



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

March 2014

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



SPRING MEETING & Membership Drive

February 28, 2014

Bridge Members Present:

Pat Ballasch, Jeff Blackburn, Patty Deming, Paul McCarly, Mark Hunter, Zack Kastl, Jana Ulven and Mindy Barrett

Location: Ship's store at BWB Marina.

The meeting immediately followed the skippers meeting for Saturday's kickoff Regatta, and the turnout was standing room only.

Call to order at 6:00 PM By Commodore Pat Ballasch

Pat welcomed all those attending the meeting and thanked Brett Hinley for his support and cooperating with scheduling events for the Bluewater Sailing Club. Pat welcomed new members, Maxine Howland and Bill Turney and then introduced the 2014 Bridge Members.



Pat reported for Treasurer Marilyn Ostrominski checking balance is \$8959.73, included is the \$4000.00 reserve.

Pat then stated that sponsors are still needed for upcoming races. The Sailfest is the only sponsored race as of now and thanked Craig Wilusz for his generous contribution.

Fleet Captain(Zack Kastl)

Zack stated his position was made easy since following the previous fleet captain Neville Edenborough and with that stated no need for changes and the schedule will remain the same as last year.

Zack said volunteers are needed for race committee and he will be passing around a signup sheet.

Rear Commodore (Paul McCarly)

Paul present was perfectly timed with delivering adult beverages.

Paul is looking for input from cruising members and if anyone has ideas send him an email.

There was a consensus that the big cruise should head east to avoid dealing with bridges and Friday night rafts ups are a popular event.

Small Boat Captain (Mark Hunter)

Mark reported 8 small boat races are on the calendar, mostly a Sunday event starting at 1:00pm. This is open to boats 18 feet or less and entrance fee is \$5.00 per adult.

Mark is also looking for volunteers for race committee and offered to coach anyone through to racing sequence.

Newsletter (Patty Deming)

Patty is looking at ways to cut down the cost of mailing out the newsletter and suggested emailing them to members. If anyone would like a hard copy you should email Patty.

Patty is also working on updating the newsletter online.

Quarter Master (Jana Ulven)

Jana was full of new ideas on how to get more participation in the sailing club as well as ways to bring in more revenue. Jana suggested having Fun Wednesday night sailing t-shirts made up as well as koozies and ball caps.

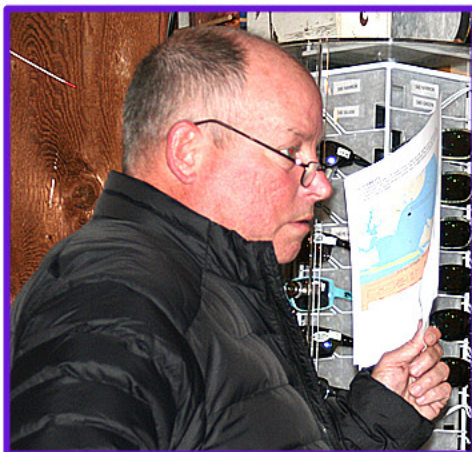
She would also like to see more communication between bridge members and members that sail and cruise. One idea was to have a signup sheet for boat owners looking for crew and one for people that want to crew but are not boat owners.

Jana also asked if members would prefer getting a text notice rather than an email about upcoming events or cancellations.

Vice commodore (Jeff Blackburn)

Jeff is looking for new ideas for trophies this season, one's that manage the cost to the race fee.

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CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHAMPIONS

Dave Ullman Selected as Special Guest Competitor at 2014 Championship of Champions

Imagine a regatta where every competitor is a current one-design class champion.

US Sailing's Championship of Champions is recognized as one of the more unique adult racing events in the country. All helmsmen have qualified for this event by winning a one-design class National, North American, or World Championship in the over the past year. These skippers and their teams will race for the Jack Brown Trophy while representing their class. The competition will be challenging with many decorated sailors competing on the same course. The 2014 edition of this US Sailing classic is hosted by the Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland, Ohio on October 9-12.

Each year a guest helm is invited. Past guest helms have included Paul Cayard and Betsy Alison, and other sailing luminaries. This year's guest competitor will be three-time 470 World Champion ('77, '78, '80) and 2007 Melges 24 World Champion Dave Ullman. He was also US Sailing's 1996 Rolex Yachtsman of the Year.

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"It's a strong event again, and when I got the invite, how could I say no," said Ullman. "This championship has a warm spot in my heart. You get to race against, and meet with, sailors you don't usually sail with. It's just fun to sail against all sorts of one-design champions."

"It's all about coming into this event from another class and sailing your best. It can be really interesting to see how it turns out and who comes out on top."

Inaugurated in 1976, US Sailing selects 19 one-design class champions that have been nominated by their class associations to compete at the Championship of Champions. As one of US Sailing's most popular events, the championship is held in a different class each year, and boats are supplied by the host club. Classes range from conventional to cutting edge and have included the Y-Flyer, Snipe, Hobie Cat, J-24, Sunfish, Etchell, Lightning to name just a few. Helmsmen and their crew will be tested in Thistles to see if they can hold their own.

The event has crowned champions ranging in age from 13 to over 70. Many competitors are amateur sailors and some are professionals. The Championship of Champions features singlehanded sailors and others who sail with up to five or six crew.

What makes this event unique is that all are top competitors and anyone can win.

Here are additional requirements:

- The qualifying period is from August 1, 2013 – July 31, 2014.
- Champions and their classes must be current members of US Sailing and American citizens or permanent residents.

- Applications are accepted from January through July.

Sailors who normally sail in the U.S. and are members of a club, class or association affiliated with US Sailing are eligible.

Applications are evaluated on three main criteria:

- 40% Sailor Criteria – how many major events have they done in the past three years; number of races in national championship, number of attendants at national championship
- 20% Class Criteria – size, diversity, depth and activity of class nationally
- 40% Other – Sailor Athlete status, class membership in US Sailing, previous experience, demonstrated Corinthian spirit, etc.

The team of selectors researches each applicant's ability and background by examining regatta results, drawing on personal knowledge and researching the relative difficulty of the class championships. The Championship of Champions committee tries to get as many divergent classes as possible. Classes that have never proposed a champion to compete are encouraged to do so. In 2013, over 60% of the competitors had never sailed in the event before.

Invitations will be issued in early August, 2014. Apply now at <http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/CofC.htm>.

About US Sailing

The United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the national governing body for sailing, provides leadership, integrity, and growth for the sport in the United States. Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, US Sailing is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. US Sailing offers training and education programs for instructors and race officials, supports a wide range of sailing organizations and communities, issues offshore rating certificates, and provides administration and oversight of competitive sailing across the country, including National Championships and the US Sailing Team Sperry Top-Sider. For more information, please visit www.ussailing.org.



2013 winners Brian Keane, Steve Hunt and Victor Diaz De Leon.

Courtesy of photographer Joe Reyes.



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT



Pick-Your-Poison regatta on 12-April. This race poses a challenge to the navigators as there are multiple courses available, just make sure to pick the right one...

PHRF Fleet Captain, Zack Kastl

Winter sailing is behind us now (I hope) and it was fantastic! Our annual Chili Dog race went off without a hitch. We set up a course that was quite simple, but the additional rules involved added a little twist to the race. Starting at anchor, the fleet was required to demonstrate that they had on board a fire extinguisher, a full compliment of PFDs, a functioning radio and the ability to execute a MOB drill. These exercises should always be current, and the fleet demonstrated their expert ability. The only remaining requirement of the race was to finish the race sailing backwards. I consider this to be a basic racing skill but, judging from the muffled protests from the fleet, I am in the minority. All of this was followed up by the hospitality of the Duvalls who hosted the Chili cookoff/after-race party at their home. A good time was had by all and the award for the best chili went to Noah Ballasch.

On March 1st, we had the annual "Kickoff Regatta" that was cooperatively run by Bluewater Bay Sailing Club, Eglin Yacht Club and the Fort Walton Yacht Club. Fort Walton set a course that all the crews enjoyed (one tack out, one gybe back) in some glorious Florida winter weather. The party after the race was expertly hosted by the volunteers at the Eglin Yacht Club and everyone made it back around dark.

We have a couple of races coming up that want your participation! Saturday, 15-MAR is the Spring regatta. This is the first "real" PHRF race of the year, and if you haven't gotten out yet, don't miss this one. After that, we have the

Eglin/BBSC Kick-off Regatta Results

Place	Boat	Captain
Spinnaker		
1	Epiphany	Mark Hunter
2	Two Pot Screamer II	David Vaughan
3	Pandemonium	Bill Deming
Non-Spinnaker		
1	Vixen	David Lauderbaugh
2	Diamond	Brett Hinley
3	South Wind	Pat Ballash
4	Island Girl	Maxine Howland
5	Bat 06	Maggie Brown
6	Iwalani	Charlie Mauck

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Greetings sailors! I hope everyone is as excited as I am that daylight savings is finally here! We will soon return to our Wednesday night sailing and begin enjoying our longer days after work! We have a lot of fun events in store for everyone so please stay tuned to our website and make sure you "friend" us on FaceBook. Thanks also to everyone who attended our spring meeting at The Marine Store at the Blue Water Bay Marina Complex. We had a great turnout! We also had a really fun day of racing at the 2nd annual Kick Off regatta which was a collaboration of the Eglin Yacht Club, BBSC, and the Fort Walton Beach Yacht Club. Once again Eglin was an excellent host for the after race party and continues to set the bar for future race events. Fort Walton YC also did a great job of conducting the race and providing the committee and committee boat. The next event will be the Spring Regatta on March 15th so I hope you are getting your boats ready and if you are a crew member, finding your ride for the day. If you are a cruiser, you are always encouraged to come out and enjoy the sailing as well as meeting us after the race for some good social time.

Please make sure you are reaching out to your bridge members to let us know what we are doing well as well as how we can better serve the club. Without feedback, we are doomed to make the same mistakes or miss opportunities to change things up to serve you better.

Here's to longer days and warmer breezes! — Patrick Ballasch, BBSC Commodore

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Jeff would like to make every race and event a fun social event.

Jeff said even though the race to the park was a slow race everyone one enjoyed the party at the park and he would like to see more events like that.

Brett Hinley

March 26 will be the first meeting of the Wednesday evening Fun Sail and there will be new rules.

Pat thanked Brett and said he has a huge gratitude for all he does for the sailing club.

Pat Ballasch

Opened the floor for discussion. Pat said calendars are available for members and passed them around.

Jana stated she would like to see more fun races, suggested including a poker run or treasure hunt.

Mark Hunter suggested extending the sailing season through November even December since summer months temperatures are so hot and starting the sailing season earlier. The bridge will consider a proposal next year.

There was also a suggestion from the floor that race sponsors get their yearly dues paid as well as two race t-shirts. There was a discussion on how much the sponsorship should be and a motion and second the sponsor will donate \$300 or more. Motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:43 PM



All prices include the cost of adding your boat name.

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Light Blue

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Boat Bags: \$30

Royal, Navy, Hunter

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Add logo & boat name
to your own article

License Plates: \$10

(without name)

For additional information go
to www.bbsc.com or contact
Jana Ulven at
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Upcoming Events

Wed., March 12	Unofficial Wednesday Night Races Start
Sat., March 15	Spring Regatta
Wed., April 2	Wednesday Night Races Start
Sat., April 12	Pick Your Poison
Sun., April 13	Small Boat Race
Fri., April 25	Friday Night Raft Up
Sat., May 3	Shrimp Boil
Sun., May 4	Small Boat Race

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