

# The Spreader

PENSACOLA BEACH YACHT CLUB



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## June 2014



### Commodore's Report

The excitement of a new location has swept over the membership and the board. Lisa is working hard to ensure this will finally come to fruition for us. Everyday we think of more and different possibilities for our little slice of paradise. If you would like to be a part of the building committee please contact Lisa or myself.

Janice Wilson did a great job coordinating the Cruising Fleet's first event of the year. They went to 3 different destinations over two days. The soc hop party at the yacht club was great and had all of us displaying our lack of hula hoop skills! We are looking forward to whatever Janice has up her sleeve for the next Cruising Fleet event later in the year.

Lots of exciting stuff coming up this week! The Navy Cup Regatta is June 7th and 8th. We have a great team so far, but there is always room for more boats! As you know, winning the Navy Cup is a numbers game, the more participants, the better our chances of winning. After that is the Sea Buoy race on the 14th. The Gulfport to Pensacola race is the 20th and 21st. The Challenge Cup is the weekend after that on the 27th, 28th, and 29th. Lots of sailing this month for sure!

If you haven't heard by now, two of our members were HUGE winners this month. Congrats again to: George Gamble and crew for winning the Regatta Al Sol race to Mexico, and Kirk Newkirk and Tom Whitehurst for winning the inaugural **Florida 300 Race** from Islamorada to Cocoa Beach.

As always, if there is anything we can do better please let us know.

See you on the water.

Mike Pedersen



### Treasurer's Report

As of May 31, 2014 our account balances are as follows: Building Fund \$136,214; Operating Acct. \$5831; Bar Acct. \$9562; Coastal Bank Accts. \$2012.

We are on track with our budget year to date, and the future looks good.

Paul



### Vice-Commodore

This is a great time to be a member of PBYC! If you haven't been to the club lately, you need to come on out. The energy and excitement is great. From sailing events to social events, there is something for everyone.

The new wine selection has been very well received. In order to add to our selection, we are having a wine tasting, Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:30. We want your input so plan to attend and vote on your choice.

We are also very thankful for our new Rear Commodore, Kimi Hammons! She graciously stepped up to the plate, when Kriss had to step down, as her business required her to travel so much more. Kimi's decorating talents are really showing and the club looks great. And can she ever through a great party! Check the calendar for upcoming events!

See you at the club!

Debbie Belger



### Fleet Captain's Report

Sorry we had to postpone the Sea Buoy Race, weather was bad so it has been rescheduled for 6/14/14. Navy Cup is 6/7/14, Mike and I are trying to put together the winning team. We can have as many entries as we want, the best score is being used.

Congratulations are in order for Kirk and Tom's great win in the Florida 300. It was a very tough race but the best rose to the top.

Summer is upon us so lets go to the club, get on the water and have some fun.

Mark



### Secretary's Report

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Andrea is doing her best to get in touch with everyone to pay their membership dues in time this year. We need your dues to show to the bank that we are solvent and capable of paying for a mortgage in order to buy the proposed building site. Several members immediately stepped up to the plate and have paid already!!!!!! Kudos's to you! I am asking everyone to step up and show us your excitement and involvement by paying right now! Thank you all for your cooperation and thank you Andrea for doing such a great job.

Corrie Keich / Secretary

## From The Membership Corner....

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

### Membership Report

The following are proposed for membership and will be voted on at the next Board Meeting in June:

Bill & Robin Arnold  
Gulf Breeze, FL  
New members

Rita McGartland  
Pensacola Beach, FL  
Returning Member

The following members were accepted at the last Board Meeting in May:

Tony & Jackie Nichols  
Pensacola, FL  
New Members

Bobby & Jane Bunch  
Pensacola Beach  
New Members

Kevin & Ramona Peden  
Ruston, LA  
New Members

### Welcome Aboard!!!

**It is now time for the annual invoicing for the 2014-2015 Membership dues. Renewal invoices will be emailed next week. We are trying to save on printing/postage costs so we are requesting members pay the dues prior to the membership coordinator sending out paper invoices via snail mail.**

**Please email any updates to your contact information to [andreazern@gmail.com](mailto:andreazern@gmail.com) . After you have paid your 2014-2015 Membership Dues, your new membership cards will be located at the bar. If you are NOT receiving PBYC blast emails, please send an email to [andreazern@gmail.com](mailto:andreazern@gmail.com) so we can add your email address to our blast email list.**

**The dues for this year are \$315.00. You can pay at the bar with a check/credit card/cash or mail in your payment to PBYC, P.O. Box 1112, Gulf Breeze, FL 32562 Please direct any questions to Andrea Zern Pedersen ([andreazern@gmail.com](mailto:andreazern@gmail.com))**



## Rear Commodore's Report

I'm excited to be serving on the PBYC Board, yet again! This time I'm serving in the fun position - The Party/Event Planner! I have several events planned for the year. If you have an idea for an event that will bring members out to the club, please let me know!

On Sunday, June 22nd we will have a New Member Welcome Party and Shrimp Boil. Be sure to look for e-mail blasts with the details.

I hope to see you at the club soon!

Kimi Hammons

### Junior Sailing Summer Camp August 4th - 8th, 2014



### Summer Sailing Camp

**When you to to sailing camp  
you make new friends, you laugh out loud,  
splash in the water and play in the wind.  
It's always a sailing day!**

**But... You better watch out!  
Counselors play tricks,  
tricks so fast, that your boat might flip!**

**There's no need to worry,  
Sailing camp is FUN!  
You can learn lots of things just like every kid has done.**

**There are rudders, tillers, dagger board too,  
Lines, mast and hard headed booms.  
So many things to see and do!**

**The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club  
is a GREAT place to start,  
not to mention sailing makes you really smart!  
So grab a life jacket, sunscreen, glasses and gloves...  
Have fun, start sailing, and stay protected from the sun!**

**-Savannah Baus, 6th grade, avid junior sailor!**

[Click here to Register!!!](#)

## Regata al Sol - Some History and Some Changes

Reprinted in part from the Pensacola News Journal

By Julie B. Connerley

May 7 and 8 marked the two starts for the 28th blue-water sailboat race which crossed 555-nautical miles of Gulf waters between Pensacola and Isla Mujeres, Mexico.

Seventeen racing and cruising boats participated in what may be the oldest sporting competition which begins in the U.S. and ends in Mexico. Its' history dates back 50 years, thanks to Naval Air Station Pensacola (NAS).

Called Regata al Sol, meaning "Race to the Sun," this year's competition brought more than boats to the small fishing village situated near Cancun on Mexico's Yucatan coast. John Matthews, long-time co-race organizer and former PYC Commodore, also took a resolution proclaiming Isla Mujeres as Pensacola's newest Sister Cities International partner.

### SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL BACKGROUND

After two world wars, the Cold War was getting colder. In 1956, a citizens' grass-roots effort began, offering a helping hand to former enemies, Japan and Germany.

U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower expanded that movement by convening a White House Summit on Citizen Diplomacy to create the People-to People program. President Eisenhower said, "I have long believed as have many before me, that peaceful relations between nations requires understanding and mutual respect between individuals."

The People to People program was created to form long lasting relationships based on cultural, educational, informational and trade exchanges that would provide prosperity and peace through "citizen diplomacy." The concept was an overwhelming success.

By 1965 the executive committee of the National League of Cities recommended the establishment of a national non-profit volunteer association. In 1981, the organization celebrated its 25th anniversary, officially adopting the name Sister Cities International. Phillip Morris, Inc. provided a grant for the silver anniversary, part of which was used to develop the now familiar SCI world logo.

Pensacola's own connection to SCI began in 1962. However, local SCI members will tell you that it was U.S. Navy Captain Harold B. Grow who raised the bar for this chapter.

Captain Grow was one of many citizens invited to participate in President Eisenhower's Citizen Diplomacy Summit, due to his extensive experience as a young naval officer (aviator) in the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru, during the 1920's and his later involvement in the development of Peruvian aviation.

Captain Grow was recalled to active duty and was one of the Commanding Officers aboard NAS Pensacola during World War II.

He became active in the financial community in Pensacola after the war. Through his efforts, both Chimbote and Miraflores, Peru were adopted by Pensacola as Sister Cities in 1964. That same year, he led the campaign to raise funds in support of impoverished Chimbote. Pensacolians donated \$55,000 for a soccer field and fledgling athletic facility.

Today, Pensacola's SCI chapter boasts approximately 60 members who have adopted five additional Sister Cities for cultural, charitable, educational, humanitarian, historical and artistic exchanges. Those cities and dates adopted include Kaoshiung, Taiwan, 1977; Escazu, Costa Rica, 1981; Gorlovka, Ukraine, 1993; Gero, Japan, 1998, and Macharaviaya, Spain, 2010.

In 2013, SCI member and local sailor, Kim Kaminski, asked John Matthews about the possibility of Isla Mujeres becoming a Sister City. Matthews said he would follow-up.

An initial presentation was made to Pensacola's SCI chapter in July, 2013. Matthews also contacted good friend, Sr. Enrique Lima, of Isla Mujeres, who forwarded the request to President of the Municipality of Isla Mujeres, Lic. Agapito Magana Sanchez.

Mayor Ashton Hayward received a letter January 23, 2014 stating the desire of the citizens of Isla Mujeres to "embark on a natural outgrowth of our existing relationships with the sailors and citizens of Pensacola, Florida to extend our outreach on a community level with educational opportunities, economic development opportunities and cultural opportunities," stated President Sanchez.

President Sanchez also noted that the discoverer of Isla Mujeres, Francisco Hernandez de Cordova, was a member of Juan Ponce de Leon's crew during that explorer's discovery of Florida.

Mayor Hayward responded affirmatively and a Resolution stating Pensacola's desire to establish the Sister City relationship with Isla Mujeres was signed March 27. It was presented to President Sanchez during a special ceremony of the Regata al Sol festivities.

### REGATA AL SOL HISTORY

Naval Air Station Pensacola's close ties with this area's sailing community played a significant role in the inaugural Regata al Sol. The

race, literally, owes its modest beginnings to our NAS. Moreover, NAS Pensacola contributed to the birth of tourism in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula 50 years ago.

It began in 1964 when New Orleans Mayor, Victor Schiro began planning for Mexico Week in New Orleans.

On April 22, 1965, a contingent of Mexican dignitaries arrived in New Orleans for the festivities, including the installation of a statue of Benito Juarez, President of Mexico in the 1860s. He had defeated Maximilian of Austria and formed an alliance with the US, particularly with Louisiana and New Orleans.

What nobody expected was that the Mexicans had arrived with dreams of promoting tourism to the impoverished eastern part of the Yucatan Peninsula where the as yet undeveloped Cancun, relatively unknown Cozumel, and a tiny Island known as Isla Mujeres, meaning "Island of Women," was situated.

Isla Mujeres, basically is a fishing village, about 5 miles long, just 1/2 mile at its widest point, and located 8 miles from Cancun, accessible only by boat or ferry.

Two principals of the Mexican group were Sr. Miguel Aleman, former President of Mexico, who was then serving as Chairman of the National Tourist Council of Mexico, and Sr. Jose de Jesus Lima, a businessman with large land holdings in Cancun and Isla Mujeres. Jose Lima had recently completed the first hotel on Isla Mujeres called the Zazil-Ha. It featured salt water showers, no air conditioning and a half-full swimming pool sometimes occupied by a large sea turtle.

The men came to New Orleans prepared with printed posters announcing a regatta sponsored by Southern Yacht Club (our nation's second oldest yacht club), beginning in New Orleans and ending in Isla Mujeres, Quintana Roo, Mexico. It was to be co-sponsored by Club de Yates de Isla Mujeres, Mexico's second oldest yacht club.

Since political relations between the U.S. relations and Cuba were non-existent, yachtsmen had been unwilling to take their vessels near the eastern coast of Mexico given its proximity to Cuba. But this didn't daunt the Mexican contingent.

Unfortunately, Southern Yacht Club (SYC) didn't know anything about the regatta. After discussing it, their flag officers agreed to a race to be held in June, 1965 if it didn't cost the club any money and if SYC member, Richard Spangenberg who first brought the idea forward, after having met with the Mexican dignitaries, would coordinate everything.

Both Southern and Pensacola Yacht Clubs -- major players in larger regattas, had conflicting races on the proposed Regata al Sol date. By March, 1965, no boats had registered for the regatta. At the same time, Mexico had been busy gathering sponsorships for an impressive array of beautiful trophies and sending out press releases.

It was then that Sr. Lima, through his good friend, Admiral Diego Mujica Naranjo, liaison between the Mexican Navy and the Minister of Tourism, convinced the Commander of NAS Pensacola to authorize two sailboats of the Officer's Club that would participate in the first Regata al Sol, as a goodwill gesture. The vessels were aging Navy Luders 44 yawls.

One sailboat, the *Tail Wind*, had Naval officers from Pensacola as crew members and the other, *Trade Winds*, was flagged Mexican and re-named *Isla Mujeres*. The *Isla Mujeres* crew consisted of Mexican Navy officers, men from Merida and Isla Mujeres, Mexico, and of course, U.S. Naval personnel, including Lt. Gordon Hunter, USMC, who earned the nickname "Mama Goose" for shepherding his little flock to the finish line.

The inaugural 555-nautical mile race started from Biloxi and took the *Isla Mujeres* 7 days to finish. The *Tail Wind* finished a day later, under tow by a Mexican minesweeper after a day slipping backwards in the calms of Contoy--another small island about 18 miles north of Isla Mujeres. (Luders didn't have engines.)

The inaugural Regata al Sol was a huge success from a tourism standpoint. The following year, 16 entrants from Texas to Florida participated. Three provincial governors of neighboring Mexican states, the Mexican Navy, and plenty of "racer chasers" added to the festivities.

Many changes have been made to Regata al Sol. It is now raced in May when winds are better, and the format changed to biennial -- every other year. But perhaps most importantly, since 1986 the starting line moved from Gulfport, Mississippi to Pensacola Bay and the finish line returned to a point off the north end of Isla Mujeres.

With the addition of Isla Mujeres as Pensacola's newest Sister City, more opportunities will be created to strengthen our ties to the Island of Women.

Pensacola Beach Yacht Club		June 2014		www.pensacolabeach-yc.org		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2:00PM - 8:00PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	5:30PM - UNTIL	5:30PM - UNTIL	5:30PM - 11:30PM	2:00PM - 12:00AM
1	2	3	4	5 Tacos, Tacos 6 PM	6	7 Navy Cup NYC
8	9	10 BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM	11	12 Tacos, Tacos 6 PM	13 Skippers Mtg. 7:00p.m.	14 Sea Bouy Race PBYC
15	16	17	18	19 Tacos, Tacos 6 PM	20	21 Gulfport to Pensacola Race
22 New Members Welcome Party and Shrimp Boil 3:00 - 6:00	23	24	25 Wine Tasting 5:30 - 7:30 SPREADER DEADLINE	26 Tacos, Tacos 6 PM	27	28 Challenge Cup PYC
29	30					

Pensacola Beach Yacht Club		July 2014		www.pensacolabeach-yc.org		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2:00PM - 8:00PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	5:30PM - UNTIL	5:30PM - UNTIL	5:30PM - 11:30PM	2:00PM - 12:00AM
		1	2	3 Tacos, Tacos 6 PM	4	5 Patriots Day Race
6 Patriots Day Race	7	8 BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM	9	10 Tacos, Tacos 6 PM	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Tacos, Tacos 6 PM	18	19
20	21	22	23 SPREADER DEADLINE	24 Tacos, Tacos 6 PM	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Flag Officers

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Correspondence to the Executive Board, requiring important actions on the board's part, must be signed by the member(s) requesting such action. Unsigned requests cannot be acted upon

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	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
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	<b>Friday</b>	<b>5:30 PM - 11:30 PM</b>
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2:00 PM - 12:00 AM</b>

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## PBYC Sale Bag

If you have a sailing or yacht club related item you would like to sell this is the place to be. Send your item information and/or picture to Debbie Belger to be included in the Spreader, dibelger@aol.com.



## GYA Challenge Cup Update

Team Captain, Jason Knoll, reports that the team is set and we have an outstanding 4 boat team! Jason will be reaching out to the participants soon to get t-shirt sizes. Three of the team boats will be participating in the Navy Cup Regatta as a warm up. Please forward any questions (except what our boats are!!) about this event to [jasonknoll71@hotmail.com](mailto:jasonknoll71@hotmail.com)

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