

**NAVY YACHT CLUB PENSACOLA (NYCP)**  
**Naval Air Station Pensacola (NASP) - Bayou Grande Marina, Pensacola, Florida**

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*87th Anniversary*  
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**Commodore's Cup Regatta Race #2 –Anniversary Regatta - Part of the Navy Yacht Club's 87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the Pensacola Bay Championship Series Race #5, Naval Air Station Pensacola**  
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Historic anniversaries are held to commemorate special and significant events in our lifetime. On April 12th, 1931 the Navy Yacht Club of Pensacola (NYCP) was established aboard the Naval Air Station Pensacola. This year the club will celebrate their 87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and one of the best ways for the club to recognize this historic event is to host a sailboat race out on the waters of Pensacola Bay. Not only will the Navy Yacht Club and its members be celebrating their 87 years of existence but also look forward to being participants in the newly established Pensacola Bay Championship Series – a community effort to encourage more participation not only from the local yacht clubs in our area but to invite and support community athletes from the northern gulf coast district.

Sailboat regattas were and are still part of the regular activities for the club throughout the years - the club's Commodore's Cup Regatta Series is part of that history. Two of the club's races this year (the Anniversary Regatta and the Navy Cup Regatta) are part of the very special anniversary events which are uniquely important to the participants but also these events help to document the club's existence and show the club as an active member of the community. Because the Navy Yacht Club members respect their history, they look forward to providing more opportunities to create memorable moments in the community.

Many of the founding members of the Navy Yacht Club were part of the World War II effort and the club struggled to maintain their existence during these lean war years. Persistence paid off however, as the Yacht Club celebrates 87 years of sailing, training and competitive endeavors. The Navy Yacht Club's historic Navy Cup Competition (held this year on June 9 & 10) was created during the resurgence of the club following the end of World War II and will celebrate the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual running of the event this year. The Naval Air Station Pensacola is known as the first Aviation Training Center "the Cradle of Aviation" and was also the "Hub of Training" playing a key role in the World War II Flight training program but it is also known as the home of the Navy Yacht Club, a club that still hosts one of the oldest and most prestigious regattas along the Gulf Coast – the Navy Cup and continues tradition by hosting the Commodore's Cup Series.

Race Registration for the NYCP 87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta / Commodore's Cup Race #2 / Bay Championship Race #5 is available via the Regatta Network and is mandatory. Registration and race information packages for the Commodore's Cup Series can be obtained from the Navy Yacht Club through their website <http://www.navyynsyc.org> (click on the Racing Program tab) Registration will also be open at the Crow's Nest at Bayou Grande Marina on Saturday starting at 9:30 AM. Computer access to the Regatta Network will also be available for use for registration. Online race registration can be made via the Regatta Network at the following link: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/html/calendar.php> (scroll down to the date of the event to find the link to the registration form). The NOR (notice of race) is available on the Regatta Network website and on NYCP's web site. Regatta entry Fee is \$35.00 with US Sailing membership and \$40.00 for non-member racing participants. Spectators and anyone who is interested in the racing event is invited to the Navy Yacht Club facility, which is located on the Pensacola Naval Air Station.

The skipper's briefing for the race competitors will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday morning (for those who can't attend the meeting, all pertinent information will be passed along on VHF Radio Channel 72 at 1145 AM). Race registration for spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruising classes will be held from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM and the race start is scheduled for 12:00 Noon. Following the race, the participants and guests are invited to anchor their boats back at the Navy Yacht Club facility at the Bayou Grande Marina (contact the Fleet Captain for docking availability) and enjoy the Post Race Festivities which includes the Navy Yacht Club's infamous Regatta Dogs along with the Winner's Award Ceremony to be held at approximately 5:00 PM. (Note: Sunday, April 15th will be reserved as a make-up day if required. Also being held in conjunction with the 87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta / Commodore's Cup Race #2 is the Bay Championship Race #5.)

The Commodore's Cup is one of four races held on Pensacola Bay throughout the year and count towards earning the Overall Commodore's Cup Series Trophy for each class which will be presented at the Commodore's Ball held at the end of the year. The next Commodore's Cup Race is scheduled for September 22nd and will be counted in the Pensacola Bay Championship as Race #10. For the On Shore Regatta Information -please contact Jim Parsons (850) 384-4575 [jimparsons@bellsouth.net](mailto:jimparsons@bellsouth.net)  
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