



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

April 2009

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



Prior to the meeting, all BBSC members present enjoyed the heavy hors d'ouvres (meatballs, chicken wings, vegetable dip, dessert) prepared by the Marina restaurant.

Call to order at 6:50 PM

Commodore Charlie Mauck welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking Brett Hinely for the use of the Marina store, setting it up, etc.

Fleet Captain Bill Deming reported that this year's schedule will be much the same as last year's; five series races with the last one coincident with the Grand Finale, plus in addition we have to host the Bay Challenge Cup this year since we won it last year. Bill then introduced the sign-up sheets for race committee – both the PHRF races and the Wednesday night races. The Start Palooza race is next Saturday, if we can get four or more boats to participate.

Secretary's Report (Scott Pursell): For the benefit of new members, Scott explained why we don't read the minutes of the previous meeting; since the minutes of the Fall Banquet (11/15/08) had been printed in the February 2009 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 \$2,600 plus our \$4,000 CD currently earning 3.68% interest and maturing April 12, 2009. We currently have 48 members including two new members. 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 gave the ID number to use when signing up for a Boat US membership: GA807075.

Vice Commodore Tom Whittemore repeated Bill Deming's request for members to sign up for race committee. Tom still would like the club members to organize some sort of cooperative help for each other with anchoring out during storms. Lynn Whittemore asked if it was currently possible for club members to post to our website. When told probably not, some of the members suggested that we confer with Mike



SPRING MEETING & Membership Drive



Phillips about making modifications so that we can.

Rear Commodore Chad Knaepple announced the upcoming Spring Cruise to Marker 50 April 4 and 5, and that the Extended Cruise the following month will probably be going east toward Port St. Joe. Also the July 4th celebration at the Demings' again this year, and the Shrimp Boil, which Mickey and Patty Duvall announced they would again host this year. Mickey: This year's theme will be the Sixties, or come dressed as your favorite rock star. Chad also announced that there is an Ericsson boat available for FREE (Catch: It needs ALOT of work)!

Small Boats (Kevin Wildt, in Mark Hunter's absence): Kevin announce the first small boat race coming up Sunday March 22nd, and briefly described the schedule for the year. Kevin also mentioned the people one could see about borrowing a small boat for racing.

Brett Hinely described the ECSA plans to get the High School sailing program started at the Marina this Spring.

Brandon Zemba presented the flag he had received from the Augusta (GA) sailing club.

Wet Wednesdays: Scott Pursell went over the procedures and scoring as written in the March Newsletter, describing some more details of doing Wednesday night race committee.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Spring cruising got off to a rousing start the first weekend of April. Most boaters have learned that cruising plans have got to be flexible. There was a last minute change of venue from marker 50 to Hogtown bayou. Two weeks of torrential rains created a two-foot rise in the level of Choctawhatchee Bay and no one could sail under the Brooks Bridge. The bay was river of Alabama/Georgia red clay. But much to the surprise of everyone, the water in Hogtown was amazingly clear. The dolphins figured it out also as there were lots of dolphin sightings in the bayou.

There were 5 sailboats out for the weekend—Priority, Pandemonium, Island Time, Iwalani, and Encandata. Culpeppers joined the raftup on their pontoon boat. They have a home on Hogtown bayou and showed up laden with baskets of gourmet food, enough to feed everyone for a week. Bill and Donna

Crusin' Around



Nowack were so gracious to host the crowd aboard Priority. Fifteen people eating and drinking can trash a cockpit in a hurry. Donna also saved the day with an extra jug of Clamato juice for Bloody Mary fixings. The party was lots of fun and the weather was perfect. However, storms were predicted to move in on Sunday so the raftup split off early in the morning for homeport. All will agree that the first cruise of 09 was a great success.



SMALL BOAT FLEET RESULTS



Skipper	Position				Points				Total Score	Place
	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4		
Zach Kastle	3	3	2	3	5	5	5	4	19	2
John Stratton	2	2	3	4	6	6	4	3	19	3
Kevin Wildt	4	4	4	2	4	4	3	5	16	4
Russell Brown	1	1	1	1	7	7	6	6	26	1
Brandon Zemba	6	DNF	DNS	DNS	2	0	0	0	2	7
Chris Steele	7	6	6	6	1	2	1	1	5	6
Brian Kellenberger	5	5	5	5	3	3	2	2	10	5
Total	7	7	6	6					26	





BBSC Store

All prices include the cost of adding your boat name.

Order form on www.bbsc.com.

Golf shirts: \$30

Men's, Ladies;
White, Light Blue, and Navy.

Light blue, short sleeve denim shirts: \$25

Light blue, long sleeve denim shirts: \$30

Ladies', Men's.

Windshirts: \$35

Navy, Stone.

Baseball Hats: \$15

Boat Bags: \$30

Royal, Navy, Hunter

License Plates: \$10

(without name)

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Start Palooza Results

The Start Palooza was held on Saturday, March 21st with four boats participating (Vixen, Head High, Avocet and Esther Ann). Due to the easterly winds, the starting line was set at the north end of Rocky Bayou with an upwind mark toward the Hwy 20 Bridge. Six starts were held, and in the Race Committee's (BBSC Commodore) judgment, the results were:

Race #	1	2	3	4	5	6
Vixen	2	2	1	2	2	2T
Head High	3	1	2	1	DNS	DNS
Avocet	1	DSQ	2	3	1	1
Esther Ann	4	4	4	4	3	2T



To make the start more interesting and to see who the bold skippers were, the Race Committee set the line to favor a port tack start for the first two starts. However on the second start, Avocet (note the DSQ) decided to take it upon themselves to adjust the line by snagging the starting line mark and taking it along (see the picture). As they were attempting to divest themselves of this sea anchor, one of the crewmembers inadvertently decided to take a dip. Naturally, these incidents have earned the Avocet Skipper (Pat Ballasch) a nomination as Blooper of the Month.



COMMODORE'S

STORY

Firstly, I would like to thank Vice Commodore Tom and Rear Commodore Chad for setting up our Spring Meeting. It was a great success and hopefully all attendees found it informative. We gained a couple of new members as well.

It appears that Spring has finally arrived, and the 2009 BBSC Sailing season is now well underway. On March 21st, we held our now annual Start Palooza followed by the first Small Boat Series on the 29th. On April 1st, the Wet Wednesday Races began. April 4th and 5th was the Spring Cruise with five boats participating.

This month the PHRF Racing season will get underway in earnest with the first series race scheduled for the 18th. Now that we are in the "active" part of the season, plan on coming out and participating. If you are not racing a boat, the racing skippers are always looking for crew. Another good way to get a short sail in is to show up on Wednesday evening and jump on a boat. These are fun races and no experience is necessary. The races start at 6pm with most of the boats getting underway between 5:15 and 5:30. After Race festivities start around 7:45.

Fair Winds, Charlie Mauck, Commodore



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

The racing season is about to get in full swing with two races coming up. The first is Series Race # 1 on 18 April. The second is Sailfest on 16 May. There are 5 Series Races this year one of which will be held in conjunction with Sailfest and another in conjunction with the Grande Finale. The best 4 races will be scored with the exception of a skipper that runs a race. In that case the average score of his best 3 races will be used for that race.

While on the subject of race committee we still need race committee for 3 races: the Double Handed, Series Race # 3(night race) and The Grande Finale. Please let me know if you can help.

Bill Deming, PHRF Fleet Captain

Upcoming Events

Sat., April 18	PHRF Series #1
Sun., April 19	Small Boat Series #2
Fri., May 15	Sailfest Registration & Skipper's Meeting
Sat., May 16	Sailfest & PHRF Series 2
Sun., May 17	Small Boat Series #3
May 30 - June 7	Extended Cruise
Fri., June 19	Round the Bay Registration
Sat., June 20	Round The Bay

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