

The Spreader

News from Pensacola Beach Yacht Club

Congrats to Our Annual Sailing Award Winners!

Junior Sailor of the Year Boat of the Year
Kyle Gamble Reach Around

Female Sailor of the Year Male Sailor of the Year
Andrea Zern Pedersen Mike Pedersen

And to My Sharona!



Kudos to the crew of My Sharona who won the J111 class at Key West Race Week! Check out the My Sharona shine on display at the club!

General Membership Meeting February 12th

The agenda will include a vote to raise the dues. The executive board has approved a motion to raise the dues to \$450. The board feels that this is a minimal increase with regard to all we will have to offer and asks for your vote in favor.



Commodore's Report

The moment we have waited for over 30 years is upon us! An unbelievable amount of effort, planning, and negotiation has gone into getting us to this point. Lisa Sharp has consistently defied the odds, bringing us the land, financing and building plans. We are only months away from moving into our forever home!

The last opportunity we had to buy land was around 10 years ago. The details were a little fuzzy and the future far less certain than it is now. The club was able to raise over \$90k in a short amount of time. The opportunity we have now is well planned and financially feasible. Our goal is \$125k. It is not an easy goal, but it is attainable. The first \$400 of your donation will go towards your dues for 2015-2016. The remaining portion will be returned to you if the project does not come to fruition. It is a "no brainer!"

We have even more good news! Once we arrive at our

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Superbowl Party Sunday
Watch the big game on Feb. 1
the big tv and have a big 5:30 p.m.
time!

General Wednesday
Membership Feb. 10
Meeting 6 p.m.

Valentine's Regatta Friday
Skippers Meeting 12/13
[Notice of Race](#) 6 p.m.

Valentine's Regatta Saturday
Start Time 12/14
11 a.m.

Mardi Gras Parade Sunday
(meet at PBYC) Feb. 15
& After Party 9 a.m.

Don't forget Taco Thursdays!



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Want to help?

Be an active member of your yacht club - email our officers below to find out how you can help!

Commodore - Mike Pedersen
Vice Commodore - Tom Whitehurst
Rear Commodore - Janis Wilson
Treasurer - Paul Barrett
Fleet Captain - Mark Smith
Secretary - Leigh Ann Holbrook

target we will be rewarded with an extra \$62,500 donation! If we fall \$1 short of our goal, there will be no extra donation. I suspect the donor is saying "Prove to me how badly the members want it first, then I will do the same." The extra funds will be applied towards cash flowing us through our infancy.

As of January 30, we have received \$6000. Track our progress on the thermometer on our [web site](#). The donation deadline is February 28th. Donors will be immortalized on a beautiful sculpture that is to be the focal point of the new building. I look forward to passing by it with pride every time I enter the yacht club. I know you will too.

Mike Pedersen, Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report

We rang in the New Year with a great New Year's Eve Party where a good time was shared with many friends. It was followed by the Hangover Regatta and then several from our racing fleet sailed off for points south to bring home more trophies!

I want to thank Genella, Andrea and Kimi for their help and support during the past month while I was sick. We are all enjoying the Kimi's festive Mardi Gras decorations and Andrea's great job as Mardi Gras chairman. We are looking forward to a fantastic parade with a newly remodeled and freshly painted float! Float participants, please meet at PBYC at 9 a.m., February 15th. We need two more walkers so call me if you are interested. Following the parade everyone will return to PBYC for our annual Mardi Gras Party. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE! We will be welcoming many guests from other krewes so plan to join in les bon temps!

The annual Chili Cook-Off held January 31st was the fundraising event for our Mardi Gras activities. Thanks to the chefs and everyone who came to come taste the talents of our many wonderful cooks. First place went to Randy and Kathy Johnson and second went to Pete and Patsy Mellin! Sunday, February 1st is SUPER BOWL PARTY TIME! More fun for all our football fans and friends at PBYC!

During a visit to our club's storage facility, I discovered lots of great old photos of past events deteriorating in boxes and I would like a few volunteers help put together a video history of PBYC. We will have a work day Saturday, Feb. 21st, 9am to 2 pm (lunch provided) to produce a nice piece for the opening celebration of our new facility and for new member orientations. We will also work on a plaque for displaying the names and years served of all past commodores. If you have information or would like to help, please let me know.

If you are interested in chairing a social event and/or if you have an idea for an activity you think our membership would enjoy, please talk to me. I am looking for fresh ideas for the enjoyment of our members and welcome your input. Remember, our club runs on volunteers, so your energies are needed and appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Janis Wilson, Rear Commodore 850.341.1399

Fleet Captain's Report

Great first race of the year - it was a beautiful day for the middle of winter. Congratulations to Coyote for the first place finish at Frostbite! It's nice to see the boat back on the water after such a long time on the hill.

The Valentine's Regatta is coming up February 14th. The skippers' meeting is Friday the 13th. Check out the [NOR](#). We are always looking for volunteers for race committee! It's a great way to be a part of the racing fun, so email [me](#) if you are interested in being a part of this "sweet" event!

Membership Update

Please thank our returning members and be sure to welcome our new members! Send any changes of your contact information to Andrea Pedersen.

The following returning members were voted in at the last board meeting:

Cindy Pedersen
Pensacola, FL

Doc Bellows
Pensacola, FL

The following newly proposed members will be voted on at the February 10th board meeting:

Mike Blanda & Wendy Markey
Pensacola, FL - Returning

Bessie Randolph
Pensacola, FL - Returning

Carlette Howell
Pensacola, FL - New

Treasurer's Report

Building Fund Account... \$137,666.01
Operating Account..... \$ 3,891.45
Bar Account..... \$ 8,321.62

Paul Barrett, Treasurer
Southern Cloud Accounting



Building Update

We are getting very close, but we need you to get your donations in as soon as possible. The donation deadline is February 28th! As of 1/30 we have received \$6000 total. You can track our progress on the thermometer on our [web site](#) and also at the club. Stay tuned for email blasts with progress updates and voting on design of the new place!

Lisa Sharp, Building Committee

We're all looking forward to the new clubhouse and lots of good things are in the making. See everyone on the water!

Mark Smith, Fleet Captain

Secretary's Report

Please welcome Deanna Duvall as our membership coordinator! She has graciously stepped up to the plate so Andrea can concentrate on our web site. Thank you, Deanna! This month, I'll be gathering our Race for the Roses Committee and begin planning another successful women's sailing event!

Leigh Ann Holbrook, Secretary



Thank you to our members businesses that contribute so much to our sailing community!



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