



The Spreader



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Commodore's Report

by Linda Thompson

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Fall (and football!) is finally in the air! The summer was great fun with lots of activities at the club, but I think we're all ready for cooler weather.

If you missed the last general membership meeting in August, you might not have heard my announcement. I have been a PBYC board member over the last 10 or so years as either Treasurer, Vice-Commodore, or Commodore, and it has been very rewarding in so many ways. We've come so far and accomplished so much, and I'd like to continue building on the momentum for one more year as Commodore during 2025.

2025 will definitely be my last year on the board, so between now and December 31, 2025, I'll be working on training my replacement so they can seamlessly take over the role. If

I'm so happy that we will once again have a great team as your board next year. Pam Mauldwin will continue as Vice-Commodore and promises to keep your bar running and stocked with all your favorites. After a fabulous rookie year, Danny Neal will be returning as Fleet Captain to make racing even more exciting, and Lyn Harrison will be returning as Secretary. James, our new Webmaster is looking forward to making our website even better. Unfortunately, Courtney is moving along so we will be looking for a Membership Director. Karen Kreigel is also sailing away, but Kriss Ridgeway has excitedly volunteered to step up into the Rear Commodore position.

If you haven't been up to the club yet to watch American Magic speed around the course, there's still time. We've been having so much fun watching it on the big screen and listening to the comments from all the armchair sailors. The club is open at 5pm on race days.

Please be on the lookout for emails from the club re: your yearly membership renewal. I know sometimes they get stuck in spam. And as you're renewing your membership, you'll see an option to donate an amount of your choice to the club or to Pensacola Beach Nautical Academy, our non-profit 501c3. Thank you in advance for your dues payments and your donations!

There is a lot of good info in the Board Members' articles below, so keep reading!

See everyone on and in the water!

Linda



Vice Commodore's Report

by Pam Mauldwin

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some great events. And kudos to them for putting on that amazing White Dinner! We want to get some of the other committees up and running as well. If you are interested in being on a committee, here are some opportunities:

Ambassadors (reports to Membership Director)

- **Membership Engagement:**
 - Developing initiatives to engage existing members and attract new ones.
 - Welcoming new members and facilitating their integration into the club community.
 - Club “coach” program
- **Community Outreach:**
 - Collaborating with local organizations, businesses, and other yacht clubs to build partnerships and expand the club's network.
 - Hosting open house events or participating in community fairs to raise awareness about the club and attract potential members.

Club Projects/Building (reports to Commodore)

Headed by Ken Loftin

- Conducting routine inspections of club facilities to identify any maintenance or repair needs.
- Coordinating and overseeing repairs to club facilities and equipment.
- Prioritizing repair tasks based on urgency, budget constraints, and impact on club operations.
- Ensuring that club facilities and equipment comply with relevant safety regulations and standards.
- Addressing any safety hazards or concerns promptly to minimize risks to members, guests, and staff.
- Developing and implementing procedures for responding to emergencies such as severe weather events, accidents, or equipment failures.
- Maintaining emergency contact lists and coordinating with local authorities as needed.

Get Out On The Water! (reports to Rear Commodore)

- Providing opportunities to offer non-boat owning members time and experiences on the water and on different types of boats.
- Developing water based social events such as raft-ups and fun races.

- **Booking Management:**
 - Handling inquiries and requests for renting out club space.
 - Managing an organized booking system to schedule rentals, ensuring that spaces are not double-booked and that rental agreements are clear and concise.
- **Facility Coordination:**
 - Coordinating with other committees or staff responsible for facility maintenance and setup to ensure that rented spaces are clean, well-maintained, and appropriately prepared for renters.
 - Overseeing the setup and breakdown of rented spaces according to renters' specifications and club policies.
- **Marketing and Promotion:**
 - Developing marketing strategies to attract renters and promote the club's rental spaces to potential clients, including individuals, organizations, and businesses in the local community.
 - Utilizing various channels such as social media, the club website, community events, and word-of-mouth referrals to raise awareness about rental opportunities.

We have started hosting events in our space and that is going well so far. I'm excited to announce that we now have one standing event on Sunday mornings: please welcome WoW-worship on the water! WoW is affiliated with Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church and is holding services from 8:30-9:30 every Sunday. Please feel free to attend if this interests you.

For your club house to thrive, we need members to be active and engaged. I am open to suggestions from you on how to make this happen. Please contact me to get involved with a committee or with great ideas that you may have!



Rear Commodore's Report

by Karen Kriegel

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Greetings PBYC! Hope your summer has been fun but I know we are all looking forward to some cooler fall weather. Please consider joining one of our committees and help our club grow. We need to continue to recruit new members; let's keep the momentum going. Any ideas for club activities are welcome. I won't be returning as a board member next year. It

Karen Kriegel



Fleet Captain's Report

Danny Neal

The GYA Handicap Committee is presenting a series of Zoom webinars designed to educate all on ORR-Ez and how it is applied as the new rating system for the GYA.

With PBYC's full adoption of ORR-Ez for the 2025 season, these webinars will be an excellent way to become familiar with the rating system. As a reminder for the 2024 season, the racing class was able to utilize existing PHRF ratings but beginning in 2025 all classes will need an ORR-Ez cert. **The Sept. 9 webinar to walk through the application process which will be very important for those that have yet made the move.**

Additionally, those interested in being part of PBYC's 2025 Racing Committee will want to attend the Oct. 7 webinar.

Please make every attempt to participate in all of these learning sessions but know they will be recorded and posted at <https://gya.org/handicap> in the event you miss one.

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Thank you all and to GYA for putting these webinars together.

Introduction to ORR-Ez

Date: September 9th, 2024; 7:00 pm CT

This webinar hosted by the GYA Handicap Committee will introduce the concepts around a VPP-based rating system, what is ORR-Ez, and how it's being applied to the GYA to handle ratings moving forward in 2025.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84345365382?pwd%3DAJjKXM3u1doiQB8GderBIVi69a6W4R.1&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw0vNyGivDDdips9vmg7f2rM>

Racing under ORR-Ez

Date: September 23rd, 2024; 7:00 pm CT

This webinar will focus on the details of racing under ORR-Ez. We will discuss topics such as determining target boat speed numbers from the certificate, how to compare two or more boats when racing, and the specifics of the different methods of applying different methods of applying the ratings (ToT, ToD, PCS).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85638806116?pwd%3DFzJuaEYbbctGo8Facb1UV8Si6QvPGH.1&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw08JJ7t09ZSdYFAztzMwfjw>

How to use ORR-Ez for your regatta

Date: October 7th, 2024; 7:00 pm CT

This webinar will focus on race committee work related to using ORR-Ez. This will include what details to worry about for the NOR/SIs and before the start, what details to keep track of during the racing, and how to score the event when you're finished.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82418847310?pwd%3DapcRiY3bTZCnRfZeq4B4cDNq9tYj9T.1&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw3LtQAZCcNe7v98TCHPXuD1>



I am writing to inform you that I will be resigning from my position as Membership Coordinator after this year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the board and appreciate the opportunities for growth during my tenure. However, after careful consideration, I have decided that it is time for me to shift my focus to other commitments.

I am grateful for the unwavering support and invaluable guidance that Linda and the other board members have provided me. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful team.

I will still be around and plan to continue my volunteerism in some capacity! In the meantime, let's welcome our newest members:

Jack Stringfellow
 Patty Manhire and Tom Waier
 Michelle Whikehart

Happy Yachting!!
 Courtney Fell
 Membership Coordinator
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Operating Account:

8/31 Actual	\$43,594
8/31 Forecast	\$38,352

Building Fund:

8/31 Actual	\$95,726
8/31 Forecast	\$106,140

As you can see above, the Operating account is

into the Building Fund, and since we're not getting the number of new members we forecast, that number is falling short. The good news is that our bar is rocking and getting more profitable and adding to the Operating Fund as we work through start up issues. Many thanks to all the volunteer bartenders who have given countless hours so that we can save on labor costs as we start up.

Reminder from the Pensacola Beach Nautical Academy

PBYC is now hosting the Pensacola Beach Nautical Academy (PBNA). PBNA is a 501c3 non-profit (your donation is tax-deductible!) focused on promoting sailing by increasing accessibility and offering educational programs for both junior and adult sailors. PBNA's first program is a six-session double-handed sailing clinic over the summer for junior sailors who have graduated beyond Optis and O'pen Skiffs. The sailors will use PBNA's two new 420s, which were purchased using a generous donation received recently. If you see any of the parents or sailors around the clubhouse during one of the sessions, introduce yourself and welcome them! PBYC is honored to support PBNA in its efforts to grow local sailing.

Cheers!

Evan Noon



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