



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

January 2014

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

Fall Banquet & Awards

November 16, 2013

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, KJ Diner, who also served dinner which included some very good entrees. All bridge members were present.

Call to order at 7:03PM: The meeting was officially called to order at 7:03 PM by Commodore Pat Ballasch

Bill Deming paid tribute to Bill Hanley who had recently passed away from a sudden onset of lung cancer.

Secretary Report: As the minutes of the Spring Meeting (3/1/13) 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 \$3400, plus the \$4000 reserve. We ended 2013 with 72 families as paid members, and 25 families have renewed their membership for 2014. Marilyn also thanked our year 2013 sponsors: David Vaughn, Marty Ruckel, Dennis Mayhew, Schurr Sails, Brian Gwinnup, Bob and Pat Hutchinson, and our race sponsors Craig Wilusz and David Lauderbaugh.

Rear Commodore Report: Pete Hodges began with the news that Auburn had won(!). This year has been a success, with great participation, fun, and some money left over. Pete thanked Mickey Duvall for hosting the Chili Dog and Shrimp Boil festivities, and John and Susan Hiemstra for the great parties they hosted during the cruises, and is "looking forward to next year".

PHRF Fleet Captain Report: Neville Edenborough said that we had very good participation in the races this year, and that we beat Fort Walton Beach in the Bay Challenge Cup. He thanked everyone for their participation.

Small Boat Fleet Captain: Kevin Prichard reported he greatest number of boats participating in one race was over ten; the least number in one

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COMMODORE'S



COMMODORE

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday with family and friends. I also hope everyone is working on taking care of all of your off season maintenance items and getting your boats ready for the new season. I know I have quite a few fixes I need to take care of before the races get back into full swing! We have another great year already planned for you whatever your sailing preferences are! We have a full agenda of cruises, big boat races, small boat races, and some super fun social events. So mark your calendars and get ready for a fantastic year! Our first event is the Blue Nose fun race! I hope to see you there!

Stay warm! Patrick Ballasch, BBSC Commodore

a fun race with some twists thrown into the mix

CHILI DOG REGATTA

February 8, 2014



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BLUENOSE REGATTA

January
18, 2014



SPRING MEETING

& Membership Drive

February 28, 2014

6:00 pm @
Schooner's Ship Store

Beer & Hors d'Oeuvres Provided

For More Information Contact:
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SMALL BOATS RACING 2014

Welcome to winter! I know we've had some very cold nights as of late but I want to talk to you about getting wet. Yes, I'm talking about dinghy racing in the dead of winter. The Fort Walton Yacht Club is running their "Frosty Nipple" series and it's very well attended. The last two regattas have had 22 boats on the line. The wind has varied from less than four knots to more and twenty. Please check their website for details and schedule, it's a great opportunity for challenging racing during the "off season." If winter small boat racing is too much keep in mind our six regatta series that will kickoff in April. We'll average one a month with a backup race date. If I can get enough interest, I will schedule some fun small boat events in addition to the six regattas. In the past we've played "tag" (which emphasizes boat handling and rules prowess) but we could also have a small boat "cruise" out to Boggy 1 and back. Please let me know if you have any interest in other non-racing small boat events. Lastly, although our small boat racing format has primarily been with dinghies (mono-hulls) if there is sufficient interest and commitment we can also have a catamaran class as well. Hope to see you on the water.

Small Boat Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter



race was two. Kevin congratulated Zack Kastl for being this year's small boat winner.

Patty Deming displayed the T-shirts and BBSC license plates still for sale, and apologized to those who had been receiving chewed-up newsletters in the mail. Pat Ballasch reminded everyone of the website, and that we continue to improve it.

Vice Commodore Jeff Blackburn began the awards presentations with the annual bloop award, calling for nominees. Patty Deming nominated Pat Ballasch for the time he took his crew through bad weather on the long trip to the FWYC to participate in a race that had been cancelled due to the bad weather. Joan McCarthy nominated Charlie Mauck for an incident in which he succeeded in wrapping his spinnaker around the prop shaft, which prompted Charlie to explain the incident in greater detail. This, however, did not spare him from being voted the winner of the bloop award.

The remaining awards: The Walt Ruckel Sailor of the Year award went to Mickey Duvall, who thanked his crew. The Sportsmanship award went to Craig Wilusz who also thanked his crew and his wife, with Pat Ballasch adding some further praise to Craig for his overall support of the club. Junior Sailor of the Year went to Kelly Stukbauer, accepted by Toni Hunter in Kelly's absence; the Jane Colee Small Boat award was won by Zack Kastl; the Commodores Cup, based on participation and performance in the "big three" races, went to Deborah Wilusz for spinnaker and to Mickey Duvall for non-spinnaker. The Wet Wednesday – sponsored by LJ Schooners! -- award went to Mark Hunter, who thanked all the boats that had participated in the Wednesday night races. The Emma Goggin award went to Scott Pursell; and Patty Deming was the year's Most Valuable Bridge Member.

Mark Hunter paid tribute to KJ Diner, the outfit that supplied the dinner. Pete Hodges gave special thanks to Jill and Penny for their work of decorating and setting up the Fall Banquet.

The nominations then began for next year's bridge members, who will be: Pat Ballasch as Commodore, Jeff Blackburn as Vice Commodore, Mindy Barrett as Secretary, Marilyn Ostrominski as Treasurer, Patty Deming for the Newsletter, Zack Kastl as Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter as Small Boats Captain, Jena Ulven as Quartermaster, and Paul McCarley as Rear Commodore. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 PM.**

Secretary Scott Pursell



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2014 BBSC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

email: _____

email categories: ☐ Cruises ☐ Small Boat

Boat Type: _____

Names on Cards: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work (optional): _____

Cell (optional): _____

Other (optional): _____

☐ PHRF Racing ☐ General Activities

Boat Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BBSC respects our Member's privacy and does not disclose any personal information to outside parties

Return Form with checks payable to BBSC:

1 Membership Renewal x \$50 + _____

Bluewater Bay Sailing Club

attention: Treasurer

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Total = _____

Upcoming Events

Sat., January 18	Bluenose Fun Race
Sat., February 8	Chili Dog Cook-off & Fun Regatta
Fri., February 28	Spring Meeting
Sat., March 1	Kick-Off Regatta with Eglin Yacht Club
Wed., March 12	Unofficial Wednesday Night Races Start
Sat., March 15	Spring Regatta
Wed., April 2	Wednesday Night Races Start

2014 BLUEWATER BAY SAILING CLUB BRIDGE

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