

NAVARRE BEACH YACHT CLUB NEWS

JULY 2019



Commodore's Comments...

Ahoy NBYC Members:

Welcome to the convection oven we call home, otherwise known as July!

June has been an exciting and interesting month for Donna and me as we picked up our "new to us" boat and worked to bring her home from south Florida with stops in St Petersburg for some renovations. I want to thank all the NBYC members who were so quick to offer their advice and also Rick and Bonnie Huggins who met us in Marathon Cay for part of the trip. Rick became a "certified generator technician" along with me as we completed what we were promised was a simple part swap that took HOURS!!! We prevailed and the Air Conditioning stayed on.

I also want to thank our Power Boater at Large, John Sheehan, who joined us in St Petersburg for the crossing to Pensacola. It was a good thing to have the Power Boater at Large on board as there was very limited winds on the crossing and we were a powerboat with a mast for all 42 hours from Clearwater to the Pensacola Pass.

While I was not at the June meeting, I understand that our Commodore in charge of Vice, Bob Cluskey, did a great job of running the meeting and that John Sheehan provided an excellent review of proper radio procedures. I also want to recognize our Sail Boater at Large, Bill Geyer, for providing a hands-on demonstration of inflatable life jackets. From

all reports, the type that you wear on your belt is of limited use for everything but a comedy routine! I want to thank Bill for also hosting the Cruise to the West in June. He has a recap of the cruise in this newsletter. From the pictures I saw, it looks like a great time. By the way, since I was not at that meeting, I think I still need to be impeached!



Remember, the July meeting will be this Monday, July 8th. We moved the meeting (yes it was done at the planning meeting and was on the calendar) from the 1st to the 8th due to the 30th Anniversary Celebration going on at Juana's Pagodas and Sailor's Grill. What a great time to be at Juana's! I saw many NBYC members enjoying themselves; your secret is safe with me... The event was made even more special with the presentation of the plaque naming Juana's as one of the Top 10 Beach Bars in Florida for the third year running. Finally to top things off, Steve Rudzki made an unexpected appearance BY BOAT!! Congratulations to Juana's and the Rudzki family for 30 years of success!

The July meeting will be Monday the 8th starting at 6:30. Once again we will have food so plan to come early and socialize late. Our speaker at the meeting will be Patrick Carpenter with Coastal Marine Works. From all accounts Patrick is a magician with fiberglass repair and restoration. He has agreed to speak with us about the "Care and Feeding of your Fiberglass." Hopefully we will

be able to pick up some great tips to help us keep our toys looking even better.

We have several opportunities on our calendar this month. The Blue Angels Beach Air Show will be the weekend after our meeting, July 12-13. This event has the potential to bring out mayhem with amateur drunks and an occasional pop up shower. If you go, I recommend you go early and stake out your spot. We are planning to bring our boat over Saturday morning early and hope to see you there.

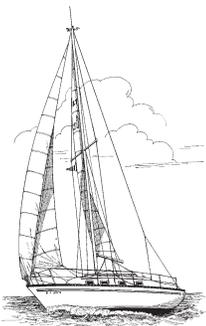
We also have on the calendar a raft up at Fort McRee on the 18th continuing on to Palafox on the 19th for Gallery Night. I attended Gallery Night last month and had a great time. We can discuss options for the weekend at our meeting.

The August meeting is scheduled for Monday the 5th. We already have a commitment from Mike Thomin from UWF to speak on the history of pirates in our local area. Mike was a recommendation from a couple of our members who heard him speak previously. I want to encourage everyone to let me know if you have a recommendation for a topic or a speaker who would be good for our group.

Finally, I would like to leave you with the definition of Good Seamanship that I stole from John Sheehan while were in the middle of the Gulf. "Seamanship is the art of avoiding those situations that require it." A very true statement.

I hope to see you at the meeting and out on the water!

Commodore Chuck



Bill's Cruise West

Well, the Cruise to the West is now history. I must say that I thought I might have a large turnout like our Cruise East last year, however, there was only one other boat besides me interested. The original goal was to anchor out at a couple of the islands off of Mississippi, then go to Biloxi for a night or two of fun.

I started out on my boat, *K.I.S.S.*, from NAS Pensacola and headed to Pirates Cove on Friday afternoon with a nice south wind. Saturday afternoon Mark and Libbi Crowe arrived on their beautiful Chris Craft, *Latitude Adjustment*. The total fleet heading west was now all together. The three of us headed in for burgers and beer along with loud music. After our fill of burgers, fries, and beer we headed back to L.A. for another drink and watched the Rays baseball game in cool air conditioning, life is good. We made plans to depart Sunday morning at about nine and head to LuLu's for lunch.



After motoring what seemed like forever I arrived and tied to LuLu's guest dock; within five minutes of getting squared away, Mark and Libbi arrived. Over a very nice lunch we discussed the current weather forecast and the west wind. With a front heading our way in the next couple of days along with west wind, we thought it best to sail east back to Ingram Bayou. Mark and Libbi have a daughter with a boat in Barber Marina, so they headed there, and I went on over to Ingram and anchored for a couple of nights. Mark received word of a family illness and they needed to head home and then to Kentucky. Now it was a cruise of one boat.

The wind was still from the west so I headed to Ft. Mc Ree; I only spent one night there then headed to Big Sabine for two nights. From Big Sabine it was another nice sail to Juana's beach where I anchored and left the boat until Sunday June 30, at which time I sailed back to NAS Pensacola. End of cruise. As I've always said, your cruising plans should be no firmer than jello.

Happy Sailing,

Bill, *Sailboater at Large*