



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

March 2007

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



Spring Meeting



The annual BBSC Spring Meeting was held on March 10th. The following is the official meeting record from Secretary Scott Pursell.

Bridge Members Attending:

Brad Davis, Don Gresko, Pat Ballasch, Ridge Nye, Kevin Wildt, Scott Pursell, Marilyn Ostrominski, Patty Deming, Esther Pursell, Doris Deming

Location: Ship's Store at the Bluewater Bay Marina

Prior to the meeting, all BBSC members present enjoyed the heavy hors d'ouvres (meatballs, chicken wings, vegetable dip, chocolate cake) and keg of beer.

Call to order at 6:09 PM

Note: Door prizes – mostly T shirts - were handed out at varying intervals throughout the meeting.

- Commodore Brad Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting, and announced a new innovation: A ship's bell, to be rung during any presentation deemed to have become too long-winded. Fred Reichstetter readily accepted the responsibility of manning the bell.
- Secretary's Report: Since the minutes of the Fall Banquet (11/11/06) had been printed in the January/February 2007 Newsletter, a motion was quickly made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes on that basis.

- Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Marilyn Ostrominski reported:

- (1) Checking Account Balances: \$2,306.93 at start of 2007. \$2,535.59 at present, after income from dues (\$960) minus expenses (\$731.34).
 - (2) Our \$4,000 10-month CD (formerly the building fund), earning 5.23% interest, will mature May 13, 2007.
 - (3) A reminder that BBSC members get a 50% discount on Boat US membership dues.
- Brad Davis paid tribute to Esther Pursell and Doris Deming for their work as the club historians. Doris Deming announced that she had restored some old photo albums from 1975 to 1980 and that they were now available for viewing in the lobby. Brad then gave the floor to Deborah Papa, who recounted how she had recently lost her husband Darrell to a type of leukemia caused by exposure to benzene (he had





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worked in fuel depots). She cautioned everyone about being careful handling fuel, to avoid as much as possible contact and breathing fumes. She also recounted some of her current problems, including her need for help in getting the topside painting completed on her boat.

- Vice Commodore Don Gresko announced the criteria for the new Cruiser Class, mentioning that it is based on a desire to have as many people as possible participate in the club races.
- Fleet Captain Pat Ballasch: Pat repeated the desire to have as many people as possible participating in the races. He announced the schedule for the year, pointing out that there is only one Series race this year. The next race is the Start Palooza on March 24th. Brett Hinely then announced that the Marina will be holding its annual Nautical Flea Market that same morning, continuing right up to race time. The only requirement: "You can't leave anything behind!"
- Rear Commodore Ridge Nye: Ridge presented this year's cruising schedule, announcing the Spring Cruise to Marker 50 next weekend. The Extended Cruise this year will start the Sunday after Sailfest, with the Sailfest after-race party possibly serving as the kick-off party for the cruise. On the subject of

the Shrimp Boil, Patty Duvall pointed out that the Shrimp Boil this year will be at the Duvall's.

- Small Boat Captain Kevin Wildt: Kevin presented this year's Small Boat racing schedule, pointing out that there will be only 6 small boat races this year. The Challenge race with the FWBYC will be held again this year.
- Pat Ballasch: Pat reminded everyone that we still need race committee for some of the races, so please sign up!
- Don Gresko: Don gave thanks to Scott Sheldon for the packages we had all picked up at sign-in for the meeting. He then thanked Brett Hinely for all the help and cooperation with the BBSC by the Marina, now and in years past.
- Patty Deming: Patty briefly presented some examples of the new shirts embroidered with the BBSC logo, and asked anyone interested to Email her.
- Brad Davis announced that he would like to have a party of some sort centered around watching this year's Americas Cup races.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:46 PM.



COMMODORE'S CORNER

Thanks to everyone who attended the spring meeting. We had a great time socializing and hearing about the events planned for this season. As always, there was lots of beer and great food from L.J. Schooners. The weather has been quite amazing lately and it is shaping up to be a great sailing season. This weekend there were so many boats on the water it reminded me of the 4th of July. As you may have heard, we are lowering the cost of racing events and simplifying the format for the races. Including the cruiser class was a fantastic idea, that was ironed out by Don Gresko and Pat Ballasch, that class will be on government mark courses with lots of reaching.

I look forward to seeing you all on the race course or at the after parties!

Brad Davis, Commodore

For Sail

1985 Laser, trailer, seitech dolly, APS cover, new tiller, sail is ok. \$750. 974-0616

BBSC Shirts

To order BBSC shirts, long-sleeve denim and/or short-sleeve polo. email to: Newsletter@bbsc.com

BLOOPER OF THE MONTH

This Month's Bloopers belongs to our illustrious commodore, Brad. As a proper sailing club leader, he arrived at the February bridge meeting by boat. Well, as any boaters can tell you when you tying off a boat, you should make sure that both ends of the line are secured. One should tie on to the dock and the other, ideally, should be secured to the boat. Brad had half the equation right. The line was attached to the dock. He just missed the other half and ended up wading out in the marina to retrieve his errant boat.

Small Boat Report

Ok smallboat sailors get your butt up off the couch and check out your boat and gear and get it ready for a new season. The 1st race is April 1st and the 1st challenge is April 29th @BWB. That gives you a few weeks to get it together before the 1st race. Lets have a record turn out on April 1st.

Skippers Meeting 10:45 start 1:00

Thanks, Smallboat Captain Kevin Wildt

CRUISER CLASS REQUIREMENTS

The following are the requirements for the cruiser class as agreed upon by the BBSC board and presented at the Spring 2007 meeting. Some adjustments may be allowed with the concurrence of the Fleet Captain and the Race Committee. If you do not have a handicap or a PHRF certificate, we will assign you a rating. The object of these requirements is to try to promote greater participation in our sailing area. The races will be open to all club members in the area and all non-club members.

- No fin keels; only \leq keel, wing keel, full keel, and shoal drafts
 - Fixed prop and no folding props
 - Hank-on sails or roller-furling and no head foils
 - Anchor rode and chain must be carried in anchor locker
 - All cruising gear and equipment must remain on board
 - Largest head sail is 155% and no gennakers or spinnakers or any exotic sail materials allowed
 - Inboard gasoline or diesel engines only; no outboards
- SAFE SAILING!! Don Gresko, Vice-Commodore

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Crusin' Around



Ridge Nye here...your newly elected Rear Commodore (what is a Rear Commodore anyway?). First of all I want to thank (read: KILL) Brett Hinely for nominating me last Fall. Ya know, I spent some time in New Orleans this year in one of those voodoo shops during Mardi Gras. For \$5 was I able to cast a really good spell on Brett (actually Diamond now has a resident ghost on board). With that said I look forward to my first year as the Rear C. and as I'm told all I have to do is make sure we have plenty of beer after the races (I can do that) and organize the parties. Here are a list of the preliminary cruises.

Spring Cruise to Mile Marker 50, March 17 and 18, leaves the club on Saturday @ 10 am. Please bring an ample amount of firewood to build a campfire.

Extended Cruise May 20 – 27th, we'll have a send-off celebration after the Sailfest race on Saturday the 19th. Scott Bedenbaugh (unknowingly) has been elected to determine where we go, most likely West somewhere. We'll leave the docks around noon on Sunday the 20th, clothes for this event are optional (oh, I forgot Scott is bringing the kids, never mind) and hey...we may never come back!

Shrimp Boil July 28th, that's just too far in advance, everything is TBD, except that it will be tons o' fun!

Fall Cruise October 6th and 7th, will feature an overnight stay off the beach at "The 331 Restaurant" which is almost as famous as the beach off "Foxyes" on Jost Van Dyke in The British Virgin Islands...but that's a story for another newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 17&18 Spring Cruise
to Marker 50**

March 24 Start Palooza

**April 1 (Sun) Small Boat
Series #1**

**April 4 (Wed) Wednesday
Night Races
Start**

April 21 Series #1

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