



A Message from the Commodore:

Frank Bear

Spring is certainly here. The days are longer, the weather warmer. The Bikini Regatta is just around the corner scheduled for April 11th. Followed by the Race for the Roses on the 12th. Easter is April 5th.



We still have time to gather some more ads in our 2026 Navy Cup Brochure. The deadline is April 15th. We use these funds generated to support all our activities during the year including sailing scholarships and after-race parties. There is still time left to secure a few more ads. I look forward to seeing you at our April 21st meeting.

Fair Winds

Vice Commodore:

Ricki McWilliams

It's been a busy start to spring, with great sailing on the bay and an approved budget in place. We've been actively working on ad sales for the Navy Cup brochure, with the April 15 deadline quickly approaching.



I'm looking forward to an exciting April and May, filled with opportunities to serve—both on land and on the water. March certainly kept us on our toes, with multiple seasons in a single day, but the sunshine has been a welcome reward.

As always, text, call, or email.

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Contact Information



Fleet Captain:

Mark Smith



Sailing season has started in full swing here in Pensacola Bay. We've had the GL 52 and Swan 28 racing in Pensacola Bay at the same time as the Waszps—the small, foiling boats. Pensacola Yacht Club hosted 58 of these boats in a two-week regatta, of which Navy Yacht Club was part of the management team. Navy Yacht Club's next race will be the Bikini Regatta on April 11, followed by the Race for the Roses on April 12. The skippers' meeting will be held on April 10 at Pensacola Beach Yacht Club at 6:00 PM for both events, and awards will be presented at Pensacola Beach Yacht Club on April 12 for both events. Fast Women's will follow the next weekend, on the 18th hosted by Point Yacht Club. This same day I'll be taking our FISH class team to the opening regatta at Bay Waveland to compete in the Masters.

I hope everybody has been having fun during the sailing season—there's more to come. Stay tuned and have fun on the water. Live slow and sail fast.

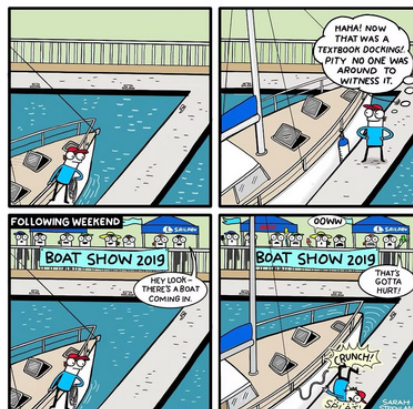
Secretary:

Ms. Patie



FROM YOUR SECRETARY...

Sailors know the art of laughter; it's their secret to conquering any storm.





Ships Store:

The Treasurer is set up to complete card transactions for any in stock merchandise. In addition, you can order online from our store front at Coral Reef Apparel. This site offers a variety of NYCP apparel and accessories. Order with a friend to split the shipping cost. [SHOP HERE](#)

If you need to purchase a burgee please contact Rear Commodore, Lauren Harrold



NYCP Juniors in Action

NYCP junior sailors participate in 2026 Dogwood Regatta, March 28-29.
Fairhope, Alabama

Jack McWilliams took home 2nd Place in the Open Skiff class after sailing 6 races over the 2 day regatta.

Wesley was able to compete on Sunday. He completed all four races securing a second place finish in the third race of the day.

Proud of our junior sailors!



Jack McWilliams - Open Skiff



Wesley Hoffman - Opti
Jack McWilliams - Open Skiff



Rick Adams, Junior at heart, is welcomed back home from his Winter in Montana by Ricki McWilliams and Pat Jackson. Rick was excited to receive his 2025 Yachtsman of the Year Award

New Members: Scott & Carolyn Tilden

Scott is a retired submariner and defense industry executive, and his wife Lyn is a retired RN. We are doing the Great Loop on our fifth boat, MV Aurora. We have made our home near Annapolis MD, however we are currently in Mobile AL on the Loop with our dog Mars and will complete the FL panhandle the end of April, and will get back to MD the end of July. It has been a great experience and we have made many new friends.



Flotsam & Jetsam ~ Molly's Column

Congratulations to Past Commodore Kathy Champagne on her inspiring vision for “A Day on the Bay” for Wounded American Veterans. What began at the Pensacola Bayfront in 2011 has grown into a truly meaningful and successful tradition through 2026.

As we celebrate the 15th Anniversary of WAVE (Wounded American Veterans Event), we reflect with gratitude on the many years of impact—and look forward to many more—made possible through the continued partnership and support of Pensacola Yacht Club.

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing contributions of our sponsors—the Satori Foundation, NASP Schools Command, Wounded Warriors, and the American Legion—as well as our dedicated PYC and NYCP volunteers. Because of you, our veterans are able to experience the joy and freedom of power boating and sailing.

WAVE on the Bay
May 3, 2026 at PYC
Contact Mia Ottesen to volunteer
pastcommodore@navypnsyc.org



Maxine Series

NYCP had great representation in the 2026 Maxine Series. Vessels, skippers and crew alike enjoyed several great races on the bay thanks to NYCP, PBYC and PYC race committees. Results: [Maxine #1](#), [Maxine #2](#), [Maxine #3](#)



FROLIC II



Whitelightnin



Walkabout



Rhumblin

Blue Warbler, Helldiver, Marque and Reprisal not pictured



Membership Information

2026 membership renewal is now open
Renewal pricing as follows:

Retired Military and DoD

Family - \$150.00

Single - \$95.00

Active Duty

Family - \$110.00

Single - \$75.00

Military Student-
\$15.00

150 miles away

Family - \$75.00

Single - \$50.00



Membership dues can now be paid online. Just send me a short note indicating you would like to pay online and an invoice will be emailed to you. A small processing fee will be applied.

After payment is received, I will send you the NYCP 2026 membership sticker for your NYCP membership card.

If you have friends or family who may be interested in joining NYCP we would love to have them.

Mail to: NYCP PO Box 4422 Pensacola, FL 32507

Navy Cup Ads— we are 87% to our \$12,000 goal

Last Change - PLEASE GET INVOLVED! We need FULL membership participation to make this year a success! Half page \$150; Full page \$300. Donations also accepted.

Email: navycuppensacola@gmail.com for more information.

For each AD you purchase and/or sell you will be entered to WIN a \$100 gift card. Deadline for ad submission and payment: April 15, 2026.



Where in the World...

Is the NYCP Burgee?



Jake McWilliams celebrates his 9th birthday in London with family and friends.



Please share your travel journeys with us. Email your burgee pictures to: navycuppensacola@gmail.com and let us know where you are.

April 2026

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5	6	7	8 NYCP Bridge Meeting	9	10	11 Bikini Regatta Awards 4-12
12 Race for the Roses Regatta; Awards @ PBYC	13	14	15	16	17	18 Fast Women Regatta @ Point YC GYA Open @ Bay Waveland
19 GYA Open @ Bay Waveland	20	21 NYCP Meeting	22	23	24	25 CC #2 at PYC Ballroom
26	27	28	29	30		

A Few Notes To Remember

- Bridge Meeting will start at 11:30am. Location will be available April 1st. Please contact a Bridge Member if you are interested in attending.
 - Cesar Travado, Sailing Director PYC will be our guest speaker at the General Membership Meeting. The presentation topic: Rules of Racing. Program will start at 6pm
 - Other bay area races, raft-ups, and events can be found by visiting: [Pensacola Bay Cruising Fleet](#)
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