

# NAVARRE BEACH YACHT CLUB NEWS

## MARCH 2020



### *Commodore's Comments...*

The last month of winter is almost over and NBYC 2020 is already off to an awesome start! It was great seeing everyone that made it out to the beach for the Mardi Gras Raft Up and Pardi Gras (I think there was a parade somewhere in there too). This was Misty and my sixth year hosting Pardi Gras and the first year we ran out of libations.... twice...in the same day. Oh yeah, it was also the first year we invited the NBYC...not sure if that was a coincidence?

Looking onwards to the first month of spring we have some great events starting with the First Day of Spring Sock Burning Raft Up at Big Sabine on Thursday, March 19th. This is a great tradition where we welcome spring by trading in laces for flip flops and Top Siders and then burn those cumbersome socks. The next day we'll cruise further West to Palafox Pier for Gallery Night in Downtown Pensacola on March 20th. We're still looking for someone to take lead on this trip so please let me know if you're willing and able. Additionally, the sock burning and Gallery Night are also accessible by land yacht so all are welcome.



Finally, we'll wrap up that weekend and the rest of our March activities with Juana's Spring Jam on Sunday, March 22nd. If you don't already have tickets, I recommend getting those soonest as they typically sell out. Tickets are only \$10 and proceeds benefit the Santa Rosa Kids House. Visit the Juana's website for more details and a link to buy tickets.



Speaking of websites have you checked out [www.nbycweb.org](http://www.nbycweb.org) lately? If not go ahead and put this newsletter down and check it out right now...I'll wait. It's completely redone and features all of our newsletters, the latest calendar, pictures of our shenanigans and ONLINE MEMBERSHIP! Yep, that's right! Now you can submit your membership application and even pay your dues online! Huge shout out to our Webmistress Melissa for putting this whole project together; please tell her "thank you" in person the next time you see her. Also, thanks to Sue and Linda for their help and expertise on this project.

Finally, don't forget about our next meeting; it'll be on March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. inside the club at Juana's. Our 2020 NBYC Speaker Series continues this month with Peggy King and Blake Farmer from Sunrise Marine. Blake will be sharing some tips for getting our boats and engines ready for the season and some of the most common (and preventable) maintenance issues they see at the marina. Peggy will then share some details about the free seminars being offered this year including a Women's Boating Class and monthly Fishing Seminar.

Cheers and looking forward to seeing everyone!

*Commodore Drew*



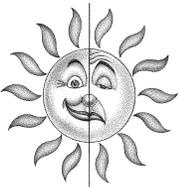


WOW! What a great weekend for the first cruise of 2020. I believe the weather people threw everything they could at us that came by boat. We were equally divided with two powerboats and two sailboats. Those of us that sailed, it was really quite spirited with the north wind gusting to over 20 kts at times, needless to say it was fast and fun.

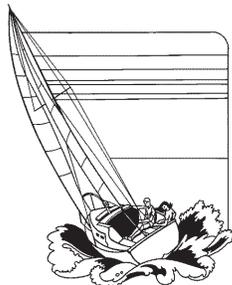
There was lots of fun to be had on Friday night (Valentines Day) with a big crowd in Juana's; they had it all going, wine testing, live music, and good food. The weather got pretty cool(COLD)at night and was only 39 degrees on Saturday morning. The temp warmed quickly with bright sunshine and by 10 it was in the 60s.

Now it was time to hit the party at the Commodore and Mommodore's house, they deserve a really big thank you for inviting all the club members to their house, bloody marys, beer, wine, soft drinks, gumbo, and on and on and on. All outstanding! From there it was only a short walk to the Mardi Gras parade, where everyone caught beads, moon pies, and lots of sunshine.

Saturday night again turned cool and cloudy, and we woke to gray skies and rain on Sunday morning. By two in the afternoon the skies were clearing and the power boaters departed, those of us that have sails waited until Monday to head for our home ports. Monday morning brought fog and zero wind so we also turned into motorboaters and .... All ended well, after all it's still winter.



Bill,  
*Sailboater at Large*



### **Upcoming Events:**

- 2 Mar - NBYC Meeting - 6:30 p.m., Juana's Club**
- 8 Mar - Daylight Saving Time begins
- 19 Mar - First Day of Spring "Sock Burning" Raft Up, Big Sabine**
- 20 Mar - Gallery Night, Pensacola, Palafox Pier or other choice**
- 22 Mar - Spring Jam, Juana's

### **Forget Your Dues?**

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 March meeting or mail to:

Navarre Beach Yacht Club  
PO Box 5455  
Navarre FL 32566

Or, visit our website at [www.nbycweb.org](http://www.nbycweb.org) and pay via PayPal or credit!

Family Membership: \$35  
Single Membership: \$25



### **Reminder**

RECORDER'S NOTE: We are getting ready to publish our new member directory in March. Please send any updates (name, address, phone number, boat name) to [nbyc@att.net](mailto:nbyc@att.net)

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