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Pelican Isle Yacht Club Celebrates Boat Christening Day

Members of Pelican Isle Yacht Club and their guests gathered for PIYC's First Annual Boat Christening Day on Sunday, January 9th. A poolside brunch was enjoyed by all prior to the Boat Christening event. There were 10 vessels christened by the Club's Commodore and Members of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, an organization of Past Commodores!

While the Egyptians are credited with popularizing the practice of naming boats, it was the Babylonians who performed the first recorded Boat Christening in 300 BC. The ancient Greeks served wine to drink toasts to the sea god Poseidon. Breaking a bottle over a ship's bow came into favor in the late 1700s by the British Navy, and the use of champagne began in the 1800s. The modern naming procedure of a new vessel hasn't changed much in the past century with speeches to Poseidon or Neptune to be on the safe side of travels at sea. This time honored tradition continues to be celebrated at PIYC and is a fun part of our boating culture.

No matter the size or type of boat, a Boat Christening ceremony is a fun way to welcome your boat to the world, celebrate with friends and ensure safe passages for lifetime of adventures on the water.

There Is No Better Time To Be Out On The Water! Pelican Isle Yacht Club is conveniently situated in an exclusive Southwest Florida location just five minutes from the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico. For more information, please visit www.piyyc.net.



Pictured left to right:

Middle left photo: Tom Friedman (Past Commodore – Pelican Isle Yacht Club) & Cecile Friedman, Debra Garmhausen & John Garmhausen (Commodore – Pelican Isle Yacht Club) and Peter Frank (Past Commodore - Pelican Isle Yacht Club)

Middle right photo: Laura Hugget & Larry Hugget (Director – Pelican Isle Yacht Club) and Larry Farese (Past Commodore - Pelican Isle Yacht Club)