



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

August 2007

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



Although it took a combined effort from a few of our dedicated members, the Shrimp Boil was a huge success and was enjoyed by all. Everyone showed up at Mickey Duvall's house in the late afternoon and we all consumed mass quantities of shrimp, corn, potatoes, cake and such (did I mention beer??). Since there was shrimp leftover I think everyone was pleasantly plump by the end of the evening. Mickey's back yard was a great place to hold this event, it was nice dining on the back deck overlooking Rocky Bayou. He doesn't know it yet but we volunteered him to host it every year until 2020. A big thanks goes out to Mickey and Pat Duvall and the hard work they put into transforming their back yard into Schooner's for the evening. To my knowledge the neighbors never called the police...did they?

We also hoisted our beer mugs and wine glasses to give a fare well to Scott and JoAnn Bedenbaugh and their family who is leaving our club this year (in body but not spirit) to relocate to somewhere other than paradise to further a career??? Imagine that, a lesson to us all: Never let work get in the way of sailing! But seriously we will all miss the Bedenbaughs, and their kids will leave a lasting impression at the club. Personally Scott and his magnetic personality was the first friend I made at the club when I started hanging around..."will crew for beer" and begging him to let me race on his Catalina 30... in which he always welcomed me. Not knowing anyone at all, Scott introduced me to the club members who I know now and admire, and was likely the catalyst for me joining the club as a full time member. We hope he and his family will come back to visit often.

This year's shrimp boil couldn't have happened without help, so in addition to the Duvalls, major kudos go out to the following: Don Gresko and Gary Parsons for cooking a scrumptious meal and supplying the hardware. Charlie Mauck for delivery of beer, drinks, wine, shrimp and everything else, Marilyn Ostrominski (Super Woman) who does almost everything for the club...and for collecting the funds and making sure we had the finances to pull it off. Bill and Patty Deming for going on a wild goose chase to hunt down the shrimp, Am I forgetting anyone??? If I have I thank you as well.

*Hope to see everyone again next year.
Ridge Nye, Rear Commodore*

SERIES #4 & NIGHT RACE

August 25th

Registration: 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Skippers' Meeting: 5:00 pm
Race Start: 6:00 pm

Series #3 Results

Spinnaker Class Results

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| 1 | Mickey Duvall | Kahlua |
| 2 | Bill Deming | Pandemonium |
| 3 | Pat Ballasch | Avocet |
| 4 | Mark Hunter | Untamed |
| 5 | Chad Knaepple | Head High |

Cruiser Class Results

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| 1 | Mike Phillips | Kayla |
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Double Whammy On A Double Handed Race

Wow! 55 knot gusts, a start that would have confused even Dennis Conner, 12.8 mile course, a spinnaker and a main turned to confetti, one broken traveler, lots of almost knock downs. Good thing we planned this race when things were supposed to be calm. Race committee was Marilyn Ostrominski, Scott Pursell, Shuey Wolf, new comber Brad Nye and myself. We had a great course and Bermuda start compliments of Bill Deming, many thanks to all those folks for making a great race. Committee was well taken care of and kept dry as a bone aboard Shuey's Hunter 31, special thanks to him for that!

We started 11 boats, 6 finished. Results as follows

	Mixed gender	Same Sex
1st	Misty, Charlie Mauck	Kahlua, Mickey Duval
2nd	Untamed, Mark Hunter	Black Magic, Randy Hinley
3rd		Vixen, Dave Lauderbaugh
4th		Manana, Ridge Nye

A great awards gathering topped off the day provided by LJ Schooners. Thanks to all who raced and served on committee. Bill Kaunzinger has submitted his account of day.



I was looking forward to another one of our annual Bluewater Bay Sailing Club's double-handed race. My first mate (spouse) has been having back pains so I planned to have my daughter, Lori take her place. She was happy to come and sail the double-handed with me as she had done once before. Unfortunately, a few days prior, she became ill and weak from the

flu symptoms was unable to make it. So, spouse, Louise agreed to sail with me.

Saturday morning came, the skies were gray, the forecast was not great but the club agreed to go ahead with the race. I originally had my 150 Genoa rigged but as the dark clouds rolled in, I changed to a smaller sail. Louise took the wheel, which she never enjoys helming and I worked the foredeck and changed the sails. While stuffing the big sail down in the cabin, I may have touched the main sheet and loosened it and when that first front hit, the mainsail jibed and broke the pin holding the traveler. We were out of control for about 5 minutes before our start time. I quickly jury-rigged the sheet causing our late start about 3 or more minutes. Heading for the first Mark, Boggy 1, Louise at the helm, I worked further to improve the rigging.

We rounded the first mark closely after 45 minutes, with two other boats on the outside of us, now heading for our 2nd mark at Grassy, doing about 5 1/2 knots, thunder and lightening was in all directions ahead as we sailed on for about 5 or 10 minutes, Untamed had just passed us and Vixen behind, when suddenly a gust of 55 knots knocked Gemeaux flat, thankfully our port and starboard windows were closed as it wouldn't right itself quickly enough with the sails filling with water. Finally we uprighted but when another more powerful gust and pouring rain gave us knockdown no 2. I said "Lord I hear you" and started up the diesel, The pin broke loose again and the boom swung out. Louise had to pull it in hard and tie it down to the boat then pulled the main down and tied it. Then she had to go forward (with lifejacket) and struggled to pull the Genoa down. I had to leave the helm and help. She took the helm and I got the sails battened down and we gave up the race and headed for our harbor. It poured in our faces, we couldn't see 20 feet ahead and no land on one side. We followed one outline and as it lightened up, we saw the Rocky mark and knew we were OK. It rained all the way into our dock and later the sun came out and we were able to raise our sails and dry them and mop up the cabin and pick up all the contents on the floor.

Never in our 40 years of sailing have we ever experienced such a near catastrophe. We were lucky to have survived it without any injuries. From now on, we will be "Fair Weather Sailors"

Sue's Cereal Cookie Recipe

- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp soda
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups wesson oil or melted shortening
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 6 cups quick oats...Use quaker, not a cheap brand
- 1 cup coconut
- 2 1/2 cups of any dry cereal (mix two or three kinds together...Corn flakes, raisin bran, etc.
- 1 cup of nuts...Any kind...I use pecans

Mix first 5 ingredients together. Then add eggs, oil, and vanilla. I do it in that order. Then mix the rest of the ingredients. ***Use large bowl****

Make into teaspoon size ball...Just experiment with the size you want.

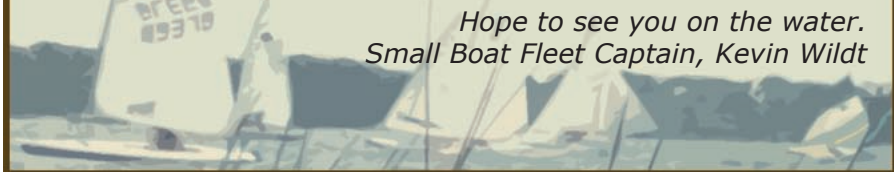
Bake on a greased cookie sheet—350 degrees for approx 13 minutes...Give or take depending on your oven!

This makes about 9-10 dozen cookies

SMALL BOAT RACING

The small boat season is about half over and I would like to thank everyone who has helped with race committee and thanks to Brett for use of the back porch after all the small boat challenge races for race results and food. On another note, participation is down! I know of at least 4 new boats to the club, but I have only seen one racing. I encourage everyone to come out for the BBSC races, two more on the schedule.

*Hope to see you on the water.
Small Boat Fleet Captain, Kevin Wildt*



Emerald Coast Sailing Association

by Brett Hinely

Emerald Coast Sailing Association is a non-profit (501c3) organization that was formed to promote sailing on our local waters. This organization has been in existence for many years and is entirely manned by volunteers. Originally we existed financially solely by the donation of the board members. Today, however, we have cultivated several generous patrons and organizations as well as fund our operations through children sailing clinics and donations of boats to be chartered / sold. Several years ago we built eight wooden optimist prams and started sailing clinics during the summer months. These clinics originally were held at Bluewater Bay Marina as well as Fort Walton Yacht Club. Since Hurricane Ivan all clinics have been held at FWYC. We are scheduled to start back sailing clinics at Bluewater Bay Marina in summer of 2008. Since our beginning classes we have added to our fleet and now have wooden & fiberglass optimist prams, sunfish, and 420's. Two years ago we ventured into starting High School Sailing Teams. With five participating high schools each school fielded a team and had one day of practice a week at FWYC. At the culmination of the season we had a county-wide regatta where Niceville High School won the championship. The county champs were then sponsored by ECSA and traveled to the Great Oaks Regatta in New Orleans.

This year we will be again holding high school sailing teams and we are trying to enlarge the program to Bluewater Bay Marina so the teams can have more time on the water. To do this we need more Vanguard 420s. The agreement that FWYC and ECSA have is that the yacht club has purchased some 420s as well as ECSA. FWYC then allows ECSA to use their boats as well as their facility to hold their practice and events. ECSA allows FWYC access to their boats as well. My idea is that Bluewater Bay Marina will provide the location/facility for ECSA to run another high school sailing agenda. ECSA will provide a 420 if BBSC provides a 420 (approximately \$7,000). BBSC will then have a 420 located at Bluewater Bay Marina for club members to use as well as allowing high school sailing teams at least two boats for practices and races. I believe that this can be a start of a fleet of small boats for BBSC to use and promote club activities. If we as a club do not bottom feed the sport then our numbers will continue to dwindle and the club will have a hard time surviving with low membership rolls. Currently, BBSC has \$4,000 in a CD under the auspices of a "building fund" account. I have approached your bridge members and requested they provide out of this "building fund" monies to purchase a 420 for the above stated reasons. The difference in what the club can provide and the cost of the 420 we hope to generate through individual and corporate donations. (Remember we are a 501-c3 corporation, which allows a tax deduction!) I am committed to ECSA and their efforts to promote sailing, especially among the youth, and will continue to offer Bluewater Bay Marina as a host facility for these activities. I am asking and challenging BBSC and their members to step in and make a positive and momentous move for the club and local sailing. For more information you can contact any bridge member or myself.



**Bluewater Bay
Sailing Club**

Golf shirts:

Men's, Ladies and Youth's — sizes:
Small to 2-Xlarge — colors: White,
Light Blue, and Navy.

Light blue denim shirts:

Ladies' Sleeveless, Short Sleeve —
Men's Short Sleeve, Long Sleeve;
sizes Small to 2-Xlarge.

Shirts are \$20 without boat name
and \$25 with boat name. License
Plates are \$10.

For additional information go to
www.bbsc.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 25** **Series #4 — Night Race**
- Aug. 26 (Sun)** **Small Boat Bay Challenge #5 @FWB**
- Sept. 8** **Challenge Cup @ FWB**
- Sept. 16 (Sun)** **Small Boat Series #5**
- Sept. 23 (Sun)** **Small Boat Bay Challenge #6 @FWB**

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