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You can't  
change the  
wind; you can  
only adjust the  
sails



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## Commodores Comment

Sailors and friends,

Please keep yourselves, your friends and family members safe during these dreadfully hot days. While we haven't seen any hurricane potential yet, please be prepared. If you need help getting ready, please ask for help.

Thank you to EVERYONE for all your hard work on the 62nd running of our Navy Cup Regatta; whether through the Brochure, the races or the after race party. So many hands were involved in the success of our big event. It was great to see some new sailors out helping with the racing. Thanks goes out to the Ivory Lady, her crew and owner, George Gamble, for hosting us aboard his amazing yacht for the after race party.

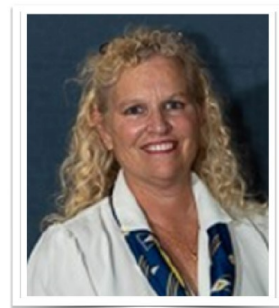
Please continue to watch the website/facebook page for upcoming events and activities. Richard Smith does a great job keeping

our social media sites updated. All of the pictures from the Navy Cup can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Work should be wrapping up soon on the entrance to the bayou. We have been working with the City and County to make sure that our needs will be met to ensure safe entrance and exit into and out of the Bayou.

Our next General Membership meeting will be at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club on August 19th at 6:00 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NOT MEETING IN JULY.** It sounds like the Social Committee is busy cooking up something fun for October; stay tuned.



Mia Ottesen  
Commodore  
Navy Yacht Club  
of Pensacola

## A moment in history

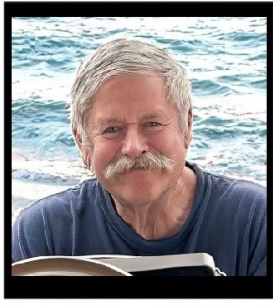
The Navy Department, awakened to the possibilities of aviation, began prevailing upon Congress to include a provision for aeronautical development in the Naval Appropriation Act enacted in 1911–12. In October 1913, Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels appointed a board to make a survey of aeronautical needs and to

establish a policy to guide future development. One of the board's most important recommendations was the establishment of an aviation training station in Pensacola.

Upon entry into World War I, Pensacola, still the only naval air station, had 38 naval aviators, 163 enlisted men trained in

aviation, and 54 airplanes. Two years later, by the signing of the armistice in November 1918, the air station, with 438 officers and 5538 enlisted men, had trained 1,000 naval aviators. At war's end, seaplanes, dirigibles, and free kite balloons were housed in steel and wooden hangars stretching a mile down the air station beach.

[MORE](#)



**Frank Bean**

## Vice Commodore Report

Greetings Members.

The attending members at the June monthly meeting decided to cancel July's monthly meeting. August's meeting features the topic preparing your boat for a hurricane with the featured speaker Bob Kreigel. Other topics for speakers this year include off shore weather and necessary safety equipment to have aboard.

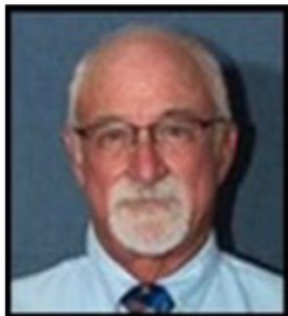
July 4th usually mean fireworks. But handling them can be hazardous. The National Safety Council gives us this advice.

### Fireworks Safety Tips: If You Choose to Use Legal Fireworks

If consumer fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips:

- \* Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- \* Older children should use them only under close adult supervision
- \* Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- \* Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear
- \* Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands
- \* Never light them indoors

- \* Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material
- \* Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- \* Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
- \* Never ignite devices in a container
- \* Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- \* Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
- \* Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
- \* Never use illegal fireworks



**Mark Smith**

## Fleet Captain Report



July Report on the fleet side PYC did win the Navy Cup. It was a hard battle. Congratulations are in order to Corey Street. He

graduated, got his wings. and he graduated top of the class and will be flying F-18. Super hornet Congratulations for NYC.

## New Members

### Gloria Davis

Gloria is a native-born resident of Pensacola. She received the Presidential Sports Award for canoeing and kayaking, and is an exotic plant gardener. She has interests in fashion and design, enjoys local events, and works with children.



Navy yacht Club Jr. Sailors, **Emmett and Claire Perez** both won 2025 Navy Cup Trophies. Emmett sailed on "Rush", 1st place Non-Spin. Claire sailed on "Whitelighten", 1st place Spin.

Congratulations to both!!



## Navy Yacht Club Pensacola

Ricki and Jack McWilliams at School's Out Regatta, Pontchartrain Yacht Club, May31- June 1, 2025. Jack won 2nd place Opti white fleet.

## Pictures



On Friday June 27, 2025, Cory Street, graduated from VT6 Flight School at Naval Air Station Pensacola. To make it even sweeter, Cory graduated number one in his class. He is a future F18 Super Horrent pilot. Congratulations, Cory, we are all so proud of your accomplishments.



Cory Street with "Phoenix" Skipper Tony Nichols and crew, Dick, Ted, and Jonathan.

## Where's the Burgee?



James Hoff and Jonah take the burgee out West for a visit to Seattle's Pike Place Market and the Univ of WA Arboretum. Both are iconic classics of the Pacific Northwest and NYCP has now visited.



No landlubbers allowed.

[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

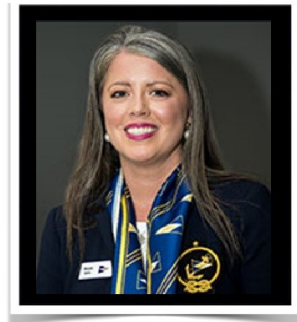
Happy July Navy!!!!  
We couldn't get here without you all. Thanks to all who participated in the W.A.V.E., bikini and Navy Cup regatta. I hope you all stopped through the ship store to fly your Navy burgees high! Special highlight to Claire and Emmett Perez for representing the club as juniors in the Navy cup. Also sending well wishes to Jack

McWilliams as he represents in Japan for Open Skiff and Wesley Hoffman at Optimist Nationals. Please keep in mind one of the coolest things we do as a club is to support the junior sailors as they continue the proud legacy you have set forth.

As always, nothing could be done without you!

Best,

Brandy



**Brandy Salvo**

## Treasurer

I hope everyone's enjoying their summer!

Checking Account Balance  
\$20,391.83

Savings Balance  
\$12,085.41.

Happy Sailing!



**Esley Ottesen**

## July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 No Bridge Meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15 No General Member Mtg	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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A pessimistic  
sailor complains  
about the wind

An optimistic  
sailor hopes it  
will turn

A good sailor  
adjusts the sails



## Membership

Happy Summer

End of June membership  
numbers:

New members - 17

Honorary - 11

Renewal - 118

Total - 146

July - August- September  
half price membership!!!

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

Retired Military and DoD

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

Contact Libby to walk  
through the membership  
process and which one to  
purchase...

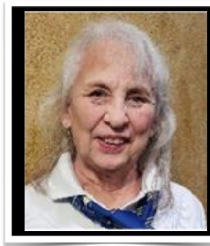


**Libby Day**



## 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

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Frank Bean

Rear Commodore:

Brandy Salvo

Fleet Captain:

Mark Smith

Secretary:

Kathy Johansen

Treasurer:

Esley Ottesen

Past Commodore:

Ken Pyle

### Directors

Membership:

Libby Day

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