



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

January/February 2008

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



Prior to the meeting, all BBSC members present enjoyed the social hour enhanced by the good selection of beers and wines, followed by dinner which again, as last year, was served as a series of delicious appetizers followed by equally delicious and well-prepared entrees, and dessert.

In order to expedite the meeting, Brad Davis directed that the Secretary and Treasurer Reports be given while dinner was still in progress:

Secretary's Report: Secretary Scott Pursell noted that the minutes of the Spring Meeting (3/10/07) had been printed verbatim in the March Newsletter. A motion was quickly made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes on that basis.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Marilyn Ostrominski reported a beginning balance of \$2,306.93 on Jan. 1, 2007. Income from membership dues, race entry fees, sponsors, money-making projects, and social events totaled \$4,691.41. Expenses of Insurance, postage, office supplies, race trophies and awards totaled \$2,144.90, leaving a year-end balance of \$2,546.51. Our \$4,000 CD will mature December 15, 2007. Marilyn also thanked our sponsors for this year: Don Gresko, Pat Ballasch (DAG Architects), Dave Lauderbaugh (Corrugated Gear & Services), Brett Hinely (Bluewater Bay Marina), Scott Sheldon (Budweiser), and Dennis Mayhew (Mayhew Marine).

The meeting was officially called to order at 9:09 PM by Commodore Brad Davis, who welcomed all club members to the banquet.

Blooper Award: The Blooper Award was presented by Zack Kastl (last year's recipient) to Mark Hunter, for missing the Grass Lake marker during the Single-Handed Race.



Commodore's Cup, Emma Goggin, Sportsmanship & Bridge MVP: Brad Davis presented the Most Valuable Bridge Member Award to Scott Pursell, the Emma Goggin Award to Lou Kaunzinger, the Sportsmanship Award to Bill Deming, the Commodore Cup to Brett Hinely on Diamond, the Commodore Cup Non-spinnaker to Tom Whittemore on Whits End, and the Commodore Cup Spinnaker to Mark Hunter on Untamed.

Small Boat Fleet Report: Small Boat Captain Kevin Wildt presented the Jane Colee Awards for the Small Boat racing: 3rd Place to John Stratton, 2nd Place to Kevin Wildt, and 1st Place to Mark Hunter. Kevin also announced the upcoming Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament on January 19th, and asked that anyone willing to help give him a call.

Wet Wednesday: Brad Davis presented the Wet Wednesday Award to Mike Phillips (Kayla) for the highest participation (16 races).

Fleet Captain's Report: Fleet Captain Pat Ballasch presented the Series Races (5 races) awards: Non-spinnaker 1st Place to Tom Whittemore (Whits End); Spinnaker 2nd Place to Bill Deming (Pandemonium); Spinnaker 1st Place to Mickey Duvall (Kahlua); Cruiser 2nd Place to Mike Phillips (Kayla); Cruiser 1st Place to Ridge Nye (Manana).



Boat of the Year & Sailor of the Year: Brad Davis presented the Boat of the Year Award to Mark Hunter (Untamed), and the Walt Ruckel Sailor of the Year Award to Bill Deming.

Next was held the 50-50 cash prize drawing. The winner was Pat's father Tom Ballasch.

2008 Bridge Selection: Brad next presented the new Bridge members:

- Commodore — Charlie Mauck
- Vice Commodore — Tom Whittemore
- Rear Commodore — Ridge Nye
- Secretary — Scott Pursell
- Treasurer — Marilyn Ostrominski
- PHRF Fleet Captain — Bill Deming
- Small Boat Captain — Mark Hunter

Charlie Mauck urged all club members to not hesitate to contact him or any Bridge member regarding any issues or concerns that may arise. His Email address: cjmauck@hotmail.com.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:42 PM.



It's time to get your boats ready as the racing season is just around the corner. If you have looked at the schedule, you will notice that we reduced the number of races to about one per month.. It is hoped that with fewer races it will make it easier to find crew and encourage more sailors to participate. There will be 5 series races again but series race 2 will be held in conjunction with Sailfest and series race 5 will be held in conjunction with the Grande Finale. Hopefully we will have 3 classes, spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruiser classes for each race provided that there are at least 3 boats registered in each of these classes.

The Chili Dog regatta kicks off the season on February 19. The entry fee for this race is an old and tacky trophy. The emphasis here is on tacky so use your imagination. This is a fun race and every racer will receive a trophy although they may not want to display it. As part of the regatta we will have a chili cook off, the winner of which will receive a prize that will be substantially better than the one awarded to the race winner. Everyone is encouraged to participate even you don't race, come and enjoy a bowl of chili and refreshments provided by the club. What better way to say goodbye to the winter doldrums and enjoy the camaraderie of your sailing friends.

Bill Deming, PHRF Fleet Captain

CHILI DOG COOK-OFF & REGATTA

a fun race with some twists thrown into the mix

FEBRUARY 16, 2008
11:00 AM

The entry fee for the race is an award (trophy, memento, use your imagination) to be given out after the race.

Chili Cook-Off with winners announced at the awards/race party. Bring your chili to the registration and let it simmer during the race.



For More Information:
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☆☆☆ COMMODORE'S CORNER ☆☆☆

I would like to thank the Club for electing me as your Commodore for 2008. Next I would like to thank Brad and the 2007 Bridge members for an outstanding year. Congratulations to the new as well as the re-elected members of the 2008 Bridge.

The Fall Awards Banquet was another success with all the attendees enjoying the evening at Tradewinds. The food was superb (and plentiful) as usual.

I would like to express a special thank you to Kevin Wildt and everyone who worked on the Texas Hold 'em event on January 19. They put in a tremendous effort putting the event together and, although the turnout was relatively small, those who attended had a great time and raised a significant amount. Congratulations to Mark Hunter for persevering long enough to take home first prize. The final hands were exciting to watch.

I am hoping that all our members take the opportunity to participate in your BBSC events this next year. Bill Deming and Mark Hunter have put together a full racing schedule. For those who do not wish to campaign a boat, there are always plenty of crew positions available. We will also need Race Committee members for the PHRF and small boat races. Ridge Nye is putting together several weekend cruises in addition to our annual Extended Cruise and several social events. Remember the BBSC is your club.

Our first event for 2008 will be the Annual Chili Dog Regatta on February 16. Our schedule will begin to shift into high gear in March with the Annual Spring Meeting (March 15), the Spring Cruise, and the Start Palooza on the 29th. Small Boats will kick off their year on March 30th.

Charlie Mauck, Commodore

Texas Hold'em Poker Night

The Texas Hold'em Poker Night raised \$2000 towards the purchase of a Holder 14 for the Niceville High School Sailing Team. BBSC is partnering with the Emerald Coast Sailing Association to foster youth sailing. Donations are still be accepted. Make checks payable to the Emerald Coast Sailing Association which is a tax deductible organizations. The club would like to thank all the sponsors and Kevin Wildt for piloting the event.



Spring Meeting
March 15, 2008

Starting at 5:30
Schooner's Ship Store
Beer & Hors d'Oeuvres Provided

Texas Hold'em Poker Night Sponsors:

*Ace Hardware - Bluewater
Bass Pro Shop
Bayou Lawn Care
Beach Community Bank
Beef O'Brady's
Blue Point Fish Club
The Boat
Edwin Watts Golf Shops
Food World
Green Reef Townhomes
Gulf South Private Bank
Hogsbreath
Hooter's
Hungry Howie's
Johnny O'Quigleys
Lewis Bear Corporation
LJ Schooners
Nick's on the Bay
Papa John's
Perry's Seafood & Steaks
Pizza Hut
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse
Sabre Sails
Scully's on the Bayou
Shalimar Yacht Basin
Southern Wine and Spirits
Tradewinds
West Marine*

Small Boat Racing

It's time to begin another great year of small boat racing on Choctawhatchee Bay. The format for this year will be essentially the same as last year. We'll have six regattas for BBSC Smallboat Championship points and six for the Smallboat Bay Challenge Cup in concert with the Fort Walton Yacht Club. Some of the BBSC regattas will coincide with the Bay Challenge Cup events. While we do plan to continue the exclusively Sunday events, we do plan on extending the start time for several of the regattas around the summer solstice. Rather than the 1:00 PM starts, those on extended start times will start at 2:00 PM.

A notice of race with the scoring process and schedule for each regatta will be announced prior to the first regatta on 30 March.

I know we have several new small boat sailors coming out this year so I think we should have great regatta turnouts. You should start prepping your boat(s) now since the spring events are just around the corner.

If anyone is interested in running any of the small boat regattas, please let me know.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please let me know.

Mark Hunter, Small Boat Fleet Captain



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 16 Chili Dog

March 15 Spring Meeting

March 29 Start Palooza

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