



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

June 2011

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

Wednesday Night Races

Vessel	Points			360 Turns Required Before:	
	Current	Previous	Total	Turning Mark	Finish
Maverick	2	20	22	4	0
Avocet	5	12	17	2	0
Head High	1	13	14	0	2
Altair	4	9	13	0	3
Diamond	1	9	10	0	0
Iwalani	1	8	9	0	0
Lavita	0	8	8	0	1
Kahlua	0	7	7	0	1
Cambria	1	5	6	1	0
Ice Bear	0	5	5	0	0
MacLamara	0	3	3	0	0
Sophia	1	2	3	0	0
Khaos	0	2	2	0	0
Sante	0	2	2	0	0
No Fences	1	1	2	0	0
Mystique	0	1	1	0	0
Whits End	0	1	1	0	0
Hubs Tub	0	1	1	0	0
Glory	0	1	1	0	0
Wolly Bully	1	0	1	0	0
Breaking Wind	1	0	1	0	0
Tranquility	1	0	1	0	0

We had 11 boats take the course this past Wednesday Night Fun Race on May 18.

We added 3 new boats to the fleet (Wolley Bully, Breaking Wind, Tranquility). That brings our total to 22 different boats racing so far this year!

Race Committee was Bob Hutchinson and his crew on Maverick. They laid a nice line and started on time in approx SW 10 -15 kts. There was a nice tight start but with no over early flags flown. After some tacking duels getting out of Rocky, most of the fleet stayed on a starboard tack for the majority of the race towards Boggy. I say most....because Iwalani drove so far past the lay line we thought she was starting the week long cruise early.

And the A's had the night with Avocet being first to the mark and Altair finishing first.

The highlight of the evening race was Cambria (Ranger One Ton) under spinnaker driving into the shoals near Rocky 1. (And for the record Diamond was not heading him up)

Attached is the spreadsheet with the most current standings.

Highlights are: MAVERICK still in points lead
 AVOCET now in 2nd place and also 2 turns required before turning mark
 ALTAIR requires 3 turns before finish
 NO FENCES moves up from 16th to 15th



BBSC



Picnic & fireworks for BBSC members, family & friends

Happy Birthday USA

Food, Fun, Fireworks, &
4th of July Tradition

The Demings invite everyone to enjoy Niceville's annual fireworks display on Boggy Bayou on the 4th of July. Come by land or sea. There are plenty of places to tie up at the dock. We'll be grilling hots and burgers about 5 with all the fixings. Beer, wine and pop will be provided. Bring a dish to share and chill out for an evening of Americana.



SMALL BOAT RACING

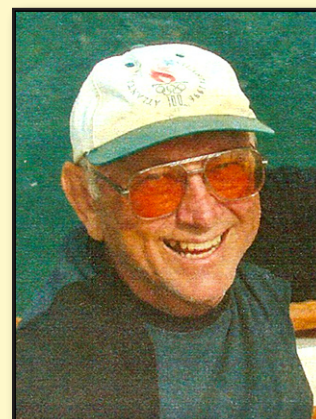
Ladybug Regatta

July 9, 2011

This regatta requires that there is a woman at the helm for the entire race

IN MEMORIUM:

Vern Mahugh, a former long-time member and past rear-commodore of BBSC, passed away on May 19, 2011. Capt. Vern and 1st mate Scotta spent many hours racing, cruising or just leisurely sailing our local waters aboard Sam Kam. As rear commodore, Vern had some pretty innovative ideas one of which was the 1st Chili Dog Regatta. He hosted a fun race ending at his property on Sarah Ann Bayou before there was a house.



Everyone enjoyed chili, hot dogs and some really tacky prizes. The tradition continues today. Vern and Scotta also hosted an all-nighter for sailors and spouses to watch the America's Cup after the Kiwis took the cup from U.S. shores to New Zealand. BBSC extends their heartfelt sympathy to Scotta and the family as they mourn their loss.

Farewell and Bon Voyage, Vern! All your friends at BBSC will miss you. We wish you Godspeed on your final voyage to the other shore.

COMMODORE'S

STARBOARD

Have you noticed how quickly the weather has changed from Spring to what we expect in the Summer. The heat and humidity have really hit early and made us remember what it is like to live in Florida in the summer. Because of all the heat be sure and pay attention to the afternoon buildup of thunderstorms that we get a lot around the area.

We had a really active May for sailing activities. Our first big event was the Sailfest on May 14th. We had great sponsorship from Craig and Deborah Wilusz and Gulf Pool Services and their generosity allowed us to have a fun race with nice trophies, shirts, food and drink for everyone who participated. We had a good turnout of boats (three from FWYC) and they competed in two fleets, spinnaker and non-spinnaker. Neville set up a true triangle course that allowed for two separate races, with the spinnaker fleet going a little extra distance. To keep things really interesting the wind did a lot of course direction changing that kept everyone honest and on their toes. Those that could adjust the quickest did well. The racing was fun and competitive and everyone enjoyed the food and drinks after the race. Trophies were awarded to the top boats in each fleet and congratulations to the Wilusz' on Ice Melted for winning spinnaker and the Demings on Pandemonium for winning non-spinnaker. The next day the club also hosted a small boat race and had multiple races in Rocky Bayou. In May was also the Extended Cruise from 21-30 May. Eight boats started the cruise and the first night met near the Hwy 331 bridge at the end of our bay. Next day everyone motored through the ditch and anchored at the far end of Shell Island in Panama City. The Heimstra's catamaran was usually at the middle of raft ups and happy hours. We stayed two nights there and then headed in two directions. Five boats went down to Port St Joe's Marina and three boats went to Crooked Island. While at Port Saint Joe we got to meet the dock master and receive instructions on docking, and then met the Parsons and Spanns for happy hour and dinner. They were in the area fishing and were able to join us. The next day the five boats sailed back to Crooked Island and joined the other boats. Of course we had another happy hour to tell our stories. The next day we sailed to Saint Andrews' Marina and had a great dinner with the group. Greg and Laurie Gattis joined the group and got to hear our stories. The next morning two boats headed back home and the remaining boats took a slower pace, spent the night by the 331 bridge

again, and then came home on Saturday. This was a great cruise and we had some new boats and friends join us. Scott on his Hans Christian boat sailed solo and always caught fish and served fancy food for the happy hours, and Jerry on his boat was able to go in the Gulf for the first time. The weather was great as was the company of the fellow cruisers.

We started off June with the first Double Handed race and had 16 boats participate in two fleets, male-male or male-female. A Bermuda start format was used so how you finished was how you placed. The winds were great for the race but it was seriously hot (maybe over 100) and everyone was pretty tired by the end. Michael Phillips did a really nice job setting up the course and running the race. During the race we were able to start early and have most of the fleet chasing us around the course. I'm not used to navigating to the marks but its nice to not always be following. Mark Hunter and his son Ian were always stalking us and coming on fast but fell a couple of boat links short at the finish. It kept us honest and work hard to stay in front of him. The Whitmore's on Whit's End showed how a married couple can actually successfully sail a sailboat and be friends at the end. Good job winning the male-female category. On 18 June we will be hosting the Round the Bay race that takes everyone to the end of Choctawatchee Bay and back. This is our longest race and a really good distance for the boats that like to get out and stretch their legs. It's a Bermuda start so the skipper's meeting will be the night before, Friday night, and everyone will get their starting times. We're planning on starting earlier this year so that everyone can get back in time for a party on Saturday night. Please join us for a fun day on the water.

This last month we also lost a good friend and long time member of the club. Vern Mahugh has been sailing in our bay for a long time and he always enjoyed his time in the family sailboat, SAM-KAM. What many people didn't know was that Vern started the annual Chili-Dog race and the first set of trophies were his old bowling trophies. Those got passed around for quite a while till finally we changed to bring your own trophy for registration. Vern will be missed. Enjoy your club activities and get involved. Be safe and see you on the water.

Mickey Duvall, Commodore



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Upcoming Events

Sun., June 12	Small Boat Race #3
Sat., June 18	Round-the-Bay
Sat., July 09	Ladybug Regatta
Sun., July 10	Small Boat Race #4
Sat., July 23	Double Handed #2
Sun., July 31	Small Boat Race #5
Sat., August 13	Night Race
Sun., August 28	Small Boat Race #6
Sat., September 17	Challenge Cup

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