



A Message from the Commodore:

Frank Bear

This time of year we shake out the dust, clean up and make ready our boats for another season of racing and cruising. Recently the Club participated in The GYA races at Bay Waveland Yacht Club, Mississippi, where in the Fish Class we won all three races, coming in First Place. Traditionally this race awards a Red Jacket to the senior member of the crew who is over 50. I am pleased to announce that Mark Smith, our fleet Captain, is that winner. Also, on that weekend Jack McWilliams our Vice Commodore's son won first place in one of the Opti class races and came in second overall.



Earlier in April The Race for the Roses, The Fast Women and the Bikini Regatta's were held in Pensacola and Navy was represented by Valkyrie, Rum Line and Hell Diver. This sailing year has just begun. Congratulations to all those who participated.

I want to encourage our members to attend any and all after race parties in which we are involved. You do not have to race to attend. You can support and cheer on the ones who did. I attended the recent after party for Bikini and Race for the Roses held at Pensacola Beach Yacht Club and the energy and celebration was awesome. The attendance was shoulder to shoulder and the food was plentiful. If you were there you know what I mean and if you weren't you missed a great after race gathering. We now look forward to the Navy Cup Regatta June 6 and 7. And look to our membership to participate. To be qualified you must be a member in good standing who paid their dues before April 6th. Contact Fleet Captain, Mark Smith for registration information. The more the better. Thank You.

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Vice Commodore:

Ricki McWilliams



Spring has sprung, and we're off to a great start this year. Boats are on the water, regattas have been well attended, and the after-race parties have been fantastic.

There are plenty of ways to get involved around the Bay Area—just be sure to reach out. As Vice Commodore and Communications Coordinator, I'm always available to help connect you.

Please save the date for the Navy Cup Awards on June 7, and go ahead and mark your calendars for the Commodore's Ball this December 11th. Feel free to call, text, or email anytime.

Fleet Captain:

Mark Smith



Been a very busy April. We put a Navy team together to go to the opening regatta at Bay Waveland to sail in the Masters on the Fish boats. The Navy team was very successful, winning all three races.

Congratulations to the winners of Commodore's Cup #2, Tony Nichols and Bob Kriegel. It was an iffy kind of start, but at the end of the day, the wind picked up. Bob, on his new boat Walkabout, also did another race out into the Gulf. They're planning to do the Mexico Race; it starts in May.

The Navy Cup is coming up June 6 and 7. We need to get as many boats out there as we can. We'll have two classes: spinnaker class and non-spinnaker. Hope to see everybody participate in that one. The party will be at PYC's big ballroom—we'll have a band, food, and all the good times. Hopefully, Navy will be successful in this regatta endeavor and win back the Navy Cup.

Summer is here. Everybody be sure to use the necessary protection for all the extra sun we're going to be getting, and I hope we all enjoy the time we're going to have on the water. Enjoy so fast, live slow, slow.

Mark



GYA Coordinator:

Chip MacMillan



April 18 th was the GYA Opening Regatta held at Bay Waveland Yacht Club. As a general rule, this is more of a regatta than a meeting and this year was no exception. On the business side, the GYA board made some changes to the "GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events", which can be found at GYA.org. The GYA sponsors numerous regattas throughout the year, and though the host club is in charge, they are bound by the GYA's rules and guidelines.

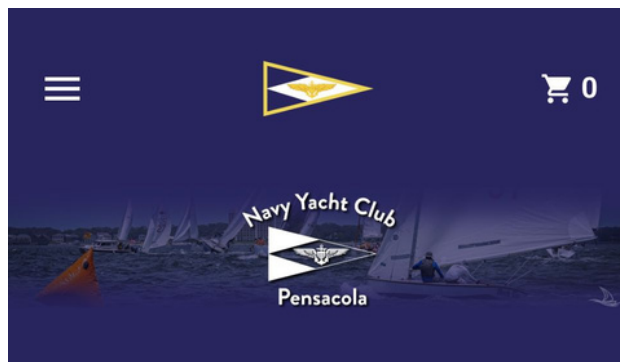
One of those GYA regattas is the Masters Regatta. Held every year at the Opening Regatta, the winner takes back to their club the John Dane Memorial Trophy and the oldest member of the winning crew is awarded a very nice red blazer (an idea stolen from the Augusta golf tournament). Our Navy team of Mark Smith, Tom Whitehurst and Kim Annaston took first, winning all three races. Mark walked away with a new red jacket, or, as it's custom made, he'll have it in a few months. Also, our own Jack McWilliams was a winner in the Opti White Fleet (2nd overall). Congratulations all.

Upcoming GYA events include the GYA Challenge Cup in Gulfport, followed by the Gulfport to Pensacola Race. Go to GYA.org for more info.

Ships Store:

The Treasurer is set up to complete card transactions for any in stock merchandise. In addition, you can order online from our store front at Coral Reef Apparel. This site offers a variety of NYCP apparel and accessories. Order with a friend to split the shipping cost. [SHOP HERE](#)

If you need to purchase a burgee please contact Rear Commodore, Lauren Harrold



NYCP Juniors in Action

Charles Wesley Hoffman participated in one of the most prestigious events in youth sailing, USODA Team Trials where he earned an invitation to the US Opti National team. He is also waiting to see which regatta he will earn the honor of representing the United States on the international stage as members of the U.S. Optimist National Team. This regatta event drew the nation's top young sailors and showcased the highest level of competition, sportsmanship and dedication in youth sailing.



Jack McWilliams participates in the Alfonso Sutter Regatta April 11-12, 2026 earning 2nd place in Opti White Fleet.



New Member: Norma Beecham

Originally from Hawaii and currently live in Milton, FL for over 19 years. Avid fisher, learning surfer, motorcycle rider, gardener, cruiser on Carnival Cruise Lines and LOVE sea days. Longer cruises have taken me to Portugal (2 weeks in the Algarve) and Croatia (1 month) solo. I can drive stick, am a foodie and can cook. My husband was USN (RET) and we had tours in Hawaii, San Diego, Puerto Rico, Jakarta, Indonesia. Love the ocean and adventure. I have 5 grown kids (one, a pilot retiring from USN) and 7 grandchildren. I have my sights on learning to sail proficiently to perhaps one day blue water sail and travel with friends and family that way; getting involved with the sailing community, crewing, learning and making new friends.



New Members: Christina Laughlin, John, Clarke & James Copeland

With just three weeks' notice, we arrived in January! Our family includes two kids — Clarke, in 4th grade, and James, in 1st grade at Hellen Caro Elementary School— and our sweet 2-year-old Labrador, Mocha . I'm Christina, Mom and a retired Navy veteran, and my spouse John is active-duty Navy and is Commander, Center for Information Warfare Training, Corry Station. John enjoys hunting and fishing. My kids are loving the beach. We have kayaks and can't wait to get out on the water. Christina retired in 2019 and is an experienced sailor and skipper with a competitive background spanning decades. (Beginning in youth sailing in the 80s and continuing through collegiate competition at Texas A&M, she has earned national-level experience, including participation in 420 Nationals and other major regattas. A certified US Sailing Level I Dinghy Instructor, she has raced extensively in both dinghies and offshore boats, particularly the Olson 40 class in California. We're really looking forward to meeting everyone and becoming part of the community!)



Flotsam & Jetsam ~ Molly's Column

The original WAVE burgee designs were created through a collaboration between Pensacola Yacht Club and Navy Yacht Club Pensacola. Over the years, visors and hats featuring the WAVE emblem have been worn proudly by our wounded veterans as they enjoy their "Day on the Bay."

This year, a new logo has been introduced and will appear on the back of a commemorative long-sleeve crew shirt, celebrating 15 successful years of WAVE. We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for the continued support of this meaningful endeavor.

PC John Matthews, Financial Representative
The Florida Council of Chapters

PC David Chandler
PYC Chairman, WAVE XV

Ricki McWilliams, VC ~ NYCP
Original Design



Bikini Regatta ~ 1st of the Ladies Trilogy

The Bikini Regatta, hosted by NYCP, kicked off the first event of the Ladies Trilogy in April. With beautiful weather, there was strong representation in both the cruising and racing fleets, including all-women crews as well as mixed teams. It was great to see the ladies dominate on Pensacola Bay— even better looking across the water and seeing a sea of pink.

NYCP's Rhumline and Helldiver represented well. Debby Grimm from New Orleans was awarded the Spirit of the Bikini award and NYCP member, Lauren Chapman, and her crew took home the Ladies Trilogy award! Great sailing ladies!



ClubSwan Racing

ClubSwan 28 Races were in Pensacola Bay in March & April



ClubSwan 28 Nations League USA
Pensacola Cup Event 1 March 19-22

George Gamble's, My Sharona, the first-ever ClubSwan 28 owner in the United States takes VICTORY! Way to earn 1st Place George and Crew!



ClubSwan 28 Nations
League USA Pensacola
Cup Event 2 April 23-26

My Sharona - George
Gamble and his crew
brought home 2nd place.
The racing was close, the
company was good, and
the learning was real. Next
up: Newport!



GYA Opening Regatta

This year the Masters Regatta was sailed in the Fish boat. The winner of the John Dane Memorial Trophy was Navy Fleet Captain Mark Smith along with the winning crew: Tom Whitehurst and Kim Anaston.

Navy Junior sailor Jack McWilliams brought home 1st in Opti White Fleet and 2nd overall Opti.



CC #2 April 25, 2026

Cruising Fleet:
1st place - Walkabout
2nd place - Frolic II
3rd place - Urielle

Racing Fleet:
1st place - Phoenix II
2nd place - Rhumline





Membership Information

2026 membership report: Quarter 1

- 16 new members
- 11 Honorary members
- 106 Renewed members

Libby Day



133 total
This is a great number for the 1 quarter of 2026.

Please direct any membership questions to:
Membership@navypnsyc.org

2026 Navy Cup Brochure Committee Update

Sales are now complete. Thank you to everyone who took the time to sell or purchase an ad—your support makes a real impact. The funds raised from the brochure help support our junior sailor scholarships, after-race parties, and offset the cost of the Commodore’s Ball.

A special thank you to Ed Brennan for connecting us with a friend who purchased three full page ads, and to David Mitchell for reaching out to AUSN, which secured a double-page ad.

Now, we need full participation from skippers and crew to ensure strong boat representation for the Navy Cup.

Brochures will be ready for pickup and distribution on May 10. If you are available to assist with distribution, please reach out.

The winner of the \$100 member incentive will be drawn at the Navy Cup Awards on June 7.
Thank you again for your support.



Where in the World...

Is the NYCP Burgee?



Bev Stagg representing from Colquitt, GA to Belize



NYCP Members on the 2026 FCA Cruise



Esley and Mia Ottesen viist Lauderdale YC, Bahamas, Puerto Rico, & St.Kitts



Please share your travel journeys with us. Email your burgee pictures to:
navycuppensacola@gmail.com and let us know where you are.



SAVE THE DATE!



63rd
NAVY CUP
★
AWARDS

JUNE 7TH, 2026



★
NYCP
COMMODORES
Ball

DECEMBER 11TH, 2026



For more information, contact us at:
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May 2026

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3 WAVE on the Bay @ PYC	4	5	6	7	8	9 Regatta al sol
10	11	12	13 NYCP Bridge Meeting	14	15	16 Multihull Regatta @ PYC Sea Buoy Race @ PBYC
17 Multihull Regatta @ PYC	18	19 NYCP Meeting	20	21	22	23 Catalina 22 Nationals @ PYC
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A Few Notes To Remember

- Bridge Meeting will start at 6:00pm. Sonny's BBQ Navy Blvd location. Please contact a Bridge Member if you are interested in attending.
 - Cesar Travado, Sailing Director PYC will be our guest speaker at the General Membership Meeting. The presentation topic: Rules of Racing. Program will start at 6pm
 - Other bay area races, raft-ups, and events can be found by visiting: [Pensacola Bay Cruising Fleet](#)
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June 2026

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	1	2	3	4	5 Skipper's Meeting @ PBYC	6 Navy Cup
7 Navy Cup/ Awards	8	9	10 NYCP Bridge Meeting	11	12	13
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Past Commodore: Mia Ottesen 719-237-7797

Advisor: Molly Werner 850-292-9756

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<p>www.navypnsc.org</p>	<p>Navy Yacht Club Pensacola PO Box 4422 Pensacola, FL 32507</p>



2026 Meetings: Bridge & General

Bridge Meetings:

Jan 14, 2026
 February 11, 2026
 March 11, 2026
 April 8, 2026
 May 13, 2026
 June 10, 2026
 July 15, 2026
 August 12, 2026
 September 9, 2026
 October 14, 2026
 Nov 10, 2026

General Meetings; 1800 @ GLYC

January 27, 2026
 February 17, 2026
 March 17, 2026
 April 21, 2026
 May 19, 2026
 June 16, 2026
 July - NO GMM
 August 18, 2026
 September 15, 2026
 October 20, 2026
 November 17, 2026

time/location announced
 each month

December 11, 2026 Commodore's Ball
 @ PYC

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