



# The Spreader

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



## **Welcome New Members!**

Curtis Beck

Wayne Coleman

Jacque & Julie LeBeau

Nate & Jennifer Simonson



## **Commodore's Report**

**by Linda Thompson**

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Hello Members!

Your Board has been hard at work lately. We have a new, more user-friendly website and

membership system, and we encourage you to log in and add a profile picture and any other information you'd like to share with other members. On our website, click on Membership, Member Sign In, then Manage Account to update your profile. You'll also see an event calendar on the website by clicking on News and Events, and there is a Member Directory that's available to members only.

A draft version of the Club bylaws are also on the website under the Governance page. Please review these bylaws as we plan to vote to approve them at the general membership meeting on November 9th.

Speaking of our November meeting.... This is a very important meeting to put on your calendar as it's the meeting where we'll elect next year's board members. Unfortunately, our Fleet Captain Mark Taylor will not be returning to the board next year, so we are looking to fill that position.

And, for the news you've all been waiting for.... an update on the building! The Board and Building Committee have approved the final drawing for the layout of the space and we're very excited about it as it maximizes our space and will offer awesome views to the east. We were a little restricted in our design thanks to those pesky fire and building codes, and the architect went through quite a few iterations to make everything work. I've attached a PDF of the proposed layout on the website under News and Events, so please take a look. (And, while you're there, update your profile with a pic and some info about you.) The architect's drawings are now on their way to the electrical and plumbing engineers who will draw up plans for the contractor. Whew! A lot of things are going on behind the scenes but we are definitely moving forward! Many thanks to DJ and the Building Committee for all their hard work !

Linda



## **Vice Commodore's Report**

**by Karen Kriegel**

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I'm keeping fingers crossed we have the crazy hot behind us! September usually brings nicer weather so it's time to get out and get the fun going!

Everyone check out the information that Pam provided for the Rum share/tasting happening on

Friday, October 13th. It's going to be a super event!

Karen



## **Rear Commodore's Report**

**by Pam Mauldwin**

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Who knew it was such a process to get a liquor license?! We certainly know now and while we were hoping to get a temporary license until our club is ready for move in, we are still a little ways out from accomplishing that goal. Bear with us - we're working on lots of stuff and experiencing a few learning curves as we go!

Make sure to save October 13 (Friday the 13th!) for our rum tasting/rum share. Everyone is welcome to bring their own rum but we need to limit the amount of tasting presentations so if you want to present your rum, please email or text me. The club will have tasting cups and some mixers on hand. We also encourage you to show your creativity with rum-based concoctions. Rum cake, rum cookies, Rum candy...What else?? Show us your best rum recipes!

At the rum tasting, we'll be debuting our new-to-us barstools acquired from the recently closed Frisky Dolphin. You can try them out and learn about a sponsorship opportunity featuring the barstools.

I'll be updating the new website event calendar over the next couple of weeks so drop in there when you can to see what's coming up. That's all I've got for now. See you in October!

Pam



## **Fleet Captain's Report**

**by Mark Taylor**

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What a hot summer on the bay!

The heat dome over the southeast has made it extremely hard plus dangerous to hold mid-day

regatta. That was the main reason for postponing the “Big Mouth” regatta. We have rescheduled the race to September 16<sup>th</sup>, **hoping the heat will cooperate**. If not, we must postpone the race till November (the rest of the racing schedule for September and October racing schedule is full). The NOR Amendment has been posted on Regatta Network [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26862#\\_docs](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26862#_docs)

### **Big Mouth Regatta - Saturday, September 16th**

First start Saturday 11:00am

Skipper's Meeting, Friday, September 15th, 6:00pm (TBD)

Awards: will be presented at the after party (TBD)

We are looking for the next Fleet Captain for the 2024 season. It was a fun time being involved in the racing community. The local knowledge and support from all the racers/volunteers never wavered. Here at PBYC we are seeing an increase in new members, sailors, and volunteers. It is great to see the growth in our boating community. After over 40 years on the bay, it has been an honor to serve as Fleet Captain.

See you on the water!

Mark Taylor-Fleet Captain



### **Treasurer's Report**

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### **Secretary's Report**

by Bonnie Green

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!!~~ATTENTION!!~~

Even though it's a couple of months away, the time flies by so fast that I want to let everyone know now.

**General Membership Meeting will be Thursday, November 9th at 6:00pm CST**

Right now we hope to have it either in our new space or possibly outside our space on the porch, weather permitting. Mark your calendars!

See everyone soon!

Bonnie

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**UPCOMING REGATTAS:**

**Saturday, September 16th, 2023 - Big Mouth Regatta (PBYC)**

Regatta Network event website for registration and info:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26862>

**PAST REGATTA RESULTS:**



Dear Ocean Cruisers:

I'd like to get a sense of your interest in joining a Rally or Destination Cruise to the Bahamas in January 2024. I am on the Board of Seven Seas Cruising Association ([www.scca.org](http://www.scca.org)) and we are looking at organizing a very informal Rally/Destination Cruise, potentially with two legs: Gulf Coast and East Coast, that would essentially merge in the Bahamas in early Spring 2024. We currently have a "Bahamas Gathering" planned for March in Black Point Exumas, which we have done for the past 2 years and had about 65 boats in attendance each year. Lorraine's Café hosts the event and puts on several parties, Beach BBQs, entertainment etc. over a 3-day weekend. We are also looking at other potential stops along the way and possibly a leg to the Ragged Islands. We would also potentially include some of the other Bahamas Regattas that occur during that period.

The Rally would be very informal with only limited organization. The idea is to simply promote sailing camaraderie. Boats would have the option to join for specific legs or multiple legs and

timing would be flexible depending upon weather etc. Any costs would be minimal and only charged to cover rally-specific activities. We will also seek out discounts at stops along the way.

I have talked to several of you already, and we have a small group already planning to head to the Bahamas from Pensacola, but I think it would be fun to expand this. So please let me know if you are potentially interested, and feel free to share this info with others.

Best regards,  
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