



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

May 2007

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

Sailfest 2007



OCTOBER WINTERS

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May 19, 2007

Shameless in Charleston



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club member, Roy Harden, took his J-33, Shameless, to Charleston, SC for Charleston Race Week 2007 Regatta, April 12-15. The race course was located in the Atlantic Ocean and the team competed against 12 boats in their Class and 150 boats in the Fleet. With 3 races per day, 6 total, and Sunday's final race cancelled due to the extreme weather, the Shameless crew finished 2nd in Class at 13 seconds from First place and the same 13 seconds from Best Boat Overall. The first place winner, Primal Scream (C&C 115), was the same boat that Shameless competed against last year with the finishes 2 seconds apart for the same positions. Congratulations to Roy and the Shameless crew of BBSC members: Chris Pfledderer, John Ostrominski, and Donald Sheehan (New Orleans), Russell Jackson (FWBYC), Brandon Pridgen (FWBYC), Scott Raines (New Orleans), Brent Karsten (New Orleans), Andrew McMillan (Pensacola).

This picture of SHAMELESS appeared in the Charleston Race Week 2007 sailing instructions booklet.

START PALOOZA

Start Palooza was another hit, with 26 boats in the fleet we on race committee, Marilyn Ostrominski and Brad Davis, were able to see marked improvement from the first to the last start. Matt Schwab started things off with a great lecture on various starting techniques, which ranged from very scientific to the 3 beer rule. What was most important Matt suggested was practice and that is what we did for 8 starts. We had a nice starting line and a short windward leg giving all the boats a chance to regroup. Mike Stoughton was the most consistent starter with Mark Hunter and Pat Ballasch following suit. Participants were seen in various crafts from a laser all the way up to hunter 32, which made for an interesting mixture. After the event, everyone was treated to free Gumbo and Beer where we all were able to convene and discuss the day's events.

BBSC Shirts

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☆☆☆ COMMODORE'S CORNER ☆☆☆

This my second term as Commodore, which entitles me to one newsletter rant I believe. First; being last in a race is something that is necessary, and inevitable. I have taken it upon myself to be that person perpetually, unless Denis Mayhew can put a fin keel on my new boat. Being last gives you a wonderful picture of the race, seeing the fast boats do a horizon job, (heck even the slow boats doing a horizon job). It gives way to the string of calls from race committee like, "are you still out there", "we can't see you", and my favorite, "no really, you are where...ok we'll leave you some beer". But, the best part is that you realize that you are not just racing but sailing. Enjoying the company of new crew, becoming better acquainted with your existing crew, seeing dolphin and sea turtles, having a cold drink while reaching across the bay. Watching the sun begin to set.... The point is that we are racing and sailing. Sailing is inherently a social sport, and a chance to break our of our comfort zone while doing something we all love.

Our bridge has initiated a new cruiser class to encourage as many participants in our sailing event as possible. The

courses for cruisers will be mostly reaching courses, (so you don't spill your beer), and will be shortened so that we are all comfortably back at the marina for awards, beer and some good old fashioned camaraderie. To reiterate an open invitation to all members we do invite you to socialize after the races on the back porch.

Folks we have a wonderful club, a great venue, a generous marina to host our events, and no shortage of personality. If we have half of our members participate in Sailfest it would mean we have 35 boats on the water. Would the commodore be out of line to personally ask you a favor? Will you come sail in sailfest? Don't worry about the start we will have more than one to accommodate everyone. We will be having food and beer for both registrations, so even if you don't come out for the race please stop by, have a beer and say hello. You will be receiving further information shortly with specifics so stay tuned.

I will leave you with this, if you do come out and sail with us I promise you won't be last!

Bradford R. Davis, Commodore, BBSC



Cruising West

May 20-27

Join the BBSC fleet as it meanders westward

Contact Ridge Nye for additional information
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Small Boat Report

Twice we have tried to get Smallboat Series#1 off and twice Mother Nature said No! I am not really sure when the calendar will permit a reschedule. It does not look like it will be anytime before June. Check your newsletter, e-mail and BBSC.com for reschedule dates. Also just a reminder to race your Smallboat in the Wet Wednesday races; there is no better way to break up the work week than to get out on the water.

Smooth Sailing
Kevin Wildt Smallboat Fleet Captain.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19 **Sailfest**

May 20-27 **Extended Cruise**

May 27 (Sun) **Small Boat Bay Challenge #2 @FWB**

June 16 **Round the Bay**

June 24 (Sun) **Small Boat Series #3 & Small Boat Bay Challenge #3 @BWB**

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