



## A Message from the Commodore: *Frank Bear*

Recently, I was informed of the passing of past Rear Commodore Jim Parsons. Jim and his wife, Jane, were longtime members of NYCP and stalwarts in making NYCP events more fun and enjoyable. Jim loved sailing and being the Rear Commodore. He was always at the "Crow's Nest" on Race Day early with the coffee, donuts and sandwiches/drinks for the Race Committee and NYCP members who stopped by before going to their boats. He knew what needed to be done such as inflating the tetrahedrons, bringing out the anchors and flags. He never missed a race in the 6-7 years that we worked together on the Race Committee. He had the extra radio if one was missing or out of order. He genuinely loved the Navy Yacht Club and never failed to serve, no matter the need. Jim was a friend and servant to all. He will be and has been missed.



Prior to settling in Pensacola, Jim and Jane had a tour here and decided to stay. He retired after a full career in the Navy Construction Battalion service (SeeBees), serving overseas in the Philippines and other countries, as well as state-side.

Richard Smith comments: Jim was an avid hockey fan. He and Jane were season ticket holders for years. He even played in an adult hockey league in the late 80's and 90's. I was able to get him to a hockey game after he moved into the Haven. He was a real hockey fan.

Jane passed away about 4 years ago and shortly thereafter Jim moved to a long term care nursing facility in Pensacola. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease after entering the facility. It was difficult to visit him during this phase, as many of you know. He always smiled when NYCP came up. A good man has passed. Let us remember fondly the example he set for all of us. Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmate.

Ken Pyle  
Past Commodore



### In this newsletter you can expect:

Bridge Reports

Navy Cup &  
Junior Sailors

New Members

Flotsam &  
Jetsam

Membership  
Information

Where in the  
World

Commodore's  
Ball

Calendar of  
Upcoming  
Events

Contact  
Information



## Vice Commodore:

*Ricki McWilliams*

First and foremost, congratulations to all of those who stuck it out through the wind and weather and competed in Navy Cup. Congratulations as well to Navy Yacht Club Pensacola for bringing the Cup back home!

A special thank-you goes out to everyone who attended and helped make the awards presentation and after-race party such a success. Events like these are only possible because of the support and participation of our members and volunteers. We are now in the full swing of summertime and already halfway through the year. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Commodore's Ball on Friday, December 11. Invitations are being prepared, and final details are currently being worked out.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. Stay cool, have fun on the water, and don't forget your sunscreen!



## Fleet Captain:

*Mark Smith*

So here we are at the end of June, and Navy Yacht Club has won the Navy Cup trophy back! The weather was marginally crazy, but I think everyone had a good time. The party was exceptional, and Ricki and Libby did a great job putting it all together.

We also won the Masters Trophy in the Fish Class, so right now the club holds all three Fish trophies. This was the first time ever that NYCP's name has been added to the Masters Trophy. I want to thank my team, Tom Whitehurst and Kim Anaston. We went over there and showed GYA what we had. The next race for the Fish Class will be at Mobile Yacht Club on July 18-19. We're putting a team together as we speak. I hope everyone enjoys their summer. Our first race back will be September 19.

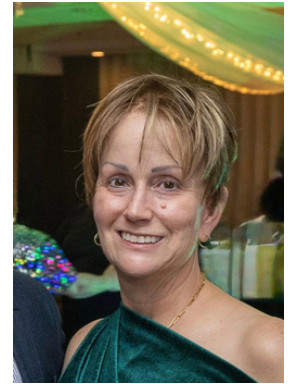




Treasurer:

*Stephanie Hoffman*

The monumental task of transferring all of our financial records into an updated electronic accounting system is now complete. Moving forward, NYCP will be able to accept online payments. A nominal convenience fee will be applied to cover processing costs. If you need to make a payment for membership renewals, Ship's Store purchases, Commodore's Ball tickets, or other club-related expenses, please contact me and I will be happy to send you an online invoice for quick and convenient payment. Thank you for your patience and support throughout this transition as we continue to improve our financial processes and member services. [nycpensacola@gmail.com](mailto:nycpensacola@gmail.com)



Secretary:

*Patti Osborne*

### **Knot. Knot. Who's there?**

Here is a refresher course on the most useful knot you could ever use. The BOWLINE KNOT

Do you remember how to tie a bowline knot? The easiest way to remember how to tie a bowline knot is the classic "rabbit and the tree" mnemonic. It breaks the process down into just a few simple, visual steps that anyone can memorize instantly.

#### **The 4-Step Mnemonic**

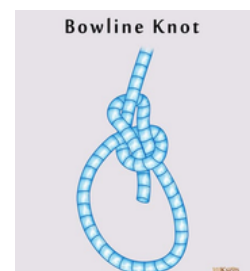
- Make the hole: Form a small loop in your rope. This loop represents the "rabbit hole."
- Up comes the rabbit: Take the working end (the "rabbit") and pull it up through the hole from underneath.
- Around the tree: Take the "rabbit" and run it behind the main rope (the "tree").
- Down the hole: Direct the "rabbit" back down into the original hole. Grab the rabbit and the tree at the same time, and pull tight!

#### **The One-Handed Trick (For Speed)**

Once you get comfortable, you can tie it one-handed or incredibly fast using the "twist" method:

- Drape the rope over your hand.
- Twist your wrist to form a loop instantly.
- Feed the working end through, and wrap it around as usual.

The bowline is highly revered because it creates a fixed, secure loop that never slips under tension, yet remains incredibly easy to untie, even after bearing heavy loads. Enjoy knot tying this summer with your crew, kids, and companions.





---

# Navy Cup 2026

## Special Awards

Youngest Female Sailor: Karlee Todd (12) aboard Helldiver

Youngest Male Sailor: Jack McWilliams (10) aboard Seahorse

Oldest (Most Distinguished) Sailor: Rick Adams (85) aboard Valkyrie



## Cruising Fleet

1st Place – Robert Kriegel, Walkabout

2nd Place – Tom Pace, Blacktip

3rd Place – Stanley J. "Jay" Anderson Jr., URIELLE

## Racing Fleet

1st Place – Stephen Nichols, Phoenix

2nd Place – Kirk Newkirk & Tom Whitehurst, Whitelightnin (not pictured)

3rd Place – S. Attard & E. Brennan, Rhumbline





---

## Navy Cup 2026



Congratulations to all skippers and crews who participated in this year's Navy Cup and helped make the event another outstanding success. Fair winds and following seas until next year's regatta!

---

---

## NYCP Juniors in Action



Starting the summer off strong. Wesley Hoffman is sailing and bringing home the hardware to prove it!

2026 FBYC Annual Junior Regatta & Commonwealth Cup  
Fishing Bay Yacht Club | June 20-21, 2026  
3rd overall  
1st in red fleet



2026 Hampton Yacht Club Junior Annual & USODA Chesapeake Bay Championship  
June 25-26, 2026  
Wesley qualified for team trials and placing 6th overall and first in red fleet.

---



---

## NYCP Juniors in Action



Jack McWilliams participated in the 33rd International Optimist Regatta, hosted by the St. Thomas Yacht Club from June 14–21, 2026.

The regatta attracted nearly 100 sailors from around the world and is recognized as one of the premier events in youth sailing. Participants received instruction from some of the best Optimist coaches globally while competing in team racing and international competition in ideal Caribbean sailing conditions.

Jack finished 27th overall and brought home hardware with a 2nd Place finish in White Fleet. Congratulations, Jack, on a great week of sailing and representing Navy Yacht Club Pensacola on the international stage!



Jack attended the USODA HORIZON Clinic in Fairhope, AL June 27-28

Jake McWilliams attended the NEED (National Energy Education Development) conference and awards in Washinton DC. His elementary school was a 2026 National and State finalist for School of the Year.



---

## NYCP Juniors in Action



This month, Claire Perez is hosting her 8th annual scoliosis fundraiser for Higgy Bears. Higgy Bears is a nonprofit organization that creates teddy bears with scoliosis braces or surgery scars. Thanks to the generosity of donors, 185 bears have already been donated to Ochsner Hospital in New Orleans and are helping bring comfort to scoliosis patients. If you'd like to support future donations, please consider donating to Claire's fundraiser using this link: [www.clairebear.net](http://www.clairebear.net)

Emmett Perez participated in a Waszp clinic at PYC





---

## New Member:

Chris Clement is a retired U.S. Navy veteran living in Maurepas, Louisiana. After 20 years of naval service, he is excited to reconnect with the sailing community through Navy Yacht Club Pensacola.

Chris was previously a member of Navy Yacht Club San Diego, sailed in regattas out of Coronado, served as crew aboard the historic Star of India.

These days, he enjoys exploring Gulf Coast yacht clubs, photography, and traveling. He also owns a veteran-owned Dream Vacations franchise with his partner Claudine, where they specialize in hosted group travel and unique travel experiences.

Chris looks forward to meeting fellow members at NYCP and throughout the Gulf Yachting Association while enjoying the camaraderie and traditions of the sailing community.





## Flotsam & Jetsam ~ Molly's Column

The MAXINE Racing Series was named, as was The PYC Race Committee Signal Boat MAXINE, in honor of Maxine Sampson, who was a dedicated and loyal member of PYC and the Race Committee for many years. Navy Yacht Club Pensacola was fortunate to share use of the MAXINE as thier Race Committee boat from time to time especially for our Navy Cup.

The MAXINE has a long and storied History, and someone who is an integral part of that History is one of our most Senior Members, Dan Owrczewski, a Champion Sailor from Cincinnati Ohio who after moving to Pensacola continued his craft on POLISH NATION and SEABREEZE.

For many years Dan was responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the MAXINE.

He always made sure that she was ready for the regattas. Additionally, Dan worked as a Maintenance Welding Engineer, rebuilding the fleet of Aircraft on display at the National Naval Air Museum here in Pensacola.

## Membership Information

Half-Price Membership Special!

If you have friends or family interested in joining Navy Yacht Club Pensacola, now is the perfect time to become a member. We are currently offering half-price memberships, plus a one-time administrative fee of \$30.00.

Half-Price Membership Rates

Retired Military, DoD, and Legacy

- Family: \$75.00
- Single: \$48.00

Active Military and DoD

- Family: \$55.00
- Single: \$38.00

Out-of-Town Members (50 miles or more from Pensacola)

- Family: \$38.00
- Single: \$25.00

For more information or assistance with the membership process, please contact: Libby Day, NYCP Membership Chair, 850-292-9856

[LibbyDay20@gmail.com](mailto:LibbyDay20@gmail.com)



*Libby Day*



---

# Where in the World...

## Is the NYCP Burgee?



Susan and Jay Anderson  
at their farm.  
Niadros Farm,  
Minnesota.

Jack & Chris McWilliams  
St Thomas Yacht Club  
St. Thomas, USVI



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

---



For more information, contact us at:  
[navycuppensacola@gmail.com](mailto:navycuppensacola@gmail.com)

Formal invitations will be mailed to all Navy Yacht Club Pensacola members via USPS. However, if you have family members or friends who belong to other Bay Area sailing clubs, they are warmly welcomed and invited to attend.

To make a reservation, please share the QR code below with your guests. The QR code will direct them to the online payment portal, where they can submit their payment and reserve their seats for the event.

Tickets are \$70 per person when paid by check to NYCP. P.O. Box 4422, Pensacola, FL 32507

For your convenience, online payment is also available for \$75 per person





---

# July 2026

| S  | M  | T  | W                           | T  | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|-----------------------------|----|----|----|
|    |    |    | 1                           | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5  | 6  | 7  | 8                           | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15<br>NYCP<br>Bridge<br>Mgt | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22                          | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29                          | 30 | 31 |    |

## A Few Notes To Remember

- Bridge Meeting will be at Sonny's BBQ Navy Blvd location. Please contact a Bridge Member if you are interested in attending.
  - Remember: There will be NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS MONTH
  - Other bay area races, raft-ups, and events can be found by visiting: [Pensacola Bay Cruising Fleet](#)
-



## 2026 Bridge: Officers & Directors

### Officers

Commodore: Frank Bean 251-591-4650

Vice Commodore: Ricki McWilliams 850-723-4060

Rear Commodore: Lauren Harrold 757-754-1464

Fleet Captain: Mark Smith 850-291-2545

Secretary: Patti Osborne 719-659-6942

Treasurer: Stefanie Hoffman 850-855-7446

### Directors

Website/Newsletter: Richard Smith 850-712-7722

Membership Director: Libby Day 850-292-9856

Historical Archives: Penny Bean 251-591-6279

GYA Coordinator: Chip MacMillan 850-255-8697

Past Commodore: Mia Ottesen 719-237-7797

Advisor: Molly Werner 850-292-9756

|                                                          |                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NAVY YACHT CLUB<br>PENSACOLA                             | <a href="mailto:MEMBERSHIP@NAVYPNSYC.ORG">MEMBERSHIP@NAVYPNSYC.ORG</a> |
| <a href="http://www.navypnsyc.org">www.navypnsyc.org</a> | Navy Yacht Club Pensacola PO Box<br>4422 Pensacola, FL 32507           |





---

## 2026 Meetings: Bridge & General

### Bridge Meetings:

Jan 14, 2026  
February 11, 2026  
March 11, 2026  
April 8, 2026  
May 13, 2026  
June 10, 2026  
July 15, 2026  
August 12, 2026  
September 9, 2026  
October 14, 2026  
Nov 10, 2026

time/location announced  
each month

### General Meetings; 1800 @ GLYC

January 27, 2026  
February 17, 2026  
March 17, 2026  
April 21, 2026  
May 19, 2026  
June 16, 2026  
July - NO GMM  
August 18, 2026  
September 15, 2026  
October 20, 2026  
November 17, 2026

December 11, 2026 Commodore's Ball  
@ PYC

## 2026 Bridge: Officers & Directors

### Officers

#### Commodore:

Frank Bean 251-591-4650

#### Vice Commodore:

Ricki McWilliams 850-723-4060

#### Rear Commodore:

Lauren Harrold 757-754-1464

#### Fleet Captain:

Mark Smith 850-291-2545

#### Secretary:

Patti Osborne 719-659-6942

#### Treasurer:

Stefanie Hoffman 850-855-7446

### Directors

#### Website/Newsletter:

Richard Smith 850-712-7722

#### Membership Director:

Libby Day 850-292-9856

#### Historical Archives:

Penny Bean 251-591-6279

#### GYA Coordinator:

Chip MacMillan 850-255-8697

#### Past Commodore:

Mia Ottesen 719-237-7797

#### Advisor:

Molly Werner 850-292-9756

|                                                            |                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NAVY YACHT CLUB PENSACOLA                                  | <a href="mailto:MEMBERSHIP@NAVYPNSYC.ORG">MEMBERSHIP@NAVYPNSYC.ORG</a> |
| <a href="http://www.navygpsync.org">www.navygpsync.org</a> | Navy Yacht Club Pensacola PO Box 4422<br>Pensacola, FL 32507           |

