

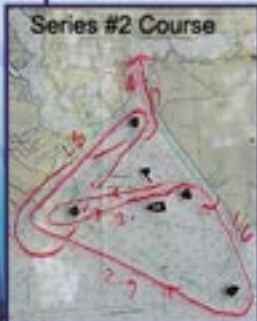


# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

May 2006

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

## SPRING SERIES #2



What a beautiful day we had for this race! The previous night was quite the opposite with tornado watches and warnings, strong winds, rain, and copious amounts of lightning. But, it all cleared up and on Saturday the wind Gods blessed us yet again. We set a 13 mile course with expectations for a west to southwest wind at 10-15 knots. The race turnout was very encouraging with a few new boats that were not at the first series race. In all we had 4 spinnaker boats and 5 non-spin. The start was held a mile southeast of Boggy #1. At 12:20pm the race was off and again we see why we need a startpalooza for this club as most boats were fairly late to the line. Apparently we also need a launch your spinnakerpalooza as virtually all of the spin boats had difficulty with either a late launch or a fouled launch. Coyote Chew showed some real perseverance with a very uncooperative spinnaker (look out for these guys in the next few races) that made everyone aware that they were still learning this new boat. I'm not sure they knew that they nearly were decommissioned by a massive barge that had them in their sites. They would have been toast had they not got their chute up when they did. However, once all the chutes were flying it was a beautiful site. The non-spin boats had a nice battle for the first half of the race between Moani and Capricious with Capricious leading much of the way. Unfortunately for Capricious the wind piped up and Moani's long water line started to reverse the order. In the end Moani took the honors with Capricious coming in second. The after party was a lot of fun with most crews hanging around for the results and some good camaraderie. In the end the results were as follows:

### Spinnaker Class

1. Kahlua
2. Pandemonium
3. Untamed
4. Coyote Chew (dnf)

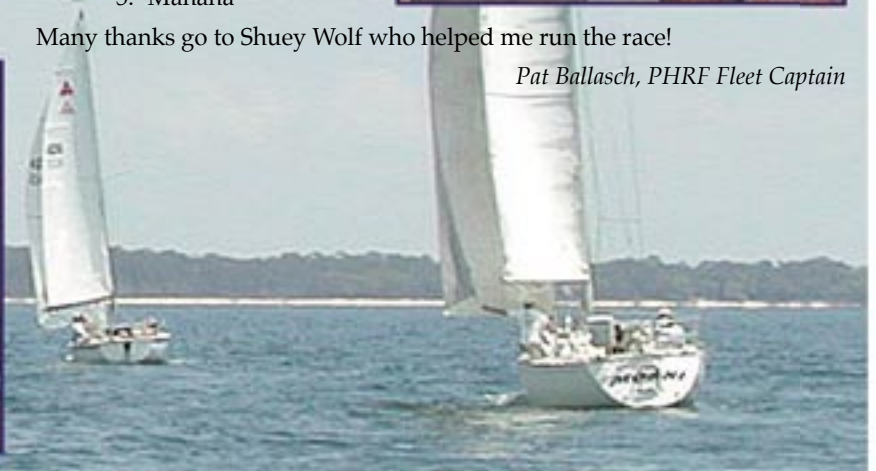
### Non-Spinnaker Class

1. Moani
2. Capricious
3. Whit's End
4. Kayla
5. Manana

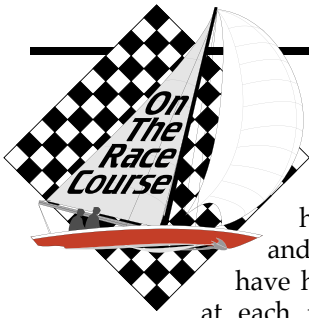


Many thanks go to Shuey Wolf who helped me run the race!

*Pat Ballasch, PHRF Fleet Captain*







Well we have had four successfulevents this season and they have proven to be challenging and fun. We have had light air, heavy air, and everything in between. We have had approximately 10 boats at each race with a good balance between spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats. The after parties have been very fun and are becoming as much of a reason to race as the race itself! I have to thank all of you who have volunteered your time to run race committee and coordinate the beverages and food for the after parties. We won't have these events without your help! As the year continues to roll along I do want to encourage everyone to pitch-in whenever you can to run a race so we don't burn out anyone. I am always open to your suggestions as to how we can make the racing better, more fun, or whatever. I am new to this so I also thank those who have given your advice and encouragement. My goal for the rest of the year is to increase the number of boats that are racing to at least 18 boats. To do this we need to find those boat owners who might be a little shy about getting involved and encourage them to come for the fun of it. We also need to extend an invitation to our friends across the bay at FWYC to come over and join some of our races. So if you know anyone who we can get into the fun of racing please let them know they are welcome and wanted here.

*Thanks to all for a good start this year!*  
*Pat Ballasch, PHRF Fleet Captain*



The small boat season is finally here. We have 2 great series starting. The BBSC Small Boat Series is 8 days of racing, all on Sunday afternoons. We have all caliber of sailors from rank beginners to the top sailors in the club. The racing is spirited but a great learning environment. There is lots of room on the starting line and plenty of people ready with a suggestion and helping hand. So dig that boat out, wash it off and come on down to the marina.

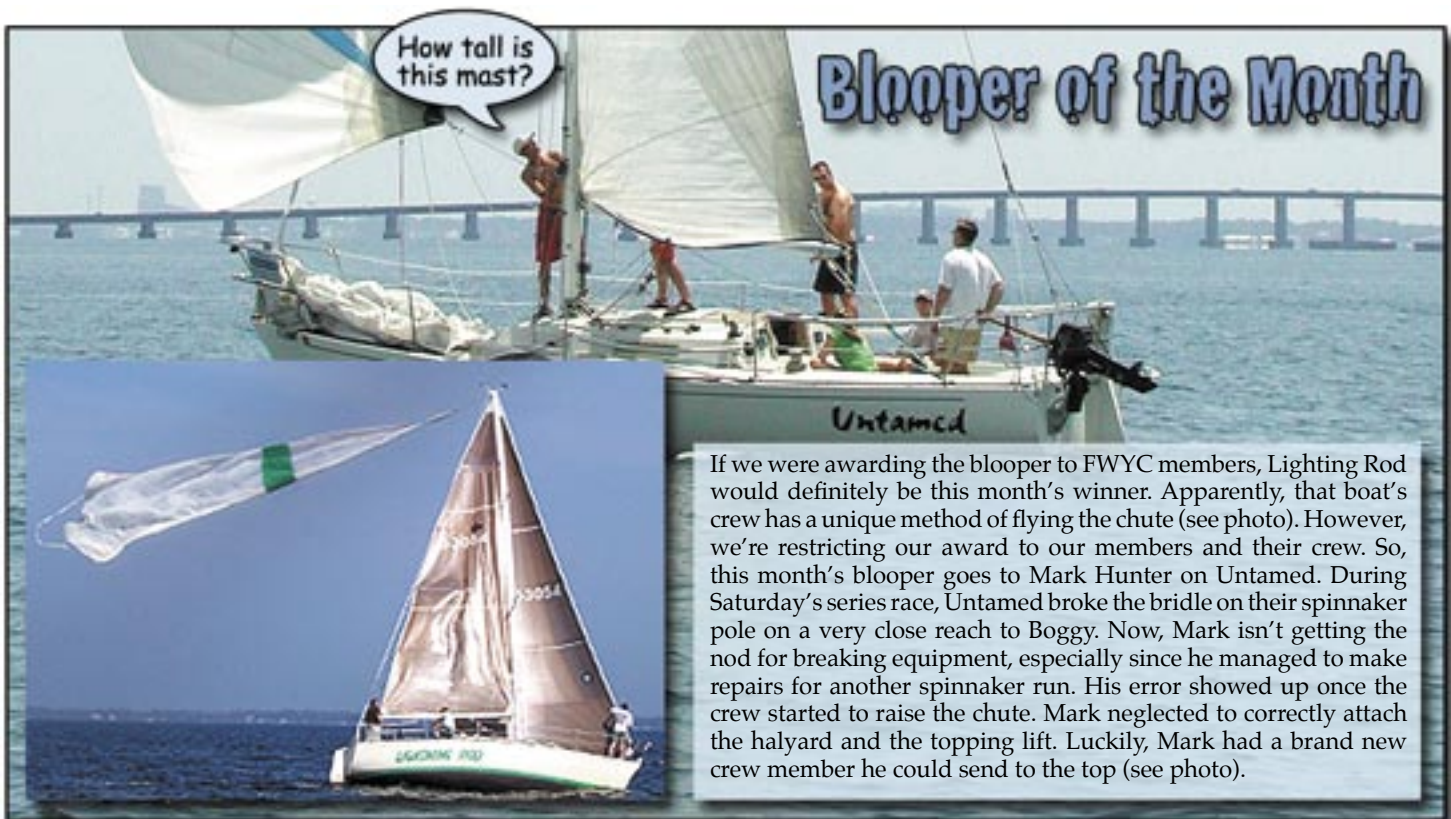
The Small Boat Series will be scored using the High Point Scoring system. In this system your score for a race is between 0-100, with the winner scoring 100. If there were 20 competitors and you finished 4th, then your score would be  $(20-4)/20 \times 100 = 80$ . If on the other hand there were 4 competitors (please lets not let this happen!) and you finished 3rd, then your score for that race will be  $(4-3)/4 \times 100 = 25$ . Your series score will be the average score for your top 75% of the races.

You can miss up to 25% of the small boat races and still qualify for the series & doing Race Committee counts as participation towards the series.

We also are starting our second year of the Small Boat Challenge. This is 4 days of racing spread over the year and split between Fort Walton Yacht Club and Bluewater Marina. The winner is recognized as the best small boat sailor on the bay!

We are also sailing in the Wed night series – typically there are 3 or so of us out every Wed night.

*Be there !*  
*Mike Stoughton, Small Boat Fleet Captain*



**Bloopers of the Month**

If we were awarding the blooper to FWYC members, Lighting Rod would definitely be this month's winner. Apparently, that boat's crew has a unique method of flying the chute (see photo). However, we're restricting our award to our members and their crew. So, this month's blooper goes to Mark Hunter on Untamed. During Saturday's series race, Untamed broke the bridle on their spinnaker pole on a very close reach to Boggy. Now, Mark isn't getting the nod for breaking equipment, especially since he managed to make repairs for another spinnaker run. His error showed up once the crew started to raise the chute. Mark neglected to correctly attach the halyard and the topping lift. Luckily, Mark had a brand new crew member he could send to the top (see photo).





## Crusin' Around



So far this year the weather has cooperated. The overnight to Marker 50 was very successful with five boats participating.

The first Wet Wednesday saw seven (big) boats and two small boats starting in a good southwesterly breeze. Just a reminder that we will switch our Wednesday starting time back to 6 p.m. on May 3rd.

**Extended Cruise:** We will get underway on our annual week-long cruise on Sunday, June 4th. Our itinerary will include Sunday night at the 331 Bridge (Sea Bar), then Shell Island (Panama City) for three days followed by Destin Harbor before returning to homeport on Saturday, June 10th.

**Blue Blazer Bash:** On Friday, June 16th (the evening prior to the start of the Round the Bay Race), the BBSC will sponsor a Blue Blazer Bash. Attendees will be encouraged to dress in appropriate and proper "Yachting Attire". Prizes will be given for the man and woman most appropriately dressed. Stay tuned to next month's newsletter for more details.

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

*Fair Winds and Seas,  
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**SAILFEST 2006**  
MAY 6, 2006

**BBSC**  
Sponsored by:  
*Mirabella Yacht Club*

**10:00am – 11:00am**  
**11:00am**  
**12:00pm**  
**4:30pm – 5:00pm**

**Registration (Porch)**  
**Skippers Meeting**  
**Approximate Start Time**  
**Start Party/Awards**

## COMMODORE'S ★ ★ CORNER ★ ★

If you have not been out sailing yet, don't be surprised to see four new boats in the fleet. We have been enjoying at least 10 boats on Wednesday nights and great participation for series and fun races this season so far. After race socializing has been well attended and a fun component as well. Our next major regatta is Sailfest which we will be having our first Blue Blazer Bash the Friday before the race. This event will require attendants to dress as if they were attending a function at the New York Yacht Club. The party will be held in the vicinity of LJ Schooners and all are welcome, be looking for your special invitation in the mail soon. Another great event coming up will be the Coyote Chew regatta with an after party at the Redingers house, featuring their world famous bar-b-q. Definitely don't miss that one! If it seems like the bridge is looking for excuses to get together, you are right so if you have an idea, let us know!

*See you on the water!  
Brad Davis – Commodore*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 30 (Sun) BBSC Small Boat Race  
#1 & Small Boat Bay  
Series #1 at BBSC**

**May 6 Sailfest**

**May 20 Spring Series #3**

**May 28 (Sun) Small Boat Bay Series  
#2 at FWYC**

**June 3 Spring Series #4**

**June 4-10 Extended Cruise**

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