



April 2016. News from Pensacola Beach Yacht Club

Vice Commodore's Report

By Al Greene

I think it was Yogi Berra who said, "When you come to the fork in the road, take it." Members of PBYC are at the fork in the road. The building project has encountered regulatory delays, contractor delays, financial delays and seasonal delays just to mention a few. And we have made some decisions that haven't turned out as well as expected. So now as we approach member renewal season some members at the end of patience are wondering if they should retain membership or wait until they see if the clubhouse gets built.

At this particular fork on this particular road, members who delay or resign will actually work toward eventual failure, while membership renewal almost certainly guarantees success. After all, the heavy lifting has been done. We have the construction money, the government approval, the cleared land, the plans, and the contractor. Soon we will have the County and SRIA permission to build and then the building will get built just as fast as all buildings get built. And we will move in and forget all the angst, just like many of us have experienced building our own homes in which we now live for years, having forgotten how agonizing it was to get done.

But without a sizable renewal rate by members on June 1, the treasury will begin to struggle to pay the mortgage on the land we already own. Which is why now, more than ever we need to convince members that PBYC has a great future, which it does, if we have our people with us.

A good way would be for the Board of Directors to be sure that pilings and the frame of a building are sticking in the air on May 1. Nothing inspires confidence like results. The Board knows that. We are committed to deliver on our obligation. All we need is our members.

Race for the Roses - Yard Sale

By Corrie Keich

Pensacola Beach Yacht Club will host the GYA Women's Championship in conjunction with the 29th annual Race for the Roses on Saturday July 23, and concluding Sunday, July 24



One of our major fundraising events for Race for Roses is Junk in the Trunk yard sale on the new property Saturday April 23rd. All participants will load up their cars with stuff they don't need and unload or sell things from the trunk of their cars. All profits to be donated to the Race for Roses committee to fund the Regatta.

We have items like a sleeper couch, two balancing patio chairs, two antique chairs, a nice rug, two paintings by the homeless artist featured in the PNJ and lots of household items. But we need more vendors! So start your spring cleaning now and let me know if you can participate! If you have good stuff to donate but cannot attend the sale, let me know that as well.

I am also looking for a hot dog and lemonade vendor. Thank you all for your support and let's make this work!!! Call Corrie if you can help or contribute! 712-8756.

Upcoming Events

1. Mid-Winters East/North Regatta - April 8 to 10th
2. PBVC social every Wednesday night starting at 5:30 at Aegean Breeze
3. Junk in the Trunk Yard Sale on our property - to support Race for Roses
4. Sea Buoy Regatta - May 7th

Fleet Captain's Report

By Doc Bellows

Richard "Doc" Bellows has graciously accepted the appointment to take over the Fleet Captain responsibilities. Doc brings tons of experience in both sailing and race management. He will be a great fit for the sailing program and our most important year in PBVC history.

Membership Report

By Christi Colabianchi, Secretary

We have received 3 new member applications. Applicants are:

- Kirby Smith
- Katie Owen
- Claire Rees

Yes we are accepting new members and membership renewals throughout the year. Membership dues are \$450 for couples and \$337.50 for singles. If you are a current member, we appreciate you and we encourage you to recruit one new member this month. If you are not a current member, please consider supporting YOUR yacht club during this transition year by rejoining now.

Our new membership coordinator, Jean-Hugues Rolland and Maria Weisnicht have recently completed a new online membership system for PBYC in conjunction with the launch of our updated website. And we have a new easier domain name - pensacolabeachyachtclub.org! New members can join from this website and renewing members can pay their dues online. Members can update their profile and get access to membership directory as well as club internal documents (meeting minutes etc.).

[Read more about how to join, renew your membership or update your member profile on our website.](#)

Upcoming events, Spreader articles and regatta registrations are also available online at our new website.

Treasurer's Report

By Mike Blanda

Account Balances

Bar Account \$4,125
Operating Account \$35,500
Building Fund \$484
PayPal \$485
TOTAL \$40,594

Building Committee Report

By Lisa Sharp

The plans are near completion and contractor is on standby to help get things moving asap. We will forward an email update once received and on the way for permitting. We have also gotten a quote for a 5 ton A/C package for the new building and it looks as if we will be able to save a great deal of money on this. We budgeted \$8,500 and have received a quote for \$2,550 (basically getting it at wholesale). The specs have been forwarded to our contractor so he can have reviewed and get quotes for installation.

Since our last update, we have gotten several color palettes and will be meeting to review and choose some options. Once we nail down some options, we will send out a survey so the membership can decide what color our future home should be.

Stay tuned and keep the faith.

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