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ON THE HORIZON IN JUNE...

Thursday, June 5th
Hospitality Meeting

Friday, June 6th
Friday Night Dining in Ballroom A

Sunday, June 15th
Father's Day

Tuesday, June 17th
PYC Seminar Series
"The Pensacola Light House"

Friday, June 20th
Gulfport to Pensacola Regatta
Friday Night Dining in
Ballroom A

Saturday, June 21st
Gulfport to Pensacola Regatta (cont'd)
Party at Watson Sailing Center

Friday, June 27th
Challenge Cup Regatta Begins
Friday Night Dining in
Grill Room Only

Sunday, June 29th
Challenge Cup Regatta Ends

Tuesday, June 31st
Ham Radio Club Meeting

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At last, the “summer season” is upon us, and with it are activities and improvements to enhance everyone’s summer enjoyment at the Pensacola Yacht Club.

Just in!! On May 30th, the Club celebrated the new **Galveston-to-Pensacola/Cancer Society Regatta** with a fantastic Luau. Everyone enjoyed the tropical menu, decorations, dancing, and ambience! All proceeds were donated to the *American Cancer Society*. The regatta itself launched on May 31st. (At the time of publishing, the race results are not yet available for printing.) This year, a raffle was added so that non-regatta participants could contribute, as well. You may have noticed the large donation jar on the bar in the Grille Room, with the prizewinner receiving a spectacular “water-friendly” camera.

New Fish Station

With the beginning of summer, the “reef fishing season” is upon us! We now have a new stainless steel fish cleaning station, which was kindly donated to the Club by PYC member **Ray Conti**. Thank you, Ray, for this special contribution to *the serious and the casual* members of the “fishing community” of the Pensacola Yacht Club. The cleaning station is at the western end of the PYC dock, and it is adjacent to the Bahia Mar covered dock.

Fish Station Procedures:

1. Enjoy its use and be prepared for “voyeurs.”
2. Remove all fish carcasses from the premises. Do not dispose of the carcasses into the water, since there isn’t enough flushing action to carry them out of the marina area.
3. Be sure to clean underneath the cutting boards and hose off the station before you leave.
4. Have a great fish dinner, and don’t forget to invite us!



Spearfishing Tournament and Fish Fry - (June 7th - 8th)

During the weekend of June 7th and 8th, the Club will host a spearfishing tournament. Details for the tournament will be posted on the PYC Web Page. Hopefully, participants will be able to spear an abundance of tasty, yet invasive, lionfish! On Sunday, June 8th, following the tournament, a fish fry

will be provided. All members and tournament participants are invited to come by the Sailing Center and “sample the catch”!

Apalachicola Weeklong Cruise and Raft-up - (June 14th-22nd)

The week after the Spearfishing Tournament, departing on June 14th, **Chuck and Peg Minnich** will host a weeklong cruise from Pensacola-to-Apalachicola and back. Their return from Apalachicola coincides with the *Gulfport-to-Pensacola Race (June 20-21)*. On Saturday afternoon, June 21st, music (et al) will be provided at the Sailing Center. All are welcome, so---come by and “party with the sailors”!

Dry Storage Facility Expansion

Within a few weeks, we will have completed fifteen new slots in the PYC Dry Storage Facility. If you know of someone who is looking for a great place to keep a “trailed boat”, or just a trailer, they may wish to join the PYC for this convenience. Along with the fishing station and the dry storage, these additions provide a very attractive option for our fisherman.

Summer Sailing Program

With the start of summer, *the PYC Summer Sailing Program* gets going. We are building up our junior program, and we are developing a scholastic sailing league for the high schools. *Pensacola High School* already has its own sailing club, and PYC member, **Bert Rice, Jr.**, has been doing a great job with that program. Next, Bert will be working on a *Gulf Breeze High School* sailing club. Our energetic member, **Claire Rees**, laid much of the groundwork for the PHS program years ago. She deserves special thanks.

This summer bodes well for all of us. See you at the Club!





VICE COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

DAN SMITHSON

The PYC swimming pool is now open! When you go to the pool, please check in with the lifeguard, who will ask you to sign the pool register. **Please remember that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult member while inside the pool's fenced area.**

As mentioned in **Commodore Dawkins'** report, we now have a new fish-cleaning station. Members will be pleased to note that there is also a slip, which may be used to offload and clean fish before moving to your own slip or to the ramp. This is the first PYC slip, and is adjacent to the Bahia Mar boathouse and behind the fish-cleaning station.

We are now in the process of getting bids for our roof repair project. You may have noticed a number of "strangers on ladders." I will try to keep everyone informed as the project gets closer to kick off.

A few reminders:

- Non-member guests are always welcome at the Club, but the host member must remain with his or her guest(s) while they are at PYC.
- All charges for food and drinks must go on the member's account.
- No food or beverages may be brought into the club from outside.

As always, looking forward to seeing you at the Club. Dan



Dan and Ann Smithson



FROM REAR COMMODORE

BOB SUTTON

Well, it looks to me that the Summer Invitational has started off with a bang!!! We have 4 new Summer Members who will be spending the summer with us and, hopefully, staying on after that. The only way

that will happen is if we bring them into the family and make them feel welcome

Our new Summer Members:

Bo and Gaye Carter. Bo is a banker, and he loves fishing. (More news to come about Gayle!)

Chris and Gena Glover. Chris works for Pete Moore, so if you need a new car, he is the man to see. They love all water activities and own a 22' powerboat.

Robert and Karen Huang. Robert is a Surgeon. He and Karen have a set of twins who would love to be educated in sailing.

Patricia Smith. (We look forward to getting to know Patricia.)

Our new Active Member:

Ryan Yost. Ryan is a naval officer and many of you have already seen him around the club. He keeps telling me that he has a wife and her name is **Jennifer**, but I haven't seen her yet. She is coming in June!

Our new Social Member:

Carrie Young. Carrie has two boys and wants to get the younger one, **James**, involved with sailing and swimming.

Our new Legacy Member:

Margaret Berck (daughter of **Juanita Berck**). Margaret's spouse is named **Glen**, and they have a 23' sail boat.

Our new Non-Resident Members:

Leo and Belinda Ticheli are from Birmingham. They have a 40' sail boat.

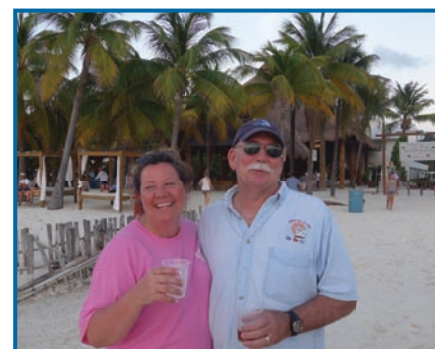
"Back from Leave-of-Absence":

Anne Bennett - *Welcome home!*

Please spend some time and get to know all of them. If this keeps up, the numbers will start to look much better! Here are our numbers-to-date. Total Members are **458**, with **339** Active Members.

The Commodore and I have been talking about some articles that we are reading, and some

of it is good correlation to our reduction in membership. This year, the golf world has seen a decrease of 680 thousand golfers and a decrease in golf club sales by 20%. This phenomenon can be attributed to the economy. *People are changing where they want to spend the money they make.* Instead of spending \$1,000 on golf clubs, they are spending it on trips, or cars, or "whatever." This is the same problem that we may be



Bob and Renee Sutton in Isla Mujeres

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From Rear Commodore (continued)

experiencing. We need to make the Club a place which we are all willing to spend \$200 a month to enjoy, or we, and “they,” may start spending it someplace else.

One great thing that this Club has is a wonderful group of people! All we need to do is “get people in the door to meet us, and the rest will follow.” We are the most friendly and welcoming people I have ever met, and I feel that this is the reason we stay as strong as we are to this day.

So, just remember it takes all of us to bring in new members to keep this Club strong!

As always, I look forward to seeing you on the water, in the water, or around the water. It’s the only way to live!!! **Bob**



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New Member Spotlight

Meet Phil and Pam Eastman!

Phil and Pam are married with two grown children. They are also semi-retired and headed toward “fully retired.” Perhaps because of this, they both exude a carefree spirit that is immediately noticeable. Although Phil is still trying to “wean himself” from the business world, he admits that he continues to carry his cell phone which makes him accessible to the outside world. Hopefully, he will delete some of the more stressful numbers!

Pam was raised in Atlanta, with summers/weekends on Lake Lanier. Phil was raised in a military family, traveling from Germany to Alaska. His roots are in Connecticut, where he spent his childhood on the coast among boats – lots of boats! Phil has been a Georgia / Florida resident since 1975. That comes from a frequent five-plus hour commute from Atlanta to Pensacola.

Phil and Pam have been boating and sailing since they were youngsters. Pam’s experience is from Lake Lanier, and Phil’s originated in Connecticut. They both also continue to enjoy their trawler on Lake Lanier. Because of this, they describe themselves as “*bi-boatal*,” meaning they are both power and sail boaters. They currently own a *Sabre 42*, which will be relocated to PYC, and an *Ocean Yachts Trawler*, not to mention a host of dinghies, runabouts, pontoon boats, etc. They have more vehicles to transport them by water than by land. (Sound familiar?)

Both of the Eastmans are past commodores and experienced in race management. They remain current members of two sailing clubs in Atlanta, both on Lake Lanier. Pam is Past Commodore of the *Lake Lanier Sailing Club*, and Phil is Past Commodore of the *University Yacht Club*. Their sailing experience is impressive. Aboard their sailboat, they have sailed the East Coast, the Caribbean, and the Gulf of Mexico, to include the *Isla Mujeres Regatta*, multiple trips to Key West during *Key West Race Week*, and once to the *Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta*.

Phil and Pam first discovered our Club through local friends, who hosted them for an evening. From that very first visit, they have *always* felt welcome and have had only had positive experiences! They have old friends and dock mates who are PYC members, including their Atlanta friends Larry and Tracey Cost, our new members spotlighted in the April Jib Sheet! It was inevitable that the Eastmans would join us eventually, but living in Atlanta with school-aged children delayed things.

When asked how they plan to utilize the Club, Phil responded for both of them: “We expect to utilize the club’s restaurant, marina, participate in festivities, raft-ups, and time permitting, the occasional regatta. Although we are not fulltime in Pensacola, we appreciate the time and effort required by members to manage their Club. We hope to contribute our share, even as part-time, non-resident members. As we continue to meet current members we feel welcome, and we look forward to meeting more.

Ten years ago, Phil and Pam Eastman discovered Pensacola, and they have maintained a boat here ever since. Says Phil, “.... except when Hurricane Ivan took one boat, we have never left. We love the Panhandle for its people, its weather and its water. On our extensive travels, we’ve tried to visit a variety of yacht clubs as we visited new areas. We have visited ‘*other clubs*’ where, because we were not wearing our ‘blue blazers,’ we were not made to feel welcome. *Pensacola Yacht Club felt like home from the very first time that Rick Zern and Hunter Riddle brought us here for lunch! The only thing missing for the last 10 years has been the Pensacola Yacht Club!*” Welcome home, Phil and Pam!





FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

RANDAL RAY

May was a fun and busy month: *Regata Al Sol*, the *Emerald Coast Regatta* from Galveston to Pensacola, and the *Cancer Society Regatta*. *Regata Al Sol*, the *Isla Mujeres Race to Mexico*, occurred early in the month. There were 13 cruising and 4 racing boats that participated this year. This year's race celebrated the 28th sailing of the *Regata Al Sol* from Pensacola, Florida to Isla Mujeres. This biannual premier offshore race is sponsored by Southern Yacht Club, Pensacola Yacht Club, and the Club de Yates of Isla Mujeres.

The *Regata Al Sol* course takes racers from Pensacola Bay 555 nautical miles across the Gulf of Mexico to Isla Mujeres, located just off the Yucatan coast from Cancun. The race offers all the excitement of an offshore race, as well as the challenge of navigating the Gulf loop current. It is also a lot of fun for "racer chasers" like Kim and me, who fly down and welcome the racers to the island. Several PYC boats placed and won awards. Please see page 7.

COMING ATTRACTIONS


June includes two big racing events: the *Gulfport to Pensacola Race* on June 20 – 21; and, the *Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) Offshore Challenge Cup* on June 27 – 29. A raft-up is also planned for June 14 – 22, to Apalachicola. (See **Cruiser's Corner** for more details.) You don't have to be a boater to enjoy these events. You can come to the club to send racers off, welcome them back and join several of the raft-ups by car.

PYC offers plenty of water-based activities from which to choose. Please contact the Fleet Committee members or me if you are interested in participating in any of the below listed activities:

- Cruising/Raft-up – **Chuck & Peg Minnich**
- Race Committee – **Maryanne Hayes**
- Paddlers & Peddlers – **Gloria McMillan**
- Fishing – P/C **Sam Foreman**

As a reminder, the **Race Management Seminar** will be held on **June 14th**. P/C **John Matthews** will lead the free Race Management Seminar at PYC for anyone who might be interested in participating from time-to-time on the Race Committee. This seminar will be conducted at 10:00 AM. It will include a classroom presentation and a free lunch, followed by hands-on training on the water to familiarize participants with *Maxine* and the support boats. Racers are encouraged to join the seminar and to also urge their crew, plus others, to learn more about what the Race Committee does.

As always, your suggestions and comments are much appreciated. We're all volunteers trying to help each of us receive value for our membership by ensuring that we have a great time at PYC! I can be reached at 850-748-9760 or via email at randalray@me.com.

FOUND: 

Woman's ring. The ring was found in the women's guest bathroom at PYC the night of the Debutante Cotillion in late December 2013. If you, or someone you know, has lost a ring, please call the Club manager, Mr. Jim Warwick (850-432-7006) to identify.

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KEEPER TROPHIES

Cruising Spinnaker A:		Racing Division:
3rd Place	<i>Parlay</i>	3rd Place <i>Anemone Player</i>
2nd Place	<i>Lady Gray</i>	2nd Place <i>Kativa</i>
1st Place:	<i>Testarossa</i>	1st Place <i>Decision</i>
Cruising Spinnaker B:		
3rd Place:	<i>Hawke</i>	
2nd Place:	<i>Legacy</i>	
1st Place:	<i>Fidelis II</i>	
Cruising Spinnaker C:		
3rd Place:	<i>Sooner</i>	
2nd Place:	<i>Caribbean Soul II</i>	
1st Place:	<i>Free Spirit</i>	
Fleet: "The Turtle" – Last in Fleet		<i>Deja Vu</i>
"The BOOT" – A special award for Significant Sailing		<i>Radio Flyer</i>
First to Finish:		<i>Testarossa</i>

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

RACING DIVISION:	
COMODORO ADOLFO LOPEZ MATEOS 1st Racing Division Elapsed Time	<i>Decision</i>
PRESIDENTE DE MEXICO 1st Racing Division Corrected Time	<i>Decision</i>
CLUB DE YATES DE ISLA MUJERES Navigator 1st Racing Division Corrected Time	<i>John Fox, Decision</i>
MADDEN RANDLE TROPHY 1st IRC Corrected Time	<i>Testarossa</i>
CRUISING DIVISION:	
MEXICAN FEDERATION OF SAILING 1st Cruising Division Elapsed Time	<i>Testarossa</i>
VAN CLEEF TROPHY 1st Cruising Division Corrected Time	<i>Testarossa</i>
SECRETARIA DE MARINA Navigator 1st Cruising Division Corrected Time	<i>George Gamble, Testarossa</i>
PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB CENTENNIAL TROPHY 1st Place	<i>Testarossa</i>
AZTEC WARRIOR 1st Louisiana Racing Division Corrected Time	<i>Decision</i>
MISSISSIPPI BANK TROPHY 1st Mississippi Racing Division corrected time	<i>Free Spirit</i>
GULF MARINE TROPHY 1st Florida Racing Division Elapsed Time	<i>My Sharona</i>
FLORIDA GOVERNORS TROPHY 1st Racing Division Corrected Time	<i>My Sharona</i>
DICK KAMMER TROPHY 1st Cruising Division	<i>Lady Gray</i>
JOSE DE JESUS LIMA TROPHY Sportsmanship and Seamanship	<i>Déjà Vu</i>
CRUISING FLEET:	
3rd Place <i>Lady Gray</i>	2nd Place <i>Free Spirit</i> 1st Place <i>Testarossa</i>





CRUISER'S CORNER

CHUCK & PEG MINNICH

The May Raft-Up in Big Sabine was a casual affair, as there was no formal host. Nevertheless, those members attending had a great time and joined in camaraderie with the *Knotty Voyagers*. Member boats included *Frolic II*, *Point of Sail*, *Passion*, and our new members, **Larry and Tracey Cost** aboard the *TraSea*.

JUNE RAFT-UP—APALACHICOLA --- June 14th to 22nd.

Here are the tentative plans for the June "raft up", which will be a weeklong excursion to Apalachicola from **June 14th to 22nd**. Tentative plans are to anchor at Ft. McRee Friday night, then leave first thing Saturday morning for Destin Harbor. Then, Sunday morning, we leave for Panama City. In Panama City, we hope to coordinate some event with the *St. Andrews Yacht Club*. Lacking that, we will anchor in Massalina Bayou and enjoy a nice breakfast at Bayou Joe's, as well as a "lay day." Tuesday morning we will depart for *either* an anchorage at Port St. Joe *or* a direct trip to Apalachicola. *We can spend several days in Apalachicola, and then it will be up to each captain when and how to return to Pensacola.*

Or, in other words ---

Friday PM (June 14): Fort McRee
 Saturday PM (June 15): Destin Harbor
 Sunday PM (June 16): Panama City
 St. Andrews Yacht Club
 or Massalina Bay
 Tuesday PM (June 18): Port St. Joe *or*
 Apalachicola

Of course these plans are all weather dependent and tentative at this point. A meeting is scheduled to discuss these plans, and at that meeting a distribution list will be prepared to disseminate further information. Email to Chuckminnich@gmail.com for more info.

2014 Pensacola Bay Area Racing Schedule

Date	Event	Yacht Club
Jun 7 - 8	Navy Cup - 2 Days	NYCP
Jun 7 - 8	Cradle of Naval Aviation Anniversary - 1 Day	NYCP
Jun 20 - 21	Gulfport to Pensacola (GYA)	PYC/ GYC
Jun 27 - 29	Challenge Cup (GYA)	PYC
Jul 5	Patriots' Day	PBYC
Jul 5 - 6	Junior Olympic Sailing Festival	PYC
Jul 26	Bikini	NYCP
Aug 2 - 3	Women's PHRF Championship (GYA)	PBYC
Aug 2 - 3	Race for the Roses	PBYC
Aug 9	W.A.V.E. on the Bay (GYA)	NYCP
Aug 23	Big Mouth	PBYC
Aug 24	Commodores	PYC
Sep 6	Commodores Cup #3	NYCP
Sep 13	Pier and Back	PBYC
Sep 20	Cruising Couples	PYC
Sep 20	Chappell/Stitt	PYC
Sep 27	PYC # 1	PYC
Oct 10 - 12	WFORC (GYA)	PYC
Oct 11 - 12	VX One Fall #2	PYC
Oct 17 - 19	Nacra North Americans	PBYC
Oct 24 - 26	Hobie Wave North Americans	PBYC
Nov 1	Veterans Day	NYCP
Nov 1	Commodores Cup #4	NYCP
Nov 8 - 9	Jubilee	PYC
Nov 15	PYC # 2	PYC
Dec 13	Santa Claus	PYC
Dec 20	Christmas Boat Parade	PYC

2014 Raft Up Schedule (Proposed)

June 14-22	Apalachicola	Hosts Peg & Chuck Minnich
July 12	Little Sabine	Hosts Randy & Kim Ray
August 16	The Wharf	Hosts Karen & Jerry Allen
September 6	Ft. McRee	Hosts Chip & Joyce MacMillan
October 4	Barber's Marina	Hosts Bonds and Fleeges
November 8	Pirate's Cove	Hosts needed
Dec 13 & 14	PYC Marina	Hosts Jim & Linda Oyler - Party & Boat Parade
December 21	PYC Marina	Hosts Jim & Linda Oyler - Marina Party

***Remember, the locations above are tentative and subject to change. If you want to volunteer for one of the open dates please contact Peg & Chuck either by phone (850) 492-4667 or by email at chuckminnich@gmail.com. Also note that all communications about the raft-ups will be electronic, so please keep the club informed of your current email address.



PYC SEMINAR SERIES

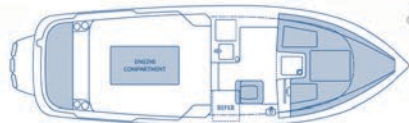
NEIL THORSEN

The topic for our **Tuesday, June 17th, 2014 6:00 PM** membership seminar will be the Pensacola Lighthouse. Our speaker will be Mr. Jon Hill, Executive Director.

This will be a program that will be of interest to all our members. Please note: We will not have a seminar for the month of July.

For questions or additional information contact Neil Thorsen at 850-982-2442 or nthorsen@cox.net.





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\$3.50 Bloody Marys



WEDNESDAY

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Peel & Eat Shrimp

\$9.76++

FRIDAY

Menu Dining or

Soup & Salad

Buffet

Friday Night

Drawing



SATURDAY

ALL YOU

CAN EAT

Prime Rib

\$17.95++

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PYC Bar Specials

Available 5-8PM

Tuesday Absolut

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Wednesday Wine

\$5.50

Thursday Mt. Gay

(includes souvenir cup)

\$3.00



Saturday Martini

\$5.50

Sunday

Champagne

\$2.50



Bloody Mary

\$3.50



*Sunday 11-2 pm

FRIDAY NIGHT WINNERS

All Friday Night winners need to check in with the volunteers at Ticket Table.

5-2-14

Jackpot: \$125 Lori Berry

Wine: Bob Kriegar

Dinner: Kathy Smith

Split Ticket: \$77 Mert Guild

5-9-14

Jackpot: \$150 Charles Nern

Wine: Dee Unruh

Dinner: Sandra Solice

Split Ticket: \$51 Steven Solice

5-16-14

Jackpot: \$175 Charles Liberis

Wine: Barbara Oliver

Dinner: Charlie Nearn

Split Ticket: \$45 Ann Owezarczak

5-23-14

Jackpot: \$200 Devan Benbow

Wine: Gloria McMillan

Dinner: Walt Chad Swan

Split Ticket: \$103 Joann Bruce





FCYC REPORT

RANDY & KIM RAY

The May *Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC)* meeting was held on Saturday the 17th at the *Tarpon Springs Yacht Club*, which is on the west central coast of Florida above Clearwater. The Tarpon Springs Yacht Club was created in 1949, and it describes itself as the “friendliest club” in the FCYC. It is one of the thirteen founding members of the creation of the FCYC.

32 clubs were present for the meeting. For those of you who cruise (by boat or car), please note that the *Royal Palm Yacht Club*, located in Boca Raton, resigned from the FCYC. As such, reciprocity privileges no longer exist with that club.

Below are several highlights of the activities within other FCYC clubs. We could include more, but these examples represent the overall trend. Looks like things are picking up for several clubs in Florida!

- The *Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club* (not the same as the Royal Palm Yacht Club mentioned above) will

reconstruct their marina and add floating docks. Their new clubhouse be constructed beginning January.

- The *Smyrna Yacht Club* is replacing their roof but will continue to provide full service.
- The *Captiva Yacht Club* will have 100 members attend the sailing races at Newport, Road Island.
- The *Key Biscayne Yacht Club*’s latest sailing race had over 162 entries.

The Education Speaker at the FCYC meeting was Bill McMahon from the *McMahon Group, Private Club Planners and Consultants*. His topic was “How to Market Yacht Clubs.” Directors, managers, and membership delegates present found this to be a meaningful presentation.

The next FCYC meeting will be on **July 12th** at the *St. Charles Yacht Club*. As always, PYC members with reciprocity privileges are always invited and welcome to attend these meetings.

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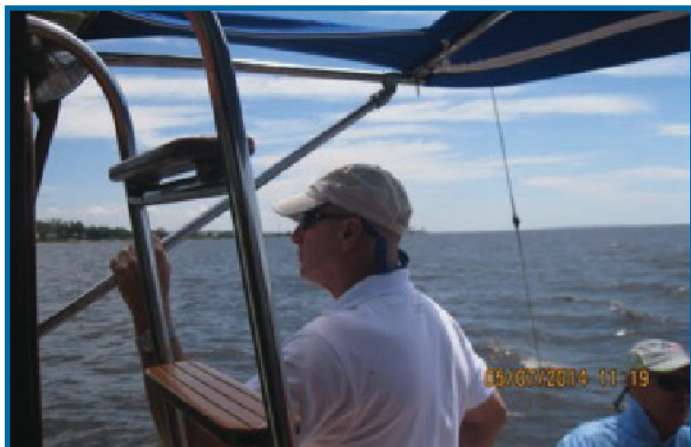
¡LA REGATA! (cont'd)



Darrel Harrison having a “Gilligan” moment.



Scott Harrell at the helm of Parlay.



Commodore Bob Dawkins overseeing the start.



Testarossa and My Sharona prior to “la regata” docked at George Gamble’s “cottage”.



Staff Spotlight

Meet Mrs. Charlene Campbell - "Keeper of the House!"

A wonderful person shows up when we are all sleeping, and she works her magic to make our yacht club "sparkling clean." She leaves in the early morning hours. We never see her, but we have to realize that "someone" make sure that the Club is prepared for us each day. That person is Charlene Campbell, and she loves her job, her employers, and "her house."

Charlene was born in Pensacola, but raised in Houston, Texas. One of six children (two brothers and three sisters) she was "third youngest." She has been married to her devoted husband, Tommy, for 27 years. His devotion is deep. Each morning he drives her to the Club at 3:00 AM, and he stays with her the entire time. He doesn't want her to be alone, although she says that she plays and sings her gospel music as loud as she can to keep herself company. Sometimes Tommy fishes, and sometimes he helps, but he is her constant support. Through mutual respect, he has developed a friendship with our General Manager, Jim Warwick, and with our Club Manager, Scott Segers.

Charlene began working at PYC thirteen years ago. Her husband was working for a supply company and the Club was on his route. Chef Lee Lucier told Tommy that the Club "needed someone." The rest is history. She was hired during the management "era" of Mr. Darby, but only after cleaning from 8:00 to 5:00 to "show what she could do." Charlene was determined to prove herself, and no one could believe what she accomplished. Neither could she – she could hardly move when she got home that day!

When asked if she has ever witnessed any unexplained "happenings" when working during the night, she had several stories to share. She confesses that, to this day, she is not one hundred percent sure this happened, but it seemed very real at the time. One night as she was vacuuming in the ballroom, she heard a voice say "Hey! Hey!" She knew that her husband was sanding the floor on the other end of the building. She dropped the vacuum cleaner, leaving it on, and took off running!

On another occasion, Charlene was cleaning the outside of the windows. She didn't know that a family of ducks had made a nest under the windows. "They (she didn't know what *they* were) chased me, and my 'squeegee' went in one direction and my cleanser in another!"

Despite those two events, Charlene prides herself on her toughness. She once suffered a stroke and drove herself to the hospital. She told Tommy to meet her there. She said "with my eye twitching and my arm numb, I drove myself to the emergency room." On the sign-in sheet she wrote "STROKE."

Needless to say they took her back right away! They were only able to keep her for two days, even though her own diagnosis had been correct. Her only reminder of it is an occasional twinge in her arm from nerve damage.

When asked if she had a hobby, she responded enthusiastically, "ROSES! ROSES! ROSES!" They are her passion and her red and yellow roses adorn her perfect lawn. She proudly told me that her pastor said she has the prettiest yard on the block!

Her two grandsons are her "pride and joy." They are close in age and she has tried to instill in them the importance of family closeness. Rearing one, and keeping the other one every-other-weekend, has afforded her many opportunities to instruct them. Charlene says she frequently tells them, "If anything ever happens to Grandma, I always want you to be together."

At the end of our interview, I asked Charlene if she had any parting words that she wanted to express. She said the following:

"Everything here is so wonderful. I wouldn't leave it for anything. I'll be here up until the day I die, - - - And, I don't plan on dying anytime soon."

Then, she added, "Tommy wanted me to say 'hello' to everyone from him!"

Note: If you'd like to meet Charlene, you'll have to get to the Club before 7:00 AM. If you hear gospel music, you've made it in time. It may be early but Charlene will "make your day"!



Member Spotlight

Mrs. Hazel Shackley

"If you knew Hazel like I know Hazel....oh, oh, oh..."

PART I

Hazel, one of five sisters and one brother, was born in Coffee County, Alabama in Mixon's Crossroads (not a town, just dirt crossroads) and near the towns or Enterprise and Elba. In Hazel's words, "my father was a farmer on a 'cotton-pickin' farm and I was a 'cotton picker'." She also fed the chickens, milked the cows, and gathered eggs. They had no running water, and it was Hazel's job to empty the slop jar (I had to ask what that was!). For those of you who already know Hazel, she hardly seems to be the type to perform these tasks.

Because her father was a tenant farmer, they moved from South Alabama to Northwest Florida and back-repeatedly. Her father always "found that the grass was greener" elsewhere. Moving about was excellent practice for what was to come in Hazel's adult life. Now the epitome of sophistication and elegance, she credits her life on the farm with her good health and long life, and she "wouldn't change a thing."

After graduating from high school in Tampa, Florida at 17, Hazel returned to Alabama and attended business school in Montgomery where she learned typing, stenography and business ethics. Her first job was in Montgomery with a stockbroker. It was there that she met her first husband, Jim, a native of Birmingham employed by Prentice-Hall Publishing. Jim had been a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, serving as commander of a sub-chaser in WWII. His first mate aboard the sub-chaser was Richard Finney, who introduced Jim to the newly formed CIA. They remained friends. *It was a friendship that would turn out to be prophetic.*

PART II

After an extensive six-month background search of Hazel and her husband, they moved to Washington, DC, where Jim joined the newborn CIA under the directorship of Richard Finney. Following training, Jim was sent to Europe rather quickly. At the time, Hazel was working for the Office of Naval Research when she received a call that would change her life significantly - the CIA wanted her services, as well! Asked if she could move to Europe in one month, Hazel acquiesced and gave notice to the Navy. She went on to tell the only fib she had ever told to her father. She said, "Papa, I am going to Europe to work for the Army." At the insistence of the CIA, Hazel made a trans-Atlantic crossing aboard the "USS United States" - first class! To the chagrin of her cabin mate (also CIA), only Hazel was assigned to the Captain's table. (Refer to her picture to understand why *she* was awarded this special privilege!)

After arriving in France, a very young Hazel traveled from LaHavre, France to Paris and then to Frankfurt, Germany, where she

spent 3½ years before being transferred to Berlin, prior to the construction of the Berlin Wall. It was a scary time for all. Jim and Hazel parted ways during this time but remained friends until his death.

PART III

While in Frankfurt, Hazel was spotted by her second husband-to-be, Ted. He was a linguist and serving with Military Intelligence, when, while still in the Army, he was assigned to the CIA. While in Frankfurt, he looked up and caught a glimpse of Hazel. He turned to a colleague and announced, "I'm going to marry that girl some day!" When he learned that she was about to be assigned to his office in Berlin, he told them, "Don't! I am attracted to her!" Some years later, they married and Hazel's life became a whirlwind of exotic and clandestine travel. Their daughter Suzanne was born in Miami, where both were working during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Suzanne accompanied them on many of their travels.

As Ted's position in the CIA escalated, it was suggested that Hazel resign. She did, yet she maintained some of her special clearances in order that she may accompany her husband on his global assignments.

Her whirlwind travels sound like the index of the *World Atlas*. They include, but are not limited to countries in Europe, the Baltic Nations, the Middle East, the Far East, Africa, and North America, including Alaska. Hazel's special experiences were many! One of her many "highlights" included a special invitation to the palace of the Sultan of Oman, who gifted her with a remarkable "scimitar." While living in Laos, Ted and Hazel were asked to attend a special function at the Russian Embassy. A member of the embassy asked Ted's permission to dance with Hazel. While doing a Laotian dance, the Russian said with a sardonic and slightly threatening tone, "I know who you are," to which Hazel calmly replied - "and I know who **you** are!"

Sadly, Ted passed away in 2002. But happily for us, Hazel moved to Pensacola in 2003. She is a charming addition to the Pensacola Yacht Club and a friend to many. She cherishes her two handsome grandsons who are destined to turn out spectacularly, with her guidance. Hazel's many stories of her life are captivating, yet she never tells "too much." She really doesn't want to have to kill us!





JUNIOR SAILING

JOHN BUZIAK

Just a few minutes ago the daily edition of *Scuttlebutt Sailing* news popped up on my cell phone. Today's feature video is a monster catamaran screaming across the Caribbean with an Elvis spinnaker. The video was shot from a drone (pigeon cam).

After more than 35 years of sailing, I am still sometimes stunned by the vastness of this sport. We have kids sailing every weekend in *Optis* and *420s*. Last weekend, I was at Buccaneer for their Spring Regatta featuring Cape De Villes, Lightnings, and VX's. We all share the same wind and the same water and the same vast sport. *What a blast!*

Bert Rice, Jr. has been on the job, organizing his slice of the sailing smorgasbord. He met with prospective counselors in the past month and discovered we are well stocked with counselors. By the time you read this, the US Sailing Counselors' course should be underway, preparing a few more of our juniors for the next step in their evolution as sailors. The *Summer Sailing Program* is steadily filling up, but--- there are still more slots to be filled. If you have a prospective junior sailor sign him up!

The JO (*Junior Olympics*) is on the horizon, and we can use your help.

We are anticipating having many of our GYA Clubs attend. In May, *Opti* sailors have been preparing for the *Junior Olympic Sailing Festival* in an *Advanced Opti Clinic*. This Year's JO is on the GYA trophy circuit for *Lasers* and *420s*. If you were around the Club on Memorial Day weekend you could see our kids already tuning up for the JO, as well as for *Schools Out* on Ponchatrain the following weekend.

We invite all of our Juniors and their families to join us for a *Junior Olympic Fun Day* on **Friday June 4th**. This Fun Day is open to all members and their guests, as well as all those who have come from out-of-town to sail in the *Junior Olympic Sailing Festival*. We would also like to invite all the young sailors who have completed a week in summer sailing to participate in the free *Opti Clinic* on Friday. This is the gateway to the *Green Fleet* sailing on Saturday and Sunday. Do not miss this great Independence Day tradition at PYC.

Please contact a Junior Board member if you would like to help out, and we will put you to work. If you are jammed up for time we will gladly accept a donation!

Be on the lookout for the Wednesday night fun racing "*notice of series*" (NOS). This a great opportunity to get out on the water with your junior sailor. Hopefully, this series will continue until Labor Day. We would love to see all the *Scots* and *420s* out on the water - *full of families*.

ILA REGATA! (cont'd)



Deja Vu (CorinthianSailing Assoc.) and *Parlay* (PYC)



Betsy Morasky 'opining' & *Kim Ray* listening



Mighty "Testarossa" preparing for the start (see page 7)



Parlay, "chomping at the bit" (*Jim & Linda Oyler, LeAnne Pickering & Darrel Harrison*).



(This is the third of a new series of columns with the purpose of recognizing integral members of our sailing families – our pets.) In future issues, we'd love to celebrate your own canine/feline crew member. Please send in stories and photos, and tell us about your "salty" pet. Don't be modest-they can't brag on themselves!

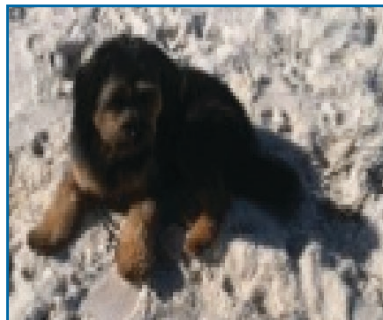
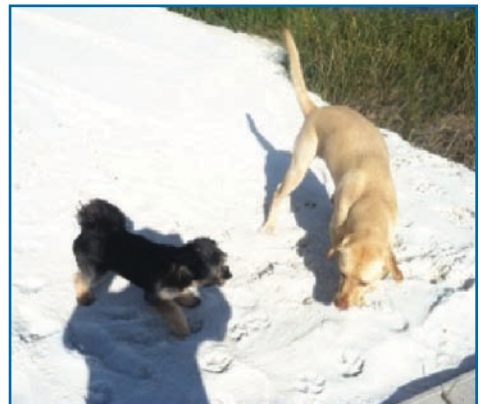
MEET TUCKER AND BAILEY!

Johnny and Ruth Smith are rightfully proud to introduce their two young dogs, Tucker and Bailey. It's hard to say who's luckier, Tucker and Bailey or Johnny and Ruth. The love is deep and mutual!

Tucker is a beautiful 1-½ year-old yellow lab who "lives" to play Frisbee - in the swimming pool – with his dad, Captain Johnny! He also loves to go for long walks in the woods. This boy truly has never met a stranger. Tucker's dog sitter calls him a "75 pound bag of sugar." According to his momma, Tucker has a well-sculptured, very muscular physique for a dog – especially noticeable as he walks away. (It must be from all those swim aerobics!)

Bailey is a precious, fluffy "rescue dog" that Ruth and Johnny adopted the very night before he was scheduled to go to the pound! They are unsure of his age, but judge that he is approximately the same age as Tucker. Bailey is "supposed to be" a Shih Tzu and Yorkie mix. It turned out to be a great recipe! Bailey loves to chase tennis balls and play with Tucker. They are inseparable!

Thus far, their "saltiness" is untested, but they will be initiated into sailing very soon. Tucker is the largest animal that Cap'n Johnny and Ruth have tried to manage on their beautiful boat, and they certainly cannot take one dog without the other! Luckily, both siblings have mastered the art of swimming, so sailing on Pensacola Bay shouldn't be a problem. It may be a bigger problem keeping Tucker out of the Bay!





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