

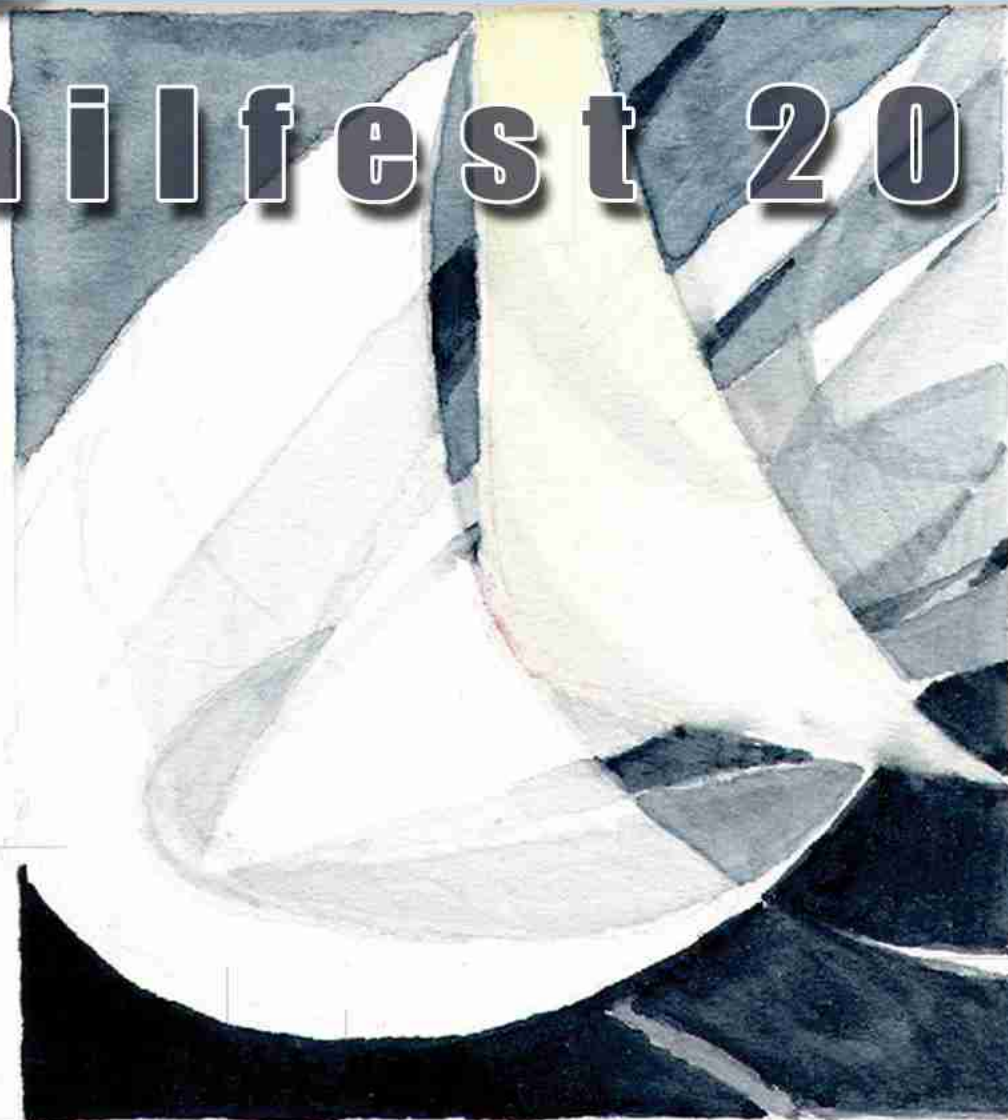


Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

May 2005

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

Sailfest 2005



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Patrick & Colleen

**May 7, 2005 register at L.J. Schooner's May 6 from 6-7:00 p.m.
Late registration on back porch at 10:00 a.m., Skippers meeting at 10:30 a.m.
Entry fee is \$30.00 and \$25.00 for USSA members, includes 2 t-shirts**

Awards ceremony @ 4:00, entertainment and food to follow.



artwork by patrick and colleen ballasch



★ COMMODORE'S CORNER ★

Well we've started our sailing season but the weather gods haven't been too kind. The Spring cruise to marker 50 saw thunderstorms on Friday followed by howling winds on Saturday and water so high that at least my boat would not fit under the bridge. All in all not very conducive to cruising and as far as I know everybody decided to stay at home. The Wednesday Fun races started on April 6 but again we were greeted with severe thunderstorms so the race was canceled. The next Wednesday on 13 April saw wild winds in the 20 to 30 knot range which saw only 4 boats showing up. There was apparently some confusion as to the starting sequence that we use on Wednesday night, which is the old 10 minute sequence, and 3 of the boats started at the (old) 5 minute preparatory flag. I don't know how the participants sorted out the final results but hopefully they came to amiable agreement. In any event remember the word fun is in Wednesday Fun races. But I really want to take my hat off to Ann and Bob Blair and Scott Pursell for dinghying out to the point in the rough conditions to start the race. Good job guys and gal. The weather was great for the first small boat race on 10 April and 3 Juniors and 11 Seniors showed up for a great day of sailing. My thanks to Mike and Greg Stoughton for running an outstanding race.

Be sure to remember our premier event, Sailfest, on May 7. The race is being sponsored by Harbor Trading Co., Bluewater Bay Marina and Budweiser. In addition to some good racing there'll be T-shirts food and beverages.

Finally if you get some good photographs of club activities please send them into our Historian Linda McBeth or our newsletter editor Patty Deming so they can be filed in our annual scrapbook and published in our newsletter.

Bill Deming, Commodore



FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Hello BBSC and get ready for a great racing season. We've had our practice races during the winter and now it's time to get ready to go racing. Check over your equipment, make sure the boat is in good shape, and line up your crew for the races. The first event coming up is the 2005 Sailfest sponsored by the Harbor Trading Company, the Bluewater Bay Marina and our friends at Budweiser. Charlie Mauck has volunteered to be race committee and promises an exciting event. The race activities will begin on Friday night, the 6th of May, with a registration from 6:00-7:00pm at Schooner's and a skipper's meeting at 7:00pm. Registration fee is \$25 (USSA member) and \$30 (non USSA member) and will include two Sailfest T-shirts designed by our very own

Brad Davis of the Harbor Trading Company. Saturday morning, the 7th of May, will be a late registration from 10:00-11:00 on the porch behind the store at Bluewater Bay Marina. Racing will start at approximately 12:30pm out in the bay with two classes of boats, Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker. There will be at least a couple of races with a variety of courses. Awards and a great party will follow after the race, compliments of our generous sponsors, that will start approximately 4:30-5:00pm. Trophies, food and Budweiser beer will help make the racing and stories that follow more exciting and interesting. If you would like some more information on the race please see the 2005 Sailfest Notice of Race on the BBSC web site. Please join us for this annual event and make it a success that it has been in the past.

Start planning now for the BBSC Series Race coming in June on the 18th, 19th and the 25th. There will be three days of racing with a variety of different races, windward-leeward, government mark, and a destination race. Parties associated with the racing should also be a lot of fun. This is a new format for our series races and should be easier for everyone trying to line up crew and the logistics of a multi-event series. Hope for good weather, see you on the water, and let's have fun this 2005 racing season.

SMALL BOAT SERIES #1

We had a beautiful day for racing during the 1st small boat series regatta. Winds started out about 15 kts from the South and slowly dropped to about 8-10 kts by the end of the last race. thanks go out to Mickey for setting the marks - we had a square starting line and windward leg for all 4 races - something very rare last year. Waves were small - except for the wake of the monster powerboat that ploughed through the middle of the fleet during the 1st race!

The first two races were Triangle WL Windward Finish & although there were some concerned faces over the length, it worked well and with the winds we finished each of them in about 25 minutes. The juniors sailed a Triangle course and finished a few minutes ahead of the adults. The last 2 races were slightly shortend as the wind dropped - we sailed Triangle WL with Leeward finish. The juniors shortened their course by using the start/finish pin as their Leeward mark. They finished these two races right with the adult fleet.

Mickey won the prize for most capsizes (was it 3?) - but only because Greg & I were doing Race Committee instead of racing! The race of the day was between Scott and Amanda during Race 4. All day the 2 of them were very competitive with each other and this race was no exception. As they were coming down the final leeward leg Amanda was slightly ahead of Scott, but he seemed to find just a little more speed. At about 2 boat-lengths to the finish line they were nose-to-nose & almost every second the lead changed as they approached the line, each boat just poking out so I could see the bow handle! At the finish it was a dead heat!

a small ray of hope - maybe that Megabyte drops off a little as the wind dies down? Actually I suspect the 30 minutes he spent out on the water pre-race might have given him some advantage. Zach and Chris were also very consistent, neither scoring worse than 4th in any race. Six of the 11 adult fleet sailors scored at least a 3rd in one race, so there is definitely some competitive talent out there.

Smallboat Results

Skipper	Boat	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Place
Adult Fleet							
Mark Hunter	Megabyte	1	1	1	3	6	1
Chris Pfledderer	Sunfish	3	3	4	1	11	2
Zach Kastle	Laser	2	4	2	4	12	3
Will Bedenbaugh	Laser Rad	5	5	6	2	18	4
Brett Hinely	JY-15	7	2	5	7	21	5
Scott Bedenbaugh	Laser Rad	6	6	7	6	25	6
Mickey Duvall	Laser	8	7	3	10	28	7
Bill Demming	Sunfish	4	12	8	5	29	8
John Stratton	Y-Flyer	9	9	10	9	37	9
Kevin Wildt	Laser	11	8	11	8	38	10
Bob Hutchinson	Mistral	10	10	9	11	40	11
Junior Fleet							
Scott Duvall	Sunfish	1	1	2	1	5	1
Amanda Bedenbaugh	Sunfish	2	2	1	1	6	2
Victoria Hunter	Sunfish	3	3	3	3	12	3

FWYC starts their small boat racing on April 24th and will run it almost every Sunday. They have dedicated Race Committee for the entire series, and if you don't want to trailer your boat (or sail it) over, they have some boats available for use. Just call Sam or Jennifer Grant for the details.

Our next race is May 22nd and Scott Bedenbaugh has generously volunteered to host it (or is he just looking for that extra throw-out you get for doing Race Committee?) there are only 5 more races available to volunteer for, so if you want that extra throwout sign-up soon! Just send me an email with a primary and secondary date. I'll plug people in "first come first served". Also next race we will do a better job of using the inflatable to shuttle spectators to and from the beach - so come on out & race - and if you aren't racing then come on out and watch!

Mike Stoughton, 225-6437, sailstote@cox.net



I guess that justice was served on the BBSC for electing a retired meteorologist as Rear Commodore. Due to the inclement weather the first two outings (Marker 50 Cruise and Wednesday Night Race) were cancelled. Hopefully, the weather will treat us better for the rest of the year.

In addition to continuing our Wednesday Night Fun Races, the next major events are the Destin Harbor Overnight and Fishing Derby and our annual Extended Cruise. This year we will again cruise to Crooked Isle for a week.

Destin Harbor Overnight

Destination: Destin Harbor
Underway: Early, Saturday, April 23rd
Return: Sunday, April 24th

This cruise will feature a Fishing Derby on the trip over on Saturday. We will award prizes for the biggest fish (length). The weigh-in will take place at 6 PM on Saturday.

Extended Cruise

Destination: Crooked Isle
Underway: Friday, June 3rd
Return: Sunday, June 12th

More information will be coming soon.

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or helpful suggestions. I am looking forward to seeing as many boats as possible.

Fair Winds & Seas, Charlie Mauck – Rear Commodore
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Destin Harbor Cruise	April 22-24
Sailfest	May 7
BBSC Small Boat Race #2	May 22 (Sun)
Extended Cruise	June 3-12
Series Race	June 18, 19 & 25
Small Boat Bay Series #1 at FWYC	May 22 (Sun)



Complete 2005 schedule at: www.bbsc.com

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