



The Spreader

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Commodore's Report

by Linda Thompson

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Hello Members!

2023 was quite a year of accomplishments for PBYC! And 2024 is looking even better. We've come a long way but we still have a lot of work to do. Here are some updates:

Dues Increase Well, we all knew it was coming. In our February General Membership meeting on February 8 at 6pm, we will be voting to increase the dues to \$575/family and \$375/single. Initiation Fees will be \$195. The Board has studied the cash flow projections and we feel these numbers will result in a positive cash flow in a year or so, assuming we continue to add members. Which is where you all step in! Invite your friends to the club and show off our space and encourage them to join the fun.

Bylaws Change We voted to revise our bylaws back in November, and we have one more revision to make. The Board is proposing we add a "Legacy" membership category described as "Any member who has maintained continuous Club membership for a minimum of 30 years and is over the age of 70. Legacy Members are chosen by the Board of Directors, but anyone may apply in writing to the Board for consideration." The proposed revised bylaws are posted on the website.

Liquor License Lots of hoops to jump through here. We have received approval from the Department of Revenue and we're waiting on Health Dept and SRIA approval. We needed to have some plumbing fixed and put a few other items in place to get the Health Dept sign off, but things are moving along. In the meantime, your club will be stocked with your favorites, or as always, you can bring your own.

Elevator What a pain this has been. Final answer.....Panhandle Elevator will be installing the part on Friday January 5. In early December the landlord told us all

he had to do was turn a key and it would work. Well, when he turned the key it didn't work. Evidently at some point it had been struck by lightning and the computer board was fried. Once we finally figured that out, we begged to get a new board built before our party on the 29th, and it was, but just didn't get shipped in time.

Club Operations We're moving along with getting the club operational with a POS system, volunteer bartender training, house rules, etc. Our plan is to begin regular club hours Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4pm to 10pm, beginning on February 8, the day of our meeting. We plan to have members volunteer as bartenders, and if you are interested please contact Pam Mauldwin to sign up.

Pensacola Beach Nautical Academy Did you know we have a charitable entity [501(c)(3)] focused on providing sailing and boating education? PBNA just received a very generous donation to get our sailing program going again, and Evan Noon has been coordinating those efforts. We plan to focus on both adult and junior education. One of our first events will be "What in the world is Race Committee and what do they do?" training. Your donation to PBNA is tax deductible so please keep us in mind!

It's **very important** that you either **attend the meeting on February 8** to vote on the dues increase and bylaw change, or send in a proxy if you can't make it. If you would like a proxy, please email me at thompson.lindadunbar@gmail.com

That's all the housekeeping stuff, now onto something more fun. **The Frostbite Regatta and Chili Cook Off is scheduled for January 20 at 5pm.** Prizes will be awarded for the best chili! And of course we'll have awards for the regatta winners.

See everyone on and in the water!

Linda



Happy New Year, Sailors!!!

For those of you who could attend the Holiday Party – we are so glad you could make it, and we hope you had as much fun as we did! For those who didn't - we certainly hope you can get to the next big event, our Frostbite Regatta and Chili Cook-Off, to enjoy fellowship and entice new members to join. Speaking of new members - what better way to usher in the new year than by welcoming a fresh batch to the club??

Susan & Ian McKinnon
Pete Aigeldinger & Laura Tunke
Christian Mauldwin & Shannon Albee
Mark Roche
Paul & Annamarie Fontaine
Greg Neely
Mark Crowe
Jean-Paul Calais & Lisa Sharp
Andrew & Meghan McMillan
Earl Page
Chris Heuser & Judy Brinkley
Bette Harriman

We are growing by leaps and bounds! Let's keep the momentum going. Please invite friends and family so they, too, can enjoy our new space as club members!

Courtney Fell
Membership Coordinator



Vice Commodore's Report

by Karen Kriegel

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Greetings all and Happy New Year! Lots going on as we ring in the new year at the new and improved PBYC. Your board and lots of volunteers have been busy getting the club ready. I personally never knew there were so many I's to dot and T's to cross to get a club up and running! Many thanks to all involved!

We have our first race of the season, the Frostbite Regatta coming up on the 20th with a chili cookoff after. Prizes for Judges and Peoples favorites. If you haven't made it out yet this will be a great time to come check out the new digs and see old friends and meet new ones!

Our general membership meeting will be February 8th. We will be voting on bylaws changes so your attendance is needed.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Best Little Yacht Club on the Gulf!

Karen Kriegel



Rear Commodore's Report

by Pam Mauldwin

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What a great 2024 PBYC is going to have! We are working hard to get your club operational. It takes time, effort, and must be done in small steps so please bear with us. Club hours will be pretty minimal in January and will pick up in February. This is mostly due to the amount of work and prep we are doing at the space. In January we will be open at 4:00 p.m. on January 20, 26th and 27th.

We're holding our first bartender training on Tuesday, January 9, 5:30-7:30 pm. If you have signed up to bartend, I'll be contacting you in the next day or two, or please confirm with me if you plan to attend. If you haven't signed up but would like to, send me your info! You can reach me at 850-384-9294

or pmauldwin@gmail.com.

We ask that you commit to a minimum of two shifts per month. The shifts will be roughly 4-6 hours. It's likely that you may not need to work two shifts but it's good to have that coverage available. No experience is necessary and you keep your tips. For members and guests who come to enjoy the club – please tip your bartenders generously as they are donating their time!

More club stuff...until we get our liquor license, we cannot sell you alcohol. We can give it to you and we have a club donation jar that will always be happy to receive your donations. We will start selling mixers and non alcoholic drinks in late January/early February. We'll also have PBYC gear available to purchase and will be looking for some local artists to display and sell their work.

By the time of our general membership meeting on February 8, we'll have a community bookshelf where you can take a book, leave a book, and donate some of your sailing magazines or other literature. We'll also have a few games, maybe a puzzle or two, and the dart board and foosball table, which are already in the space and ready to entertain you. By the time summer arrives, we hope to be adding raft ups and paddle board excursions to our calendar along with more rum tastings, wine tastings, and lots of other activities.

We will be working on the pricing and details for the event space rental so keep that in mind if you have any upcoming events. It's perfect for small wedding receptions, birthday parties, showers, and much more. For the near future, it's just the space being rented. Catering and alcohol will be separate but we will happily help you find the services to make your event special.

I'm so excited to be helping get this club up and running and welcome your input. Cheers to 2024!

Pam



Webmaster's Report

by Curtis Beck

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Hello!

As the new Webmaster for PBYC it is my task to keep our website up to date! But I can't do this by myself! With your help and input, we can make our new website relevant and useful! That is my goal! What would you like to see? I personally, would like to see next week's lotto numbers (all I can offer though is last weeks!). Seriously though, we could use any pictures you have of club activities and your sailing adventures! And we can post any events you hear of that might be of interest to our members.

Also, if you haven't done so, please sign into our new website <https://pensacolabeachyachtclub.org> and update your member info. Remember to use the email address you used when you joined. If this is your first time, you will have to use the forget password link. If the system doesn't recognize your email address, let me know and I will fix it. Once signed in, you can add your picture and maybe a few details about yourself. You are also able to hide your home address under 'profile'.

As always, if you have any questions, please ask! In the meantime, I'll be working on next week's lotto numbers!

Thanks,
Curt



Fleet Captain's Report

by Danny Neal

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I'm very excited about the opportunity to serve PBYC as Fleet Captain in the coming year. A little about me... I am Gus Neal's nephew, so although I don't sail, sailing is in my blood. I have a 32' Albin sportfisher and will be using that boat as the committee boat in upcoming races. Our first race of the year is the Frostbite Regatta on January 20 which is part of the bay racing series. We will have 3 classes - Racing, Cruising and Catalina 22 one design. The race will start at 11am to give everyone enough time to put their boat away in time for the Chili Cook-off. Please come out on the water and cheer on your favorite competitors and then head to the club to warm up with some homemade chili!

The February race will be the Valentine's Regatta on February 10th. Between now and then we plan to have a race committee training session for those who want to learn more and get involved. I'm looking to build the race committee, so if you are interested in helping, please email me at dannyneal32@gmail.com.

The annual Sailor's Banquet honoring all those who have contributed to boating and sailing throughout the year will be held at PYC on January 19th at 6pm. All PBYC members are welcome to attend. PBYC will be recognizing the Male and Female Sailor of the Year, Boat of the Year, and Junior Sailor of the Year. We would love input from our members on who should be considered for these awards.

Danny



Treasurer's Report

by Linda Thompson on behalf of Paul Barrett

2023 Operating Results

Revenue	\$ 34,331
Expense	\$ 21,369
Net Income	\$ 12,962

Cash Balances at 12/31/23

Operating Account	\$ 38,816
Building Fund	\$ 131,880

If you would like to see detailed financial statements, please contact Paul Barrett at pbarrett@southerncloudaccounting.com. Additionally, a cash flow projection with the new dues amounts is also available.



Secretary's Report

by Bonnie Green

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Happy New Year PBYC members!

2023 was a great year of sailing, club events and especially the PIÈCE DE RÉSISTANCE...A NEW CLUB SPACE!!!! We know 2024 will be just as exciting as we get more and more settled into the space that we can now call home so be on the lookout for exciting announcements!

See you at the club!

Bonnie

UPCOMING REGATTAS:

1/20/24: PBYC FROSTBITE REGATTA

01/26/24	I International Waszp Training Series Pensacola Yacht Club Pensacola, FL [Event Website]
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PAST REGATTA RESULTS:

Pensacola Yacht Club's Santa Claus Regatta scheduled for December 9, 2023 was abandoned due to lack of wind.



For future Spreader articles, we would love to hear about your travels, whether by land or by sea, as well as share some photos of your travels in the Spreader. Please send anything you wish to share to lynharr3@gmail.com. We all benefit from each others' adventures!!!

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