



The Spreader

October 2016. News from Pensacola Beach Yacht Club.



Commodore's Report

By Mike Pedersen

It looks like we have a full board for next year, and they are already working hard for the club. I have decided to give myself a break after 5 or so years on the board. I will be working closely with Kirk and the new board to ensure a smooth transition. We are still waiting for an answer from Centennial Bank on the increased loan amount. We continue to provide the requested information and express the urgency of our situation.

We will be announcing a special membership meeting in the coming weeks to discuss the progress of our current plan and to consider an alternative plan. I know that I have said it before but no one is more frustrated with this process than I am. The board is committed to handing over the best possible yacht club we can to the incoming board.

I will see you all on the water for the Wave Intergalactics later this month.



Vice Commodore's Report

By Al Greene

The building progress hangs literally on a word from the bank about financing. They have been deliberating a very long time; perhaps too long for the best interests of PBYC. We all recognize that member patience is not infinite. So while the outgoing Board is exhausting every effort to obtain financing, the incoming Board has consolidated their ranks already and are working on a parallel fall-back plan that would produce a much more modest clubhouse in the near term. Details of that plan, if it proceeds, will be presented to a special meeting of the general membership that will be announced not fewer than 7 days before the meeting date. Watch your Email. If you get a message from the club, please read it.

The parallel plans described above do not suggest we are giving up on the original plan for which we have two bids, nor does it mean we think financing will fail. But we can't afford to wait to start working on a contingency at this point; we're running out of time, and it is well that the incoming Board sees that and has taken responsibility for exploring an alternate plan.

A word of caution from the old Board. Everyone in the club with common sense, and that means all of us, can think of a cheaper way to build a clubhouse. It seems impossible for most that it costs \$400,000 to

build a 1500 square foot building. Sometimes I think I have met all the people in the club who think they could build the clubhouse for half the cost we have budgeted. So as the new Board struggles with government regulations at the Local, State, and Federal level that drive the common sense costs higher and higher, don't be discouraged. Most of what you might think they should build is either illegal or can't be used to sell alcoholic beverages. They will be working with the same regulations that apply to the Hilton or Hemingway's, or Shaggy's, or any other commercial building on the island. So plan B will be cheaper, but not super cheap and they know that. They have our sincere support and I'm sure the membership will be behind them in any event.

In the mean time you will be advised the instant we get word on financing one-way or the other. We expect that will be well before the next Spreader on November 1.

Upcoming Events:

Wave Intergallatics Regatta - Register now



Fleet Captain's Report

By Doc Bellows

Greetings Sailors,

After the month of August with all the regatta's that we had it seemed like we needed September to recover our sailing mojo. This month Pensacola bay will be busy with the WFORC on October 14th, 15th, and 16th. Also this month We will be hosting the 2016 Hobie Wave Intergalactic Regatta on October 28th, 29th, and 30th. If you would like to volunteer to help with this regatta please contact me at docsail5007@gmail.com.

Secretary's Report

Position vacant

Membership Report

By Jean-Hugues Rolland

Our records show that As of the 1st of October our current member count is 95 of which 55% are couples membership. As you know you are all valued members and as such I am very proud to welcome two new members and count them as part of the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club family.:

- Mark smith
- David Johnson
- Todd Alford
- Linda Thompson

I am also pleased to report the following new membership application submitted this month. The board will vote on their applications on the upcoming meeting October 11th. This applicant is:

- David May

I remain at your disposal should you have any questions about membership application and renewals. Just send me an email at: membership@pensacolabeachyachtclub.org

If you are interested in joining PBYC, please click on the following link.



Treasurer's Report

By Mike Blanda

Account balances as of the 5th of October, 2016

Bar Account	\$	1,693.95
Operating Account	\$	18,837.62
Building fund	\$	484.47
Paypal	\$	19,554.75
Total	\$	40,570.79

Proposed board for 2017

- **Commodore:** Kirk Newkirk
- **Vice Commodore:** David Johnson
- **Rear Commodore:** Nancy Marshal
- **Secretary:** Christi Colabianchi
- **Fleet Captain:** Richard Bellows