



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

June 2012

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

The Annual BBSC Extended Cruise was great success. The cruisers left their respective slips on Saturday (5/19) and rendezvoused at Spectre Island (Marker 51). The Saturday evening raft up consisted of: Pandemonium (Doris, Bill, and Patty Deming), Iwalani (Charlie and Kathy Mauck), Island Time (Pete and Kathy Hodges), and Alaqua Moon (Jerry Monda and Charlie), Kahlua (Mickey and Patty Duvall), and Uffda (Greg and Lori Gattis). On Sunday, Pandemonium, Iwalani, Island Time, Kahlua and Alaqua Moon rafted up at Redfish Point (across from NAS Pensacola) and were joined later that evening by John and Susan Hiemstra on Pirate's Dream who had travelled via Panama City due to bridge clearance restrictions. Monday was spent enjoying the waters of the Gulf at Redfish Point despite the presence of two small bull(?) sharks. The raft was broken up prior to happy hour due to impending storms which provided quite a lightning show that evening. Magnolia with Dave Lauderbaugh, Jill Druhl, Obie and Kathy aboard also joined the flotilla on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday all seven boats proceeded to Lulu's at Homeport Marina for the night. Iwalani suffered the only casualty of the cruise when the transmission went bad on the trip to Lulu's which restricted her to around 2 knots when under power alone. Nevertheless, her intrepid crew managed to complete the entire cruise. Wednesday morning saw all the boats underway for Palafox Pier Marina in Pensacola with all boats except Pandemonium and Iwalani stopping at Pirate's Cove for lunch. Alaqua Moon overnighted again at Redfish Point. Pandemonium and Magnolia headed for home on Thursday morning while Iwalani and Alaqua headed for Spectre Island. The rest of the flotilla remained at Palafox Pier where the crews enjoyed a Blue Wahoos baseball game on Thursday evening. On Friday morning, Alaqua Moon headed back home while the rest of the fleet joined Iwalani at Spectre Island except Pirate's Dream who had to return via Panama City. On Saturday morning the remnants of the extended cruise flotilla returned to their various slips.

With the exception of Monday evening, the weather was very cooperative with warm days, relatively cool evenings. All together the cruisers had a super time. For blow by blow descriptions of the cruise with the accompanying incriminating pictures, please visit the BBSC Facebook page.

Fair Winds, Rear Commodore Charlie Mauck



Future Cruising Events:

Wednesday, July 4th – Demings' 4th of July Extravaganza

September 8 & 9 – Raft-up sponsored by Bluewater Bay Marina

Saturday, November 3rd - Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Another example of injustice was that **Bob Hutchinson** in *Maverick* offered to set the windward mark. During the course of being a good Samaritan his prop became entangled, taking *Maverick* out of the race. Thank you Craig and Bob for your support of the regatta, hope your next regatta is luckier.

The regatta committee had anticipated two races, but the terrible conditions reduced it to one race.

On Saturday, June 2 we had the ever-popular Double Handed Race. Fourteen boats participated on a day that was perfect for sailors. Good wind and temperature.

The Bermuda Start worked pretty well for everyone, with the exception of Dave Lauderbaugh in *Vixen*. He made is start correctly, but was mistakenly told by the committee that he was over early. The error wasn't discovered until after he had re-started. Sorry Dave, hope we can make it up to you!

PHRF Fleet Captain, Neville Edenborough



	Boat Name	Skipper
Sailfest Spinnakers:		
1	Untamed	Hunter
2	Kahlua	Duvall
3	Avocet	Ballasch
4	Vixen	Lauderbaugh
5	Liquid Livin	Skinner
6	Ice Melted	Wilusz
7	Maverick	Hutchinson

Sailfest Non-Spinnakers:

1	Pandemonium	Deming
2	Porque Sea	Ledo

Sailfest Cruisers:

1	Tranquility	Bollin
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Double Handed Male-Male:

1	Untamed	Hunter
2	Pandemonium	Deming
3	Hunter 18	Deyerle
4	Ice Bear	Stacy
5	Victoria	Duhaime
6	Capri 22	Cooper
7	Maverick	Hutchinson
8	Cambria	Hinley
9	Alaqua Moon	Monda

Double Handed Male-Female:

1	Kahlua	Duvall
2	Whits End	Whittemore
3	No Fences	Olds
4	Vixen	Lauderbaugh
5	Free Bird	Phillips

Small Boat Racing

20 May dawned beautifully with a light northerly breeze. The race course was set up near the mouth of Rocky Bayou for the apparently building sea breeze which turned out to be a bad idea. The sea breeze looked like it would fill in and it did south of Rocky Bayou fairly well. Inside the bayou the northeast breeze fought on, winning in the end over the sea breeze. The worst part of all this is that the wind on the water was annoyingly flukey, with it switching directions at the worst opportunities for the first couple of races. The last three races were run with the course incorrectly oriented, so the starts were broad reaches and the "downwind" legs where close hauled. However, despite the wind swaps, the day was beautiful with lots of sunshine (very different from the last month when we tried this). In the end, the youngest sailor on the fastest boat made the best of the constantly changing conditions. Congratulations to Matthew Anders. He is a senior this year and will be going to the University of Wyoming in the fall, good news for the rest of us oldsters. The scores are attached below. In some cases the corrected finish times were very close. In race 2 the top 4 finishers were all within a 45-second window and in race 5, a 41-second window.

Small Boat Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter

20 May 2012 Small Boat Race Results

Skipper	Boat	D-PN	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
Matt Anders	MBYTE	90.8	1	3	2	1	1	8
Zach Kastl	LAS	91.1	2	2	1	2	2	9
Craig Deyerle	HTRI8	92.0	3	1	3	3	3	13
David Prichard	Sunfish	99.6	4	4	4	4	4	20
Jeff Hazelwood	Lone Star 13	109.5	5	5	5	5	5	25





What an action packed month we've had. The club has been racing and cruising and having a great time. Our membership is growing and we're getting into the heart of the summer. With that comes hurricane season. It's time to prepare now, not when a storm is one day out. Get your anchoring equipment ready and have a plan. When it is time don't wait till the last minute. Hopefully we will be lucky again this year.

We had a great time with the Shrimp Boil/Retirement Party. Approximately 80 people ate local shrimp from the bay and thanks to everyone for bringing lots of food to share. My family had a really nice time and thanks to Jerry, my brother-in-law, for sharing his cooking expertise with us. The party lasted into the night and a few boats even spent the night. If you left anything behind, like platter or serving utensils, please let me know and we'll get it back to you.

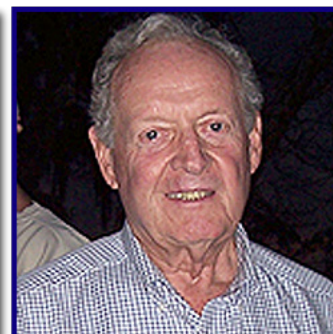
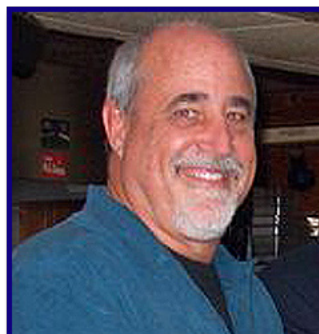
May was a big month for activities and started with the Sailfest. Thanks to our sponsor, the Wilusz's and Gulf Pool Services, for a very successful race and party. One spectacular moment occurred during the race when their boat tried to go airborne at 17 knots in the big winds. The boat turned sideways, put the mast in the water and everyone got wet, but they did manage to get back to the dock safely. The wind was high all day and the waves were even higher. The racing was fun and we had a nice party with food and drinks afterwards. The extended cruise was also in May, and 7 boats headed west. We spent 4 nights at anchor and 3 nights in marinas. We experienced a great light show from lightning anchored west of Pensacola, but it did not effect us except our happy hour was cancelled. We had a fun night at Lulu's (Jimmy Buffet's sister) marina, lunch at Pirate Cove, and a stay at a wonderful marina at Palafox in Pensacola. We even got to see a baseball game next to the marina and visit historic downtown Pensacola. Unfortunately Charlie had some transmission trouble on Iwalani but was able to limp home.

Now that we are in June we have had the Double Handed race. There was perfect weather and 13 boats participated in 2 classes, male-male and male-female. The good news was that all couples are still together after the race. Michael Phillips started everyone with a Bermuda start and the finishes were pretty close together. Highlight for our boat was getting passed by Pandemonium with 100 yards to go to the finish. With Fred aboard Pandemonium we will never hear the end of it.

Other events that have occurred over the past month include small boat racing and they really are looking for volunteers to be race committee. It's easy and fun to run these races. Please see Mark Hunter if you can help. The Round-the-Bay is coming and it's our long distance race for the summer. Registration is the night before and your Bermuda start times are assigned. There is a fun party after a full day on the water and the stories from this race are probably the best. You really get to enjoy the Bay and it's a good way to try out all the sails you have with the long run down the Bay. Please join us. Also plan for another 4th of July party at the Deming's house. They are gracious hosts and the food and party are great. Fireworks are not too bad also. Wednesday night races are going full strength with a lot of fun stories at LJ Schooners. So far we've had about 26 boats participate and the racing format is really fun.

Sadly, we've lost two club members — Ridge Nye and Walt Ruckel. Ridge served on the bridge for several years and passed away recently due to ALS. The club also lost a great friend and sponsor of the club with the passing of Walt Ruckel. He was a founding member of the club and has always been a great sponsor of many of our sailing events. Our sailor-of-the-year trophy is named after him and he will be missed. Stay active with the club and see you on the water.

Commodore Mickey Duval



Wednesday Night Races

Last night appeared to be a very nice sail. I was unable to attend the actual race but received a photo of Diamond with her rail in the water. I arrived in time to hear the lies and war stories of the night's race. It is interesting to be on the outside listening to the tales of the race / sail. Much better to be the one telling the tales though.

We had 12 boats sail last night with another new boat (Irish Lady) joining out ranks. That brings the total count of 24 different boats this season which have participated!

No style points were distributed by the race committee. The start line I heard was a little tight. The signals I heard were a little different. Even through all this, Becky Skinner on Liquid Livin' won the start.

First to the mark was Victoria (This is here 3rd first to the mark award this year). This catapults her into the leader for the season, with Avocet right behind. Diamond dropped from first to third.

The other badge of honor is to be in the top 16. There are only 16 spots on the score board hanging in the bar! Liquid Livin' joined the display board while Tranquility dropped off.

May 30 Results

12. Tranquil
11. Just Us
10. Ice Bear
9. Liquid Livin' - Won the Start
8. Free Bird
7. Cambria
6. Altair - Sailed by Heather and Banjo (our local Aussie). Did very well without the owner aboard !
5. Kahlua
4. Irish Lady - First time this season !
3. Victoria - First to mark
2. Diamond - Capt. Colleen on the con
1. Avocet - Now have 2 first to the mark, 1 first to finish

Upcoming Events

Sun., June 10	Small Boat Race
Sat., June 16	Round-the-Bay
Wed., July 4	July Fourth Party
Sat., July 7	Ladybug Regatta
Sun., July 15	Small Boat Race
Sun., July 22	Wednesday Night on Sunday Race
Sat., August 4	Night Race
Sun., August 19	Small Boat Race
September 8 - 9	Circle Raft-Up

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