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Commodores Comment

This last week has given us a preview of the nice weather to come in the next couple months. We had a great turn out at our social last month. It was so nice to see everyone after our July hiatus. Bob Kriegel talked to us about hurricane preparedness. I think everyone went home with some great tips on how to be prepared. We heard some Ridiculous Rigging and Happy Halyard stories and passed out a couple towels since we couldn't agree on one.

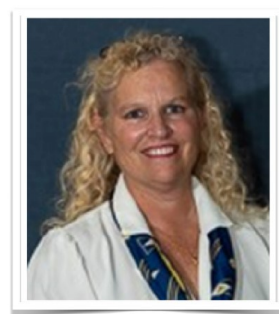
We have two races coming up this month that we are sponsoring. Commodores Cup #3 and #4 on the 13th and 27th, with after race

parties at PBYC. Come out and race or celebrate the achievements.

In October we will send a team to the Curran Cup and the Fish Worlds on Oct. 11-12 and 18-19 both at Buccaneer YC.

If you have moved this year, make sure Libby has your current address, as we will be sending Commodores Ball invites out in a couple months.

We will have elections and nominations for next years Bridge, so if you are interested in putting in your two cents, you should plan to be at the next social.



Mia Ottesen
Commodore
Navy Yacht Club
of Pensacola



History of Labor Day

Labor Day's origins date to the Gilded Age

Activists first sought to establish a day to pay tribute to workers in the late 1800s.

The first Labor Day celebration in the U.S. took place in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882, when some 10,000 workers marched in a parade organized by the Central Labor Union and

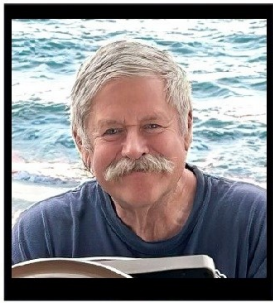
the Knights of Labor.

Workers' quality of life was declining as they transitioned from artisan to factory jobs, while factory owners' quality of life was "just skyrocketing," said Todd Vachon, an assistant professor in the Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations.

That was the same year

that workers for the Pullman Palace Car Company went on strike after the railcar-maker cut wages without reducing rent in the company-owned town where workers lived near Chicago, Vachon said. Over 12 workers were killed after Cleveland sent federal troops to crush the strike, he said.

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Frank Bean

Vice Commodore Report

History of Labor Day (continued)

Cleveland's move to establish Labor Day as a federal holiday is seen by some historians as a way for him "to make peace" with the working class, Vachon said.

Labor Day has become the unofficial end of summer

Travelers crowd airports and highways for end-of-summer escapes, and backyard [chefs prepare](#) cookouts for family and friends. Barbecuing has been a part of Labor Day celebrations from the start, said Robert F. Moss, food writer, culinary historian and author of "Barbecue: The History of an American Institution."

He said it was already such an entrenched tradition in the U.S. that when the labor movements developed in the late 19th century, it was natural to way to celebrate as large groups gathered. In the 20th century, the holiday's barbecues moved more toward gatherings of friends and family in backyards, he said.

"It still has a lot of that same communal sense, gathering around the grill, eating together," he said.

How the labor movement has evolved over the decades

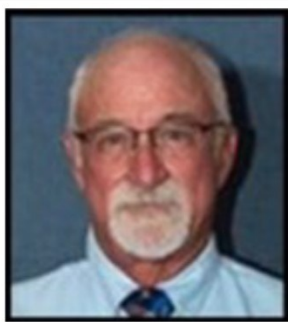
When Labor Day became a federal

holiday in 1894, unions in the U.S. were largely contested and courts would often rule strikes illegal, leading to violent disputes, Vachon said. It wasn't until the National Labor Relations Act of 1935 that private sector employees were granted the right to join unions.

Later into the 20th century, states also began passing legislation to allow unionization in the public sector. But even today, not all states allow collective bargaining for public workers.

In recent years, Vachon said, there's been a resurgence in labor organizing, activism, interest and support.

Associated Press journalist Wyattte Grantham-Philips contributed to this report.



Mark Smith

Fleet Captain Report



Navy Yacht Club has two races this month on the 13th and the 27th. The notice of race for the one

on the 13th is published on regatta man. Juana's Good Time Regatta is the fifth and sixth of this

month. Hope see everybody on the water soon. Mark

New Member

Colonel Mark and Debbie Schulte

Mark is a retired Marine Corps aviation Colonel who went through the jet pipeline and flew OV-10 Broncos. Mark and Debbie live in Pascagoula, MS, where they are members of the Singing River Yacht Club. They have

four adult children and nine grandchildren.

They love coming back to the "The Cradle of Naval Aviation".



Michelle Whikehart

Michelle Whikehart born in Ohio. Married 20 years, divorced 33 years. Four children, four grandchildren. Retired Analyst for General Motors. Moved 41 times. Lived in Ohio, Washington D.C., Indiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Florida. Like traveling, camping, boating, sewing, playing cards, stained glass, painting. First

visited here in 1968, camping at Ft. Pickens and almost every year since. Finally moved to Navarre ten years ago. Sailed/worked with Lanier Sailing at Pensacola Pier Yacht Harbor Marina until Sally hit. Belong to Krewe of Warriors, Gulf Coast Friends, VFW, Elks.



Burgee Picture

Where's the Burgee?

Penny and Frank Bean on the bow of the Independence of the Seas. You can see its pretty windy on the bow while underway.



When in doubt,
paddle harder

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

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Sailor Photos

Junior Sailors

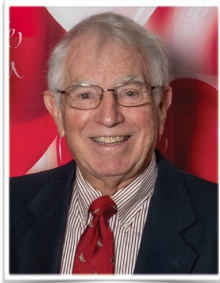
Junior members, Claire and Emmett Perez, proudly represented the Navy Yacht Club Pensacola at the Rock, Paper, Scissors Regatta, an event hosted by the Birmingham Sailing Club on Aug 23 & 24, 2025. The regatta saw the participation of 71 sailors competing across 5 fleets. Notably, the laser fleet comprised of 7 participants, with Claire standing out as the sole female competitor. Emmett showcased exceptional skill, securing 1st place, while Claire

demonstrated remarkable progress by winning the last race, and earning 3rd place overall. Both sailors adeptly navigated the light wind conditions, executing every maneuver with precision and making each movement count on the water.

Sincerely,
Leslie and Nick Perez



Coordinator News



GYA Coordinator

August 2-3, the GYA Annual Knost Regatta was held at Pontchartrain Yacht Club. An all female event, this year it was held in Melges 15's, which was the overwhelming choice of the member clubs. A Capedeville event, it would normally be sailed in Vipers which are less available and require more crew. Southern Yacht Club took 1st place with Pensacola Yacht Club finishing 6th. There are several GYA sponsored events in the next few months that are available for us to participate in. October 18 -19 is the GYA Fish Championships. We are a past winner of the Currin Cup and perhaps we can repeat this year. The regatta will be at Buccaneer Yacht Club. The following weekend will be the Fish Worlds, also at Buccaneer. Pensacola Yacht Club will host the WFORC October 25-26. I'm told there should be a cruising class and a distance race. Information can be found on line at our website, the PYC website or GYA.org.

Ride the Wind

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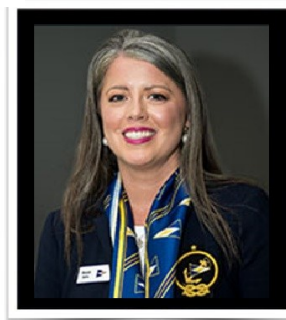
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Rear Commodore

Wow, Navy! How is it already September? I hope everyone had the best summer ever and is now getting ready for football and pumpkins. I do not have any news to report of business for the club. How-

ever, I do want to let you know that when Ken called seeking my wishes for 2026, I have decided to set aside my title. I had much higher hopes of meeting more of you before I broke my ankle 🌀 and could

spend no time in the summer regattas. Added to Kinley's sailing and swim team schedule, I wonder to myself what I have against free time. It has been an honor this 2025 season and I'll be around until the ball, so come by and say hi!



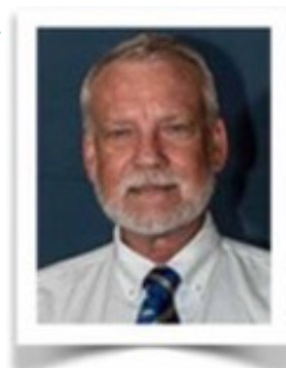
Brandy Salvo

Treasurer

Well there went August, time to get back to racing!

Our Checking Account Balance is at \$19,699.94 and the Savings Balance is \$ 12,090.46

Happy Sailing!



Esley Ottesen

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 ** Bridge Meeting	11	12	13 Bev Stagg - Commodore's Cup #3 /PBC #9 and Marina Party
14	15	16 General Member Meeting: Grand Lagoon	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Comm-Whit Johnson Regatta and Commodore's Cup #4 / NOR
28	29	30				

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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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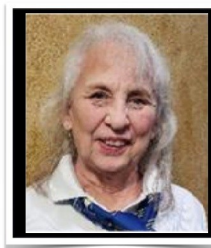


Libby Day



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

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Kathy Johansen

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Esley Ottesen

Past Commodore:

Ken Pyle

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