



# The Spreader

March 2017. News from Pensacola Beach Yacht Club.



## Commodore's Report

By Kirk Newkirk

Well its been quite a month for the Yacht Club. The 2nd race of the season is behind us with a good turn out. Doc has posted the results and we are hosting Maxine #2 this month. The big news is as we have a firm letter of intent to purchase the property with a new design plan which allows us to share the space, similar to what we had at the Sabine Marina. The big plus here is we will recoup nearly all the funds spent.

The buyer wants us there, full beach access, boat and board storage. This s serve as a venue for our youth program and allow us to develop an adult program as well. Most importantly I expressed that we have to have a very affordable rent for the first 3-5 years in order to rebuild our membership. He has to do his business plan so I don't have a number at this time but I am confident this will be close to what we had before. Plans for the future include a pier which will probably take 3-4 years for permitting. With this, the club is flush again.

The other item we have been working on with the help of Glen Windham, Janice Wilson, Lee Ann Dunbar & myself is getting a proper 501C3 set up and we are almost there, probably less the 30 days. This will enable us to offer a 100% right off for any donations.

The 501C3 will be under the wing of PBYC and called the Pensacola Beach Nautical Academy. The reason for choosing this name is that Sailing academy seems to limit us. We want Kayakers, Paddle boarders, fishing tournaments and of course our sailors. We want to attract all water lovers. Well that's most of what I have and please email with any questions..

Thanks,  
*Kirk Newkirk*



## Vice Commodore's Report

By David Johnson

*Nothing to report.*



## Rear Commodore's Report

By Nancy Marshall

We have cut back to just Fridays at the Shakka bar for now but may rethink that once the days get a little longer and the weather gets warmer. Quite a few PBYC folks showed up at Kirks RV for snacks before and after the Mardi Gras parade and it was great to see everyone. We hope to have the PBYC float repaired in time for next year but it will need some work so let us know if you are willing to help with that. Now that the weather is getting a little warmer, we will try to schedule an event on the property while we still have it. Since there are regattas for the next few Saturdays, it will most likely need to be on a Sunday to get the best participation. I will send out a separate email blast once we find a good day with nice weather.

## Upcoming Events:

Rites of Spring - Maxine #2



## Fleet Captain's Report

By Doc Bellows

This past February PBYC hosted the Valentines day regatta on a beautiful, warm, sunny, day with winds ranging from 4 to 7 knots. We had a great turnout with 10 boats registered and competing in one class. Two races were sailed With the Dunbar's winning the first race and Kirk Newkirk winning the second race. At the end of the day the Dunbar's were first overall with three boats tied for second place. Great racing by all but in the end Kirk Newkirk finished Second and Dean Holcomb taking Third.

Thanks to Mark Smith and his crew of volunteers for running the races. This month we have the Maxine Sampson series beginning Saturday, March 4th, hosted by Navy Yacht Club then coming to the beach on March 11th and the final race of the series being held at Pensacola Yacht Club on March 18th. Look forward to seeing everybody on the water!!!.

*Doc*

## Secretary's Report

By Christi Colabianchi

Welcome Steve Moncreiff as a single membership applicant.

As we all await information on the sale of the land, please stay tuned to your email and our [Internet page](#) for these updates!

See you on the water!!



## Treasurer's Report

By Linda Thompson

*Nothing to report.*

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