



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club **NEWSLETTER**

February/March 2010

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



SPRING MEETING *& Membership Drive* **March 13, 2010**

6:00 pm @ Schooner's Ship Store

Beer & Hors d'Oeuvres Provided

For More Information

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**START
PALOOZA
MARCH 20TH**

**Prepare for the Season —
Free Chance to Practice Starts**

**Spring
Regatta
March 27th**



Nautical Flea Market

@Bluewater Bay Marina
March 27th, 2010

Courses Offered

The Fort Walton Beach Sail and Power Squadron is a volunteer organization committed to education in boating safety and operation. They offer excellent courses at a very nominal cost.

Upcoming classes offered are:

Anchoring - Mar 8

Knots, Bends and Hitches - Mar 22

All Seminars are open to the public, and boat ownership is not necessary.

Join us for these Monday night seminars at The Anchorage in Fort Walton Beach, FL. Go to Public Courses at fwsp.com for registration information and more details.

COMMODORE'S

CORNER

The 2010 sailing season has started and the first two events were a lot of fun. The Bluenose Fun Race in January lived up to its name with cool conditions and a fair amount of wind to keep it interesting.

In February we followed this up with the annual Chili cookoff and fun regatta. The participation was great and we had ideal conditions for a race. We had a lot of new boats join us on the water for a race that was full of a few twists. Thanks to Bill Deming for working out a fun race that kept everyone guessing especially when it came to finding the shallows. The water was very dirty and the only thing the depth sounders did was confirm that you ran aground. Half the fleet found out about Catalina Point and the shallows across from Rocky #1. Everyone got off and continued with the race and we had a great trophy presentation afterwards. A lot of imagination went into the making of the trophies and everyone walked away with something. The Chili competition was great too with a lot of variety and quantity of chili eaten. Thanks to everyone for contributing time and effort and especially Marilyn Ostrominski for getting all the supplies. It appears that after a good day of sailing and the taste of beer the crowd like to have their chili a little hotter than normal. The winners were picked by \$1 votes and it really helped to stuff the ballot box. I'm not saying that is how the winner was picked but you be the judge. So far it has been a great start to the season.

Coming in March, we will get a little busier with a few events planned. Starting on March 13th we will have our Spring Meeting at the Bluewater Bay Marina at 6:00PM. It

will be a good time to get to see everyone again and find out all the activities the bridge has planned for you. There is enough variety that everyone should have something to enjoy and please help us out by volunteering to help with some. In March we also will have the Start Palooza to help everyone practice their starts and learn more about the rules of racing. Great learning event! Finally in March we will have our first Spring Regatta that will allow everyone to show off what they have learned this winter. That same morning the marina is also having a flea market that allows you to bring in sailing gear and equipment that you no longer want or need and hopefully sell it to someone else. Some great deals can usually be made.

In April we start to get in the full swing of events with cruising events, Wednesday night fun races, small boat races, and some more big boat events.

On a personal note I just wanted to let you know that I pulled my boat out of the water at a new place this year and everything went very smoothly. I took my boat to the Fisherman's Boatyard in Freeport, on Four Mile River, and Mike at the boatyard was very helpful and professional. Doing the bottom of the boat was a lot of work and I'm glad that I don't have to do it very often but the experience was positive with them. Also found out that a smooth bottom on the boat really makes a difference on the race course. Please keep your suggestions coming and hope to see you at the Spring Meeting and on the water. Be safe and enjoy.

Mickey Duvall, Commodore

BLUENOSE FUN RACE

The Bluenose Fun Race is named for a reason. Five hearty sailing crews participated in the first race of the season on Jan 30th and had a great time. The conditions were pretty cool with a fair amount of wind, 15-20 knots from the north. The race committee, Bill and Patty Deming and Fred Reichstetter, set up a course that ran from the marina to Marker #58 by the Mid-Bay Bridge, and back. Using the Wed night format, when the first boat got to Marker #58, everyone turns and heads back to the finish line. Because the faster boats are farther out they have farther to go to finish and it means the finishes are a lot closer. We had an offwind start and as we proceeded out the bayou a couple of brave racers put up spinnakers. This was good and bad. Victoria kept theirs under control and made a good gain on everyone. However Head High put up a large cruising spinnaker and all was going well till a gust hit and they found out about rounding up. When it rounded the shackle at the head of the sail gave way and the sail went down. They recovered quickly but it was said that a crewman on the boat said "Thank God" when the sail went down. Victoria was first to #58 and everyone then turned to a beat back to the marina. Everyone used smaller sails and were all going well to windward. Altair led part of the way and the green boat looked great going through the water. Pearl and Kahlua were chasing them and finally worked ahead. At the finish Victoria was coming on strong but finished just behind Kahlua. Afterward the sailing stories were great and pitchers of beer were provided to Victoria for first to the mark and Kahlua for first to finish. Everyone had fun and it was a good tune-up for the season.

Mickey Duvall



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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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Crusin' Around



Our Cruising Season will get underway on April 2 with our first Friday Night Raft-up. (Yes, I know that it's Good Friday.) We will plan to raft up in Sailboat Cove (OK, off the Commodore's house) around 6:30 or whenever you arrive and party until...

For our Spring Overnight Cruise we will participate in FWYC's CRAP (party) on Saturday, April 10th. Please note the information in this newsletter, and let's plan on having a good turnout.

See everyone at the Spring Meeting on the 13th, and don't forget daylight saving time starts just after the meeting.

Fair Winds, Charlie Mauck, Rear Commodore



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

The racing season has started! We now have two races under our belt, thanks to Bill Deming who was the chairman for both. The first race was the Bluenose Fun race on January 30. Five intrepid boaters showed up for fame and glory. The race was run using the Wednesday night rules. The winner was Mickey Duvall on Kahlua. Dennis Duhane and Chad Knaepple were second and third, respectively.

On February 20 the club presented the Chili Dog Cook-off and Fun Regatta. The real draw is the chili furnished by the club members. The chili was wonderful with the "heat" ranging from wimp to fire. Mickey and Pat's chili (definitely fire) took away the honors. They were kind enough to give the winnings to the Club. Counting this gift the function paid for itself with a small profit. Thanks to everyone.

The fun race portion of the Chili Dog Cook-off and Fun Regatta was won by Mickey Duvall with Chad Knaepple and Pat Ballasch

placing second and third. Mickey is now the reigning winner of the first two races. He is looking for competition in the upcoming race. Twelve boats started the race, with six going aground at one time or another! Obviously some sailing skills have left us over the winter.

This month the Start Palooza will be held on the 20th. This is a free opportunity for those who would like to practice their starts to participate in a half dozen or so starts to perfect their skills. Charlie Mauck is conducting this feature.

The first official race will be the Spring Regatta on March 27. The notice of race has been issued. There are planned to be three fleets, entries permitting. The fleets will be Spinnakers, Non-Spinnakers, and Cruisers. The Cruiser class is designed for those boats and sailors that would like the experience of racing, but without worrying about heavy competition. The Cruiser Class race will be shorter, with a separate start. We hope to encourage our cruisers to participate in the fun and learning experience of racing.

Neville Edenbrough, PHRF Fleet Captain

Upcoming Events

Sat., March 13	Spring Meeting
Sat., March 20	Start Palooza
Sat., March 27	Marina Nautical Flea Market
	Spring Regatta
Fri., April 2	Friday Night Raft-up
Wed., April 7	Wednesday Night Races Begin
April 10 & 11	Spring Cruise
Sun., April 11	Small Boat Series #1
Sat., April 17	April Regatta

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