



# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

June 2010

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



The great Round-the-Bay race is over, and a great event it was! Seventeen boats participated, eleven Spinnakers and 6 Cruisers. Winds were Southwest, holding in the 8 to 10 kt. range most of the day. Zack Kastl ran the race, doing an excellent job.

The race was sponsored by Walt Ruckel and Empire Sales, with Empire Sales furnishing sail bags for the prizes as well as a perpetual trophy. Everyone should take an opportunity to thank these folks.

The standings of the race were: Spinnaker: 1<sup>st</sup> Craig Wilusz in "John-O", Bob Hutchinson in "Maverick" and Sam Grant in "Breakaway". The cruiser class had only one boat finish, Scott Pursell in Ester Ann. Scott made it across the finish line just barely before being stuck by high wind and rain from a pop-up thunderstorm. The other cruisers were not so lucky. Geisela Redinger's main in "Glory" was shredded. Then, as the head sail was being furled, a sheet was tangled in the prop, putting the engine out of commission. Geisela was towed in by Mike Phillips. The other cruisers quit

the race, but that was OK, since the finish line had been abandoned by that time. All returned safely with lots of stories for friends and family.

July is a busy month with two races, the Summer Regatta on July 10<sup>th</sup> and the popular Double Handed on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Come join in the fun!

Neville Edenborough, PHRF Fleet Captain



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# Crusin' Around



Last Friday's raft-up saw four boats (Kahlua, Pandemonium, Iwalani, Chad K's skiff) tied up at Guiseppi's Wharf for cocktails and dinner. Another perfect full moon rise was enjoyed by all, and all the boats returned to their respective homes that evening. Mark your calendars for the next Friday Raft-up on July 16<sup>th</sup> when we will again anchor off Commodore Mickey Duvall's dock in Rocky Bayou. Plan on joining us for cocktails and food.

Please get your paid reservations in to the club for our annual Shrimp Boil on the 31<sup>st</sup>. The low

price of \$12.50 per head includes all the shrimp, potatoes and corn you can eat plus a keg of beer and wine. Once again, we are grateful to the Duvall's for volunteering to host this event. In keeping with the old BBSC tradition, plan to come by boat and spend the night. Don't forget that this year's shrimp boil will have a "parrot-head theme" so start listening to those Jimmy Buffett CDs.

Don't forget to check out Bluewater Bay Sailing Club on Facebook for photos and commentary of our races, cruises and social events.

Future Events to put on your calendars:

July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Raft Up in Rocky Bayou
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Shrimp Boil at Duvall's with a Parrot Head theme.
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday Night Raft-up
Sept. 11 & 12	Fall Cruise

*Fair Winds, Charlie Mauck  
Rear Commodore*

## Wednesday Night Races

**The following is a recap of the June 23rd race:**

Greetings Racers,

Your June 23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Night Race report...

The bay was calm and a light wind came from the south, so instead of the usual Boggy 1, Grass Lake was our mark. Naturally, pre-race mark coordination between the skippers was handled smoothly and professionally... Good thing it was also conducted verbally, rather than over VHF on channel 16. Otherwise, the Coast Guard might've boarded the whole fleet...

"What are we doing?"

"what?"

"WHAT ARE WE DOING?"

"Grass."

"WHAT?"

"GRASS!"

"GRASS?"

"YEAH, GRASS!"

"OK, yeah, Grass...sweet."

The set of the line was more or less correct, with no favored end. And this week, the race committee managed to establish the line with more than a few seconds remaining before the starting sequence. It may have helped not having to untangle a Gordian Knot in the pin rode. (Incidentally, the race committee would like to extend kudos to last week's race committee for the seaman-like, figure-eight coil used to stow the pin rode...very professional).

Pre-race maneuvering was leisurely and afforded the skippers an opportunity to run the line and consult with the race committee on important issues...

"Hey, don't blow the horn at the start."

"What?"

"Don't blow the horn at the start!"

"Hey, you let me worry about the horn, Ice Bear. You just try not to crash into anybody this week!"

The fleets' tacticians and helm were at the top of their games as this starting sequence was something to behold...for the most part, that is... Hub's Tub was over early and was heard to inform the race committee of a bad start. The race committee agreed, noting that any start that finds one over the line early is a bad start indeed.

However, there were some perfect starts. Maverick crossed the line,

at speed, at precisely 6:00:00, with Avocet pressing hard from leeward at 6:00:01. They were followed quickly by Ice Bear, Sam Kam III and Kahlua.

More than a minute later, Head High crossed the line. The race committee had been hoping to see the surgically-precise, Head High start which is Chad's hallmark. This week, not so much. Perhaps the presence of the Admiral caused some type of performance anxiety...

Next to cross were Hub's Tub... and, then... finally... Leterip, at 6:04:30. 6:04:30? Last to show...tacking slow...pointing low... Hey, wait just a cotton-pickin' minute - those are MY moves. Expect registered mail from my intellectual property attorneys: Goodwyn, Long and Black...

Several refreshments later, the fleet returned. Maverick rounded the mark first, but it was Sam Kam III with the bottom-half honor of first back to the line, at 7:21:05. They were followed quickly by Avocet, Ice Bear and Hub's Tub. However, the highlight of the race was the sprint to a photo finish between Kahlua and Maverick.

Mickey "Leeward Schmooward" Duvall had a lead of seven boat lengths with only 10 to go. Mickey probably felt confident with that lead, and in most cases, and in most races, it would've been enough. But, not this time. Channeling Dennis Connor, Linda "Get 'Er Done Right" Wright was at tactician and helm. And she was working the polars like an Eskimo on crack. After a textbook jibe to starboard, Maverick accelerated and charged the windward Kahlua, closing faster than a starving greyhound after a three-legged rabbit. Kahlua's luck ran out just short of the line and Maverick passed with a split second to spare. The race committee was delighted by both the exciting sprint and Mickey's warm and sportsmanlike congratulations to Maverick.

Head High and Leterip were both DNF, and judging by their tardy returns, the race committee believed that they also DNGAS.

In the race committee's view, it was Maverick's race. Perfect start. First to the mark. Beautiful finish.

The race committee was in no way influenced in this assessment by the ice-cold, six pack of Modelo Especial we received from a certain skipper prior to the race.

Summary:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Sam Kam III | 5. Maverick     |
| 2. Avocet      | 6. Kahlua       |
| 3. Ice Bear    | Head High ~ DNF |
| 4. Hub's Tub   | Leterip ~ DNF   |

*Faithfully submitted,  
Jeff "Kedge Strong" Hazelwood  
Race Committee*



# COMMODORE'S



STORY



Officially we are approximately one half through the 2010 sailing season. Participation has been picking up with our events and we have officially passed last year's membership numbers. I hope that we continue to grow and enjoy all that is planned. This last month we had a lot of fun events sponsored by BBSC. The Round the Bay race had a great turnout of 17 boats with three from Fort Walton Yacht Club. This long distance event is unique to the area because it is longer than other races, 30-32 miles, and it has a Bermuda start. Everyone has a chance to be first to finish. Zack Kastl and his kids did a great job of running the race and provided everyone a CD with hundreds of photos from the race. The pictures were great and really appreciated. He also stayed on top of the changing conditions and made sure of the safety of all the boats. Thanks Zack! Starting in lighter winds generally helped the lower handicap boats but there was a great reach down the bay with a beat back to the Mid-Bay Bridge. There was a lot of tacking to cover and close racing all the way back. At about dusk the non-spinnaker fleet was approaching the bridge when a storm hit them and caused some excitement. 40 plus mph winds made for some tense moments while the sails were being reduced or brought down. It was one of those moments that if everything turns out all right you'll have some great stories back at the docks. We also had another Friday night raft up in Boggy Bayou. Four boats showed up for happy hour at Guiseppi's dock, followed by a great dinner, and a full-moon trip to get back home. Small boats competed on Rocky Bayou with 4 boats racing and hopefully this will pick up as the season continues. The wind was perfect but the heat and humidity can be challenging this time of year.

By the time this newsletter gets out to everyone we should have already celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Demings have been gracious enough to invite everyone to their house for a pot luck dinner with the drinks and burgers provided by Bill and Doris. Their house is beautiful and the location is perfect to watch the fireworks. Thanks for hosting this. It's always a highlight of the year and fun to see everyone on a great American day.

Upcoming events in July include the Summer Regatta, another Friday night raft up in Rocky Bayou, small boat racing, and another unique BBSC event, the Double-Handed Regatta. This is another Bermuda start with separate fleets for same gender (male/male, female/female) and different gender (male/female). The racing is fun and very competitive and there are always a lot of stories from this one. Please come out and join us. Also plan for a "Parrot Head" Shrimp Boil at our house, on Rocky Bayou, the end of July. There should be lots of food, drink, and good island music. Please come by boat or car to the party.

Finally I would like to highlight a good thing that happened in the Round the Bay race. When the non-spinnaker boats were getting hit by the high winds, one boat had some difficulty with equipment and sails and needed assistance. Tranquility, owned by Michael Phillips and Toni Lester, came to their aid and provided a tow to the dock. It's nice to know that when you are on the water and need help, there are boats and people that will quickly jump in and provide what is necessary. Thanks Mike and Toni! Please be safe and see you on the water.

*Mickey Duvall, Commodore*



## SHRIMP BOIL

JULY 31, 2010

Theme: ParrotHead

Dress For Margaritaville,  
Key West or Jamaica

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## BBSC SHRIMP BOIL REGISTRATION

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# Upcoming Events

Sat., July 10	Summer Regatta
Fri., July 16	Friday Night Raft-up
Sat., July 24	Double Handed
Sun., July 25	Small Boat Series #5
Sat., July 31	Shrimp Boil
Sat., August 7	Dog Days of Summer Race
Sun., August 8	Small Boat Series #6
Fri., August 13	Friday Night Raft-up
Sat., August 21	Hot August Nights Race

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