



# The Spreader

*April, 2023 - News from Pensacola Beach Yacht Club.*



## **Commodore's Report** **by Linda Thompson**

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Thanks to overwhelming support by our members, PBYC will have a home on the 2nd floor of the Marina! We are very excited about having a place with such great views, both to the east and west, where our members can gather and watch the beautiful sunsets. We are currently in the process of negotiating the lease and hope to finalize that sometime soon. We have named a building committee, and many thanks to DJ for stepping up to head this group. Thanks in advance to building committee members Ken Loftin, Mark Braxton, Ellen Hunt, and LeAyn Dunbar - they have a lot to do! New member Courtney Fell has volunteered to help with merchandise, so be on the lookout for tees, burgees, and more. We are still looking for volunteers to upgrade our website and membership system, and if you are interested in that job or volunteering in any other way, please let us know.

In addition to celebrating our new home, we are celebrating PBYC's 40th Anniversary this month. Mark your calendars for April 27-29 for a host of events. On April 29 we will be hosting a 40 mile regatta (and 20 for those who don't want to go into the gulf) and plan to get an early start so we can all be back in time for the party and awards that night. We plan to have a big bash with a DJ and yummy food! The skippers meeting for this race will be held on April 27, a Thursday, because on Friday the 28th we are sailing on the tall ships!

In May we have a lot of racing to do to make up for all the bad weather and cancellations in February and March. May 6 is our popular Sea Buoy race, May 20 is Valentine's and Maxine 2 make up races, and May 27 PYC is hosting Maxine 3. NOR's will be on Regatta Network soon!

Our next general membership meeting is scheduled for May 11 at 6pm and we hope to have more building updates for you then.

Linda



## **Vice Commodore's Report**

**by Karen Kriegel**

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Well it's raining as I write this so maybe...April showers will bring May flowers! But April will definitely be bringing lots of club activities! The Tall Ships will be sailing into Pensacola Bay on Thursday the 27th. Come out if you can and escort them to Palafox Pier. Our sunset cruise on the 28th sold out fast and there is a waiting list. If there are any cancellations, please let us know so we can accommodate as many as possible. Also this month, we are celebrating PBYC's 40th Anniversary with a 40-mile race (20-mile option) on the 29th and party after. Still working on the location so stay tuned for updates. I will be putting together a photo montage so if you have any digital photos you would like to share please contact me.

Karen



## **Rear Commodore's Report**

**by Pam Mauldwin**

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What an astounding turn-out for the club info and vote session! I believe it was somewhere around 75-80% of the membership who either showed up in person or sent a proxy vote. We also had several new and renewing members who wanted to join/re-join. Exciting times! There is a lot of work to be done but April is a time for racing and celebrating. If you are confirmed on the tall ship and cannot make it, please let me know as soon as possible. We have a long wait list of folks if any spots come available. Keep an eye out for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party info as details will be coming via email, text, and Facebook. We will be holding another rum tasting, most likely in May. Start working on your rum cake recipes!

Pam



## **Fleet Captain's Report**

**by Mark Taylor**

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Well it's been an interesting winter on the water. The fleet captains of the Bay have tried their best to work with the weather they were dealt. Postponement of Valentine's Day regatta and Maxine 2 has been pushed to May 20th because of the schedule already being so full for the rest of the Bay. Congratulations to Atlantic Union II, Miss Jody, Acadia, Orion and Tin Man on the crossing from St Petersburg's North Gulf Challenge. They faced some of the most difficult racing conditions that could be dealt. We've got a full schedule coming up on the Bay with all three clubs. Also remember that we have the Tall Ships coming, and

that is a great event to participate in. Upcoming regatta is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pensacola Beach Yacht Club 40 mile Regatta on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Then the next weekend will be the sea buoy race on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to a great sailing season this spring and summer.

See you on the water!

Mark Taylor  
Fleet Captain



### **Treasurer's Report**

**by Paul Barrett**

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### **Secretary's Report**

**by Bonnie Green**

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We knew 2023 was going to be OUR year, but who knew how exciting it was going to be?? WE DID!!! Our membership is growing, we are on track to having a club space soon, more regattas, Tall Ships excursions...the SKY'S THE LIMIT!

Mark your calendar for our General Membership Meeting coming up on Thursday, May 11th. We will update you on the location as soon as we have it nailed down. Get the word out that we're a club on the move!

See everyone soon!

Bonnie



Andra Morgan  
Courtney & Sean Fell  
Dollie Cadden  
Tom Elliott  
Stephanie Harrington  
Buddy & Alison Rogers  
Suzette Thomason  
Wayne Fischer  
Jon Campbell

Returning members:  
Marc Bachman  
David & Julie Kellen  
Dave "DO" Oerting  
Ken Loftin & Melanie Gambill

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