



## A Message from the Commodore:

*Frank Bean*

Navy Yacht Club Pensacola (NYCP) welcomes all to help us celebrate our 63rd year of the Navy Cup Regatta. NYCP has a long-standing tradition of hosting the competition for the Navy Cup. This competition is between yacht clubs and not just individual boats, skippers and crews. Yacht clubs on the Gulf Coast compete as a team in Racing and Cruising Classes. In addition, the One Design competition (with various designs throughout the years) sailing in Lasers, Club 420s, Hobie and Sunfish sailboats has enhanced the overall competition. Beginning in 1962, the United States Navy created the Navy Cup Trophy to encourage competition among the yacht clubs located along the Gulf Coast. The trophy was given to Navy Yacht Club to host the competition. The regatta has provided a venue for serious competition among Gulf Coast yacht clubs. This competition is not limited to Pensacola Bay yacht clubs but is open to all Gulf Coast Clubs. On behalf of the Bridge, the members of NYCP and as Commodore of Navy Yacht Club Pensacola, I welcome and invite you to this memorable competition and after-race party. We all look forward to this competition and the opportunity to enhance the friendships that this regatta creates. Sail fast, sail safely and enjoy the competition. See you at the after-race party on June 7 at PYC. Newly designed Commemorative clothing for the race will be available for purchase there.



The brochure sales promoting the Navy Cup are over and the Brochure is being distributed. Our goal has been exceeded. Those funds generated go to support our racing and scholarship programs and fund The Commodores Ball in December. I personally want to thank those that went out and worked so hard to make this year's effort such a success. If you want to see, here's the link [2026 Navy Cup Brochure](#)

### In this newsletter you can expect:

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Vice Commodore:

*Ricki McWilliams*

As summer officially begins and schools let out, we hope everyone is enjoying time on the water, with family, and under the Florida sunshine. While Memorial Day weekend brought its share of storms, it also gave us an important opportunity to pause and remember the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. We honor them with gratitude and pride.

As you head out for summer activities, please remember to stay safe in the sun — long sleeves, hydration, and sunscreen go a long way toward keeping everyone healthy on and off the water.

We'd love to see you join us for the Navy Cup races on June 6 & 7 followed by the 63rd Navy Cup Award Ceremony and Celebration on Sunday, June 7 at 4:00 PM in the ballroom at Pensacola Yacht Club. It's always a wonderful time to celebrate our sailing community and this longstanding tradition together.

As always, please don't hesitate to call or text if there's anything you need. Wishing everyone a safe, sunny, and memorable summer season!

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Fleet Captain:

*Mark Smith*

Your Fleet Captain here — just encouraging everyone to get out on the water as much as possible this summer! Any time on the boat is a good time on the boat.

Also, a quick reminder: if anyone is interested in signing up to sail for Navy Cup, please reach out to me. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the award ceremony on June 7 at PYC as we celebrate another great year of racing and camaraderie.

The next regatta for Navy Yacht Club Pensacola will be in September — the Beverly Stagg Regatta (9-16) & Whit Johnson Regatta (9-26) — so make sure to mark your calendars now!



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Treasurer:

*Stephanie Hoffman*



As Treasurer, I'm pleased to share that the transition to our updated online financial system is now complete. While the process was much larger and more involved than initially anticipated, this important step positions the club for a stronger and more efficient future. The Bridge is also currently working with a financial planner to ensure our club funds are working wisely and effectively for the benefit of our membership. I'm excited about what lies ahead, and look forward to seeing many of you at the Navy Cup in June. Have a safe and wonderful summer. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions. The best email for me is, [nycpensacola@gmail.com](mailto:nycpensacola@gmail.com).

Rear Commodore::

*Lauren Harrold*



Hoping to see a lot of NYCP Members at the Navy Cup Regatta on June 6 and 7. We will have new merchandise to offer that weekend. Polo Shirts with a new logo to celebrate the 95th Anniversary of NYCP 1931 - 2026. If I do not have your size I am able to order with a fairly quick turn around time. Also, offered at that time will be visors with the NYCP Burgee embroidered on the front. Items will be for sale on the last day of the regatta at a table set up inside PYC. This merchandise will also be made available at the membership meetings.

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Secretary:

*Patti Osborne*



Perhaps, like me, you are a wordsmith of sorts. Enjoy this month's contribution of Naval terms...

**Head (ship's toilet)** The use of the term "head" to refer to a ship's toilet dates to at least as early as 1708.. "Head" in a nautical sense referring to the bow or fore part of a ship dates to 1485. The ship's toilet was typically placed at the head of the ship near the base of the bowsprit, where splashing water served to naturally clean the toilet area.

**Mayday** The distress call for voice radio, for vessels and people in serious trouble at sea. The term was made official by an international telecommunications conference in 1948, and is an anglicizing of the French "m'aidez," (help me).

**Down the hatch** Here's a drinking expression that seems to have its origins in sea freight, where cargoes are lowered into the hatch. First used by seamen, it has only been traced back to the turn of the 20th century.

**Port and starboard** Port and starboard are shipboard terms for left and right, respectively. Confusing those two could cause a shipwreck. In Old England, the starboard was the steering paddle or rudder, and ships were always steered from the right side on the back of the vessel. Larboard referred to the left side, the side on which the ship was loaded. So how did larboard become port? Shouted over the noise of the wind and the waves, larboard and starboard sounded too much alike. The word port means the opening in the "left" side of the ship from which cargo was unloaded. Sailors eventually started using the term to refer to that side of the ship. Use of the term "port" was officially adopted in February 1846.

**Shows his true colors** Early warships often carried flags from many nations on board in order to elude or deceive the enemy. The rules of civilized warfare called for all ships to hoist their true national ensigns before firing a shot. Someone who finally "shows his true colors" is acting like a man-of-war which hailed another ship flying one flag, but then hoisted their own when they got in firing range.

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## NYCP Juniors in Action



Charles Wesley Hoffman earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place, as crew on XOXO, in the Pensacola Multihull Regatta May 17-19, 2026.

## Catalina 22 Nationals



Fleet Captain, Mark Smith on board iMP



Adam & Lenka Wright sailing Tiny Dancer

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Congrats!



Member Krista Young gets engaged!  
Congratulations Krista & Zach

New Member:

Adam and Lenka Wright with Ellen, Amy and A.J. They live in Dothan, Alabama. Adam is retired Army and currently in the Army Reserves. He is also a Delta pilot. They currently own a Catalina 22 Sport.





## Flotsam & Jetsam ~ Molly's Column

Back when my husband, Whit Johnson, was Commodore of N.Y.C.P. in 1982, I was Miss Hospitality, and a new couple came to a meeting and their names were Luke and Lyn Nutt. I saw Beverly Stagg and said come on over, I want you to meet a couple of "Nuts!" We all had a good laugh over that one. I am reminded of that story because they are now living here at Azalea Trace where I live. He saw a painting of mine of our sail boat from N.Y.C.P and a conversation started. We realized we both knew each other way back then and he remembered my husband Whit! I was so pleased!

Carol Johnson

## Membership Information

If you have friends or family that are interested in joining NYCP please have them contact me.  
Or send email to [membership@navypnsyc.org](mailto:membership@navypnsyc.org).

Membership is open to all Active Duty, Reserve, Retired, and Veterans of all branches of the United States Military Services, locally assigned Allied Military, full time and Retired DOD personnel and dependents.



*Libby Day*

## 2026 Navy Cup Brochure Committee Update

Brochures have been distributed around town. Pick one up. Be sure to support our sponsors.

The winner of the \$100 member incentive will be drawn at the Navy Cup Awards on June 7.  
Thank you again for your support.



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# Where in the World...

## Is the NYCP Burgee?



Bev Stagg representing from Great Salt Lake & Arches National Park, Utah & Monument Valley, Arizona



Norwegian Escape; Cozumel Port call; aboard SV Nassau Sugar (Fury Catamarans) with the Captain.

Dave and Darcey Michtell



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.

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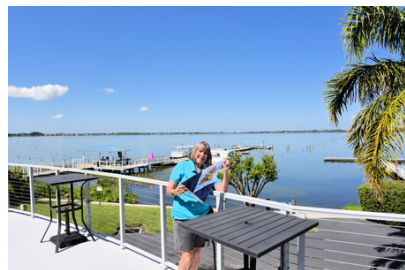
Buddy & Myrna Hamilton

Myrna & I went on a cruise to Alaska in early May.

One excursion took us to Icy Strait Point near Hoonah where I rode the largest zipline in the world. It is 1300 ft high down the side of a mountain 100 ft above the treetops reaching speeds up to 60 mph. It is a little more than a mile long & takes 90 seconds!



Julie Connerely traveling with the Nacy YC burgee at Florida Elks Youth Camp on Lake Eustis and Mount Dora Yacht Club



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.

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# SAVE THE DATE!



63rd  
**NAVY CUP**  
★  
**AWARDS**

**JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**



★  
**NYCP**  
**COMMODORES**  
*Ball*

**DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**



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# June 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5 Skipper's Meeting @ PBYC	6 Navy Cup
7 Navy Cup/ Awards	8	9	10 NYCP Bridge Meeting	11	12	13
14	15	16 NYCP Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## A Few Notes To Remember

- Bridge Meeting will start at 6:00pm. Sonny's BBQ Navy Blvd location. Please contact a Bridge Member if you are interested in attending.
  - Bob Kreigel will be our guest speaker at the General Membership Meeting. The presentation topic: Mexico Race. 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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# July 2026

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## 2026 Bridge: Officers & Directors

### Officers

Commodore: Frank Bean 251-591-4650

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# 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

## 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

time/location announced  
 each month

December 11, 2026 Commodore's Ball  
 @ PYC

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