

NAVARRE BEACH YACHT CLUB NEWS JULY 2016

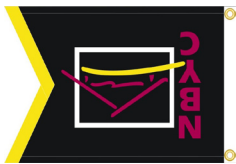
Commodore's Comments...



Ahoy!

Hard to believe we're already in the heart of the summer!? July meeting was a bit sparse in participation, most likely due to the fact that everyone was still worn out from a busy July 4 weekend at Juana's. But thank you to those hearty souls who joined us for a rousing good time of boat talk and party planning.

Vice Commodore Terry reported on the All Call at Juana's dock. It was more of an open-house, with several boats tied up to the dock, starting on the 30th for the Juana's/Sailors' 27th Anniversary party festivities. People came and went, via land and sea, throughout the weekend, enjoying a fantastic fireworks show on the 4th. Shade tents and lawn chairs covered the dock, and NBYC members entertained themselves story-telling, drinking, floating, meeting at the Grill for meals and/or sharing food and drink on boats and the dock. A few stayed until after the meeting on Tuesday to make it an excellent, long, Supa-fun holiday weekend!



NBYC burgees hung upside-down signal distress. Just an FYI to those of you who accidentally hung your flags bass-ackwards without realizing it. John and Melissa arrived to

the raft-up flying their distress burgee, and then our large NBYC flag ended up being accidentally hung in the same distress-signal manner. But now everyone knows, so watch out while hanging your flags!! And don't worry, J&M, it can't qualify as a DA award.

Marine Advisor Steve updated us on the new law that took effect July 1. Initiated by Governor Scott, what was called the "Probable Cause Law" but is now called the "Reasonable Suspicion Law" prevents boats from being boarded multiple times for

inspection. If you have been inspected once, you can get one of 200,000 decals available, so marine officers know your boat has already been inspected and will leave you alone.

The Pirates Cove Raft-up had 10 boats attend, five power and five sailboats. Unfortunately for most of the sailors, the wind was unfavorable to sail in both directions. Fortunately for the Commodore and her Captain, we couldn't leave until Sunday afternoon, when the wind was howling from the east. What a fantastic sail! The sails went up just outside our canal on Navarre Beach, and we didn't turn on the motor until we were just outside Pirates Cove entrance. Sorry to miss most of the NBYC crew, but we did enjoy hanging with the last lingerers, and we even managed to have a really lovely sail back home on Tuesday afternoon. If you've never boated to Pirates Cove, I highly recommend the adventure. What a cool, fun, friendly place! The fact that your Commodore dropped her phone in the beer-can-littered bottom of the Cove forced her to truly enjoy the weekend with no distractions, (that's what I tell myself, anyhow....).



I believe everyone who attended the Blue Angels was impressed. It was a perfect day, (albeit HOT) and the Blues put on another amazing show. Bob Holmes sponsored a raft-up in Little Sabine, on a sandbar that apparently was not terribly busy, was well protected, and would have been a fantastic place to watch the show and spend the night. Unfortunately, those of us experienced Blue Angels goers in larger vessels were deathly afraid of getting into the Little Sabine chaos that has always ensued in the past, so there was a group of us who anchored on the outskirts of the madness, quite a ways out from Paradise Bar and Grill, thinking we'd leave the official raft-up for the smaller, more maneuverable boats. Apologies go out to Bob, as he had set up a nice party atmosphere, and rumor has it

that only one other boat showed. Fortunately, Bob was a great sport, and after communicating, we agreed that the right thing to do in the future would be to inform the event sponsors of whether you will make the event or not - particularly if there is food involved, (which, fortunately for this event, there was not). And just to set the record straight, Bob, you do not have to worry about breaking the record on least attended NBYC function. With one other boat in attendance, that makes it one more boat than attended a function we had last year, right Ken and Cheryl?

Upcoming Events:

August 1: NBYC Meeting, 7:30 Club Pagodas at Juana's

August 5-7: Fort Walton Yacht Club - Roger Roy, a FWYC member, has invited us to enjoy this weekend tied up to their docks for Bands Fri and Sat nights, paddle board contests Saturday afternoon, and I'm sure plenty of eating drinking, and maybe even some dancing.... Get your vessels prepped and plan to attend!

Sorry this is such a long report, but we're deep in the heart of boating season, and NBYC has lots of news! Get out there on those boats, and be sure to bring plenty of sunscreen, sailing hats, and cold beverages!

Hope to see you at the next NBYC Meeting!

Commodore Juana



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History of the DA Award by the Recorder



Some newer members of our club have asked about the custom of our DA Award/Burgee. In January of 2002, Commodore Dano Wakley took the helm of NBYC and announced an increased emphasis on boating safety. To that end, he proposed establishing the "Dumb A** Award", heretofore known as the "DA Award". The Power Boater at Large and the Sailboater at Large were each tasked to nominate the "dumbest" safety violation observed and the Vice Commodore would select the "winner". Initially set up as a monthly award, we appear to have thankfully become a safer group, as the "award" is now given out on an occasional basis. A special burgee was ordered to accompany this award, using the more politically correct "Duck's A**" concept and allowing for a whimsical design. The spirit of the award is that it is often given in jest as a gentle reminder of safe boating. Serious injuries or excessive boat damage are diplomatically avoided. Six burgees were ordered and began circulating in July 2002.

In the words of Commodore Emeritus Dano (May 2002 Newsletter):

"Purpose of the DA Burgee: To recognize "exceptional" nautical feats by a member.

Basic Truths: The Captain is Always Responsible. The mate and crew are a sly and cunning bunch, and bear watching at all times. Water under the boat is good. Water over the boat is bad.

In the last ten years, our members have done many exceptional nautical feats. We have lost anchors, props, keys, glasses, and the ability to walk and talk. We have run aground bow first, stern first, and sideways. We have fallen on boats and docks, fallen off boats and docks, fallen off boats onto docks, and fallen off docks onto boats into the water. And we've had a few alcohol related incidents.

Such feats have gone unrewarded far too long. And so, the DA Burgee. We are not out to humiliate, embarrass, or insult our fellow captains, members, and friends. Oh no! This is an opportunity to learn! And, of course, the awardee gets to fly the DA Burgee, until relieved by another member being so honored. And no member will ever be awarded the DA Burgee posthumously!!"