



NAVARRE BEACH YACHT CLUB NEWS

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Commodore's Comments...

Well our first “cold” month of the year is over and we’re about ready to round the corner to Spring. That means lots of days and nights spent on, around, and in the water. Make sure to spend February getting the rest of your offseason vessel maintenance complete so you’re ready to tackle our aggressive 2020 NBYC Calendar. Another requirement for a successful 2020 boating season is paying your NBYC dues which are due this month! So if you haven’t paid yet, bring a check or cash with you to February’s meeting or risk exile!



Special thanks to all the members that attended our Activity Planning Meeting and helped build what I think is one of our more robust calendars. It has events catering to sailboats, powerboats, small boats, jet skis and even some land yacht compatible outings. Take a few minutes to look it over, and remember the calendar is a living document so if there’s an event you’d like to see added just let me know... or better yet come to our next meeting and share it with the group.

Speaking of, our next meeting will be on February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. inside the club at Juana’s. Our guest speaker this month will be Dr. Della Scott-Ireton from the Florida Public Archaeology Network. She’ll be kicking off the 2020 NBYC Speaker Series by sharing some of the history of Fort McRee and Fort Pickens. We all know that these locations offer some fantastic raft up spots,

scuba diving and camping but Dr. Scott-Ireton is going to take us back a few hundred years to discuss the uses of these forts over the centuries. So come early, have a few drinks, and learn something cool!

February continues with our first big event of the year; the Navarre Beach Mardi Gras Parade. The parade is Saturday, February 15th but we’re going to get started early on February 14th. The plan is to raft up at Juana’s dock Friday evening and attend the wine tasting at Sailors’ Grill. The wine tasting runs from 6-8 p.m. and at only \$10/person the sailboaters can afford to pay for that and the diesel they’ll use to get there. If you plan to stay for dinner, it’s recommended you make reservations since it’s sure to be busy with folks celebrating Valentine’s Day.



Then on Saturday morning the real festivities start with the 34th annual Navarre Beach Mardi Gras parade! The parade is at 1 p.m., but veteran parade attendees know you’ll want to get onto Navarre Beach much earlier than that. To help with the early start, my wife Misty and I invite you to our 6th Annual “Pardi Gras” block party starting at 10 a.m. Mimosas, Bloody Marys, Pensacola Bay Beer, and Gumbo will be plentiful. So come early, come thirsty (and hungry) and be ready for a great day on the island. Boat and dinghy parking is available so just text/call to coordinate if that’s your preferred method of travel. Check out the attached flyer (less words, more pictures) for the rest of the details. Then, once the parade is over, it’s back to Juana’s for the official after party!

Finally, one last reminder: membership renewal deadline is this month! \$25 for a single membership or \$35 for a family membership. This means it's also a great time to tell your neighbors and friends about the NBYC and bring them to our next meeting or outing!

Cheers and looking forward to seeing everyone!

Commodore Drew



Upcoming Events:

3 Feb - NBYC Meeting - 6:30 p.m, Juana's Club

15 Feb - Navarre Beach Mardi Gras Parade & Pardi Gras/Raft Up

28 Feb - Wine & Dine for Dravet, Sailors' Grill

Visit the club web site at

<http://www.nbycweb.org>

or "like" us on Facebook!



Dues are Due!

NBYC dues are paid from February through February. Members started paying dues in December with the Christmas party tickets, but if you haven't yet paid your 2020 dues, you can bring them to the February meeting or mail to:

Navarre Beach Yacht Club
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Family Membership: \$35

Single Membership: \$25

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