. The laser radial fleet had 12 participants, with Emmett securing 4th place and Claire finishing in 8th. The Wadewitz Regatta has been a favorite of Claire and Emmett since 2018. They're now sailing the laser radial, a newer boat for them, and are already compiling their "Christmas wish list" for upgraded parts! We're

excited about heading to Augusta, GA, in October for another fun camping trip and regatta. Photos: 1. Emmett Perez, 2. Claire Perez 3. Photo collage of them over the years at Wadewitz.



Ride the Wind

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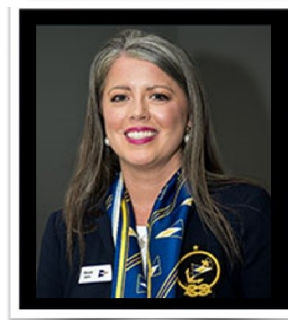
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Rear Commodore

No new news!

Happy Halloween!

Thank you



Brandy Salvo

Treasurer

As we enter into the fall racing season our

Checking Account Balance is
\$17,247.64

Savings Balance is
\$12,093.03

Happy Sailing!



Esley Ottesen

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 ** Bridge Meeting	9	10	11 Fish World's
12	13	14 General Member Meeting: Grand Lagoon	15	16	17	18 CURREN Cup
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

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Cpt.
JL Picard



Membership

We have completed the annual NYCP half price membership drive. During this time, July, August, and September, we gained 13 new members.

Current Membership #'s are:

30 new members
11 honorary
119 renewed

160 Total

Last year at this time, we had a total of 154 members. We continue to grow membership and we all look forward to making 2026 a great year for our Navy Yacht Club.

2nd draft of Commodore's Ball invitation has been

reviewed. Evergreen is working up estimate for 125 invitations. Order will be placed within the next week.

Save the date: 2025 Commodore's Ball, December 19th, 1800, at PYC.

Membership prices are as follows:

Retired Military and DoD

Family - \$150.00

Single - \$90.00

Active Duty

Family - \$110.00

Single - \$75.00

Military Student- \$15.00

50 miles away

Family - \$75.00

Single - \$50.00

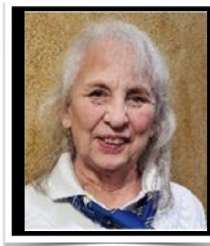


Libby Day



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

Directors

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Libby Day

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