



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

March/April 2008

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

Spring MEETING & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



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

Commodore Charlie Mauck welcomed everyone to the meeting

Secretary's Report (Scott Pursell): Since the minutes of the Fall Banquet (11/17/07) had been printed in the January/February 2008 Newsletter, a motion was quickly made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes on that basis.

Treasurer's Report (Marilyn Ostrominski): Marilyn reported a checking account balance of \$2,815.34 plus our \$4,000 CD currently earning 4.64% interest and maturing September 15, 2008. We currently have 53 paid members, plus Ralf Zapata as an honorary member. Also a reminder that BBSC members get a 50% discount on Boat US membership dues: \$12.50 vs. \$25 for a year's membership. Marilyn introduced the two newest club members: Dick and Diana Rowe, and Gene and Jan Bollin.



Report on the Texas Hold-em Tournament (Kevin Wildt): We raised \$2,100 of the \$8,000 that we need for the boat purchase. Marilyn Ostrominski added that an outright donation of \$300 from two BBSC members brings that total to \$2,400. The BBSC donated the \$250 to rent the Legion Hall for the evening.

Vice Commodore (Tom Whittemore): Tom would like the club members to organize some sort of cooperative help for each other with anchoring out during storms.

Rear Commodore (Ridge Nye): Ridge briefly went over this year's cruise schedule.

Wet Wednesdays (Scott Pursell): Scott announced the change in format starting this year; that race committee duty for Wednesday nights must now be shared by the participants.

Extra participation points will be awarded (1) for doing race committee (3 points each time up to a total of 6 points), and (2) for paying a fee of \$15 for the season (1 extra point for each race participated in). The flags and red bag with complete instructions will always be in the BBSC locker outside the Marina back porch every Wednesday.

Fleet Captain (Bill Deming): Bill announced that there will be the three classes again this year: Spinnaker, non-spin, and cruiser. Also there is the Pearson Regatta at the FWYC next weekend.

Small Boat Captain (Mark Hunter): Mark asked for feedback on the idea of changing the race starting times from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, and for volunteers to sign up for race committee. He went over the Small Boat



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racing schedule for the season, and answered questions about the boat types and handicapping.

Newsletter (Patty Deming): Patty asked that any members with photos to share send them to her, and she will post them on the BBSC website.

Purchasing (Lou Kaunzinger): Lou displayed the BBSC license plates for sale, and described the embroidered shirts and tote bags we are having made.

50-50 Cash Drawing (Lou Kaunzinger): The lucky number drawn belonged to Bill Kaunzinger.

Pete Hodges announced that the Leukemia Society Regattas are now "high profile", and are soliciting donations for their coming Sailathon.

Commodore (Charlie Mauck): Charlie announced that (1) the Demings will again host their 4th of July party this year, and (2) we still need sponsors for our races.



Small Boat Fleet Report

Hopefully this is the last "cold" snap of the year and we'll be in the warm weather pattern of our typical summer sailing soon. As a reminder, 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.

Due to several scheduling conflicts the first scheduled race on 30 March was postponed. Right now we have an almost one month hole in our small boat events, from late May to late June. So, I'm looking at an early June date for the rescheduled race. The leading candidates are the 1st and 8th. If you have a strong preference either way, please let me know soon.

The next scheduled event is the first of the Bay Challenge Regattas for 2008 is 20 April 08. This will be here at Bluewater in our usual format.

If you are aware of any new small boat sailors interested in racing, please encourage them to participate. It's a very painless way to get into sailboat racing and enjoy a day on the water.

The current committee schedule for the small boat events are covered except for 20 Apr and 29 Jun, please let me know if you would consider running one of these events.

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

Small Boat Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter

FOR SALE:

Lovely Lady

Irwin, Citation, 34.7', 1986, 4' shoal keel

Contact Deborah Pape

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

It was good to see such a good crowd at the Spring Meeting. Hopefully, we can carry this participation through the rest of this year. The 2008 BBSC Sailing Season is upon us. We had only three boats participate in the Start Padooza, but Bill Deming reports that they had some good starts and great practice. Unfortunately, the weather forced cancellation of our Spring Cruise, but the Wet Wednesdays are off to a great start.

We still need volunteers to sign up for race committee for our series races as well as our Wednesday evening fun races.

I'm looking forward to a great 2008 Sailing Season.
Charlie Mauck, Commodore

WANTED: RACE COMMITTEE

Contact the following to volunteer:

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RACING SEASON HAS ARRIVED

The first two fun races have been completed and the serious racing begins on 19 April with Series Race One. There are 5 Series Races scheduled with the best 4 out of 5 counted. In addition if a skipper performs race committee duties he will be awarded a score for that race consisting of the average of his 3 best scores. The entry fee is \$65 for non US Sailing members and \$60 for US Sailing members.

On February 16 six boats turned out for the Chili Dog regatta unfortunately the wind didn't. The race started with winds of 8 to 10 knots from the south east but as time went on they slowly died to almost nothing. Chad Knapple gets the award for being the first to figure out that the wind wasn't going to make a comeback and fired up his engine. With the time rapidly approaching the start of the Chili Cook Off and no wind in sight the race was abandoned and everybody motored in with the exception of Roy Hardin. Roy and his crew decided that it was too nice a day to waste by motoring in and popped his chute and sailed in the remaining two knots of wind.



Since each skipper donated a trophy as the entry fee for this race so there was a trophy for everyone who participated. As nobody wanted to return home with the trophy he donated (if you saw the trophies you would understand why) they were presented by drawing a number from a hat. Roy Hardin was first to select and chose a six pack of beer (nicest trophy in the bunch) however although the bottles were capped they were empty. Chad Knapple who donated the trophy was certain that the bottles were full at the start. The race committee denied any knowledge. Although he didn't sail the full course, Roy Hardin was also presented with the perpetual trophy for coming across the finish line under sail.



The Chili Cook Off on the other hand was a complete success. There were a total of 9 pots of chili (3 more than race entries). Help was borrowed from Schooner's and the Marina to judge the tasty entries. After careful consideration Mickey Duvall's entry took first place and was awarded a \$25 gift certificate to Schooner's.

The Start Palooza was held on 29 March. Turn out was a little light with only 3 boats turning out on what turned out to be a gorgeous Spring day with a Southerly wind of 5 to 10 knots. The race committee set up a mark _ mile windward of the starting line and 5 races were held. The boats were scored both on their average start time and their average corrected finish time. Pat Ballasch had the best starts with an average of 10.8 seconds late hitting the line followed by ridge Nye at 27.6 seconds and third was Neville Edenborough at 28.2 seconds. The best start in the five races was recorded by Neville crossing the starting line 5 seconds after the start flag. The finishing positions for the _ mile race were: Pat Ballasch first, Ridge Nye second and Neville Edenborough third.

I want to thank everyone for their participation and hope to see you all on 19 April for the first series race.

*PHRF Fleet Captain,
Bill Deming*



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19 **PHRF Series #1**
April 20 **Small Boat
Series #2 & Bay
Challenge #1**
May 10 **Sailfest & PHRF
Series 2**
May 18 **Small Boat
Challenge #2 @
FWYC**
May 17 to 25 **Extended Cruise**

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