



The Spreader

*News from Pensacola Beach Yacht Club –
February 2016*

Dates to Remember

2/7/16: Pensacola Beach Mardi Gras Parade

2/11/16: 7:00pm General Membership meeting. Location to be announced.

2/13/16: Valentine's Regatta

Every Wednesday Night at Hemingway's enjoy \$4 Mojito's, \$2.50 Bud Light draft, and \$1 Fish Taco's



Commodore's Report Mike Pedersen, Commodore

It was a busy January. I attended the GYA winter meeting held at the Fairhope Yacht Club on the 9th and 10th. I spent a couple of days working on the Mardi Gras float which looks awesome! We had a meeting to discuss our E-Commerce and website needs. Maria Weisnicht and Jean Rolland are hard at work designing a new website and helping us with our database management concerns. They have also completely

tuned up and cleaned up our current site! Of course we also cleared the land! I can't thank George enough for donating his tractors and his time to get a jump start on the site work process. The retaining walls have been removed and the hole in the middle has been filled. The ground is very close to being level and ready for pilings. We also had the Annual Sailors Banquet at PYC. The winners were: Boat of the Year to My Sharona, Mail Sailor of the Year to George Gamble, Female Sailor of the Year to Rachael Gillette, and Junior Sailor of the Year to Savanna Baus. Congrats to all of the hard working sailors.

The transition to the new board has been seamless. All of the new board members are extremely eager and willing to help. I am very appreciative to have a full board as we prepare for what promises to be our most important year ever!





Vice Commodore's Report Al Greene

Of course there is no bar to report upon. But there is a great future and opportunities as yet undeveloped that may surprise us all. For sure we need a Bar/Facility Manager full time for the new building. And we are seeking to fill that position as we speak. I am employing several recruiting techniques to line up candidates so if you are aware of a qualified person looking for a full time job that pays more than minimum wage, have that person contact me or any member of the board. The position needs to be filled by April. ~

The fact that we own a waterfront property may not have fully dawned on many of our colleagues, but that fact alone opens up myriad of revenue generating opportunities for the future. In fact, just to be able to belong to a private club whose back deck looks out over the eastern and southern expanse of Santa Rosa Sound and Pensacola Beach on a summer night is a powerful incentive for new members all in itself. We are going to need new members. Look for a doubling of membership in a short while. We will maybe have summer members and monthly members and quarterly members along with the regular annual membership we are accustomed to. Dues will be payable by automatic monthly bank draft or credit card draft if desired. A plethora of water sports and training will be developed by a new employee position called the Waterfront Manager. We are likely to find that Pensacolans and Gulf Breezearians will find our mob free parking and easy access to swimming and boating just the ticket for family entertainment. It will be a new PBYC. And I think we will expand. A second floor is not an if, it is a when. The whole has been filled in. What can stop us now?



Rear Commodore's Report Janis Wilson

Last month was an exciting and fun time for all of PBYC members and friends. Our Christmas party was a huge success, and our New Year's Eve party was quite a celebration since we had just closed on our construction loan for our new building. Lots of work went in to making all of this happen. Now as we move forward into 2016, we have our new Board in place and ready to dive in to help ensure all the forward movement and more good times and excellent sailing adventures.

This past weekend four of our most faithful volunteers came in Sunday to help move all of our supplies back to the Hunt's garage and make certain our TVs and trophies were once again safely stored. I had removed our Holiday decorations on Saturday and took the linens home to wash. We certainly owe Kirk another huge thank you for the use of the space that made all our recent events possible. And I thank Steve Headley for assisting with the clean up too. It's members like Steve, Al Marretta, Tim Simmons and Tom Luke and Pete Mellin who keep this club going year after year with their unsung dedication and

support. We all know Mike and Lisa and a number of our Board members work hard throughout the year but there are also others that we depend upon for so very much. Thank you to everyone who pitches in when a job needs done.

I would like to see us set a date for a formal ribbon cutting ceremony on our new property with lots of media coverage so we can begin to reap the benefits of attracting new members this year. I have talked with the Pensacola Beach Chamber and they would like to help us if we can give them 2-3 weeks' notice.





Mike Blanda, Treasurer

Today, with only 100 or so members, we all know who the core Club is. The members who are always there to lend a hand, provide encouragement, give advice (solicited or not) and help paint the vision of the future PBYC that we all share. Today, the Board asks all our members to become part of that core - the one strength that not only will see the CLUB through these next few months, but bring the PBYC family to a new horizon. We are now on the cusp of the long time dream - our own club house. We have financing, plans, permits and enough cash. The site is prepped. Pilings will be going up. And, the new building will soon be set in place. Yeah, it's really not that simple. We have never been here before, and it's a challenging and scary time. But we ARE here! It still seems a vision and a promise, but it's so close. And, it's super exciting.

But, what's the reality right now? Are you being served by the club right now? Are you getting what you expect right now? Probably not. We know. But - this is exactly the time when each member who shares a dream of our future should rally and pull together to make this club more than just another building on pilings on the beach... with a bar, boats, paddle boards, and kayaks. This will be OUR PBYC club house and will be YOUR club. So, we ask you - Please be a member in the present; be positive; be active; be involved; talk it up, not down. Help make PBYC the club you need it to be, and it will remain "The best little yacht club on the Gulf"!

Operating Account	\$90,651.00
Bar Account	\$6,418
Pay Pal	\$99
Building Fund	\$169



Membership Report: Andrea Pedersen, Membership Coordinator

We have **no new members to announce this month.**

The club currently has **110 active full memberships** and **one active junior member.**

If you missed renewal period you will have to reapply and pay the \$105 application fee plus the annual dues

Dues are currently:

\$450 (couples) and \$337.50 (singles)





Photo

finish in no wind! Pink Meanie overtook Reach Around less than 100 yards from the finish line.



Fleet Captain Report Kirk Newkirk

Well the year started off with the Hangover regatta getting blown out with big wind and low temps. That didn't keep a large group from gathering both upstairs and at Rick and Margo's for Beer, wine and food. Next we had the Frostbite regatta with completely opposite conditions. Light air and comfortable temps. We had 6 boats race (drift) in a already light breeze that went to nothing so we had to shorten the course. 4 boats finished and they are as follows: 1st in spin. A Atlantic union, 1st Spin B Reach Around, 2nd Pink Meanie. 1st in non Spin White Shell Women. Our Next Event is the Valentines Regatta Feb. 13th Please preregister. Thanks Kirk Newkirk Fleet Captain.



Secretary Report Christi Colabianchi

With our current web page under construction we are not making any updates to the soon to be deleted page. In the meantime, if you are interested in receiving an updated copy of our PBYC By-Laws please email or text of your interest: sweetbugzie@msn.com or text me 850-525-6998.



Mardi Gras Committee

The Krewe of Wrecks Beach parade will be on Sunday, February 7, 2016. The float is now full. Keep an eye out for the newly redesigned float! The best throws are reserved for our members in the crowd!



Building Committee Report

Lisa Sharp

Hello Members!!! We have hit the ground running since our site work permit was approved and the site has been cleared and the hole filled. We are currently completing the grading of the site as per the plan and the building committee has met and approved our building plans. There is still work to be done on the site and while that is being completed, we will push to get our plans approved with the county and SRIA. We have had a preliminary meeting with the SRIA already and will meet with them once again prior to submitting to the county for approval in hopes of saving us a little time in the approval process.

It's full steam ahead for the building committee. Be on the lookout for emails in the near future to vote for your favorite color schemes, etc



Be an **active member** of your yacht club - email our officers to see how you can help. We can use volunteers for regattas, events and fundraising! **See our events online!**

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