



NAVARRE BEACH YACHT CLUB NEWS SEPTEMBER 2016

Commodore's Comments...



We should be over the peak of the summer heat, and now we can look forward to cooler weather and a lovely fall boating season. Let's just keep all our positive thoughts that those nasty tropical storms continue to stay away from our beautiful,

replenished beach!

We had another great meeting this month. Webmaster Lea reported that she's going to add the Waterway Guide link to the NBYC web site links page. If you haven't visited the nbycweb.org website yet, be sure you do. Lea has done a wonderful job rebuilding and organizing, and it's full of helpful boating information and fun event photos. Thank you Lea for all the time and energy spent on keeping our website up-to-date and user-friendly.

Did you know the Waterway Guide publishes fuel prices from all over the country and that they're updated weekly? Marine Advisor Steve informed us of this, so if you plan to re-fuel and want the best price, check out waterwayguide.com. Thank you, Steve! And Lori, our store lady, informed us that she's ordered a few long-sleeved T's but no sweatshirts for the upcoming fall/winter season. We still have enough sweatshirts in stock, so be sure to buy yours at the next meeting.

NBYC Member and GM of Juana's Pagodas Kevin Rudzki announced that although all card-carrying members are accorded free dockage, (space available and pending special events where dock is reservation-only) dock power is never guaranteed, especially if you arrive after hours. The power is GFI-protected, and any grounding issues your boat may have will trip the breaker. If your power need is critical, please contact Kevin or Steve Rudzki ahead of time, and NEVER expect the staff to solve these problems; it is not their expertise. As a current NBYC card-carrying member, you are also allowed a 10% discount on Juana's merchandise and services, though there are some exceptions here as well, (winter wine-tastings, for example -- which Commodore Emeritus Cheryl announced will begin again on Friday, Sept. 30, and continue every other Friday throughout the winter at 6:30 pm). Kevin's quote: "You git what you git, so don't pitch a fit!"

A question arose as to the percentage of powerboats -vs- sailboats who are active club members. Our recorder, Sue Curran, (She, along with our Purser, Linda Griner, have kept their positions since the inception of our club 25 years ago! Thank you both for doing fantastic jobs. Now that's dedication!) sent me a run-down of just that information, so I'll share it with you now:

Club membership: 88 (not including the latest additions from the last meeting)

Power boats: 38

Sailboats: 23

Past boat-owners/wished they had a boat but don't yet: 27

Power & Sailboat Owners: 3ish

So the powerboat to sailboat ratio is about 60/40. In the past, we had a much higher ratio of powerboats than sailboats, so as a sailor myself, I'm happy to see our sailors group is growing too! We give much credit to John Myran and Ralph Knoerr, who have both been instrumental in recruiting fellow sailors. Great job, guys!

And speaking of sailing, the 26th Annual Juana Good Time Regatta was another smashing success. We had over 100 Multihulls register, and that didn't include those, (like yours truly) who participated in the timed WAVE beach races. This was a 3 day party/sailing regatta, and it certainly did, once again, live up to its "good time" name. I'd like to thank John Conner II, Lori Kadziolka, Rene Rudzki, Bill and Kathy Muir, Billy Keegan and his kids, and all of my supporting NBYC people who helped make this one of the best regattas yet! I'm still coming down off that high!

Upcoming events:

Friday, Sept. 23: Fort McRee - BYO: cocktails & hors d'oeuvres and perhaps a bonfire.

Saturday, Sept. 24/25: Johnson Cove raft-up, east of the Sportsman Marina, Orange Beach, AL (if you want to stay at the marina dock, be sure to call and make a reservation in advance - tel: 251.981.6247). Sailboater at Large John Myran is sponsoring and will make reservations for dinner at Shipp's Harbour Grill for Saturday pm. You should have received an email with all the details, but please RSVP jpmmyran@msn.com so he can get a headcount.

Monday, October 3: NBYC Meeting - 7:30 at Juana's

Hope to see you out on the water soon!

Commodore Juana