

NAVY Yacht Club
of Pensacola

THE FOGHORN



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It is not that
life ashore is
distasteful to
me. But life at
sea is better.

— Sir Francis
Drake

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Commodores Comment

Dear Members,

It has truly been my honor to be your Commodore for the last two years.

I would like to thank the Bridge members the last two years for helping out to run the Club.

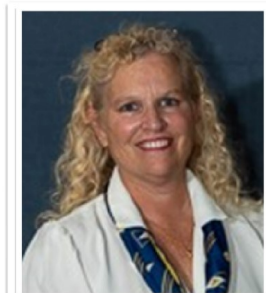
I have served on the Bridge now for seven years and I am looking forward to sitting in the back seat this next year as the new Bridge takes over in January. We have so many new members and many who bring interesting talents to the Club. So, I will be working

with some of them to work to accomplish some additional projects for the Club this next year.

Our Commodore's Ball is coming up on the 19th; be sure to get your reservation sent in.

I hope your family has a blessed holiday season.

Mia Ottesen
Commodore
Navy Yacht Club
of Pensacola

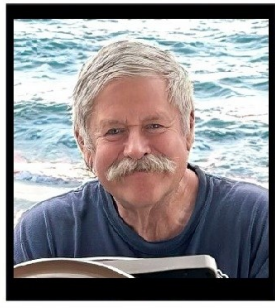


History of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in October and November in the United States, Canada, Saint Lucia, Liberia, and unofficially in countries like Germany. It is also observed in the Australian territory of Norfolk Island. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessings of the harvest and of the preceding year. Various similarly named harvest festival holidays occur throughout the world during autumn. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well.

History

Prayers of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among most religions after harvests and at other times of the year. The Thanksgiving holiday's history in North America is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation. (Excerpt from Wikipedia— [click here](#) for whole article.)



Frank Bean

Vice Commodore Report

Thanksgiving for NYCP.

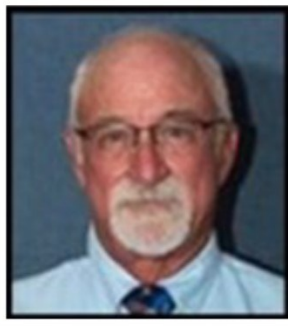
Membership is up from last year. Our coffers allow us to celebrate at the Commodores Ball soon to be held. That is due to the works of the volunteers that went out and secured ad's for our annual brochure. We had a fulfilling race season. We had wonderful meetings and meals we shared at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club. We had great speakers that gave us information on sailing and storm preparation, to name a few.

We are a volunteer organization and are blessed with members that embrace that concept and work to fulfill that concept. I give thanks especially to Molly Werner for her

unwavering support, guidance and knowledge of our clubs history.

I am looking forward especially to the new year with all its challenges and rewards. I want to thank **MIA AND HER BRIDGE** for a successful tenure. Overcoming a place to meet, increased membership, money in the bank, great races, and establishing an improved relationship with NAS Pensacola are just some of the success's that she helped to come to reality.

Frank Bean
251-591-4650 C



Mark Smith

Fleet Captain Report

Not a lot to say on the racing side except we've got the preliminary schedule for 2026 in play. We're waiting on it to get approved by GYA which I don't see a prob-



lem with. We'll see everybody at the Commodore's Ball then the awards Sailor's Banquet in January.

Merry Christmas, everybody

Mark

New Navy YC Attire



(New Shirts)

Coming up we will be offering new shirts for sale at the general membership meeting in January. The shirts are unisex and will be offered in several colors. They are long sleeve, crewneck pullovers and are similar to the Navy Blue and Gray

shirts that have been offered previously. The shirts will have the NYCP burgee logo on the front. We still have some of those shirts for sale if anyone is interested. Also, we are using Coral Reef as a source for other styles of shirts with the

NYCP burgee logo on the front of the shirt. The ladies of the Bridge are hoping to have their shirts at the January 2026 General Membership meeting. We will discuss the ordering process from Coral Reef at the meeting. [Click Here.](#)

[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!

Where's the Burgee?



Earlier this year Julie Connerley traveled with 15 folks to Tanzania for an African safari during the annual Great Migration.

Midwinter Championship,
Southern Yacht Club, New
Orleans, Louisiana
November 28-29.

Jack and Jake McWilliams
at SYC on Black Friday



Commodore's Ball

We're changing things up this year!

1. **Entertainment:** Dance the night away with **DJ Roger Martinez Jr.**
2. **Awards:** Will be announced at the **Sailors Banquet** in early January.
3. **2026 Bridge:** Will be sworn in at the **January General Membership Meeting.**
4. **Seating:** Open seating this year! If you'd like to reserve a table, please let me know in advance.

There'll be plenty of time for socializing, dancing, and celebrating together—don't miss it!

2025 Commodores Ball—

Friday, December 19, 2025 | 1800 – 2200 | PYC Ballroom

Tickets: \$60.00 (Members) | \$70.00 (Non-Members) | **RSVP by Dec 3, 2025**

Don't miss out!

Commodore's Appreciation Photos

Sailors

Enjoy some photo's of great memories shared with our Commodore over the recent year.



"Time is a companion that walks with us all of our lives. "

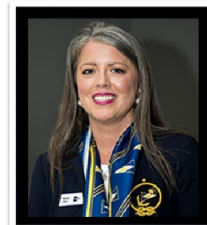
Cpt.
JL Picard



Rear Commodore

Navy! Where has the year gone? I hope you and your families have had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

It has been a honor serving as your rear commodore this year and I wish everyone nothing but the best!



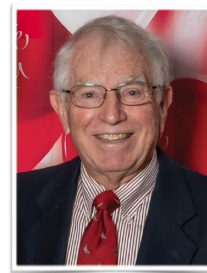
Brandy Salvo

GYA Coordinator

Just a few GYA items coming up in the near future. First, our Fleet Captain Mark Smith has met with the other clubs on the Bay and they have finalized the sailing schedule for 2026. It should be published on the GYA website

(GYA.org) shortly. Second, the annual GYA Winter Meeting is schedule for January 10-11. Normally this would not be of interest to the membership in general, but this year the event will be held locally at PYC. If you have ever wondered what the GYA does, you can check the

event schedule on the GYA website and feel free to attend any meetings that may be of interest. This is the first time in 20 years that the event has been local, so it's a unique opportunity to gain some insight into how our system operates.



Chip MacMillan

Treasurer

We begin the last month of 2025 with our Checking Account Balance at \$14,077.37 and the Savings Balance is \$12,098.09

Seasons Greetings!



Esley Ottesen

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bridge Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Commodores Ball	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 N.Y. Eve			

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For parties, weddings, meetings, etc.

Call Linda at
850-293-1434



Membership

2026 Membership Renewal Dues can be mailed to:

NYCP

PO Box 4423
Pensacola, FL 32507
Renew before January 31, 2026 and receive a \$5 drink ticket to use at the March GMM!

Renewal Fees:

Retired Military / DoD
Retired / Legacy:
Family: \$150.00
Single: \$95.00
Active Military / DoD:
Family: \$110.00
Single: \$75.00

Military Student: \$15.00
Out-of-Town Members (50+ miles away):

Family: \$75.00

Single: \$50.00

Once your check is received, your 2026 sticker will be mailed to you.

If you know friends or family who may be interested in joining NYCP, please let me know — I'd be happy to reach out and walk them through the process.

Fair winds and following seas,

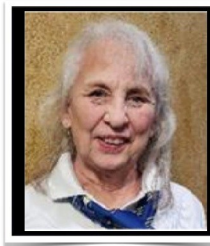


Libby Day



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:
Ken Pyle

Directors

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