



# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club

## NEWSLETTER

January/February 2006

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

# FALL BANQUET

The Bluewater Bay Sailing Club wrapped up another year of sailing at its 2005 Fall Banquet held at the Clubhouse on November 19<sup>th</sup>. While following a tried-and-true format of a social hour, dinner, then awards and door prizes, the banquet also served as the second of two yearly general membership meetings. The members were given a year-in-review by the 2005 bridge members. Of note, Bill Deming stated that big-boat racing had about the same level of participation as in 2004 and the small boats continued to be a booming business. Charlie Mauck ran down the year's cruises which were plagued by the bad weather (i.e., squalls and hurricanes). He also recapped Wet Wednesday races. A total of 25 boats participated overall in 19 races. Only five Wednesdays proved to be washouts. Kayla (Mike Phillips and crew) showed up for the majority of the races. The members also heard from PHRF Fleet Captain Mickey Duvall. Mickey first paid tribute to Rick Flores of the Daily News who had passed away this year. Rick Flores had written several articles featuring Bluewater Bay Sailing events for the Daily News Sports Section. Mickey then went on to thank all race committee volunteers and race sponsors for the year. He also presented trophies for the end-of-the-year sailing awards (list at right). Other club awards were also presented during the evening including the Blooper of the Year. The Blooper was hotly contested with six candidates vying for the prestigious award. The nominations were: Ridge Nye (running aground), Scott Pursell (dragging anchor during storm), Kevin Wildt (dagger board), Ridge Nye (hooking the start marker), Brett Hinely (jumping overboard prematurely), and Scott Bedenbaugh (forgetting half his mast at a small boat race). The vote was decidedly in favor of Ridge Nye. The final task of the evening was to approve a slate of candidates for the 2006 bridge members which are also listed below.



**WALT RUCKEL SAILOR OF THE YEAR:**  
Mark Hunter "Untamed"

**BOAT OF THE YEAR:**  
"Untamed" owned by Mark and Toni Hunter

**COMMODORE'S CUP:**  
Mark Hunter "Untamed": Spinnaker Fleet  
Michael Phillips "Kayla": Non-Spinnaker Fleet  
**JANE COLEE SMALL BOAT SAILOR OF THE YEAR:**  
Mark Hunter

**SMALL BOAT SERIES:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mark Hunter  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Zack Kastl  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kevin Wildt

**JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR:**  
Amanda Bedenbaugh

**USSA/BBSC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:**  
Pat Ballasch

**EMMA GOGGINS AWARDS:**  
Anne Blair

**MOST VALUABLE BRIDGE MEMBER:**  
Scott Pursell

**BLOOPER AWARD:**  
Ridge Nye



## 2006 BRIDGE ROSTER

*Commodore — Brad Davis*  
*Vice Commodore — Tom Binkley*  
*Rear Commodore — Charlie Mauck*  
*Secretary — Scott Pursell*  
*Treasure — Marilyn Ostrominski*  
*PHRF Fleet Captain — Pat Ballasch*  
*Small Boat Captain — Mike Stoughton*  
*Historian(s) — Doris Deming & Esther Pursell*



# SPRING MEETING

## MARCH 11, 2006

Starting at 5:30

Schooner's Ship Store

Beer & Hors d'Oeuvres Provided

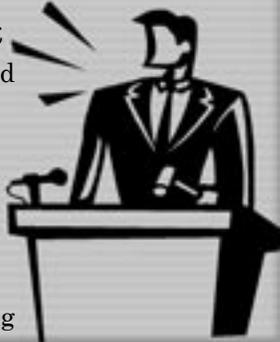


### Auction Notice: Trophy Cabinet

BBSC is now taking closed bids on the "old" trophy cabinet which is at the Marina Store.

Send bids to Brad Davis  
bradforddavis  
@earthlink.net

Bidding closes on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Spring Meeting

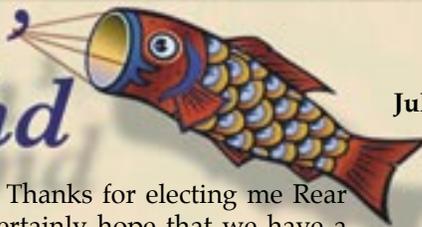


## CHILI DOG REGATTA

### FEBRUARY 25TH, 2006

entrance fee is an old trophy  
bring you best chili for the Chili Contest

## Crusin' Around



Another year is upon us. Thanks for electing me Rear Commodore for 2006. I certainly hope that we have a better year cruising-wise than last. Hopefully, Aeolus (god of winds) will smile upon us this year lessen the impact of weather on our cruising schedule. Of course, it could still be punishment for having the audacity to put a retired meteorologist on the Bridge.

That being said, our preliminary cruising schedule will be:

**April 1 – 2:** Marker 50 Cruise.

**June 4 – 11:** Extended Cruise.

Instead of going to Crooked Isle, this year I am looking at visiting several venues in Choctawhatchee Bay (331 Bridge, Hogtown Bayou, Sandestin, Destin, Boggy Bayou, Ft. Walton and possibly Shell Island in Panama City). I am open to all suggestions. I have moved the official start of the cruise to Sunday to

accommodate the Spring Series Race scheduled for Saturday, June 3.

**July 8-9:** Shrimp Boil.

Place TBD. We had such a good turnout in 2005 at the Marina that I am looking for a place that will be accessible by both land and sea.

**July 22-23:** Alternate date for Shrimp Boil.

**September 16-17:** Fall Cruise #1.

**October 14-15:** Fall Cruise #2.

#### Other Dates to remember:

February 11: Blue Nose Regatta

February 25: Chili Dog Race

April 5: Wet Wednesdays begin.

September 27: Last Wet Wednesday

If you have any questions or comments regarding our cruising schedule, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Fair Winds and Seas, Charlie Mauck – Rear Commodore*  
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# SMALL BOATS RACING 2006

Small Boat or dingy racing at BBSC is (in my somewhat parochial opinion) the best sailing on the bay. It embodies the Corinthian principles at the heart of sailboat racing: we are all out there to really have fun, we compete hard, but we help each other out and everyone is ready to help you learn and get better! As an example look at the table below. These are all the sailors who finished in the top 3 in at least one race last year – it adds up to 14 sailors.

Pat Ballasch	Mickey Duvall	Chris Pfladderer
Amanda Bedenbaugh	Scott Duvall	Mike Stoughton
Scott Bedenbaugh	Brett Hinley	John Stratton
Will Bedenbaugh	Mark Hunter	Kevin Wildt
Craig Deyerle	Zach Kastle	

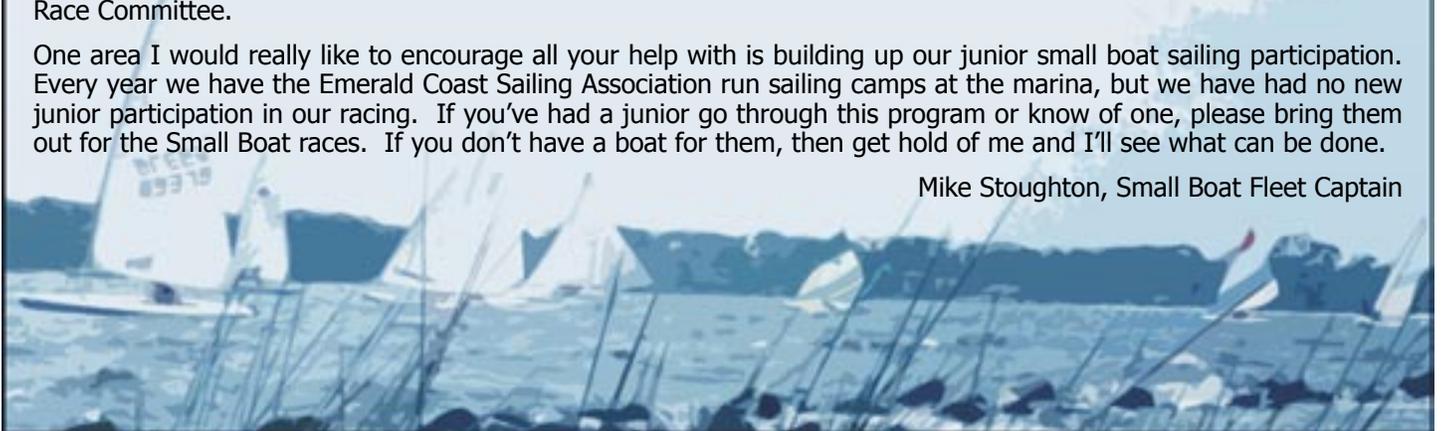
We have 14 days of small boat racing planned on the bay this year – the season starts at FWYC on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and ends at BBSC with our Small Boat Grand Finale on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

We are invited to sail in the FWYC Portsmouth Series and there will be 2 important series for BBSC small boat sailors. The Small Boat Challenge is a 4 boat series, with 2 events at BBSC and 2 events at FWYC. This series had great turnout last year and has a perpetual trophy for the series winner. The BBSC Series is again 8 events. The scoring will change this year. We will be using a High-Point scoring method. All competitors who sail in at least 75% of the races held (individual starts) will be eligible for the series. Just like in past years we will also score each of the events individually.

We started last year sailing off the beach & I was uncertain how well that would work after all the damage from Ivan. Brett and the Bluewater Marina gave us phenomenal support and we had no problems ferrying people and equipment to and from the beach for the races. Thank-you again for all this! Thank-you also to all those who volunteered for Race Committee.

One area I would really like to encourage all your help with is building up our junior small boat sailing participation. Every year we have the Emerald Coast Sailing Association run sailing camps at the marina, but we have had no new junior participation in our racing. If you've had a junior go through this program or know of one, please bring them out for the Small Boat races. If you don't have a boat for them, then get hold of me and I'll see what can be done.

Mike Stoughton, Small Boat Fleet Captain



## COMMODORE'S CORNER

We are off to a great start this season. You will find very packed schedule of events, lots of racing, great cruises, and social events. Last year we had some great socials and we hope to continue the tradition this year—so we hope everyone will come out and meet your fellow sailors and enjoy the camaraderie. If you have friends that may be interested in learning more about sailing, encourage them to join us for the Spring Meeting where we will have another great cocktail hour and very light meeting. One of our new races this year will be a starting line clinic to get everyone ready for the season. We hope that some of our experts will come out and help the newer sailor so we are all comfortable getting started. As always we welcome all your suggestions and volunteerism.

*Brad Davis, Commodore*

Time to Freeze Your ... Nose Off!  
**BLUE NOSE REGATTA**  
February 11  
Skipper's Meeting starts at 11:00 am

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 11**    **Blue Nose  
Regatta**
- February 25**    **Chili Dog**
- March 11**        **Spring Meeting**
- March 25**        **Start Palooza**
- April 1-2**        **Marker 50  
Cruise**

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