



NAVARRE BEACH YACHT CLUB NEWS

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Commodore's Comments...

Ahoy Mates:

I am putting out an early January Newsletter since we have several items that will take place early in the month that I want everyone to be aware of.

First, I want to offer my thanks to our outgoing 2018 officers: Ken Rudzki, Commodore; Bob Cluskey Jr, Vice Commodore, who will be continuing on in the role; John Conner, Power Boater at Large; and Bill Geyer, Sail Boater at Large, who will be continuing in the role. I also want to thank both Lea Shaw our Webmaster and Lori Kadziolka our Store Keeper. Both have agreed to continue on in their roles and continue performing such a valuable service to our club. Finally, I want to offer a special thanks to the two mainstays of our organization, Linda Griner, Purser, and Sue Curran, Recorder, who have kept NBYC running through thick and thin for many years. I truly don't know what we would do without them! When you see one of our 2018 officers, please take time to thank them and offer to buy them a drink. While you have your wallet out, if you haven't paid your dues for 2019, now is the time! I also want to welcome our new officers, John Sheehan, who will be our Power Boater at Large and John Myran, who will serve as our Marine Advisor.



Remember, our first meeting of the year will be Monday, January 14th at 6:30 PM and

our all-important planning meeting on Saturday, January 12th at 10:00 AM.

I have had discussions with many of you on the idea of adding content to our monthly meetings. My goal is not to add time to the meeting for the sake of making them longer, but rather to add value to you, our members. With that in mind, I have reached out to several individuals, groups and agencies to invite them to speak to our group as part of our monthly meeting. I am not talking about two-hour lectures, but rather 15 minutes on a topic of interest. If you have any suggestions for topics or know of potential speakers, please let me know.

We will start speakers at our January meeting with Christopher Goolsby, BMC at the US Coast Guard Station, Pensacola. He will speak on boating safety and what he wishes that boaters in our area would know. He will also speak on how to make a USCG Vessel Boarding as painless as possible for both the boat owner and the USCG Boarding Party. It should be interesting to hear things from their perspective in a relaxed informal environment. I am asking that you make an extra effort to attend the January 14th meeting and that we give the speaker our attention during the time of his brief presentation.

Finally, I would like to point out that you have elected a Commodore who has just sold his boat! I personally think I should be impeached for this offense. Donna and I do hope that our ship will come in before our dock lines rot!

As a final shot, remember: Sailing is the art of going anywhere slowly and at great expense... I look forward to seeing you January 12th and 14th!



Commodore Chuck