



# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

July 2005

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

## sabre sails series 2005

The BBSC Series, sponsored by Sabre Sails, was raced this year using a new format to generate renewed interest and very competitive racing. Five races, over two consecutive weekends saw six boats, both spinnaker and non-spinnaker, compete against each other on a variety of race courses. Race committee chores were handled by Scott Pursell, Bob Luitjens and Mike Moffitt, and this team did an excellent job handling the variable conditions of the wind and keeping the races going despite the differences in types of boats racing. This was quite a commitment from these gentlemen to dedicate three days to the success of this race.

The first day of racing, Saturday, had two races run back to back in the bay south of Rocky Bayou. Scott using his sailboat, Esther Ann, as the committee boat started the first race as a windward-leeward course with spinnaker going two laps and non-spinnaker going one lap. With lots of shifts in the wind position and timing of tacks, huge gains for boats choosing correctly were made. Mark Hunter on Untamed did an excellent job picking the shifts and jumped to a large lead on the weather legs to take the first race. Pat Ballasch on Avocet also did a good job and stayed close for second. Bill Deming on Pandemonium showed good all around boat speed and had a large lead for a victory in non-spinnaker. Because the non-spinnaker finished the first race earlier, race committee started them on the second race of the day around a set of government marks on a course resembling a triangle. This race had a little less beating to windward and more off wind work. Deming again had superior boat speed to win non-spinnaker but a good race was developing between Michael Phillips on Kayla and Ridge Nye on Manana. Manana edged out Kayla at the finish line but Kayla corrected out to second place. In the spinnaker race the boats followed the same course and were a little closer together which allowed Mickey Duvall on Kahlua to correct to first. There was some excitement on the last spinnaker run to the finish line as the wind shifted forward a little and made for some quick take-downs of the chutes to make the finish line. A party followed after the races and monogrammed baseball caps were given to the winners of each race.

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The third race of the series on Sunday was a completely different kind of race. All the boats started together off the beach at Bluewater and raced across the bay to a mark just off the Fort Walton Yacht Club. The winds started very light and made for some frustration getting out of Rocky Bayou. When the wind finally did fill in from the west all the boats were fairly close to each other and it was like another start on the bay. All the boats had to beat to get to the mark at the west end and then it was a spinnaker run or wing-on-wing run back to Bluewater Bay. Kahlua was able to stay close enough to the competition to correct out for the win and Bill Deming again showed superior speed in non-spinnaker. Because of the longer race the boats were more spread out but there again was a party and hats presented to the winners.

The final day of racing was again a windward-leeward race course followed by a triangle government mark race. The race committee had a difficult time picking the right course for the first race but lucked out with the wind when at the last minute it steadied down for a fair beat to Rocky #1 marker. There was a little excitement before the race when Ridge Nye, single handling his 35 foot Beneateau, accidentally got the race line mark caught in his rudder. Brett Hinely on Untamed jumped in the water and helped separate the boat from the mark. Good job Brett. Untamed again showed excellent speed in the first race and won the race by a good margin. This meant after four races Untamed and

Kahlua were tied in the series and the last race would decide the victory. Pandemonium with a large crew this day went on to a victory in non-spinnaker. The fifth and final race started first for the non-spinnaker and were followed by the spinnakers after they finished Race #4. A lot of maneuvering before the start caught Kahlua off balance and left them late for the starting line. It then became a horse race to the windward mark and the remaining marks. During the heavier winds this day Avocet's backstay adjuster broke and caused a lot of sag in her genoa. They struggled with this but continued on in the race. The beam reach leg from the bridge had strong winds on the beam and caused a couple of spectacular roundups on some of the spinnaker boats. After crossing the finish line Untamed started their stopwatch on Kahlua to see when they would finish. Kahlua finished just in time to take the victory in Race #5. Non-spinnaker was again won by Pandemonium but they just barely corrected out over Kayla.

A party followed back at the marina and refreshments and awards were presented by Scott Pursell. Hats were again given to the winners of each race and overall trophies (beautiful crystal vases chosen by Doris Deming) were given to the winner of spinnaker and non-spinnaker. Thanks again to our sponsor, Sabre Sails, and to Scott Pursell and his race committee for doing such an outstanding job. Results of the 2005 BBSC Series are listed below.



### Sabre Sails 2005 Series Results

<b>Spinnaker:</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Place</b>
Kahlua	Duvall	3	1	1	2	1	8	1
Untamed	Hunter	1	2	3	1	2	9	2
Avocet	Ballasch	2	3	2	3	3	13	3
<b>Non-Spinnaker:</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Place</b>
Pandemonium	Deming	1	1	1	1	1	5	1
Kayla	Phillips	2	2	2	2	2	10	2
Manana	Nye	3	3	3	3	3	15	3

# COMMODORE'S CORNER

Where have all the sailors gone? The turnout for the series regatta that was just completed was disappointing. Only 3 spinnaker and 3 non-spinnaker boats participated. As it turned out the racing was great. Sailors experienced a wide variety of winds from little zephyrs to puffy 23-knot gusts. The racing also included a variety of courses. There were 2 windward-leeward races, 2 government mark races, and a distance / destination race.

I would like to give special thanks to Scott Pursell who volunteered for race committee duties on all 3 days of the series. Thanks also to Bob Luitjens and Michael Moffitt who helped Scott with marks, flags and time-keeping.

Speaking of the series regatta, I would like to thank Sabre Sails for their sponsorship. Please, whenever you get the opportunity, thank them. And when possible throw your business their way for we depend extensively on the generosity and support of sponsors to keep within our operating budget.

The turnout for the extended cruise was also less than we have seen in years past with a total of 6 boats making at least part of the trip. All participants enjoyed the beach, boat camaraderie, and smooth gulf sailing. Weather conditions were ideal at least until 'Arlene' loomed on the far horizon. All boats made it back to port before the weather became ugly.

Seriously, "Where have all the sailors gone?" I would be interested in hearing from club members what we can do to increase participation. If you have some ideas or would like to see some things changed e-mail or phone me with your thoughts.

Finally don't forget the 4th of July picnic at our house. If you have guests over the holiday you are welcome to bring them along. Just bring a dish to share we will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. Niceville's grand fireworks display begins over Boggy Bayou at dusk. Hope to see you all here.

*Bill Deming, Commodore*

## FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



We just completed our Series Race sponsored by Sabre Sails and we saw some very close racing, especially in the spinnaker fleet. Thanks to Scott Pursell and his race committee

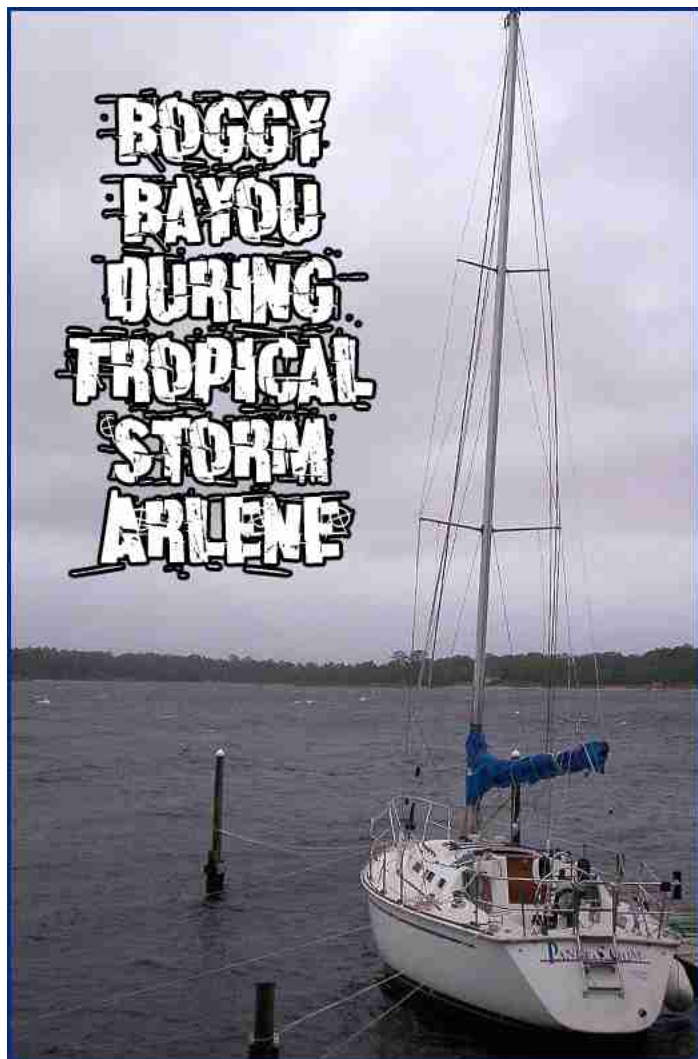
for running a great series. The next event on the schedule is a fun race scheduled for 9 July. Brad Davis is running

this race and he is coming up with a lot of ideas to make this a fun day on the water. Racing that

is all fun and no pressure. Skippers meeting will be at 1100 on the porch at Bluewater Bay. Please join us for a fun day on the water. The next big race after that is the annual Round the Bay race on 6 August. This is our long distance event that will start near Bluewater Bay and race down to the end of the bay and back.

What also makes it unique is that it is a Bermuda Start, so that everyone's handicap is computed before the race and you start according to your handicap. Those boats that rate high will start first and the faster ones will then start later and chase them down the bay. Non-spinnaker will sail a shorter course but long enough to make it challenging. Skippers' meeting will be Friday night before the race where your starting times and race instructions will be presented. Please join us for this fun event and see a beautiful part of the bay that we don't normally sail in. Also we are still looking for race committee for the race and the duties are very simple since this is a Bermuda start. Please help us with this event. See you on the water and keep racing.

*PHRF Fleet Captain, Mickey Duvall*



# Crusin' Around



**The Shrimp Boats Are Coming!! Get your reservations now.**

Actually, the infamous BBSC Shrimp Boil is really coming on the weekend of July 16-17. We'll get underway for Marker 50 on Saturday Morning. The club will furnish the shrimp, potatoes, corn and green salads (plus hot dogs and trimmings for those who don't/can't eat the shellfish). All of this for a shrimpy \$10 for adults and children over 10 (to help offset the club costs). Get your reservations in as soon as possible. See the attached flyer and reservation form. For further information please contact either: Charlie Mauck, Phone: 897-1433 Cell: 499-5734 Email: [cjmauck@hotmail.com](mailto:cjmauck@hotmail.com), or Bill Deming, Phone: 678-7223.

Our extended cruise to Crooked Island was very successful with six BBSC boats participating: Pandemonium (Demings), Pass Rider (Williamsons), Destiny (Parsons), Moani (John & Steve Heimstra), Priority III (Bill & Donna Nowack), and Misty (yours truly). Most of the fleet sailed(?) via the ditch and anchored off Shell Island (Panama City) on Saturday. Sunday we sailed on to Crooked Island where we had four of the boats in a raft. (For those like me who had never been there before, navigating the channel after the sea breeze kicked in proved challenging.) Tuesday, I had to return to Niceville and had a great sail in the Gulf. Three of the boats sailed to Port St. Joe to spend Tuesday and Wednesday night while one remained at Crooked Island. I'm happy to report that all the boats made it back to their home ports before the arrival of Tropical Storm Arlene. (Remember, I warned you about electing a retired meteorologist to the Bridge.)

Extended  
Cruise  
Photos



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More  
Cruise Photos

# BBSC SHRIMP BOIL

**July 16-17, 2004 @ Marker 50/Spectre Island**

\$10 per Person (over 10) (No Charge for Children under 10)

includes: Boiled Shrimp, Potatoes, Corn, Green Salad and/or Hot Dogs

Plan to arrive at Marker 50 Saturday afternoon. Dinner will be served around 6pm. Bring firewood for a campfire.

In case of inclement weather the festivities will be held at Bluewater Bay Marina on Sunday, July 17th.



# BBSC SHRIMP BOIL REGISTRATION

**Please Respond by July 12, 2004**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Adults (10+):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boat Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

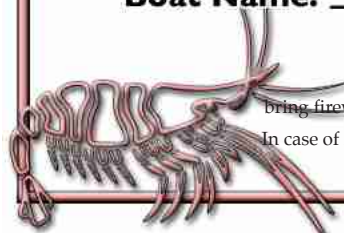
**Return form and with checks payable to:**

**Bluewater Bay Sailing Club**

**P.O. Box 1251 • Niceville, FL 32588**

bring firewood for campfire

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Fourth of July Party	July 4 (Mon)
Fun Race	July 9
BBSC Small Boat Race #3	July 10 (Sun)
Shrimp Boil	July 16-17
BBSC Small Boat Race #4	July 24 (Sun)
Round the Bay Race	August 6



Complete 2005 schedule at: [www.bbsc.com](http://www.bbsc.com)

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