



# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

January 2013

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

## BBSC FALL BANQUET

November 3, 2012

**Commodore:** Mickey Duvall, **Vice Commodore:** Pat Ballasch, **Rear Commodore:** Charlie Mauck, **Secretary:** Scott Pursell, **Treasurer:** Marilyn Ostrominski, **Fleet Captain:** Neville Edenborough, **Small Boat Captain:** Mark Hunter, **Historian:** Esther Pursell, Doris Deming, **Newsletter/Membership:** Patty Deming, **Publicity/Purchasing:** Joan McCarthy

### Bridge Members Present:

Mickey Duvall, Pat Ballasch, Charlie Mauck, Neville Edenborough, Marilyn Ostrominski, Scott Pursell, Patty Deming, Joan McCarthy

### Location:

 Clubhouse at Sunset Beach, Bluewater Bay

Prior to the meeting, all club members present enjoyed socializing during the cocktail hour which was BYOB with ice, soda and cups provided by the caterers, Memphis Q, who also served dinner which included several very delicious entrees. All bridge members were present.

### Call to order at 7:21PM:

The meeting was officially called to order at 7:21 PM by Commodore Mickey Duvall

Secretary report: As the minutes of the Spring Meeting (3/2/12) had been printed verbatim in the April Newsletter, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes on that basis.

Treasurer Marilyn Ostrominski reported a checking account balance of \$4018.29, plus the \$4000 reserve. We ended 2012 with 75 families as paid members (up from 65 in 2011), and 27 families have renewed their membership for 2013. Marilyn also thanked our year 2012 sponsors: David Vaughn, Walt Ruckel Jr, Dennis Mayhew, Bill and Gisela Redinger, Brian Gwinnup, and our race sponsors Craig Wilusz and

David Lauderbaugh. The net cost to the BBSC of all our races this year was \$824.

Rear Commodore Charlie Mauck said that the cruise west to Lulu's in Pensacola was about it for cruising this year. Mickey mentioned that we are looking for ideas on cruising; Charlie added that we definitely want to keep the Hiemstras involved, as they throw a great happy hour aboard their catamaran.

Fleet Captain Neville Edenborough began by saying that of the 15 regattas planned for the year, 14 of them came off. The "Kick-off" regatta was postponed first by rain, then effectively cancelled by too much wind. He then gave a recap of the other races, and asked for everyone's vote on (1) having snacks (hamburgers, quesadillas, brats) after the races: a strong Yes; (2) having the after-race party(s) at Helga's: a resounding No (complaints about amount of food for the price); (3) "Wednesday night" on Sunday race: Yes!

Small Boat Captain Mark Hunter: There were seven races this year, some weather postponements, etc. Mark made a plea for more BWB participation, as most of the participating racers have been from FWB. In response to a question about using the ECSA boats, Mark replied that they were for use by the kids only, not adults. Joining the FWBYC costs \$106 per year.

Commodore Mickey Duvall, before presenting the awards, gave special thanks to all those who have helped make

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our events a success: Mark Hunter who has done a lot of work keeping the small boat program alive, and general praise of Mark and Neville for all the events they have set up. One big difference this year has been due to sponsors. At this point Marty Ruckel announced that he, as a tribute to his late father, wants to donate a sum of \$3,000 to the BBSC, leaving it up to us to figure out how to use it. Mickey then had praise for Brett Hinely and the Marina for all their support; to Pat Ballasch for setting up the banquet tonight; to Memphis Q for their catering; and to Jill for the decorations.

The awards: Junior Sailor of the Year to Kevin Prichard; Jane Colee Small Boat award to Mark Hunter; Wet Wednesday award to Pat Ballasch, who had praise for Brett Hinely for his work promoting the Wednesday night races; Emma Goggin award to Neville Edenborough; Sportsmanship award to Dave Lauderbaugh; Commodores Cup, which is based on participation and performance in the "big three" races, went to Craig Wilusz for spinnaker (no one qualified for non-spinnaker). For the Bloopers Award there were six nominations: Pat Ballasch for spearing his sail trying to leave the dock, Marty Ruckel (nominated by himself) for his damaging other boat(s) during the Grand Finale, Mickey Duvall (nominated by Bill Deming) for getting himself locked in a museum, Craig Wilusz for

attempting to fly his spinnaker in the strong winds during Sailfest, Bob Hutchinson for using his boat as a mark, and Tony Mefford for "attempting to shorten his hull" by repeatedly hitting the Mid-Bay Bridge during the Round-the-Bay race. The winner was Marty Ruckel. At this point Mike Phillips thanked Pat Ballasch for his design of the Grand Finale T-shirts; Pat in turn thanked Patty Deming for her help with them. Marilyn Ostrominski was the Most Valuable Bridge Member, and the Walt Ruckel Sailor of the Year award went to Mark Hunter. Mickey again thanked Pat Ballasch for the awards.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Marty Ruckel, who generously donated his winnings to the club.

Next year's bridge members will be: Julie Barnhart as Quartermaster, Patty Deming for the Newsletter, David Prichard as Small Boats Captain, Neville Edenborough as Fleet Captain, Pete Hodges as Rear Commodore, Scott Pursell as Secretary, Marilyn Ostrominski as Treasurer, Jeff Blackburn as Vice Commodore, and Pat Ballasch as Commodore.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 PM.**



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a fun race with some twists thrown into the mix



**CHILI DOG REGATTA**  
February 9, 2013

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**PHRF FLEET  
CAPTAIN REPORT**

Well, are you tired of just sitting around the house? Are you ready for some sailboat racing? Well, just wait until January 19<sup>th</sup> for the famous **BLUENOSE REGATTA**. This is a fun event that will start the process of everyone getting back to racing form.

The rest of the schedule is pretty well firmed up.

There are two new addition to our racing schedule that have me really excited. The first is the Kick-Off Regatta which we will conduct jointly with the Eglin Yacht Club. The Eglin Yacht Club has a super facility and is willing to host a party after the race. Perhaps this will grow to be an annual event!

The other new addition is really an old idea that has been resurrected. This will be the "Race to the Park" where everyone races from the Bluewater Bay Marina to Lincoln Park. There we will meet up with the non-racers for a pitch-in picnic! I am told that this was done long ago. Sounds like a good idea to me.

Last year we had a very successful racing season with good participation. We have most of the racing sponsors back for the snacks, parties and prizes, so hopefully this year will be even better. The schedule is:

Race	Date
Bluenose Fun Race	Saturday, January 19, 2013
Chili Dog Cook-off & Fun Regatta	Saturday, February 09, 2013
Kick-Off Regatta with Eglin Yacht Club	Saturday, March 02, 2013
Spring Regatta	Saturday, March 16, 2013
Pick Your Poison	Saturday, April 13, 2013
Sailfest	Saturday, May 11, 2013
Double Handed	Saturday, June 01, 2013
Round-the-Bay	Saturday, June 22, 2013
Ladybug Regatta	Saturday, July 13, 2013
Wednesday on Sunday Race	Sunday July 21, 2013
Hot August Night Race	Saturday, August 24, 2013
Race to the Park	Saturday, September 14, 2013
Challenge Cup	Saturday, September 21, 2013
Single Handed	Saturday, October 12, 2013
Grande Finale	Saturday, October 26, 2012

See you on the water. PHRF Fleet Captain, Neville Edenborough



**BBSC** **SPRING MEETING**  
*& Membership Drive*  
**March 1, 2013**  
**6:00 pm @ Schooner's Ship Store**  
**Beer & Hors d'Oeuvres Provided**  
 For More Information — Contact: Pat Ballasch  
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**CORNER** ☆ ☆ ☆

Happy New Year to all of you! Last year was one for the books but I am sure that this year will be equally as memorable! We are so blessed to have one of the best areas in the world to sail and to be able to do so with so many fine people as we have in our club! Your bridge has already been hard at work planning a great schedule of events that includes something for everyone! We will have many of the same events that the old timers have become accustomed to along with some great new events that are sure to challenge and entertain us. We have a great bridge that will work hard to ensure that our time on the water and near the water includes something for the racer, something for the cruiser, and something for those who just plain like to hang around us sailor types. So start getting ready, get all of those broken, rusted, leaky, torn, and tired projects done on your boat so you will be ready for the fun on a safe and functional vessel!

*Wishing good wind to all of you! Patrick Ballasch*

**BLUENOSE REGATTA**

**January 19, 2013**



 **2013 BBSC MEMBER RENEWAL**

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# Upcoming Events

Sat., January 19	Bluenose Fun Race
Sat., February 9	Chili Dog Cook-off & Fun Regatta
Fri., March 1	Spring Meeting
Sat., March 2	Kick-Off Regatta
Wed., March 13	Unofficial Wednesday Night Races Start
Sat., March 16	Spring Regatta
Wed., April 3	Wednesday Night Races Start

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