

NAVY Yacht Club
of Pensacola

THE FOGHORN



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Seize the
Daylight

Sails up!



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Commodores Comment

Yacht Club Members,

I hope you all have found some ways to beat the heat this Summer. We had the pleasure of a visit from all our kids and grandkids; best ever.

While we haven't had much official Club activity this Summer, some of you have been busy. Many of you, I'm sure, went out to view the Blues. Esley and I got to experience it on the water. What a treat that was. Very different from sitting on the beach. One of our members from Mobile, AB Reasoner took a first place in the Bobby Hankins Fish Class Regatta and little Jack McWilliams this week is over in Japan racing in the World Open Skiff Championships.

Hopefully we are wrapping up discussions regarding the entrance to the Bayou. After most of the work was completed for restoring White Island, more sand wound up sliding into the channel making it impassible for many of our fixed keel boats and even some motor boats. More discussion was held and the County approved for additional dredging to be done to fix the problem that their crews created. Hopefully we will receive a report shortly as to the new depths in the channel.

If you have your boat docked at the Bayou Grande Marina and are interested in meeting with MWR to discuss any issues you have with Marina operations, please let me know and what your concerns are.

If you have been out traveling this Summer and took your burgee along, please remember to submit your pictures to VC Frank Bean.

Our next gathering will be Tuesday, August 19 at Grand Lagoon. I hope to see you all there,

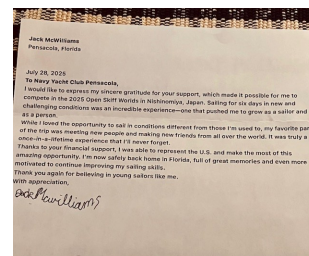


Mia Ottesen
Commodore
Navy Yacht Club
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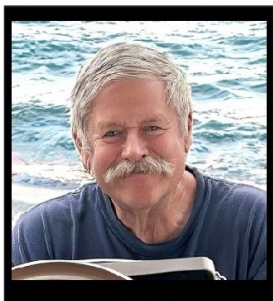
Thank You from Jack McWilliams

July 28, 2025
To Navy Yacht Club Pensacola,
I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your support which made it possible for me to compete in the 2025 Open Skiff Worlds in Nishiomlya, Japan. Sailing for six days in new and challenging conditions was an incredible experience -- one that pushed me to grow as a sailor and a person. While I lived the opportunity to sail in conditions different from those I'm used to, my

favorite part of the trip was meeting people and making friends from all over the world. It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I'll never forget. Thanks to your financial support, I was able to represent the U.S. and make the most of this amazing opportunity. I'm now safely back home in Florida, full of great memories and even more motivated to continue improving my sailing skills.



Thank you again for believing in young sailors like me. With appreciation,
Jack McWilliams



Frank Bean

Vice Commodore Report

Ahoy Members

July found us in Norway examining the land where Penny's people came from. The Fjords were awesome as was the food on The Royal Caribbean vessel. But it is good to be back. We

also spent a few days in London capturing the many historic places. Yes we had fish and chips and a steak pie.

Bob Kreigel will be our featured speaker at this month's meeting. His talk will be about

prepping your vessel for hurricane weather.



Mark Smith

Fleet Captain Report

Quiet Waters

Not much happening on the waters. Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon rac-



es out of PYC. Congratulations to PYC on a Number Two place in the Capdevielle Regatta in Gulfport

Susan Ulloa



New Member

Susan was born at Ft Dix, NJ and raised in the Philadelphia area (FLY Eagles) before moving to Hawthorne, California in Los Angeles County as a teenager. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from San Diego

State University in 1977. She obtained a direct commission in the U.S. Navy in April 1991 – at age 40! After tours of duty in Beaufort, S.C. and Yokosuka, Japan, the Navy sent her to the University of South Alabama for graduate school. She received a Master of Science degree in Nursing. She served the Navy for 22 years and retired in Italy late 2012. During her Navy assignments, her family had settled in Pensacola, so Susan is now hap-

py living in the woods of Cantonment! She is a member of the Military Officers Association of America, Pensacola Chapter (PMOAA), the Gulf Coast Navy Nurse Corps Association (GCNNCA), the Pensacola Camellia Club, and now, the Pensacola Navy Yacht Club. She has been blessed with “four of THE BEST military brats” – 3 sons, one daughter – and twelve grandchildren (so far).



**New
Member**

Susan Varenholt

In 1973 Sue and her husband moved from New Orleans to Pensacola for her first duty station as a Navy Nurse. By 1974, they owned a 23ft, full keel sailboat and became members of our own Navy Yacht Club.

After a successful 25

years career in the Navy Reserve, she began her volunteer work.

Currently, Sue volunteers and is on the board at 'The Leaning Post Ranch' an Equine Therapy facility, helping with the clients and the horses. She is

also a member of 3 other organizations and is on the board of directors of each.

She takes care of 2 cats and 'Rosie' her beloved doggie. Sadly, her husband passed away in 2023.

Where's the Burgee?

Ricki and Jack McWilliams holding the NYCP Burgee at Nishinomiya, Japan where Jack competed in the 2025 Open Skiff World Championship.

**Burgee
Pictures**



Jack McWilliams is holding the Navy Yacht Club Pensacola Burgee in Mount Fuji, Japan. He's site seeing



Summertime is in its last full days of bloom. How fitting that we have a hammock, sandals, free face painting at Menchie's Frozen yogurt anniversary free treats...

And of course our blessed burgee:



When in doubt,
paddle harder

[Visit the Navy Yacht Club Facebook page for Photos and more.](#)

Share our page with your friends and don't be afraid to "comment or like" on the post. Facebook is a great tool to spread the word that we have a great yacht club down here in Paradise!

Rear Commodore

Hello Navy!

Welcome to the dog days of summer! We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer either relaxing or dreaming of relaxing.

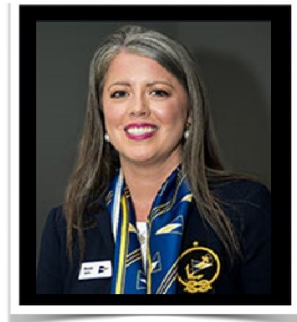
Kinley has kept me busy, as I broke my ankle the first day of summer vacation and her sailing schedule has not stopped.

She sailed alongside

her friends for Pensacola's sail camp with the Spanish National team coach for Opti, became a summer camp instructor for Pensacola, and participated in some Thursday night sailing on her M15.

You may notice help from past rear commodore, Lauren, while I continue to heal and start physical therapy. It has been a summer

to remember for sure, hopefully not to be repeated (at least with casts and scooters). Thanks so much for your help and patience!



Brandy Salvo

Treasurer

I hope everyone is staying cool in the hot weather this summer!

Our Checking Account Balance is at \$20,133.88 and the Savings Balance is \$12,085.41.

Happy Sailing!



Esley Ottesen

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	1 8	2 9
10	11	12	13 Bridge Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19 General Member Meeting: Grand Lagoon	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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"The seas might
be rough, but
I'm the Captain!
No matter how
difficult, I will
always prevail."

Cpt.
Jack Sparrow



Membership

HALF PRICE MEMBER-
SHIP - JULY, AUGUST,
SEPTEMBER.

If you have friends or
family that are interest-
ed in joining Navy Yacht
Club Pensacola, now is
the time to join. Half
Price membership!!!
Plus a \$30.00 one time
Admin fee.

Half Price Membership
are as follows:

Retired Military, DoD
and Legacy
Family \$75.00
Single \$45.00
Active Military and DoD
Family \$55.00
Single \$38.00
Out of town - 50 miles or
more
Family \$38.00
Single \$25.00

Please contact Libby and
she will walk them
through the membership
process.

Libby Day
NYCP membership chair
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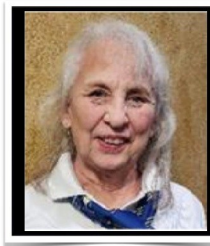


Libby Day



Historian

Over the past few months many pictures have been taken
by our club's members. I ask that they be forwarded to
Richard Smith via email @ rps2949@att.net, so they can
be assembled and placed in our historical archives at the
University of West Florida.



Penny Bean

2024-2025 Bridge

Officers

Commodore:
Mia Ottesen
Vice Commodore:
Frank Bean
Rear Commodore:
Brandy Salvo
Fleet Captain:
Mark Smith
Secretary:
Kathy Johansen
Treasurer:
Esley Ottesen
Past Commodore:
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