



A Message from the Commodore:

Frank Bear

Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season is here, and August is an excellent time for every member of the Navy Yacht Club Pensacola to review their hurricane preparedness plans. Along the Gulf Coast, storms can develop quickly, and being prepared before a storm threatens our area can make all the difference.

For boat owners, preparation should begin well before a hurricane is approaching. Know where your boat will go if a storm is forecast, and do not wait until the last minute to make arrangements. Secure loose gear, remove sails and canvas, check dock lines and chafe points, and make sure bilge pumps and batteries are operating properly. A few hours of preparation can prevent thousands of dollars in damage.

Members should also prepare their homes and families. Review evacuation routes, check emergency supplies, secure outdoor furniture and equipment, and keep important documents protected. Make sure medications, flashlights, batteries, portable chargers, and several days of food and water are readily available. Most importantly, do not underestimate a storm. A hurricane does not have to make a direct hit on Pensacola to create dangerous winds, storm surge, flooding, and tornadoes. Once conditions deteriorate, it is too late to safely move a boat or make last-minute preparations.

As members of the Navy Yacht Club Pensacola, we share a special responsibility to look after our boats and one another. Take the time now to prepare, check on your fellow members, and make sure your hurricane plan is ready before the next storm threatens our Gulf Coast.

Prepare early. Stay informed. Stay safe.



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Vice Commodore:

Libby Day



Hi everyone,

We are looking for volunteers to assist with our two remaining After Race Parties (ARPs). We need at least two volunteers per party for the following events:

- Sept 19: Beverly Stagg Regatta (CC#3)

- Location: The Watson Center at PYC
- Schedule: Set-up begins at 3:30 PM, the party starts at 5:00PM, and clean-up begins around 6:30 PM.

- Sept 26: Whit Johnson Regatta (CC#4)

- Location: PBYC
- Schedule: Set-up begins at 5:00 PM, the party starts at 6:00 PM, and clean-up begins around 7:30 PM.

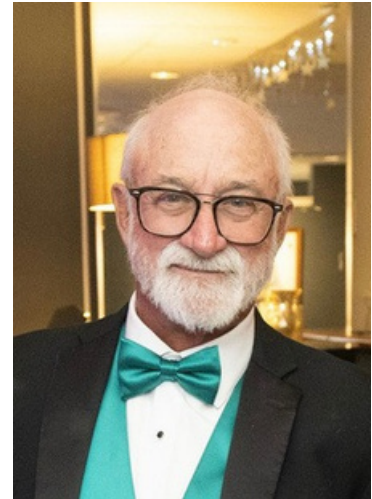
Please contact Libby to get more details or to sign up.

Additionally, the Commodore's Ball is scheduled for December 11, and formal invitations will go to press in a few weeks. If you would like to reserve an eight-top table for your crew or friends, please let the Commodore's Ball Committee know now so we can make it happen.

If you are interested in joining the 2026 Commodore's Ball Committee, please contact Molly. We look forward to making this Ball the best ever!



Fleet Captain:



Mark Smith

September is just around the corner. We have our last two races of the year. The Beverly Stagg Regatta will be on **September 19** and the Whit Johnson will be on **September 26**. The Notice of Races, **NOR**, are all posted and on **Regatta Man** for those who want to enter.

Some good news, Navy Yacht Club is now a proud owner of a 1988 20 foot Grady White. It will be a wonderful committee boat.

I hope everyone's ready to start the fall season. Soon the heat will be going away. Let's go have some fun. See you on the water.



Rear Commodore:

There is a new order of the white crew neck T-shirts available for purchase at \$35 each in sizes small to extra large priced at \$35 each, Also, we still have a few of the light blue polo shirts available at \$45 each, There are hats and visors with the NYCP burgee embroidered on the front and these will be available at the next General Meeting,

I have been in touch with one of our local vendors and discussing the purchases of hoodies with an NYCP logo and design,



Lauren Harrold

Secretary:

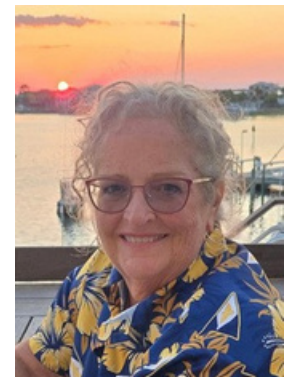
Hello Friends

At our core, this club is a community, and thus, service oriented. It has been a while since NYCP reached out to the Pensacola area with some kind of service project.

While many know National Wreaths Across America Day, their mission continues year-round through programs that educate, connect communities, and support veterans nationwide.

They host Teaching Programs, Provide Mobile Exhibitions, and Wreaths Across America Radio. They bring the mission into classrooms and communities through free educational resources. These tools help the next generation understand the value of freedom. They share 24/7 informational and inspiring content about members of the U.S. armed forces, their families, military veterans, and volunteers.

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Patti Osborne



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Their Honor Fleet moves millions of veterans' wreaths every year. With 5 national cemeteries between Pensacola and New Orleans, we have plenty of opportunities to support this good work and lay wreaths during the Holiday Season. Please give this service project some good thought. Perhaps you have another idea. Please let us know. We will put this on the agenda for an open discussion at our September General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 15. Thank you so much for your willingness to make a great impact on our community.

Patti Osborne
NYCP Secretary

Wreaths Across America <helpdesk@wreathsacrossamerica.org>





Jay Anderson (USN Retired LCDR and NYCP member) and his wife, Susan and son, Tor were in Sacramento, California, for the 2026 Summer Swimming Nationals.

Jay competed in the U.S. Master's 70-74 age group. Jay achieved two impressive 7th-place finishes:

- 50 meter: 40.73
- 100 meter: 1:33:19

Congratulations Jay on these outstanding achievements!





Flotsam & Jetsam ~ Molly's Column

Dear NYCP members,

Planning for the 2026 Commodores Ball at the Pensacola Yacht Club on December 11, 2026, is well underway.

The Committee is pleased to announce that we have secured a block of 10 rooms at the new Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Pensacola for Navy Yacht Club members who wish to stay overnight. The hotel is located at the foot of 9th Avenue, overlooking Veterans Park and the Bay Bridge, and features both a dining room and room service.

A link to access the special room rate of \$199 plus tax will be published soon.

Additionally, volunteers are always welcome to join the Navy Yacht Club Commodores Ball Committee. Please let us know if you are interested in helping.

Best regards,

Molly

Membership Information

HALF PRICE MEMBER- SHIP - JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER.

If you have friends or family that are interested in joining Navy Yacht Club Pensacola, now is the time to join. Last month for 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 \$48.00

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.



For more information, contact us at:

commodore@navypnsyc.org

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

From the Webmaster:

Richard Smith



Not much to report. The number of visits to the website are down to 885, not surprising since the club has not had much going on. The number of Facebook followers has risen by one to 249. That's about it.

webmaster@navypnsyc.org.

Where's the Burgee



Matterhorn, Switzerland

Julie Connerley



Lake Lucern, Switzerland



Eagles Nest, Austria

Dan Owczarczak (O-zar-zak) – Dan O (aka Dan “The Man”)



September 8, 1931 - August 22, 2026

By Kimberly Kaminski

Dan Owczarczak initially joined the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club in 1996 at the encouragement of Steve Teague who told him he could join the club and be considered an out of state member, since Dan was in the process of moving to Florida from Cincinnati, Ohio. He had bought his boat APPLEJACK, a Hunter 36, and put it in a slip in Bayou Chico before even moving to Florida. Dan was an active sailor in Cincinnati and decided to move to Pensacola because it had 3 yacht clubs (in Panama City, where he was stationed in the Air Force, they only had 1 yacht club) and he looked forward to being active in the Pensacola sailing community.

During his sailing endeavors Dan earned over 214 trophies racing 470's, Lasers, Flying Scots, Fish Boats and his racing sailboats APPLEJACK, POLISH NAVY and SEABREEZE (2 Hunter 36's and a Tartan Ten meter). Dan was also an integral part of the Pensacola Yacht Club's Race Committee Signal Boat MAXINE. For over 10 years Dan voluntarily took responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the MAXINE (along with the multiple PYC junior sailing vessels and the old Fish boat on display at Pensacola Yacht Club entrance). Dan helped to locate the "new" signal boat in Texas, relocate it to Pensacola, installed a holding tank to update the boat to coast guard readiness, designed and outfitted the boat with a racing signal system and washed down and repaired any damage after a day of racing. He always made sure that she was ready for the regattas. Over the numerous years of his sailing experience, he shared his knowledge with his crew members, taking fledgling sailors out on his boat providing sailing skills and knowledge during their sail. He was a big supporter of the Ladies Races and offered his boat for their competitions throughout the years.



He became a member of all three area yacht clubs: Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, Pensacola Yacht Club and the Navy Yacht Club Pensacola. Dan was the first recipient of the Navy Yacht Club's Commodore Tedford Cann Excellence in Sailing Award in 2007 – POLISH NAVY which honors the NYCP member who displays the highest degree of Sportsmanship representing NYCP in competitive sailing events. He won the Award again in 2011 - SEABREEZE. Dan has earned Sportsman of the Year numerous times, Fleet Captain awards for service, Offshore Sailor of the Year and Powerboater of the Year among other sailing honors. He won 4th Place in the Masters Division for the Gulfport to Pensacola Offshore Race, He has raced numerous open water races including a race from Pensacola to Panama City earning 2nd place in the 100-mile race and he raced to Isla Mujeres a 555 nautical mile journey to an island off the coast of Cancun, Mexico. Not only did he compete and sail down to the island but sailed the boat back to Pensacola (an 1110-mile journey). He was also recognized as the "Oldest Active Sailor in 2022" at the age of 91. He would still be sailing if Hurricane Sally did not take his boat, SEABREEZE. Dan also worked as a volunteer at the National Naval Aviation Museum. He amassed over 11,000 volunteer hours working and restoring over 30 military aircraft and 25 airplane engines.

Even though he only graduated from high school, had a few technical classes, was a US Air Force Staff Sargent Flight Line Mechanic Specialist, he was like a walking Encyclopedia especially when it came to the things he was passionate about: airplanes, engines and sailboats. He was also a "MacGyver", able to engineer or utilize items in a different way to help or serve either himself or others. Dan "The Man" was a one-of-a-kind person. Under that gruff exterior was a caring man in his own way and supported our sailing community in many ways. He was a Cancer Survivor, but sadly his cancer returned (Pancreatic) and he survived long enough to see his 72nd Wedding Anniversary on 8-21-26. He passed away on 8-22-26 not quite making his 95th Birthday on September 8th, 2026.

Fair Winds and Following Seas Dan O!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Bridge Meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15 General Membership Meeting	16	17	18	19 Beverly Stagg Regatta
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Whit Johnson Regatta
27	28	29	30			



2026 Bridge: Officers & Directors

Officers

Commodore: Frank Bean 251-591-4650

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Directors

Website/Newsletter: Richard Smith 850-712-7722

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GYA Coordinator: Chip MacMillan 850-255-8697

Past Commodore: Mia Ottesen 719-237-7797

FCA Coordinator: Sandy Pyle 479-414-1712



2026 Meetings: Bridge & General Membership

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
 Sonny's BBQ Navy Blvd
 @ 11:30 am

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
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