



NAVARRE BEACH YACHT CLUB NEWS

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Commodore's Comments...

Ahoy NBYC Members:

Welcome to September and hopefully a break from our time in the convection oven of August.



Thanks to everyone who attended the raft-up last weekend. We had 6 boats head out into the heat for our Raft-Up at Fort McRee and then on to Pirates Cove. Several of us tested how well jellyfish work when they are sucked into the boat's AC systems.

While I am confident that the jellyfish didn't survive the encounter, for several of us, neither did the AC units. Thankfully, we didn't encounter the same volume of jellyfish in Pirates Cove and we were all more comfortable. A special thank you to all of my fellow NBYCers who encouraged me not to go swimming in the "jellyfish tank" to clear our boat's AC intake in Ft McRee. By the time we set the anchor in Pirates Cove the intake was thankfully clear!

Please remember, due to the Labor Day Holiday, our next meeting will be Tuesday, 9/3/19 at 6:30 pm. Once again we will have food so plan to come early and socialize late. Our speaker at the meeting will be William Wilkenson with the FWC. He will speak about the FWC's role and how it complements and differs from the USCG. He is looking forward to a lively Q&A session. (Note, Howie is not attending! If you are not familiar with my questionable relationship with Howie, just ask).

As I sit here writing this letter, the Weather Channel is playing in the background. While I certainly wouldn't wish Dorian on anyone, I do sincerely hope it doesn't come visit us here! Please keep a close weather eye out and remember that it is always best to plan for the worst and hope for the best.

We have a jam-packed September on deck for the club. The second weekend in the month is the annual Juana's Good Time Regatta. While it is not a NBYC event, many of our members will be attending and sailing in it. This is a fun event and if you haven't attended before, come out to enjoy the "Good Time." The following weekend, September 12-14 is a cruise west finishing up in Terry's Cove for dinner at La Playa. This was a great time last year and very well attended. Our Power Boater at Large will have more information at the meeting. If you can't come by water, I encourage everyone to jump in your Land Yacht and head over for dinner. Finally, at the end of the month there is a planned cruise east to Panama City. Hopefully we will have more information at the meeting.

We are now on the downhill side of 2019. It is time to think about (even start arm twisting) your fellow NBYC members who you would like to take over the helm of our motley crew. We will be looking for interested members for all elected positions as well as appointed ones. This includes the elected positions of: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Power Boater at Large, Sail Boater at Large, Purser, and Recorder. We also have the appointed positions: Storekeeper, Webmaster (Mistress) and Marine Advisor.

This weekend, our Power Boater at Large took great joy in pointing out to me that the difference between Power Boats and Sail Boats is 10%. As in powerboats run their engines 100% of the time while sailboats only 90%. I am not sure I totally agree, however it was certainly true during our past raft-up. Personally I think I was impacted by the Sheehan Winds, namely that the wind is blowing from whatever direction that John Sheehan is traveling. Either way, for most of the weekend, when we had any wind it was on our nose!

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



Commodore Chuck