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Press Release - Pelican Isle Yacht Club Celebrates Annual Fleet Review

Last month, over 130 Members of Pelican Isle Yacht Club and their guests gathered for the annual Fleet Review and Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony. This is a special Yacht Club tradition, during which the Club's fleet is reviewed by the Commodore, Flag Officers and visiting dignitaries, either from the club grounds or from a vessel anchored or moored nearby. Commodore David Kessler, Vice Commodore Thomas Friedman and Rear Commodore John Garmhausen reviewed the fleet from the Club's Portside Patio accompanied by Vice Commodore Franck Corvino and his wife Maura from Naples Sailing & Yacht Club, Commodore Ray Rosenberg and his wife Linda from Marco Island Yacht Club, and Director Brett Pheffer and his wife Gail from Naples Yacht Club.

In the Review was 16 Member vessels as well as the North Naples Fire Boat and the USCG Auxiliary.

Once the Fleet Review was concluded, all Members and guests gathered by the Club Mast for the Blessing of the Fleet. The tradition of blessing the fleet began centuries ago in Portugal where villages sought divine intervention at the beginning of the fishing season, both for a good harvest and for protection from the dangers of the sea. To this day it is performed in fishing ports all over the world.

Following the Ceremony, Members and guests enjoyed a poolside barbeque lunch.

Pelican Isle Yacht is conveniently situated in an exclusive Southwest Florida location just five minutes from the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico at Wiggins Pass on the Cocohatchee River. Pelican Isle Yacht Club is truly unique—it's Naples' only private island club. Members enjoy a luxurious, inviting environment with remarkable amenities for relaxation, entertainment, socialization and fun. Come dine, play, party, exercise, and dock your vessel a stone's throw from the magnificent waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Visit us online at www.piyc.net.

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