

## NAVARRE BEACH YACHT CLUB NEWS APRIL 2018



### *Commodore's Comments...*

Ahoy Shipmates

I want to thank Vice Commodore Bob for stepping in at the last minute to chair the last meeting. He will step into the breach again for the next meeting as well, while some of us flotilla east to and back from Apalachicola.

I have the personal inclination to think of boating in terms of masts, sails, sheets, and reef points. Well, I just had the opportunity to assist (chaperone?) a gulf crossing on a large sailing catamaran with two of our fellow members. This boat has all of the things I think necessary on a boat (large enough beer cooler?). This crew crossed from Clearwater to Panama City (200 miles) at a solid six knots in 33 hours.

Certainly not a record, not bragging, only stating the facts.

The entire point of sharing this narrative is to tell the REST of the story.

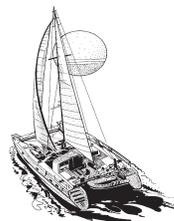
I have been known to state that diesel engines

were invented for a reason. And a diesel engine brought the cat home in complete comfort and enjoyment, very little sail.

When any of us plot a trip, whether an overnight crossing or just down the bay, Mother Nature is completely in control. If you plan an extended voyage off shore for an extended amount of time, only go when the conditions are reasonably comfortable for all of the time you think the trip will take. A set schedule is a huge mistake and you'll probably regret it.

We waited two days for the proper weather and sea conditions and it is a joyful memory now because we didn't push a schedule. Allow the time to enjoy your boats.

The outings in May include May 5th, Cinco de Mayo Raft Up at Juana's. The next meeting will be May 7th at 6:30 at the Club. Please don't forget the upcoming Butt Roast on the 19th of May at the Myrans'.



See you out there,  
*Commodore Ken*