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The Spreader

March 2013



Commodore's Choice...

Will Berry Adventure Slide Show

Friday March 1st at 7PM. So it may be happening as we speak - Gibraltar, Morocco, Cape Verde Islands, Atlantic Crossing.

Maxine #2 Race PBYC "Rites of Spring"

Skippers Meeting and Race March 8th and 9th Respectively.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday March 17th

Gumbo Cookoff

Saturday April 6th 6:30 PM. Can Kirk win again? Look for details from your Rear Commodore Committee and PBYC emails.

Report from the General Membership Meeting February 21st, 2013

Thanks to all who attended the meeting. Hard to believe how many regattas and races Fleet Captain, Rick Zern, has in store. Secretary, Debbie Belger is very happy with the number of new PBYC applicants, especially during the winter months.

Vice Commodore, Mike Pederson reported some very nice bar proceeds for the last few months. We have a Rear Commodore Committee (Lisa Sharp, Corrie Keich, Wanda Hamilton & more) that is covering the FUN STUFF for the year.

Treasurer Paul Barrett gave the Treasurer's Report. He was assured by the current Executive Board of their total commitment to meet budgets and to work with recommendations to make our treasury run smoothly and effectively.

I thank EVERYONE who contributes to PBYC, whether in official capacity or to join us for a drink at the bar.....it takes a village

- Anne Geisel



Fleet Captain's Report

February was a good and busy month for the sailors at PBYC. We had the Mardi Gras Regatta at PYC and then our Valentines Race the next weekend. Some of the windiest conditions that I have seen in years persisted throughout this race! The before and after regatta parties were well attended. Some of our membership met in Miami at the Miami Boat Show. This year's show was the coldest and windiest that I recall. Just about all of the foul weather gear manufacturers were sold out of their cold weather gear by Saturday mid day.

We had our first General Membership Meeting of 2013 and the State of the Club is a "half full glass" to some and a "half empty glass" to others..... it reminds me of an Abe Lincoln quote; "..... a person is just about as happy as they make up their mind to be". The bar sales are above projections, the membership roster is climbing, the Mardi Gras Committee was a success and we have money in the bank. I prefer the "half-full glass" perception.....

We have some great regattas and events planned for March; we host the Maxine Series #2 on March 9th; this event is generally known as the Spring Series PHRF Championships on Pensacola Bay. Key Sailing and PBYC are hosting the Catamaran Midwinter Championships at Quietwater Beach March 15 -17 with social events at PBYC. Across the Bay, PYC is hosting a Women on the Water (WOW) function on Saturday March 16, that several of our members that qualify will attend.

April is even looking busier with the GORC (Gulf Ocean Racing Conference) taking place in Biloxi on April 5 - 7, Pensacola Bay Blessing of the Fleet on 4/7, a Navy Yacht Club Commodore's Cup on 4/13, The Preemie Cup on 4/20 and the Trimaran Championships on 4/26 - 4/28. Several Pensacola Bay sailors will travel to Charleston, SC for the Charleston Race Week on April 25 thru 28.

- Full Moon/Moonlight madness races will start when we go back to Daylight Savings time as will mid-week and Sunday sailing opportunities here on the beach and across the bay at PYC.

PBYC members have an opportunity to get involved with the new 5-ton hoist that will be erected at PYC. This will enable larger boats to be pulled out of the water and placed onto trailers and will encourage larger sailing events to come to Pensacola Bay in the future. Call Rick Zern or George Gamble to find out how you can get involved.

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As you can tell there is much to get involved in at PBYC We are still in need of folks to assist with the regatta administration on our racing weekends ends. Thanks to Margo Zern, Leigh Holbrook, Mark Smith and Kim Edens for service to our racers by assisting with our last two events.

-Rick Zern

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

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

Proposed New Members

- ★ Leigh Ann Holbrook - Returning Member
Gulf Breeze, FL
- ★ Erica Bush - Returning Member
Pensacola Beach, FL
- ★ Tim and Audrey Dunton
Stapleton, AL

With the racing season starting up a reminder that the PBYC website has a forum for Skippers looking for crew and one to let Skippers know of folks that are interested to crew. They are under the "Racing" tab on the home page.

Mardi Gras 2013 was a great success.

It's been hectic, it's been fun, it's been tipsy and Mardi Gras is over. I was so pleased to hear from a number of people how great the float looked and how professional we were dressed. One of the messages we received:

"For those of us who didn't get to contribute to the float, but cheered it on...CONGRATS to all those who put it together, painted, and loaded it up. It could not have made the PBYC look better. Great representing!" Wow, thank you! There is no better thank you than a smile on peoples faces!

Now I need to be boring and thank some special people: Becky Dupuis for painting a lot of the fun details and being there all the way! Did you see all the funny eyes, the fish, the crab, the waves, the burgees? Al Maretta, John Decker and Graham Wildsmith for building the boat touches and replacing wood. Pat and her sister Donna, Kimi, Joe, Wanda, Krewe from Shaggy's for painting, Janis, Carla, Mike, Andrea. Debbie, Tom, Kriss, Robin for your donations of food, money, music, towing etc. Debbie Belger made sure we were warm and dry for the whole building process at her sister Peggy's warehouse. Thank you! That helped a lot! Tom for towing us at the last minute. Our driver had the flu! We also had two very nice PBYC banners to display and one of them is now hanging at the club!

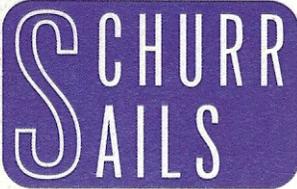
George Gamble has offered to store the float till next year and hopefully we will not have to invest in rebuilding. We have been asked to participate in some more parades and we might consider it, since we now represent the club very well. There is a surplus of \$ 619. All our work paid off! If you think of a fundraiser that will bring in money for next season, please let me know. Ideas for the float are always welcome!

Thank you all again for your help and let's get together for next year.

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

- Corrie Keich





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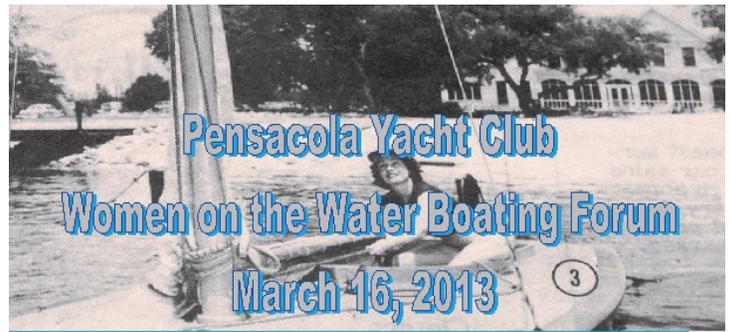
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Mardi Gras Photos



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Nancy Erley, International speaker and Captain of two all women World Circumnavigations, is your keynote presenter.



In addition you can choose from six different breakout sessions including:

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| Cruising Essentials | • 9:00-9:45 | Registration (enjoy coffee, conversation & exhibitors) |
| Teambuilding | | |
| Man-Overboard Drills | • 9:45-10:00 | Welcome |
| Starting a Women's Sailing Association | • 10:00-11:00 | Nancy Erley |
| First Aid Afloat | • 11:15-12:00 | Breakout |
| Racing Under Sail | • 12:00-1:00 | Lunch |
| | • 1:15-2:00 | Breakout |
| | • 2:15-3:00 | Breakout |
| | • 3:00 | Wrap up/raffle prizes |

Registration
\$45.00
 *Special drawing for those registering before March 1st
 *Late fee after March 10th

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Blessing of the Fleet



The Pensacola Yacht Club and the Pensacola Yacht Club Chapter of the Florida Commodores Association will host the traditional "Blessing of the Fleet" on **Sunday, April 7, 2013**. The Florida Commodores Association is a statewide organization of Past Commodores of recognized Florida yacht clubs whose mission is to maintain the customs, traditions and history of yachting, such as the BLESSING OF THE FLEET.

All Pensacola Bay area boat owners and skippers are invited and encouraged to participate in this historic tradition.

Current invited participants include members of Navy Yacht Club Pensacola, Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, and the Gulf Breeze Power Squadron, as well as PYC. The skippers of all boats, both sail and power, are encouraged to join in the Sundowner Ceremony at PYC after the Blessing. Boats may be tied up at the T-dock following the Blessing of the Fleet. In addition, prizes will be given for the best decorated sail and powerboat.

Schedule of Events

- 1500** All boats assemble in the vicinity of Bayou Chico Channel Marker Number 2 Form up in a circle (counterclockwise) in sequence with at least 3 boat lengths between boats. PYC Race Committee Boat MAXINE will be in the vicinity to organize the parade. **VHF Radio Channel 72 will be used for coordination.**
- 1525** The Lead Boat MAXINE will lead the parade of boats toward the Plaza de Luna. Maxine will anchor off Plaza de Luna.
- 1530** After MAXINE anchors, the boats in the order they follow MAXINE will pass the stern of Maxine receive their blessing from the PYC Fleet Chaplain and then skippers may return to the T-dock for docking and continuation of festivities on the patio at PYC.
- 1630** BBQ chicken/pork with salad and beverages. \$15.00pp inclusive. **Bar service on the patio.** Awards for best decorated sailboat and power boat will be presented.
- 1800** Assemble for the Sundowner Ceremony on the patio.
- 1815** Sundowner Ceremony conducted by the PYC Chapter FCA.

Entry fee for Blessing of the Fleet: \$20.00 per boat minimum donation. Make checks payable to the Pensacola Chapter, FCA. Each Skipper is requested to submit a short summary with their registration form describing their boat and the name of the boat. It will aid in the announcing of the boats for the Chaplain and informing the viewing public of the boat and its skipper. Registration form is available on line at www.PensacolaYachtClub.org. Complete form online and email to johnmatthews@cox.net or mail your registration with check to the PYC Chapter FCA, Pensacola Yacht Club, P.O. Box 989, Pensacola, FL .

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2:00PM - 8:00PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	5:30PM - UNTIL	5:30PM - UNTIL	5:30PM - 11:30PM	2:00PM - 12:00AM	
					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	
17 - Midwinter Championships PBYC/Key Sailing - St. Pat's Day Celebration	18	19	20	21	22	23 Maxine #3 - PYC	
24	25	26	27 SPREADER DEADLINE	28	29	30	
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	1	2	3	4	5 GORC - BYC	6 - GORC, BYC - Gumbo Cookoff, 6:30 PM	
7 - GORC - BYC - Blessing of the Fleet	8	9 BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM	10	11	12	13 Commodores Cup #2 - NYC	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Premie Cup PBYC	
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