



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

April 2012

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

SPRING MEETING & Membership Drive

March 2, 2012

Bridge Members Present: Mickey Duvall, Pat Ballasch, Charlie Mauck, Mark Hunter, Scott Pursell, Marilyn Ostrominski, Patty Deming, Joan McCarthy

Location: Ship's Store at the Bluewater Bay Marina

Prior to the meeting, all those present enjoyed a social half-hour that included beer, chips and salsa. It should also be mentioned that the turnout for the meeting was very good this year, with standing room only. Also, a vote of thanks is due Ryan Hinely for his work in setting up the meeting.

Call to order at 6:26 PM

Commodore Mickey Duvall welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced the bridge members and several new club members. He recapped the planned race schedule and mentioned the upcoming cruises. He also announced that this year's Shrimp Boil, which he is again hosting, will also be his retirement party.

Secretary's Report (Scott Pursell): Since the minutes of the Fall Banquet (11/19/11) had been printed in the January/February 2012 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 \$3,720.70 plus our \$4,000 CD. Marilyn stated that since last year the best interest rate for CDs is so low that they are not currently worth the effort. Paid membership stands at 55 as of tonight. She named Craig Wilusz who is sponsoring Sailfest (again) this year, and David Vaughn and Bill and Gisela Redinger for donations made to the BBSC. Also a reminder that BBSC members get a 50% discount on Boat US membership dues. Mickey Duvall spoke up with the names of our additional sponsors: Walt Ruckel, Dave Lauderbaugh, Dennis Mayhew, Brian Gwinnup, and Marina Cove Realty.

Rear Commodore Charlie Mauck announced this year's upcoming cruise events: The raft-up outside Baytown Marina March 31st and April 1st, the Shrimp Boil / Mickey's retirement party April 28th, the Extended Cruise which will be headed west this year April 19th to 28th, the cruise to marker

50 later this summer, the Pirate Party sometime in August, the Marina circle raft-up in September, and the BBSC Fall Banquet November 3rd.

Small Boats Captain Mark Hunter announced that this year there will be 6 small boat races, plus one day scheduled for backup. He also described small boat racing as a good "low-key" way to get into racing, and mentioned that our races are a mixture of kids and adults. One of the members asked if small boats are available for use, which led to some general discussion on the matter. Mark said that he will look into that. Mark also mentioned that the schedule is posted on the BBSC website, and that he needs volunteers for race committee. The first small boat race is April 22nd, and they will be monthly through October. Mickey Duvall took this moment to present the Chili Dog race perpetual winner trophy to Mark for winning the Chili Dog race this year.

Fleet Captain (Joan McCarthy, in Neville Edenborough's absence) went over this year's race schedule, beginning with the Spring Regatta on March 24th, and mentioned that we need volunteers for race committee.

Commodore Mickey Duvall at this time opened the floor for discussion. Zack Kastl asked that any families with high school kids see him or Mark Hunter. Toni Phillips asked if there was any way for people who want to race but don't own boats to participate. Mickey mentioned that crewing in the Wednesday night races is a good fun way to get started, and encouraged

all skippers who race their boats on Wednesday nights to try to bring along as many people as they can who want to sail. Fred Reichstetter suggested that people who are available to crew be encouraged to list their names on the BBSC website. This led to some general discussion on the matter. Mickey then reminded everyone that we need volunteers for race committee. Mike Phillips then asked if there were any plans to replace the Cobb's Club mark. Mickey said that the bridge "needs to talk about it". The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.



Note: After the meeting adjourned, Patty Duvall assisted Joan McCarthy in encouraging individual members to sign up for race committee, successfully getting commitments for nearly all upcoming races.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 PM.

**Scott Purcell,
Secretary**



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Baseball Hats: \$15

Boat Bags: \$30

Royal, Navy, Hunter

License Plates: \$10
(without name)



Sponsored By:

L.J. SCHOONERS OYSTER BAR

Schedule

- March – practice / crew building / reason to get out and sail
- April through October
- Course, participation and sailing instructions posted in Oyster Bar nlt 5:00 pm every Wednesday
- 1st Flag 5:55 pm (approximate)
- Start 6:00 pm (approximate)
- Turnaround 6:45 pm if no vessel has rounded designated turning mark
- Awards 7:45 pm at Oyster Bar
- Seasonal award presented at Fall Banquet

Race Committee – Please sign up for race committee tonight. Schedule is on clipboard. Every participating vessel should help out and volunteer for Race Committee.

Rules

- No protest committee
- Race Committee decisions final
- Turning mark to be rounded to Port unless sailing instructions dictate otherwise
- Official time will be GPS time
- BBSC "Performance 360" rule in effect

Performance 360 rule – Weekly posted participation and sailing instructions will be posted showing how many 360 each vessel be required to perform before rounding the turn mark or before finishing.

Awards – 7:45 pm at Oyster Bar. Awards will be given to first to mark and first to finish and maybe something else as well.

Points

- Participation – 1 point
- Race Committee – 2 points
- 1st to Finish – 3 points
- 1st to turning mark – 4 points
- Style points (1 – 3 points): Up to race committee discretion

Communication – We will attempt to send out email recap / standings / and reminder every week. No guarantees.



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Since the last newsletter we have had one "fun race", the Chili Dog and an intended race, the Kick-Off Regatta.

First, the good news. The Chili Dog Race was run by Mickey Duvall plus Mickey and Patti hosted the chili competition. Except for lots of wind most people had a good time. Pat Ballasch may be an exception. His main was speared by the bowsprit of Sofia which was tied up at the dock when a line was caught on a piling. This incident forced Pat to withdraw from the race. Who knew that harpooning would be a part of the festivities?

The winners of the Chili Dog Regatta were:

Untamed	Mark Hunter
Vixen	Dave Lauderbaugh
Tranquil	Mike Phillips
Alagua Moon	Jerry Monda
Glory	Gisela Redinger
Just Us	Tony Mefford
Avocet	Pat Ballasch

The Kick-Off Regatta was another story. On Saturday over 5 inches of rain prevented a start. The race was postponed until Sunday. Sunday dawned bright and sunny as Charlie Mauck the race chairman and club weatherman promised. However, he also promised lots of wind and was he right! Prior to the start the winds were 25 to 30 knots with gusts to 35. After fighting to just get the sails up and positioned for the start Mickey Duvall polled his crew and they all decided to withdraw. As soon as Mickey announced on the radio the decision Mark Hunter and Bill Deming quickly followed. That left only Dave Lauderbaugh in Vixen and Mike Phillips in Tranquil. Charlie called the race.

The Spring Regatta has now been re-named to the Kick-Off Regatta Redux (so we can use the collector's item hats for prizes) and will be held March 24, 2012. A decision will be made later concerning the re-scheduling of the missing race.

Neville Edenborough, PHRF Fleet Captain



BAYTOWNE RAFT-UP
MARCH 31 - APRIL 1

Join the Raft-Up by boat or join the group for dinner in Baytowne. Cruise updates will be posted on Facebook

COMMODORE'S



STORY



What a great turnout we had for the Spring Meeting. There was standing room only and lots of enthusiasm from the group. The bridge presented the 2012 schedule of events with lots of opportunities to race, cruise and party. Let's keep the excitement going into the year. The membership count is up but keep looking for new members to join us.

March started with the Spring Meeting on Friday and the next days was suppose to be the Kick-off regatta. The weather forecast was so bad everyone decided to delay the race till Sunday. Sunday started out beautiful, then the wind filled in. Charlie on Iwalani set a course to race and anchored in the bay for the start of the race. All the boats went out to race but the wind continued to build to 30 plus knots. After taking a vote on my boat we all decided to abandon the race and everyone else abandoned quickly after that. I was thanked many times by other crews for being first to quit. It was a lot more fun to go to Schooners, drink beer and talk about sailing, and then eat great burgers. Next race will be the 24th of March and has been renamed the Kick-off Regatta (formerly known as Spring Regatta). Hopefully weather will cooperate and the party afterwards will be fun.

Your Rear Commodore is planning an overnight cruise to Baytowne at the end of March. Look for details in this newsletter or contact Charlie. Join us for happy hour and dinner. April will be a busy month with the Wednesday Night racing starting. Brett and Schooners are sponsoring this and should be a great time. Everyone has been looking forward to this and if it is like last year more than 30 boats participated over the season. Fun racing and great bar talk. We also have the Pick Your Poison Race where you get to pick your course to race on. This makes for some interesting results. Small boats are also starting in April so please contact Mark Hunter for details.

Finally we are having the Shrimp Boil at the end of April and I plan to celebrate my retirement at the same time. Please see the newsletter for details. There is no fee this year but please let us know who is coming so we can buy the right amount of shrimp. Hopefully this will be an event to remember and a way for me to start the next phase of my life. Get ready for an exciting year and see you on the water.

Mickey Duvall, Commodore

TEAM

KAHLUA's ExFed

SHRIMP BOIL
& retirement party

april 28, 2012

@ the duvall's 626 Nelson Pt. Rd.
Niceville, FL 32578

**Party starts about 4pm
until the beers runs out.**

**Help the Duvall's celebrate
the retirement of Mickey
from 40 years
Government service.**

**Come by land or sea. Plenty
of places to tie up at the dock.**

**Shrimp and all the fixings
served at 6pm. Beer, wine
and soda will be provided.
Bring a dish to share and
enjoy the celebration.**

BBSC SHRIMP BOIL REGISTRATION

Please RSVP by April 21: (850) 897-6806

Name: _____ **# of Adults (10+):** _____

Return form and **COMPLIMENTS OF THE DUVALLS** to: **Bluewater Bay Sailing Club**
P.O. Box 1251 • Niceville, FL 32588

Upcoming Events

Sat., March 24	Kick-Off Regatta (Redux)
March 31 - April 1	Baytowne Raft-Up
Wed., April 4	Wednesday Night Races Start
Sat., April 14	Pick Your Poison
Sun., April 22	Small Boat Race
Sat., April 28	Shrimp Boil
Sat., May 12	Sailfest
May 19 to May 28	Extended Cruise

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