



# The Spreader

*February 2024 - News from Pensacola Beach Yacht Club*





## Commodore's Report

by Linda Thompson

thompson.lindadunbar@gmail.com

Hello Members!

The most important thing I need to say in this month's Spreader is..... Please plan on attending our February 8 General Membership Meeting at 6pm at the club (FREE DRINKS). We will be voting on a dues increase as well as a bylaws change, and we need a 3/5 majority of the members to either be there or vote by proxy (click here for proxy). Here are some other club updates:

**Dues Increase** Our long time members have known this is coming. Because we have so many new members, I would like to explain that our dues have been unusually low over the past few years to account for the fact that we haven't had a clubhouse. Well, all that's changed and now we have the best seat in the Pensacola Beach house and need to pay for it. In our General Membership Meeting on Feb 8 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** Still jumping through hoops. We have submitted our application to the Health Dept and they will be out to inspect soon. After that comes the application to the state and approval for the official license. In the meantime, your club will be stocked with your favorites, or as always, you can bring your own.

**Elevator** It works! It's sloooowww, but it works.

Club Operations The club is moving along nicely! 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. Some of our members have volunteered to bartend and have reported it's a lot of fun, especially when you get to walk home with some tips in your pocket!

Club Events More details below, but here's the info to mark on your calendars....

Saturday February 3rd, rescheduled Frostbite Regatta and awards - club open at 4.

Thursday February 8 - General Membership Meeting! 6pm

Friday February 9 - Valentine's Day Regatta Skipper's meeting at 6pm. Club open at 4pm.

Saturday February 10 - Valentine's Day Regatta and awards - club open at 4.

Sunday February 11 - Superbowl Party - stumble over to see us after the beach Mardi Gras parade.

Pensacola Beach Nautical Academy As reported last month PBNA, a non-profit 501c3, has received a very generous donation to get our sailing program going again. We have formed a board for this non-profit and they are so excited to get things rolling. Curt Chesnutt will be heading up the efforts, and the other board members are LeAyn Dunbar, Jennifer Glossinger, Leslie Perez, and myself. Evan Noon has also been involved in coordinating the efforts as well. We plan to focus on both adult and junior education, sailing and anything else water related. 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](mailto:thompson.lindadunbar@gmail.com)

See everyone on and in the water!

Linda



Greetings All! We continue to increase our membership which is super exciting!! If you see a new face, say hello and introduce yourself. We will all be acquainted before you know it! Join me in welcoming our newest members:

Ron Jordan

David Cutting & Amy Platt

Richard Earl Webb

Robert & Sharon Mandel

David Stringer

Christi Hankins

Michael & Michelle Rasmussen

Christopher & Rachel Crooke

Robert & Carlie Riggs

Dennis Christiansen & Penny Willms

Hayden Cadwalader

Andrew & Kelly Bellina

Johnny & Ruth Smith

Kelly Macleod

Connie Bookman

Please continue inviting friends and family so they, too, can fall in love with our new space and join the best little yacht club on the gulf!

Courtney Fell

Membership Coordinator

[fell\\_courtney@outlook.com](mailto:fell_courtney@outlook.com)

---



## **Vice Commodore's Report**

**by Karen Kriegel**

karensailor@yahoo.com

February will be a busy month for the Club. Board meeting on the 6th, then General Membership meeting on February 8th at 6:00 p.m. Please plan on attending as there will be by-laws changes to be voted on.

Rescheduled (again) Frostbite Regatta on the 3rd - fingers crossed the weather will cooperate! And then the Valentine's Regatta on the 10th. Also, the club will be open for the Big Game on the 11th. Mardi Gras parade on the beach that day so come by after!

Also, we would like to have a New Member Meet and Greet after the meeting. Come out and welcome all our new members and also those who have re-joined.

Hope to see everyone at the Best Little Yacht Club on the Gulf Coast!

Karen Kriegel



## **Rear Commodore's Report**

**by Pam Mauldwin**

pmauldwin@gmail.com

What a month January was...we have a clubhouse!! Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to make this happen. There's a lot more work to be done but we are off to a great start! The clubhouse will be open Saturday, February 3 for the Frostbite Regatta awards, then open regular hours Thursday-Saturday, 4pm-close, starting February 8. As warm weather gets closer, we'll look at expanding the hours to best accommodate our members.

Speaking of February 8 – it's a big day! It's our general membership meeting and we need YOU to attend as we have business to take care of and votes to cast. Please either plan to attend or to send in a proxy. The meeting will be in the clubhouse and there will be snacks and drinks. Donations to the club are greatly appreciated as they ease the burden of the costs we're incurring.

Back to clubhouse stuff. Thank you to those members who stepped up and agreed to be your bartenders. They are volunteering this time, and it does take a lot of effort, so please tip them generously! Until we get our liquor license – should be by late February/ early March – we will continue to offer drinks to our members and guests. We're looking to stock what you like so let us know by finding one of the questionnaire sheets lying around the bar area and writing down your preferences. And again, please be generous in your club donations. They help tremendously as we stock the club with everything needed to make it a great place to be!

We're working on developing the clubhouse protocols and rules and the pricing and procedures for the event space so stay tuned for more as things develop. As for the clubhouse, please keep the following in mind:

- No one other than bartenders currently on duty and board members are to come behind the bar. There are several reasons for this including the congestion and the need to know where supplies are as things get busy. Please be courteous and stay on the "fun" side of the bar.
- You are still welcome to bring your own alcohol into the club but once we have our liquor license, that is not allowed per state law.
- We are somewhat flexible on closing times at this point (generally between 8-10pm) but when your bartenders make the last call, please comply with it. It's an intensive process to close down and clean up and they are volunteering their time to serve and still have a lot to do after the last customer leaves. That floor doesn't sweep itself!

Thanks so much to all of you who have been showing up and supporting this huge effort. I think we all know that it's going to be amazing to have our own clubhouse with that incredible view! We'll be putting upcoming activities on the website calendar and we plan to offer a lot of activities starting this spring summer – so get ready to have some fun!

Pam

---



**Webmaster's Report**  
**by Curtis Beck**  
cuub55@yahoo.com

It's been a busy month! A lot of changes at the club, and on the website!

Adding images - it is now easier to add images to the gallery! Once an album is set up (something I take care of) you can add images by just clicking on the add media link. And you get credit for the photo, with your name just above the picture. Have you visited the photo gallery page? [Take a look!](#) Lots of good pictures on there, with more coming! Thanks to Julie Connerley, our club photographer, for supplying so many photos!

I was also asked to set up an album for historical pictures. Name is still up in the air – maybe 'Old Waves' or PBYC History in Pictures. Your thoughts? Please feel free to add some of those old pictures you have laying around. And if you know who the people in the photo are – tag them! Share your memories! If you need help with scanning so we can add them, just let me know! Now, those individuals that asked for this need to step up and add some pictures!!! You know who you are!!!

Weather pages - A weather page has been added to the Sailing Tab. Covers Pensacola Beach weather (thanks to Peter Buckley of GLYC for setting it up!) - <https://internetvail.com/PBYC> It's pretty cool! Another cool weather page is over at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club. Also run by Peter Buckley, Check it out [here!](#) Be sure to scroll down for a picture of the lagoon! Something I look at everyday!

A log out button has been added to the header, makes it easier to log out!

Three new pages under the Membership tab!

[Crew Needs](#)

[Want ads](#)

[Announcements](#)

Check all of these changes out, let me know what you think!

As always, suggestions and comments are usually ignored (just kidding). Seriously, if you see an error or maybe a needed improvement, let me know! A lot of the items

listed above came about because of suggestions by you! (well, not you specifically, but you know what I mean!)

Thanks,  
Curtis Beck  
Webmaster



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

Dannyneal32@gmail.com

What a busy start to 2024 we've had. Although the weather did not cooperate for racing the Frostbite Regatta on the 20th, the party must go on, right? What a great turnout for the Chili Cookoff! Congrats to the winners and a big THANK YOU to all those that worked so hard to make it a success.

As for racing, we have had a tremendous showing of interest with 17 boats registered for the Frostbite Regatta which is now scheduled for February 3, after having been postponed a second time on January 27. No one likes having to postpone a race, but the additional time has allowed the Race Committee to become more familiar with the newly adopted race management software and rating system – but as with anything new, there is still plenty more to learn and become comfortable with.

As we prepare for the upcoming Valentine's Regatta and close the books on a successful Frostbite Regatta, I trust the participation continues to grow along with our membership numbers.

Please be on the lookout for information on the Valetine's Regatta. As you know, we are rebuilding the club and race committee, so if you are interested in getting involved (mostly on the water jobs), please be thinking of how you can assist with any upcoming event and volunteer to help. Teamwork makes the dream work!

See you on the water and at the Feb. 8 General Membership Meeting.

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](mailto:pbarrett@southerncloudaccounting.com). Additionally, a cash flow projection with the new dues amounts is also available.



## **Secretary's Report**

**by Bonnie Green**

[bonniegreen04@gmail.com](mailto:bonniegreen04@gmail.com)

Mark your calendars for the February 8th General Membership Meeting at 6:00 p.m.!!! You do not want to miss this one!!!

Hope everyone had a great time at the Chili Cookoff and if you missed it, then be on the lookout for more events coming up so you don't miss out again!!!

See you at the club!

Bonnie



# Nautical News

Please don't miss the February 8 General Membership meeting at 6:00 p.m.!!! We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!!!

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](mailto:lynharr3@gmail.com). We all benefit from each others' adventures!!!

## Support Our Sponsors





Zern  
Rigging



[Facebook](#)



[Email](#)



[Website](#)

*Copyright © 2023 Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, All rights reserved.*

You are a current or past member of Pensacola Beach Yacht Club

**Our mailing address is:**

Pensacola Beach Yacht Club

P. O. Box 1112

Gulf Breeze, Florida 32562-1112

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)