



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

August/September 2006

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



Crusin' Around



I would like to thank Bill and Doris Deming for hosting the July 4th Party and the Shrimp Boil last month. Both events were successful and well attended. When you see Bill or Doris, please give them your thanks.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Pirates of the Choctawhatchee Treasure Hunt and Party. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16th. For the first of our scheduled Fall Cruises, the club is going to host a Treasure Hunt followed by a Pirate (costume) Party at the Marina. The "treasure hunt" will begin around noon. Participating boat will sail (motor) a 10 to 15 mile course. Each course will have three stops where treasure will be retrieved and directions to the next stop received. At 6 PM there will be food, beer and wine (and music?) on the back porch. Prizes will be given for the following: Performance in the Treasure Hunt Individual Pirate Costume, and Costumes worn by the Crew of a participating vessel.

(The Rear Commodore will determine the winners.) If you need a slip at the marina for the night, contact Bret Hinely. If you are planning to attend, please give me a call or drop me an email so I can have a rough count.

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Fall Cruise 2 is scheduled for the weekend of October 14-15. The destination is not yet determined (331 Bridge, Marker 50, Destin Harbor). If you have any preferences, let me know in the next month.

If you have any questions or comments regarding our cruising schedule or wish to serve as the 2007 BBSC Rear Commodore, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Small Boat Report

We have our 2nd Small Boat Challenge regatta coming up this Sunday (Aug 27th). FWYC will be visiting us and will have 10+ sailors coming over. After the racing WE WILL HAVE DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED BY THE CLUB. Schooners will be having their SHRIMP BOIL and we will have grills available for those that want to grill something. I'll bring my computer and work out the results on the porch – so come on out for some great racing & stay afterwards for a fun party.

BBSC 4 & 5 both had some pretty exciting and close racing.

For #4 the weather started off looking promising, with some big thunderheads skirting to the north, but blue skies to the south and west. Then about the time the 1st boats left the boat ramp the clouds began closing in to the west.

Three intrepid (can you say stupid maybe?) boats made it out to the island, joining our stellar RC - Zach & Tripp. We watched it get darker and watched the lightning and rain from under the tent (after we moved it back from the beach).

By 2:00 the storm had passed through and RC said "go race" so we did! The winds were pretty light and there were plenty of holes to fall into, especially around the reaching mark. As you can see from the results, Craig in the Holder had a good day in the light airs, also John did very well in the last race - he just took off and never looked back.

BBSC #5 had beautiful weather! The winds were light to moderate – with only one stretch that forced me to hike harder & longer than I could hold it! We had some exciting close finishes. Scott, Zach and John really battled for the top places, with a very slight edge going to Zach.

If you look at the High-Point results so far, you will see that of those who have participated in at least 3 of the 5 regattas, Mark Hunter has a commanding lead, with Scott, Zach & John only 2 percentage points apart in their battle for 2nd - 4th. We'll stop there rather than going on to the inevitable

pointing out who is in last place! Computing the averages with throwouts is left as an exercise for the reader (one hint is that the 1st place won't change ☺)

We are just over halfway through the small boat racing schedule, having completed 5 of our 8 scheduled races. There has been good participation, however I would like it to be better and that means I am looking to find ways for the remaining races to be more fun – which I think means making the racing better & adding more socializing.

The list below shows the remaining small boat racing on the bay this summer and fall.

SBC 2 & BBSC 6

scheduled for August 27, 2006

Social Hour to follow last race of the day.

Location: Bluewater Marina

BBSC 7 & SBC 3

postponed to October 1, 2006

Location: Bluewater Marina

SBC 4 & FWYC Ports

scheduled for October 8, 2006

Location: FWYC

BBSC 8 & Grand Finale

scheduled for October 29, 2006

Location: Bluewater Marina

So I'd say again – please, please come on out and join the fun sailing with us! If you haven't raced before, our races are the perfect low-key introduction. If you're a rock star then we have a few sailors that will give you a run for your money – and if you go through life dazed and confused then come on out and join me ☺.

Mike Stoughton, Small Boat Fleet Captain

	Avg	#1				#2				#3				#4			#5				
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Scott Bedenbaugh	71					RC	RC	RC	RC	100	80	90	90	33	75	25	50	83	20	100	100
Craig Deyerle	42	80	0	78	11									100	100	50	67	17	0	0	0
Tripp Humphries	53	40	78	67	44					56	30	80	30	RC	RC	RC					
Mark Hunter	95	100	89	100	100	100	71	100	100	78	100	100	100				RC	RC	RC	RC	RC
Zach Kastle	69	70	67	56	67	71	57	38	86	67	90	50	60	RC	RC	RC	100	100	80	60	60
Mike Stoughton	45	30	22	33	56	43	100	63	29	22	20	40	20	67	50	75	17	67	60	20	60
John Stratton	68	60	100	89	78	86	43	75	43	89	40	70	70	25	100		83	50	100	80	20
Kevin Wildt	46	90	44	0	89	29	14	50	57	RC	RC	RC	RC				33	33	40	40	80
Amanda Bedenbaugh						100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100				RC	RC	RC	RC	RC

Blooper of the Month

This month's blooper goes to our illustrious leader, Brad Davis. Now, it's important that the club's commodore has a true love of sailing and prefers being on the water to just about anything. However, when said commodore calls for a bridge meeting, he should actually attend the meeting. Oh, well, missing one meeting for an evening sail is understandable. But, it's still blooper worthy.



Challenge Cup Is Coming!

It will be held September 9th at FWB yacht club. I am interested in all sailors who are interested in duking it out with FWB. Last year did not happen due to the Hurricane season so we need to get out there and show our skills this year. The details are being finalized as we speak so the Notice of Race has not been published yet. We need at least six boats to attend, preferably three boats rating better than 160 and three under 160. FWB has been running a ratings based class in lieu of a spinnaker and non-spinnaker class distinction. In the ratings based class you are separated by your rating thus you can choose to fly spinnaker or not. Right now that is being debated for this race. I am open to any feed back from our club members. Please call me or e-mail me if you intend to do this race.

Pat Ballasch, BBSC PHRF Fleet Captain



COMMODORE'S CORNER

Greetings! Recently back from a European vacation that included seeing the Rolling Stones in Amsterdam it has made me realize how wonderful it is to live here in Niceville. You couldn't find a more beautiful place to live work and sail, and to have a great group of folks to sail with is just icing on the cake. So save your money, stay here and enjoy what is all around us, Brett has promised to have Mick and the boys here on a Sunday afternoon.

On with the show... Many thoughts have gone across the table at the last bridge meetings about the direction we need to take the club. I will save you the long story and cut to the good stuff. We have come to the conclusion that more social events are in order. Charlie has come up with some great ideas for another themed party that will not make you sweat in your blue blazer and should be great fun. There are lots of races left on the calendar which all involve after parties as well, so even if you don't want to race you are welcome afterward to join in the festivities. This years fall banquet will be held at Tradewind's restaurant which will be a nice change, but I do suggest that when you get the registration form don't hesitate to send it in, we have limited seating.

If you have a wild hair and might be interested in being on the bridge for 07' please feel free to contact any bridge member we would love to have you, I promise it is not a painful experience and you will have a chance to help you club and leave you with a feeling of Satisfaction!

See you on the water! Brad Davis, Commodore

Work has begun on the record of BBSC's events for 2006. The album should cover all the activities and we are missing pictures from some of the events, particularly Wet Wednesdays and small boat races. There is a lot of participation in these races and we need to include these events in the album. If anyone has any photos to share (of any club event) please send them to Doris Deming—dorisdem@cox.net—1403 Bayshore Dr., Niceville or to Esther Pursell—sgpursell@BluewaterBay.net—1635 Oakmont Circle, Niceville. Thanks!!!!

Fall Series Races

Fall Series #1 — Alright, go ahead and get it over with, I dropped the ball on this one. NEVER ASSUME ANYTHING IS GOING TO GO AS PLANNED!

*I thought that the race committee was committed.
I thought that I would be in town!
I assumed that these races just happen all by themselves!
Oops!*

Well let me give credit to the three boats that did show up for the race. Thanks to all of you for not calling me to cuss me out and demand your money back. Also, thanks a ton to Scotty for pitching in and running the race and registration he is my vote for sportsman of the year! From what I was told, the race was sailed in very nice conditions. You will have to corner Scotty to get the race highlights.

Fall Series #2 — Wow! Could anyone ask for a better run race! Don't answer that. But seriously, this was one heck of an event. The course was excellent and the wind blew and blew. If you did not pack your storm jib, then you were in big trouble. Ask Randy Hinely about that! Rumor has it that he may be in the market for some new sails. At the start of the race the winds inside the Marina were clocked at 18 knots. The wind on the course had to be gusting above that. My guess would be the winds gusted to 20-22 knots for most of the race. Personally I believe that my crew should receive a big blue ribbon titled "the blue knuckle king of broaching award", news is that the mast was less than parallel to the horizon and the keel was quite easy to inspect. Once again Mark Hunter and the amazing crew of Untamed proved that they know how to work together and make a boat go fast. Thanks to all who came to this race I know you did not regret it. Also huge thanks to Mickey Duvall for running this race so well.

Series # 1 Race

Results:

Spinnaker Class:

1. Untamed
2. Kahlua

Non-spinnaker:

1. Manana



Series # 2 Race Results:

Spinnaker:

1. Untamed
2. Avocet
3. Randy Hinely (DNF)

Non-spinnaker:

1. Manana
2. Sea Wolf

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 26

August 27 (Sun)

September 9

September 16-17

September 23

September 27

Fall Series #3

**BBSC Small Boat
Race #6 &
Small Boat Bay
Series #3**

Challenge Cup

Fall Cruise #1

Fall Series #4

**Wednesday Night
Racing Ends**

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