



# The Spreader

*December, 2023 - News from Pensacola Beach Yacht Club*





## Commodore's Report

by Linda Thompson

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Hello Members!

Wow! Just, wow! PBYC has accomplished so much in 2023! Most importantly, we have secured a new home on the 3rd floor of Pensacola Beach Marina, with lots of square footage and great sunset views! If you haven't heard the good news, the landlord generously offered us the 3rd floor at the same base rent as the 2nd floor, which means we can move in immediately and don't need to spend any of our building funds to build out the 2nd floor space! Your Board has been working hard to get the 3rd floor in shape to have a "Club Warming" party on Sunday December 10th at 4pm to celebrate our opening. Please bring your favorite bottle of liquor to add to our supplies while we're waiting for our liquor license to be approved. The club will be providing ice, mixers, and snacks.

Many, many thanks to DJ and the rest of the Building Committee in making all this happen. They have been diligent in their lease negotiation efforts and I feel comfortable with all they have done.

Our club is growing ! We've added so many new members this year and we've been so happy to welcome our returning members! Please update your profile on our website at [www.pensacolabeachyachtclub.org](http://www.pensacolabeachyachtclub.org) with pictures and some background info so we can know who's who.

We revised our Bylaws to include new membership categories and new board positions, including Membership Coordinator (Courtney Fell) and Webmaster (Curt Beck). And welcome to our new Fleet Captain Danny Neal and new Treasurer Julie Azuma. And many thanks to returning board members Karen Kreigel, Bonnie Green and Pam Mauldwin. We are going to make 2024 a great year and we welcome all your ideas and suggestions.

Looking forward to a fabulous 2024!

Linda



Happiest of Holidays to all!! We are so excited to see our little club growing in numbers with the new home we are acquiring. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest members:

Steven and Julie Orr

Bob and Erin Dawkins

Mariel and Frank Diaz

Thorsten and Cheryl Schaette

Virginia and Jonathan Clark

Lyn Harrison

Mark Dariano

Kevin and Laura Barber

We are absolutely thrilled to have you – and cannot wait to get to know each of you. As a reminder to all members, we have an online directory where you can log in and add photos and other info so folks can learn a bit about you between events. I don't know about you, but I love a visual aid to help me put a face with a name! Let's help each other out and get our profiles updated. 😊

Courtney

Incoming Membership Coordinator

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## **Vice Commodore's Report**

**by Karen Kriegel**

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Big News! We are movin' on up, to the 3rd floor. Lots going on to get the club ready for our first OFFICIAL party on Sunday 12/10/23 in the new space. Plan on joining us as we "warm" the club from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm...just in time for sunset - the first of many!!

We are busy cleaning, fixing up, stocking and just overall getting the club ready for all the great things to come.

And our end of year Holiday party is on the 29th. Great food provided by Dan Dunn.

Hope to see everyone soon!!

Karen Kriegel



## **Rear Commodore's Report**

**by Pam Mauldwin**

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Are you all ready for a busy and exciting December? And I'm not even taking about the holidays! Your board has been busy getting the 3rd floor space geared up for both the club warming and the holiday party this month. We grabbed our gloves and mops and hope that you will be pleasantly surprised with the spiffing up!

The Club Warming is Sunday Dec 10 at 4 pm and we ask that everyone please bring an unopened bottle of liquor - your choice - to get our new bar started. Until we get our liquor license (in progress) we cannot buy or sell alcohol but this will allow us to start welcoming members on a regular by-donation basis. This is in addition to the usual BYOB and we will have mixers and snacks for everyone. We'll be sending out more details on the holiday party as it gets closer but it will be December 29 and will once again be catered by Chef Dan Dunn.

Meanwhile, your board has been and will continue to stay busy researching and prepping the location to be a welcoming home for our members. We will have many needs and therefore many opportunities for members to contribute to making our space special for all of us. Just to throw a few ideas out, we'll be looking for the following new or very gently used items: smart TV's (brand new and certain sizes only), entertainment such as pool table, shuffleboard, dart games, a large safe, and more. If you feel compelled to contribute, please contact a board member to discuss.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you at the club!

Pam



## **Incoming Fleet Captain's Report** **by Danny Neal**

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I am so excited and humbled to assume the helm as your new Fleet Captain. As many of you may know, my uncle was a long time member of PBYC and I could not think of a better way to honor Gus other than by giving back to the club (and friends) he loved so dearly for so many years. Although I have sailed basically all of my life, I would still consider myself a rookie but look forward to honing my skills as an active member of the club. My wife, Joannah, and I live in Columbus, GA but are both blessed with flexible schedules that allow us time here each month. We both love the water, boating and good times with friends so we can't wait to get to know everyone. As Fleet Captain, I have some big shoes to fill and lots to learn but am a quick study and always looking for advice, assistance and suggestions. Exciting times are ahead for us all and I look forward to working with you in making PBYC even better.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

Danny

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## **Treasurer's Report**

**by Paul Barrett**

Look for End of the Year Treasurer's Report in the upcoming January spreader!



## **Secretary's Report**

**by Bonnie Green**

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I'm sorry I couldn't be at the General Membership Meeting in November, but I heard that there was a great turnout and everyone had a good time! With 2023 bringing all kinds of excitement to the club in finding a new space (and now an even bigger one!), we know that 2024 is going to be all a buzz with events galore! Don't miss out and keep checking the website for what's happening and tell others that we're not slowing down now!

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### **UPCOMING REGATTAS:**

**Saturday, December 9th, 2023 - Santa Claus Regatta (PYC)**

[2023 Santa Claus Regatta : Pensacola Yacht Club \(regattanetwork.com\)](http://regattanetwork.com)

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