



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

September 2010

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

CHALLENGE CUP

Calling all BBSC Sailors.
We're hosting the Challenge Cup.
Let's get out on the water and
show them what we have.

September 18th
at Bluewater Bay

10:00 - 11:00 Registration
12:00 - First Warning

Entry fee is \$30
beer & brats after the race



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All prices include the cost of
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Crusin' Around



Blue Blazer Bash incorporated in Fall Awards Banquet. We were having some issues coming up with a proper venue for our Blue Blazer Bash so after consulting with Commodore Duvall, I decided to incorporate it into our Fall Banquet which will be a catered affair at the Sunset Beach Clubhouse on Saturday, November 13th. There will not be a cruise on the weekend of September 11. However, we will have a Cruise over the Columbus Day Weekend (October 9 – 11). Look for details in the next newsletter. Our next Friday Night Raft up will be on September 24th in Rocky Bayou.

As I mentioned, this year's Election and Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 13th at the Sunset Beach Clubhouse. We are planning to have the food catered and possibly include beer, wine and even music. There will be awards given for the "Best Yachting Attire" so get those Blazers cleaned up and ready. The cost will not exceed the \$30 per person from last year. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

Fair Winds, Charlie Mauck, Rear Commodore

Future Cruising Events

September 24th:
Friday Raft-up

October 9 – 11:
Columbus Day Weekend Cruise

October 22nd:
Friday Raft-up

November 13th:
Election & Awards Banquet

Wednesday Night Races

July 21st Wednesday Night Race:

It could've been a perfect day for Wednesday Night Racing. The conditions were nothing at all like the 48 knots of gusty wind, driving rain and steep chop from last week's race. The bay was calm and a light breeze came from the south. Our mark at Grass Lake was practically visible from the starting line. Everything pointed to an easy, leisurely afternoon regatta... maybe next time.

The starting line was broad and perpendicular to the mark. This much was accomplished before the passengers on Committee Boat Diamond had the chance to gel into that Jackalope of human cooperative effort – A Committee. Yes, Dear Racers, this week the Race Committee was actually a "committee", consisting of four adults and three minor children. The Race Committee Chair highly recommends for future service all three of the minor children. They were quick, eager, largely silent, compliant, cheerful, and perhaps most satisfyingly, they were unencumbered by either a knowledge of racing rules or wristwatches of their own. Their adult guardians, not so much.

Committee Member #1: *Honey, we need you to blow the horn in 5 minutes.*

Committee Chair: *Um, the starting sequence begins in 5 minutes and 20 seconds*

Committee Member #1: *I'm in the service. My watch is set to Zulu time.*

Committee Chair: *So, I guess Zulu time differs from GPS time by six hours...and 20 seconds.*

Committee Member #2: *We need to do the flags right this time.*

Committee Chair: *Ok*

Committee Member #2: *See, we've got the "Committee" flag, which always stays up and then we got the "Prep" flag, and then there's the "Class" flag. We also have the "Delay" flag and also there's the "Come Within Hail" flag.*

Committee Chair: *What about the "Protest" flag?*

Committee Member #2: *Oh, we don't get one of those, the "Protest" flag is only for the racers.*

Committee Chair: *I could use one.*

While the Race Committee caucused, the fleet formed and used their pre-race maneuvering time to tune their yachts as their skippers saw fit. Avocet and Kahlua focused on sails and rigging, while Iwalani concentrated on the in-mast furling system. Not to be outdone by Iwalani's thoroughness, Let 'Er Rip, tuned up her engine. At least that was the Committee Chair's presumption. Why else would she be under power throughout the starting sequence. But, perhaps the most ambitious tuning effort was turned by Ryan "Ninja Turtle" Hinely, who conducted a complete inspection of the Seafood's hull, keel and rudder assembly. I suppose true champions know that it's all about the wetted surface.

The fleet had a wider mix of racers than the Race Committee has seen in some time – from the Wavelength 24, Avocet, to the Sunfish, Seafood. It made for an exciting start. At precisely 6:00:00 (that's 24:00:20, Zulu, for you military types), the "Class" flag came down with Seafood less than a boat length from the line. But, Kahlua was first across at 6:00:03, followed quickly by Maverick and Avocet. Not to be outdone by the bigger yachts, Ryan drove Seafood hard and made it across the starting line in only another three minutes and 57 seconds. Then came Iwalani at 6:12:40, and several refreshments later, Let 'Er Rip, at 7:01:50. Perhaps these last two had aboard committees of their own ...

Maverick was first to the mark, but since they did not finish, first to the mark honors went to Avocet. Bottom half honors go to Ryan "Ninja Turtle" Hinely, who crossed the line at 6:43:01. Next came Avocet at 7:03:20 and Kahlua at 7:09:02. All of whom were greeted in the water by Committee Member #2, who swam out to each in turn, perhaps by that point needing a "Protest" flag of his own...

Summary:

- 1) Seafood
- 2) Avocet
- 3) Kahlua
- 4) Maverick ~ DNF
- 5) Iwalani ~ DNF
- 6) Leterip ~ DSQ

*Faithfully, if tardily, submitted,
Jeff "Kedge Strong" Hazelwood
Race Committee Chair*

FALL BANQUET & AWARDS

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 13TH

SUNSET BEACH
CLUBHOUSE

BLUEWATER BAY
MARINA
SINGLEHANDED
RACE

OCTOBER 16



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT



We hoped that August would be a banner month for racing, with two races planned. Instead we have all been ducking raindrops in what has got to be one of the wettest summers!

The Night Race was cancelled due to weather. Unfortunately, there is little time left to schedule a make-up, what with holidays and the Challenge Cup in September. The night race is a favorite of many people. It is too bad to lose this popular event.

The one race that did occur was the Dog Days Regatta on August 7th. Charlie Mauck hosted the race. The Spinnaker fleet was won by Bill Deming in Pandemonium followed by Pat Ballasch in Avocet, and Dave Lauderbaugh in Vixen. Mickey Duvall sailed Kahlua but didn't finish.

Gene Bollin in Tranquility was matched with Fred Hurlburt in Hubs Tub for the Cruiser Class. Hubs Tub did not finish the race.

In September we host the Bay Challenge Cup where our club is matched with Fort Walton Beach Yacht Club participants. Mickey and I have met with their Fleet Captain and he assures us that they will have a significant team for the challenge. This year we will run two races, if the weather cooperates, a windward/leeward and a triangle race to government marks. We need everyone to participate in this race so we can put the best show possible.

Neville Edenborough, PHRF Fleet Captain

COMMODORE'S

CORNER

We've now entered the peak of the hurricane season. Storms coming off Africa have picked and we continue to watch as they march across the Atlantic. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope we don't have to do the "drill" this year. Keep yourself prepared and have a plan of action in case the need arises. If you're going out of town have backups that can help you. August has been an interesting month for the club activities, highlighted by a lot of wild weather. The most spectacular moment was on a Wednesday night race when all the boats had started and were racing out of the bayou. Lightning was coming in from the southeast and a wall of rain was coming from the southwest. All the boats used better judgement and lowered their sails and headed for the docks. Just as everyone turned around a waterspout formed over the marina and touched down near Rocky #1. A couple of boats got very close to this and even heard the hissing of the wind touching down on the water. Luckily everyone got in safely and the adrenaline was flowing back at Schooner's. Hopefully that won't happen again.

August racing was centered around a lot of inclement weather. The Dog Day Race saw a lot of weather changes. It started with pretty good wind but immediately started changing and became very light from all directions. Mix in a little rain and a lot of frustration was felt. Charlie Mauck as race committee finally made a great decision to shorten the race and put some of us out of our misery. Pandemonium worked their way through the course the quickest and won spinnaker division. Tranquility showed the rest of us how to pick the right part of the course, sail very fast, and won the non-spinnaker division. The party

afterwards was fun and kept the stories alive. Later in the month we also had the Hot August Night race planned but Mother Nature played a role again. After raining all day and a forecast that was no better for the night those racers that were interested decided to cancel the race. Finally in August I was able to be part of a small boat race in the bayou and really enjoyed watching the boats battle around the race course. We were able to have a variety of races and the weather cooperated till the end. Just as it was ending the weather started going bad, but all the boats got in before the rain and lightning started.

Coming in September is one of our premier events, the Challenge Cup with Fort Walton Yacht Club. We have this race every year and the winner gets to host it the next year. We won last year so we are the host and have been planning a great event. The competition between FWYC and BBSC has always been great and the party afterwards will make it even better. Help us defend the cup this year by racing your own boat or crewing for someone who is. We're starting to make plans for the Fall Banquet and some new ideas should make this a great dinner and party. More will come out as the plans are finalized but plan to be part of this. We are also looking for volunteers for next year's bridge so please consider volunteering and making a difference with the club. We depend on everyone. Finally a dear member of our club, Kathy Gresko, has been having some medical issues lately, so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. We wish her well and hope she has a speedy recover to be able to come back and join us. Hope to see you all on the water and be safe.

Mickey Duvall, Commodore

Upcoming Events

Sat., September 18	Challenge Cup
Fri., September 24	Friday Night Raft-up
Sun., October 3	Small Boat Series #7
October 9 & 10	Columbus Day Cruise
Sat., October 16	Single Handed
Fri., October 22	Friday Night Raft-up
Sat., October 30	Grande Finale
Sat., November 13	Elections & Awards Banquet

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