

NAVARRE BEACH YACHT CLUB NEWS

APRIL 2019



Commodore's Comments...

Ahoy NBYC Members:

Welcome to April, one of the best boating months of the year!! Ok, I know you are receiving this in March, but with our April meeting on April 1st, I wanted to get this out as a meeting reminder. In our last newsletter, I pointed out the adage that March comes in like a Lion and leaves like a Lamb. Well for the NBYC March outings we proved it right.

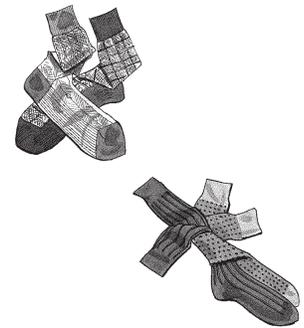
We had two events in in March, a St Patrick's Day Raft-Up at Juana's and a First Day of Spring Raft-Up with a sock burning bonfire at Big Sabine.

St Patrick's Day weekend started out raining, cold with a stiff wind. By noon the rain stopped but the cold wind continued. We still had members arrive at the Raft-Up by both boat and land yacht. I would like to point out that 100% of the boats that braved the elements (all both of them) were sailboats. Not sure what that says about our sail boaters... We started on the dock but quickly decided that it made far more sense to move out of the weather and into the Pagoda. While the gathering was small, the 15+ members did our best to represent the Club's reputation of imbibing and debauchery well!

The following Wednesday, the Club's activities were moved further west to Big Sabine for an event of several firsts; our first mid-week Raft-Up in recent memory, our first celebration of the first day of spring and our first sock-burning

bonfire. While the weather was clear, it was still windy and cooler than any of us wanted. We had 10 boats in attendance, 3 power boats and 7 sailboats! Included in the sailboats were 3 Corsairs led by our Sail Boater at Large, Bill Geyer. I am not sure if a grouping of Corsairs is a: Gaggle, a Flock, a Wing, or a Horde, but it was great seeing them all. Along with *Cats Away*, the multi-hulls made a great showing.

As it turns out, the March Equinox on Wednesday not only represented the first day of spring but also a full moon which was incredibly bright! Since it was the first day of spring, we revived an old tradition of burning our socks in the bonfire. Thankfully most of the socks were clean; however with the cool night



it might have been a bit early in the year to discard our warm socks! We did our best to offset the effects of the cold with sufficient quantities of anti-freeze. It was suggested by one of the attendees that with the club reviving the DA Award, everyone in attendance could be a recipient just for showing up!

At our March meeting the speaker was our own Dan Kline speaking about engine maintenance, with his tips on "Waking Your Engine up from its Winter's Nap." Dan is an excellent mechanic who has helped many of us with our boat engines. He covered many often forgotten maintenance items not only for our engines but also our boats in general. Thanks Dan!

Our April meeting is fast approaching. On Monday, April 1st (yes, April Fool's Day!) will be our next meeting at the Club at Juana's starting at 6:30 PM. Our speaker at the meeting will be Chief Goolsby from the Coast Guard Station Pensacola. He will be speaking on: "What he wished boaters in our area knew and how to make a USCG vessel boarding as painless as possible for all involved." As has become our standard this year, we will once again have heavy appetizers. I encourage everyone to attend to join us and socialize with your fellow NBYC members!

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that you have elected a Commodore who is still boatless! I still think I should be impeached for this offense. Donna and I have a contract on a boat, but as of this week, we are still jumping through all the hoops.

Commodore Chuck



Upcoming Events:

Apr 1 - NBYC Meeting - 6:30 p.m, Juana's

Apr 13 - Seafood Boil, Big Sabine

Apr 27 - Blackwater Pyrates Poker Run



Reminder

RECORDER'S NOTE: We are getting ready to publish our new member directory in April! Please send any updates (name, address, phone number, boat name) to **nbyc@att.net**

Visit the club web site at

<http://www.nbycweb.org>

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SHIPWRECKS OF THE BLACKWATER
2nd ANNUAL POKER RUN

Come join us for the Second Annual Poker Run fundraiser on the Blackwater River. At each card stop, participants will learn about the history and archaeology of a unique shipwreck. All money raised will go towards historic preservation efforts on the Blackwater River. Check out the new Blackwater maritime Heritage Trail website, one of the latest additions to the area's interpretation.

Captain's Meeting
 Friday April 26th, 2019
 Russell Harbor Pavilion at 6:00pm

Poker Run
 Saturday April 27th, 2019
 Start: 10am Play Hand: 1pm

Scan the QR code below to register, or email **blackwaterpokerrun@gmail.com** for more information.