



The Spreader

February 2013



Commodore's Report

Someone asked "What's your agenda for the year?" I didn't really have a platform to run on, but it didn't take long to name priorities. It's called the 3M plan (no, not as in waxing your car), **Membership Retention, Membership Growth, and Memorable Events.** Membership Retention sounds so ordinary, but to me it means trying to make all the members happy all the time. Abraham Lincoln said I can't do it but here's to our best efforts. We have a new website to help with communication so between that, the Spreader, the Club bulletin board, and email blasts we hope to reach every member with something that says "this is why I belong to PBYC". On top of our usual racing schedule, we have Mardi Gras events (thanks to **Corrie Keich and crew**). **Carol Robison** will be on hand with her famous squares for the **Super Bowl party** on February 3rd. As for the Halloween party, **Wanda Hamilton** said she's boss man this year. Hopefully a new addition this year will be a slide show presentation from **Will Berry, our former Commodore of Vice.** Will started out five years ago to help fellow PBYC member, Ron Bruce, start his circumnavigation. Just several months ago, Will rejoined the crew to help with the Gibraltar passage, the stops at the Canary Islands, Morocco and Cape Verde Islands. The boat and crew made the Atlantic crossing to Antigua not too long ago. The narrative and slide show will be priceless. Your Rear Commodore and I decided we need our **First Annual Crab cake Festival...** being from the Chesapeake Bay area, I can't wait!!

Olympic Sailor Extraordinaire. Tom Whitehurst, can possibly be talked into one of his Sailing Rules and Tactics seminars. Last time he did it at PBYC was a while ago and I bet we can use a refresher. If we can get **Brian Denham** back from his overseas stint, the **Animal Crew may do their world famous November PIG ROAST!!**

Our Hobie Wave Sailors, Kirk, Mike, Mark and Tom want a PBYC contingent to join them in **Islamorada in early December for the Hobie Wave Nationals.** Sailing, eating, partying in the WARM keys sounds quite acceptable. We will get some dates out there for you, but we really DO want everybody happy all the time.

- Anne



Fleet Captain's Report

It is hard to believe that the first month of 2013 has already blazed on by! We started the year off right with the Hang Over Regatta and Social at Key Sailing on January 1st. Hobie Waves were informally sailed with sailing heroes, **Tom Whitehurst** and **Charley Harp** giving pointers to the group. **Kirk at Key Sailing** provided two fried turkeys and other members brought dishes to share for this event. The weather cooperated with short-sleeves and swim suits the attire for the day. Our club manager, **Mark Smith**, was the Fry-Master and made the whole event come off very well. We sailed our first regatta of the year, the Frost Bite, and had a whopping 3 boats go out and enjoy the balmy temperatures and light winds. **George Gamble** and the "My Sharona" crew won the event with the **Dunbar's "Tripptonyte"** taking second. **Kim & Julie Connerley's, "White Shell Woman"** sailed a great race placing third. The Friday night Skipper's Meeting and Chili Cook-off was a fabulous party as were the left-overs and Regatta Dogs at the post race Prize Giving. **Margo Zern** and Navy YC Commodore, **Kim Edens**, served on the race committee on **Bob Patroni's Catalina 30 "Florida Blanca"** with yours truly.

February will be a busy month for us at PBYC with Mardi Gras festivities in full swing (If you missed the Mardi Gras brunch then you really missed some great food and great fun). Our next sailing event will be the **Valentine's Regatta** (2/16) and PYC will host the **Mardi Gras Regatta** (2/9). I will send an e-mail blast prior to each of these events so that we can get the folks out on the water. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the various races that we held each month so don't be shy and give something back to the sport that we all love.

If you have competed out of town in some regatta events then please send me an e-mail so that I can get the news out there for everyone to read about. Some of our members are indeed world class sailors that compete at the pinnacle of the sport. (continued on next page)

**General Membership Meeting
Thursday February 21, 7:00 PM**

Recently a group of our members traveled to Islamorada and competed in a National Championship Hobie Wave event. **Tom Whitehurst** finished the series in a close second in what is becoming a hot little class.

We had meetings with the other area clubs in January to 'brainstorm' what we can each respectively do to help each of our clubs promote sailing better. PBYC's Flying Scot is getting ready to get re-furnished so that our membership can again use this boat either at Pensacola Yacht Club or here at the beach. One of my primary foci for this year will be to promote adult sailing. The current plan is to get our boat back into sailing mode and then keep it at PYC in the Spring so that our members can take part in Wednesday afternoon sailing. When the membership wishes, we will bring the boat out to Sabine and offer sailing on Little Sabine, as well.

- Rick

Super Bowl XLVII Party

Sunday February 3rd the San Francisco Forty Niners play the Baltimore Ravens, kickoff 5:30 PM. (so we hear). Get to PBYC early to get your name on the squares (hosted by Carol Robison/ Dunbar), master of the Super Bowl squares! Lots of winners! Bring a "Super Snack" and get ready to watch the game and those great commercials with your best buds.

See you Sunday!

From The Membership Corner....

Please make sure to let Debbie know if you change , any of your contact information (i.e. mailing address, phone number **EMAIL ADDRESS**, etc). Send it to Andrea Pedersen, andrea.zern@gmail.com. Thank you.

Membership Report

Accepted New Members

- ★ Terri Stine
Pensacola Beach, FL

Proposed New Members

- ★ Jim & Heater Baus - Returning Members
Pensacola Beach, FL
- ★ Darrel Harrison - Returning Member
- ★ Glen Holstman
Gulf Breeze, FL
- ★ Shelia Jackson - Returning Member
- ★ Jon Lashier
Gulf Breeze, FL
- ★ Nancy Benz Marshall - Returning Member
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FROM the POOP DECK

Former Commodore of Vice **Will Berry** will present a memorable slide show on Friday March 1st 7 PM at PBYC. Will left eight years ago to help fellow PBYC members **Ron and Joannn Bruce** as they started their circumnavigation. Will recently rejoined the crew as they made their passage to Gibraltar. Morocco and the Cape Verde Islands. After a brief stop they set out with a crew of three to cross the Atlantic with landfall in Antigua. For all of us that would rather hear about than experience 20 foot seas this will be a fantastic event.

Mark your calendar! March 1st!

Update Website User Account Information

Here are the steps to update your email address, phone number, postal address, boat name and boat model listed in the Membership Directory.

- Login. (If you have forgotten your user name and password, email Mike Douglas, mdouglas@mail.com.)
- Click on your name by the Anchor at the upper right-hand corner of the page.
- Make the desired changes to the fields listed and click update.
- To edit your address, phone number, boat name and boat model, click on "Manage Profile" on the page used to update your email address. Make the desired changes to the fields listed and click update.
- Logout or click on another section of the website.



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Mardi Gras Brunch

WOW!

Thank you all for the great help for the Mardi Gras Brunch. We have received so many great comments from the people that came to enjoy the party.

Jason is absolutely fantastic at his omelet station and people were wondering how he could remember what they ordered. I guess you have to have as much experience as he does to make it all work. In any case,; the food was absolutely great!! Thank you **Jason** and **Kriss** and the ladies that made the extra casseroles. Champagne was flowing freely and there was not shortage of anything including some awesome Bloody Mary's by our bartender **Darlene!**

We are already making plans for next year!

- Corrie



Mardi Gras Float

The Mardi Gras Float is starting to come together with help from a whole lot of volunteers.

Thank you to **Al Marretta**, **Graham Wildsmith** and **John Decker** for building and **Ken** for towing.

Thanks to **Patty**, **Donna**, **Wanda**, **Caroline**, **Kimi**, **Joe**, **Becky** and **Barbara** for painting from top to bottom.

The chili cook off went well. First place finish went to **Rick** and **Margo Zern**. Fresh Cilantro makes all the difference in the world! Shared 2nd went to **Patty** and **Corrie** and if it wasn't for a little bit more of Masa , a thickening agent I would have been up there as well :) **Robin Green** also had a special mention for a spice combination with several unpronounceable kinds of peppers and **Carol Headley** received praise for a multi-ingredient white chili that must have taken a large amount of work to prepare. **Chef Jason Knoll** aided by **Ashley Sukalski** did a great job judging and identifying all the different ingredients used by our cooks. Great Job !

In case you missed it, **Kimi** and **Joe Hammons** gracefully accepted the crown and are the reigning royalty. Next is the parade on Sunday the 10th of February. Come and say hello and admire our revamped all PBYC float. Specialty beads are available at the bar to show your support for the best little float in the parade!

- Corrie



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Voyages of Miss Jody

Summary Report; Atlantic Crossing

8/30/12 thru 12/11/12

Gibraltar to Rabat, Morocco, 150 miles

Morocco to Canary Isle, 570 miles

Canary Isles to Antigua, Lesser Antilles; 2974 miles,
23 days, 19 hours, 10 min.

The normal route from Europe to the Americas is to follow Christopher Columbus. South down the coast of Africa to the Canary Islands before the weather turns cold in Europe. Wait until the end of hurricane season and the trade winds begin to fill from the , then further south down the coast of Africa until the trades fill from the west then turn right to the Lesser Antilles.

The passage from Gibraltar to Morocco to the Canaries to Antigua was filled waiting for the right weather. Coastal passage or Open Ocean Passage, the criteria is the same. Wait for the weatherman to say "GO" if you want a chance for a safe and comfortable ride. The North Atlantic is notorious for it's changing conditions with the movement of highs and lows from the Americas and from Europe.

Sarah Gillette and Will Berry joined us in Gibraltar to make the passage south. We departed Gibraltar on Sept 7 after waiting 8 days for the remains of a tropical storm to dissipate. The voyage through the Straights of Gibraltar was filled with anxiety given the area's reputation. However, by following the advice of local sailors the passage was smooth and fast. We arrived in Rabat, Morocco, 150 miles, 24 hours later. The only hazard encountered were numerous unlit fishing floats, we only hit one.

Morocco is in North Africa and has a stable government. Rabat was a pleasant stay in a nice secure marina. There were reports of American flag burning by local Muslims because of the Libyan attack on the US embassy. We did not witness any adverse behavior toward us. The ladies enjoyed shopping in the Arab Souks [17th century shopping mall]. We took two land trips by train, to Casablanca [Humphrey Bogart was gone], and to Fez. We enjoyed the presence of two other cruising boats from the USA, Cyan & Freebird, and one from Australia, The Southern Cross. Joanne threw a birthday party for yours truly the day before we departed Rabat on Oct.2. The last two weeks of our stay was one of waiting on the right weather to continue our passage south to the Canaries. Tropical storm Nadine, was trying to die offshore near The Maderia Islands.

The passage to the Canary Islands was motor sail the first day then screecher and spinnaker for the next two days as the wind moved toward the north. We chose to make land fall on the south end of Graciosa. This was an easy access anchorage with no reports of government clearance problems. The passage was 470 miles and took 3.5 days. We had initially planned to curse portions of the Canaries with the ladies but our weather delays used all of our spare time before they were to catch flights to the USA.

Consequently we moved to the island of Lanzarote without further delay. These two islands are only 25 miles from the African coast and the weather is very dry. The land is barren with only a small amount of vegetation, very dramatic and beautiful.

Next stop, Las Palmas, Gran Canary. This popular port has the only all weather anchorage that we saw in the Canaries. The neighboring marina is the port of start for the ARC which is the annual passage of 250 sailing yachts from Europe to St Lucia, Lesser Antilles leaving the end of November. Our arrival on Oct 7 placed us right in the middle of these yachts preparing for their Atlantic Crossing. Joanne and Will spent many hours planning the food requirements for our pending passage to Antigua. Their efforts resulted in a very pleasant menu for our next four weeks. Joanne and Sarah departed "Miss Jody" on Oct. 10, headed for the USA. I sent my absentee ballot to the Escambia County elections office on Oct.17. I lost. Will and I explored the islands of Gran Canary and Gomere for 8 days. The islands are beautiful but very few desirable anchorages. We returned to Las Palmas and prepared "Miss Jody" for the coming passage.

Our additional passage crew, Madison Schill and Larry Bowyer, both from Gulf Breeze Fl. arrived on 11/13 and 11/15. We departed Las Palmas on 11/17 @ 0830 UTC. The weather forecast was good from Las Palmas 800 miles south to the Cape Verdi Islands off the coast of Africa. The forecast west to Antigua was variable with several calm areas mid way across the Atlantic. We decided to make toward Cape Verdi and monitor the off shore weather. Madison became ill soon after our departure and did not recover. The winds remained light for the first four days. On 11/22 the wind filled in with 400 miles to Cape Verdi. We decided to continue to Cape Verdi so Madison could depart "Miss Jody". We arrived on 11/24, 0630 UTC, 870 miles, 7 days. We refueled, and departed by 1000 hours, nice quick stop so we did not check in. Madison departed and well prepared to continue his adventure.

The following 17 days, 2104 miles were filled with lots of action. The wind ranged from 5k up to 30k with increases during squalls. The seas were confused from the NE up to 15 ft, and from the E up to 10 ft. The winds remained behind us most of the way. "Miss Jody" handled the sloppy sea very well. The main sail did not see the outside of her bag after the first 5 hours of the trip. We had numerous sail changes from spinnaker to screecher to jib and back again. The Schurr Sail inventory got a good workout and preformed well. Rain squalls were a continuing problem with wind increases of 15-30k for 1-6 hours at a time. We hit a light wind area about one half way across, making 350 miles in 4 days. Then the wind came back, this time a little south of east. The squalls became more frequent, and the wind began to shift up to 120* from the NE to the SE. More action. Will Berry and Larry Bowyer both did a great job guiding "Miss Jody" across the North Atlantic. Will Berry also carried the continuous burden of providing meals to the crew around the clock. He gets an A+++.

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"Miss Jody" arrived in English Harbor, Antigua @ 0200 UTC on 12/11. A total passage of 2979 miles, 19 hours, 5.22 mph. We moved to the Jolly Harbor Marina on 12/12 where "Miss Jody" received a few hours of attention for abuses during the passage. The crew departed for Pensacola on 12/14.

Dec. 11, 2012 was a great day for "Miss Jody". She is back in the Americas. We departed Panama, Central America 2/2007 and have been gone 5 years and 10, months!!!!

Joanne and Ron returned to "Miss Jody" on 1/14/13 for continued progress toward Pensacola.

Ron, Will & Larry

Club Activities Report

2013 is looking to be a great year at PBYC. We've got lots of activities planned on and off the water, so make sure to join in on the fun!

If you didn't make it to the Mardi Gras brunch, you sure missed out! Jason Knoll was awesome, as usual, and Corrie and the crew made sure everyone had a great time and plenty of drinks! Pictures are on the website, so make sure to check them out.

Coming up in February.....MARDI GRAS!!!! That's right, the 10th our crew will be participating in the parade and there will be a party afterwards at PBYC. On the 15th, we will have the Skippers' Meeting for the Valentine's Regatta and a Rum Cake/ Desert cook-off! Dust off those recipes and participate!

Coming up March 1st, Will Berry will be hosting a slide show of his recent adventure with Ron Bruce. From the stories I've heard so far, and in true Will Berry fashion, it should be quite entertaining.

Until next month.....

Your Rear (?)

- Lisa

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3 Super Bowl Party	4	5	6	7	8	9 Mardi Gras Regatta PYC	
10 Beach Mardi Gras Parade	11	12 BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM	13	14	15 Rum Cake/ Desert cook-off	16 Valentine's Regatta PBYC	
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					1 Will Berry Slide Show - 7 PM	2 Maxine #1 & CC #1- NYC	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Maxine #2 - PBYC	
10	11	12 BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM	13	14	15 Midwinter Championships PBYC/Key Sailing	16 - Midwinter Championships PBYC/Key Sailing - Women on the Water - PYC	
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