



# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

June 2014

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

## Westward Bound Spring Cruise 2014

We began the Spring Cruise at Marker 50 with Irish Lady (Neville and Joan), Island Time (Pete and Kathy), Estrellita (Chic and Patti) and Iwalani (Charlie and Kathy) on May 18th. The weather was perfect...sunny, breezy and no bugs! We enjoyed happy hour on Irish Lady followed by a beautiful sunset. The next morning (May 19<sup>th</sup>) Irish Lady headed back to Niceville and Island Time, Estrellita and Iwalani headed west to Red Fish Point. The winds were in our favor so we were able to get in some sailing on the journey!

After getting settled in, we took a walk on the beach and enjoyed drinks and dinner on Iwalani (complete with Mojitos). The next morning (May 20<sup>th</sup>) we decided to take a long journey (ha ha) to the anchorage at Fort Mcree. Probably took us all of 15 minutes for the trip!! But the breeze was great and the views were awesome at the new location. We enjoyed some beach and relaxing time followed by drinks and dinner on Island Time (complete with Pain Killers). Then a round of everyone (and I mean everyone) taking a turn at the sunset ritual of sounding the conch!! This was impressive to see! ☺

On Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Charlie and Kathy decided to stay on at Fort Mcree while Pete and Kathy and Chic and Patti headed to Pensacola. Once docked, we ventured out in search of a grand dinner. We decided on Global Grill which turned out to be fabulous!

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Pete and Kathy introduced Chic and Patti to the Dog House for breakfast (yummy!) and then a walking tour of Pensacola. Kevin and Debbie Wildt joined up with them later in the morning. Lunch was at the World of Beers (a must for Pensacola, great food and selection of beers) and then more checking out Pensacola; complete with a tour of the Pensacola Hardware Store, a photo of Debbie the mermaid and the mug shop (that is a story in itself!). Charlie and Kathy arrived later that afternoon after rescuing an Australian Shepherd at the Fort Mcree anchorage (great job Charlie!!). We all headed to an outdoor concert in the park to hear "No Fab" (a British group that performed Beatles music) and enjoyed some fine beer from the brewery across the street! Then on to Seville Quarter for dinner a lot of college students for College Night and the ending of a four month Tattoo contest!!!

We began our journey back to Niceville on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, stopping off at Marker 50 for the last night. The sailing on the way back was great. Unfortunately the breeze died down for the anchorage that night. We knew our fabulous weather was about to take a turn to the warmer side. We all headed back on the morning of May 24<sup>th</sup> to our docking places after a great week of relaxing, fabulous weather, great food and great drinks. Heading west provided us with a really wonderful week of sailing, anchoring out and fond memories.

Cruiser, Patti Fries





# Wednesday Night Races

It is getting interesting! On June 21st, we had 15 boats start. 14 finish legally. Hobie Won Kanobie finished but did not complete their full two performance turns prior to finishing.

Epiphany took the out going turning mark honors after their required two performance turns. Now they have three !!! Watch them.

The wind was medium S-SW 10-15 kts. Stella ran a running gate start sequence and pulled it off under sail.

The lead boats shot out and where able to pinch up over the East shoal bank and make the run to Grass Lake without tacking. The rest of us had to tack twice before making the rhumb line (or rum line for some)

Race Committee issued -1 style point to Push It Up for not picking up the marks

The finishing places were:

15. DNF - Hobie Won Kanobie
14. El Gato Negro (lost their main halyard at the start)
13. Cambria
12. Avocet
11. Maverick
10. Shenanigan
9. Epiphany (by about 5 feet)
8. Southwind
7. Stella
6. Island Girl
5. Chili Pepper
4. Lavita
3. Irish Lady
2. Diamond
1. Push It Up

*Wednesday Night Racing Czar, Brett E. Hinely*



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Sailfest went off despite the murky skies and suspect weather forecast. Eight boats registered, four in each class. The non-spinnaker fleet rounded government marks while the spinnaker fleet did two windward/leewards. Dinner and awards were held at LJ Schooner's. Special thanks to the sponsors, Gulf Pool Service (ie., Craig and Deborah Wilusz).



	Place	Boat Name	Captain
Spinnaker	1	Myassaur	Deborah Wilusz
	2	Epiphany	Mark Hunter
	3	Avocet	Pat Ballasch
	4	Shenanigan	Grover Niles
Non-Spinnaker	1	Kahlua	Mickey Duval
	2	Vixen	David Lauderbaugh
	3	Irish Lady	Neville Edenborough
	4	Glory	Gisela Redinger

# COMMODORE'S

STORY



I hate being right! I just knew when winter let go of her chilly grip on us we would head straight past the spring weather and directly into the muggy days of summer! It seems that we are now in for a long warm summer so get your suntan lotion supply, your sunglasses polished up, and your favorite swimming and warm weather apparel out, summer is here! Thankfully, the sailing season is in full swing. We are already through with Sailfest which was a great race with cool shirts and trophies. Thanks again to Gulf Pool Service for your sponsorship! I believe that the cruisers have all made it back safely from the extended cruise. Wednesday night sailing is in full effect with consistently 14 or more boats in each race. In addition, the small boats have also already had

some fun races. Keep an eye on our schedule for the events that interest you whether it is racing, cruising, or just socializing. There should be something for everyone! Thanks again to all of you who volunteer your time for this club whether its running a race, helping with trophies, bringing friends to our events, tending the grill, or hosting events at your home. We can't do what we do without everyone chipping in and your help is truly appreciated!

*I look forward to seeing you on or around the water!*

Patrick Ballasch, BBSC Commodore

## SMALL BOATS RACING

The second small boat regatta went off without too much of a hitch. The wind filled in with a sea breeze from the southwest and topped out around 15 knots. The day was beautiful though the water was still a bit brown. We were able to get in six fast races. The starts were usually competitive with a couple of OCS calls which required a restart. On the fourth start, it was as close to perfect as possible. At the gun, all the boats were lined up together and just inches from the start line moving at full speed. It was a joy to witness such a great start. The races were dominated by Russell Brown though on a couple of races he corrected out only a few seconds from second place.

Now for the less than stellar news, it was a small field compared to the last small boat regatta were we had double the turnout. I want to make sure all of you with small boat aspirations are thinking about coming out and racing next time. The next small boat regatta is on June 8. I hope you mark your calendars now and plan on joining us. I also want to thank the high school kids for coming out. Fresh perspective and youth on the course keeps the racing lively.

See you out on the water, Mark.

Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total Score	Place
Ian Hunter	3	2	2	2	2	2	13	2
Britt Drake	4	4	3	3	3	5	22	4
Russell Brown	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1
Kelly Stukbauer & Adam Metruck	2	3	4	4	4	3	20	3
Brett Hinely	5	5	5	5	5	4	29	5



## Fourth of July

The Demings have a family commitment on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend this year and we regretfully will not be able to host the fireworks picnic for the first time in many years. We will miss this tradition but Niceville's show will still go on in Boggy Bayou. We will gladly resume the celebration next time around.

## We have overstock!!

Two XL t-shirts from the Grand Finale 2013 (orange).

One SM t-shirt from Sailfest 2013 (bright green)

Multiple XL and a few L heat wicking t-shirts from Sailfest 2014

They are \$15 each.

Contact Jana!!

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# Upcoming Events

Sun., June 8	Small Boat Race
Fri., June 20	Round the Bay Registration
Sat., June 21	Round the Bay*
Sun., June 29	Small Boat Race
Sat., July 12	Ladybug Regatta
Sun., July 20	Wednesday on Sunday Race
Fri., July 25	Friday Night Raft Up
Sun., July 27	Small Boat Race
Sat., August 9	Hot August Night Race

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