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## **Press Release – February 2018: Pelican Isle Yacht Club Celebrates Annual Fleet Review**

On Saturday, February 10th, 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 Rick Baird, Vice Commodore Dick Hobbs and Rear Commodore David Kessler reviewed the fleet from the Club's Portside Patio accompanied by Commodore Tom McMeekin and his wife Diane from Naples Sailing & Yacht Club, Commodore Robert Winterhalter and his wife Diana from Marco Island Yacht Club, and Commodore James Lozell from Naples Yacht Club.

In the Review was 19 Member vessels as well as the North Naples Fire Boat 1 and the Collier County Sheriff Marine Unit.

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 Club recently re-opened in January 2018 following a \$4.8 million dollar clubhouse renovation. The Club 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](http://www.piyc.net).

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First picture left to right: Past Commodore Dale Medford, Rear Commodore David Kessler, Vice Commodore Dick Hobbs, Commodore Rick Baird

Second picture: Henry and Janet Frenck's vessel "Pied A Mere"

Third picture left to right: Pelican Isle Yacht Club Past Commodores, speaker: Peter Franck, Past Commodore