



The Spreader

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Welcome New Members!



Commodore's Report
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Hello Members!

Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall weather we're having! Read more about our fun rum tasting event in Pam's article below, and Fleet Captain Mark Taylor has news about all the PBYC members' successes in last month's WFORC and Curren Cup events.

Our **very important** General Membership Meeting is scheduled for November 9 at 6p in our new space. The November meeting is **the most important one** as we will be electing officers for the upcoming year and voting on bylaw changes. We will also be discussing club goals for the

upcoming year.

PBYC has a very enthusiastic, hard-working board and most of our board members will be returning to make things happen in 2024. However, we are looking for a **Fleet Captain** and a **Treasurer** next year. If you are interested or have any questions about what the responsibilities are, please let me know.

Another thing we will be voting on at the November meeting is the club bylaws. A draft version is available 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. **We need approved bylaws to get our liquor license!**

Building Update.... Last month the drawings for the electrical, plumbing and HVAC were approved by the building owner (Scott Wheatley) and since then he has sent the plans out to a few contractors for bid. His plan is to have a contractor in place by December and then begin the buildout in January 2024. Scott has made it clear to the contractors that our space is a priority. There are a few things in the building that need to be brought up to code (elevators, bathrooms), but my hope is the owner will be able to hand over our space in a "vanilla shell" some time in the spring. At that point PBYC will begin the process of building our dream!

Linda



**Vice Commodore's Report
by Karen Kriegel**

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Fall seems to finally have made an appearance in the Panhandle. Hope everyone is out enjoying this beautiful weather. A big thanks to all who came to the Rum Share. We had some really unique rums to taste and delicious rum cakes to eat. Anyone with other ideas for events you would like to have please send me your suggestions.

Big general membership meeting coming up on the Thursday, 11/9/23 at the new club location. There are a few spots open on the board if you are interested. And make plans to attend our end of the year party on 12/29.

Karen



Rear Commodore's Report
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After seeing the photos and the fun had by all, I hate that I missed the rum tasting and rum cakes! But we shall do it again for all of us who missed this one!!

Congrats to all of the winners and many thanks to those participating. We had 3 judges taste about 8 rum cakes, and congratulations go to Secretary Karen Kriegel for her first place Rum Balls, Tanya Schaffer gets 2nd for her delicious rum cake, and new member Lee Jessen tied for 3rd and 4th (with herself!) with her chocolate rum cake and rum flan.

Please don't miss the meeting this Thursday. It's important that you be there as we move into the next phase of having our own space. And mark your calendars for the holiday party on December 29. Happy fall!!

Pam



Fleet Captain's Report
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October was full of good sailing, both cruising and racing. Congratulations to all the great PBYC sailors who rocked WFORC last month. WFORC stands for West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit and is a very competitive race. In Class A, congrats to Paul and Rachael Gillette and Papa John and Scotty Mathis for their 2nd and 3rd places, and in Class B Lil' Shady and the Dunbar crew ran away with a bullet, Kirk Newkirk and his motley crew had a 2nd, and Ken Loftin and Jeff and Ellen Hunt gave everyone a run for the money. This past

This past month, PBYC sailors along with PYC, Navy Yacht Club, and 5 other clubs from the Gulf Yachting Association competed in the 24th annual GYA Fish Class Championship for the John G. Curren Cup at Buccaneer YC on Mobile Bay. Congratulations to Navy Yacht club for taking 1st place overall again this year; that makes 3 years in a row!

The Fish Class was the Gulf Yachting Association's first adopted boat that permitted GYA clubs to compete against each other in the early 1900s. A few Pensacola Bay area sailors purchased boats that were languishing in disrepair in the Mobile Bay area and brought them back into racing condition during the Covid Pandemic. Each year, the John Curren Cup commemorates the Fish Class's early roots of GYA interclub competition. Pensacola Yacht Club and Buccaneer YC alternate years for this event. This fish boat regatta is a unique way of racing the legendary Fish

boats. The clubs that qualified to race this year were PBYC, PYC, Navy, Bay Waveland, Mobile, Point, Buccaneer, Fairhope and Southern.

This is a 'round-robin' event where boats are exchanged between the competitors after each race and the selection lottery process is structured to be as equitable as possible. The regatta was well attended by racers and spectators alike. And a big shout-out to DJ for loaning his power boat as a support vessel for PBYC; this gave us the ability to host the John Curren family on Sunday to watch the racing on the water. This finished out a great year of racing for PBYC sailors. I urge all members of PBYC to come out next year and watch this type of regatta when it is held here on Pensacola Bay. PBYC's team consisted of Charley Harp, Darrell Via, Tom Schlosser, Jeff Zern, Scott Hand, Carol Anne Mackey, Kelli Taylor and myself. PBYC's best race was a second with Jeff Zern on the helm and Darrell Via and Tom Schlosser as crew.

Thanks again to Mark and Libby Smith for their assistance the past racing season. See you on the water.

Mark Taylor-Fleet Captain



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!!~ATTENTION~!!

Tomorrow is our General Membership Meeting for 2023 so get the word out!! Don't be shy...come out and speak up about the bylaws AND we welcome ALL nominations for **Fleet Captain** and **Treasurer** for next year. Provide all names to our Commodore, Linda Thompson at your earliest convenience for voting at our upcoming meeting.

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

UPCOMING REGATTAS:

Saturday, November 11th, 2023 - Turkey Trot Regatta (Multihull) (PBYC)

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

PAST REGATTA RESULTS:

Saturday, October 28th, 2023 - West Florida Open Race Circuit (WFORC)

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