



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

January 2005

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club is proud to recognize the following sailors/boats for their outstanding performance in 2004. The following awards were presented on November 20th at the club's annual Fall Awards Banquet.

WALT RUCKEL SAILOR OF THE YEAR

Mickey Duvall "Kablua"

BOAT OF THE YEAR

"Untamed" owned by Mark Hunter

COMMODORE'S CUP

1st Place Spinnaker: Don Gresko "Ice Bear"

1st Place Non-Spin: Gisela Weegan "Cannon Ball"

1st Place Cruiser: Michael Phillips "Kayla"

JANE COLE SMALL BOAT SAILOR OF THE YEAR

Zach Kastl: 1st Place Small Boat Series

Will Bedenbaugh: 2nd Place Small Boat Series

Mark Hunter: 3rd Place Small Boat Series

JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR

Trip Humphries

WET WEDNESDAY AWARD

Mark Hunter

USSA/BBSC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Marilyn Ostrominski

EMMA GOGGINS AWARDS

Patty Deming

BLOOPER AWARD

Scott Bedenbaugh "Plan B"

BRIDGE MVP

Bill Deming (Vice-Commodore)

GRAND FINALE

1st Place Spinnaker: Mark Hunter "Untamed"

2nd Place Spinnaker: Mickey Duvall "Kablua"

3rd Place Spinnaker: Don Gresko "Ice Bear"

1st Place Non-Spinnaker: Mike Phillips "Kayla"

2nd Place Non-Spinnaker: Stark "Glass Slipper"

3rd Place Non-Spinnaker: Scott Pursell "Ester Ann"

SPRING SERIES

1st Place Spinnaker: Mark Hunter "Untamed"

2nd Place Spinnaker: Mickey Duvall "Kablua"

1st Place Non-Spin: Gisela Weegan "Cannon Ball"

1st Place Cruiser: Mike Phillips "Kayla"

FALL SERIES

1st Place Spinnaker: Mark Hunter "Untamed"

1st Place Non-Spinnaker: Dave Stark "Glass Slipper"

Thanks to all of the volunteers and sponsors that made 2004 another great year for BBSC.



A new season of sailing is coming, so let's start the year off by checking all our safety gear. Check the dates on your flares; make sure your fire extinguishers are serviceable; check the condition of your PFDs and after a long winter, check your navigation lights for proper operation.



If anyone out there has any suggestions concerning trophies or presentations, please call me at 678-3044 or drop me an email at kgresko1@cox.net.

Don't forget the Spring Meeting on March 12th. Bring a friend or anybody who is interested in sailboat racing or cruising. There will be free beer and hors d'oeuvres. Good sailing from your Vice Commodore,

Don Gresko

— Small Boat Sailing —

While its cold now, the small boat racing fleet is already heating up. Rumor has it that one of last year's big winners has been busy prepping his boat's bottom and a couple of competitors missing last year will be back this coming year!

Last year we had as many as 17 boats at our small boat races, and over the year we had 9 different sailors finish in the top 3!

Small boat sailing here is all about fun and the racing is just a way to learn to sail better. This year we're especially going to focus on fun and getting better. Every race day will start with some kind of fun skills development session, followed by 3-4 races - and don't forget Schooners cookout and live music afterwards!

So mark your calendars - we have 8 BBSC regattas scheduled, beginning April 4th and running into October. In addition we are sailing with Fort Walton yacht Club this year. They are coming to BBSC Aug 21st and Sept 25, and we are going to FWYC June 26th and July 3rd.

So if you want to have a great time on the water and off - clean up that Sunfish or Laser you have gathering dust and come on down to the beach! And if you don't want to sail but just want to be a part of it, we would all be thrilled to have you as Race Committee for one or as many races as you want to be part of!

On a final note, a few words of whimsy
— by an author who prefers anonymity:

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*Man! I love sailing!
Even more, I love more racing.
Hey! The next boat I'm tailing!
First place I could be nailing!
Oh! A wave! My insides go flailing,
Ugh... my digestive system could be failing!
Quick to the railing!
OH! My lunch is bailing!
Uh-oh, there's that girl I'm dating,
in front of her-my puke unveiling!
Some got on her, now she's wailing!
Great—a Dear John letter she'll be mailing.
Man! Sometimes I hate sailing!*

You can reach me by email at sailstote@cox.net

Mike Stoughton



Greetings from the bridge . Here's to a good year of sailing and no hurricanes. Your bridge has already started planning for the upcoming season. The Fleet Captains and Rear Commodore have put together a racing and cruising schedule that has something for everybody. Our first event, The Blue Nose Regatta, is scheduled for 5 February This is a no fee event with the sole purpose of having fun. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can have a good turn out.

The Spring meeting is scheduled for 12 March in the Marina's Ship Store. The start time is 5:30 PM. The club is providing a keg and hors d'oeuvres. The start time was moved up to 5:30 so we can finish early for those who might be interested in having dinner at Schooner's afterwards. I have talked to Wayne and he is going to offer a 10% discount to BBSC members that night. (Please note that space is limited and Schooner's may not be able to accommodate a large influx of people at one time. So if your interested it would behoove you to make reservations early) Which brings up the next point. If you haven't done so already renew your membership. The \$50 annual dues is dirt cheap and at various times during the year Schooner's and the Ship's Store offer discounts to BBSC members that can more than cover the cost of the dues.

Finally I would like to encourage everybody to come out and join in the club activities and If you have any ideas that you think would improve our club please let me know.

Bill Deming, Commodore

Proposed BBSC 2005 Cruising Schedule

April 1 – 3	Spring Break Cruise to Marker 50
April 22 – 24	Destin Harbor
June 3 – 12	Extended Cruise (Crooked Isle)
July 16 – 17	Shrimp Boil
September 10 – 11	Overnight to Baytown/Sandestin
October 7 – 10	Fall Cruise

The always exciting and challenging BBSC Wednesday Night Races will begin on April 6th and last through August 31st.

Crusin' Around



By way of introductions, I am Charlie Mauck your recently elected (railroaded, volunteered?) Rear Commodore and owner of the San Juan 28 "Misty". I am excited about our upcoming cruising season although as I compose this article the temperature outside hovers in the 40s with northerly breezes (brisk even by Florida standards). If you have new ideas for cruises and/or other social events, please contact me at 897-1433 or cjmauck@hotmail.com or cjmauck@earthlink.net. All ideas and help will be greatly appreciated.

*Fair Winds and Seas,
Charlie Mauck – Rear Commodore (897-1433)*

To All Members of the Bluewater Bay Sailing Club,

Thank you, for honoring me by awarding me the Sportsmanship Award for 2004. To be awarded this trophy, once, was a wonderful honor. To receive it a second time, is simply overwhelming for me. Thank you, everyone, very, very much!

Marilyn Ostrominski

**BLUENOSE
REGATTA**

**COME OUT AND
FREEZE YOUR NOSE OFF!**

**SKIPPER'S MEETING @ THE BWB MARINA
1100. 5 FEBRUARY 2005**



Hello BBSC! Welcome to the 2005 racing season. We have developed a new schedule with a variety of races, some changes from last year, and we are always looking for suggestions to make it better. One area we are always

looking for help in is with sponsors of our races, especially the big ones. If you have any ideas of potential sponsors or know someone that might sponsor, please

let us know. We are also always looking for volunteers to help make the racing better in the club. This can range from being race committee to helping with the logistics of a race, to any number of support activities that would be greatly appreciated.

I also feel strong that if you are a racer that you should take your turn as race committee and run one of the races. Please volunteer as I will be recruiting race committees for this years racing schedule. The race schedule will have some changes this year to bring in a lot of variety and hopefully fun. Remember the races have to be fun (before, during and after) to grow in participation. Some of the variety I am talking about will be some races that are windward/leeward, government marks, and a couple of destination races. There will also be races with regular starts as well as Bermuda starts. Most races will be serious (or at least everyone will try hard) to those with an emphasis on fun. We will always race by sailing rules but some of those rules will be waived in a couple of the races. There will also be special interest items, like man overboard drills, for everyone to practice. Finally the last big emphasis I will be putting on our races will be to try to have a party after the race. A lot of times the stories after the race are much better than the racing.

One big change being made to the race season will be a new approach to a series race. Instead of single races being spread out over four or five weekends we are looking to have four to five races over two consecutive weekends. There will be three types of races, which should not favor any one type of boat over another. The first weekend will have races on Saturday and Sunday with a party Saturday night, and the second weekend will have races on Saturday only. There will probably be one throwout so even if you have a bad race you are not necessarily out of the series. Hopefully this approach will attract more boats to a fun series event.

The first race of the season will be the Bluenose Race on Saturday, Feb 5th, with registration at 1100. This is a warm-up race that will feature a man-overboard drill as a safety interest item. We do not plan to have a registration fee and therefore will not have awards after the race. There will be a gathering after the race and everyone is encouraged to bring your own. The second race will be the Annual Chili-Dog Race on Mar 5th, with registration again at 1100. This has always been a fun event with good participation. The entry fee for the race is to bring an award (trophy, memento, use your imagination) to be given out after the race. Also it will be a fun race with some twists thrown into the mix. To go along with the race will be a chili cook-off with winners to be announced at the end of the racing and party. Bring your chili to the registration and let it simmer during the race. Chili always gets better with time and the judging will occur while the racing is going on. We don't want the judges to be biased.

Hope to see everyone on the water and lets have a fun 2005 season.

Mickey Duvall, Fleet Captain

BANQUET PHOTOS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Complete 2005 schedule at: www.bbsc.com

Blue Nose Regatta	February 5
Chilli Dog Regatta	March 5
Spring Meeting	March 12
Trash & Treasure Sale	March 19

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