



# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

July 2014

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



## Wednesday Night Races

For the July 2nd Wednesday Night there was a nice sea breeze averaging at 12 kts. Irish Lady was the race committee and ran a conventional start.

+1 style points was given to Kahlua for nailing the start

Epiphany made it to the turning mark first after performing 6 performance turns. Shenanigan was in hot pursuit.

Finish places are as follows:

12. Shenanigan
11. Kahlua
10. Johana Rose
9. Maverick
8. Iwalani
7. Push It Up
6. El Gatto Negro
5. Epiphany
4. Avocet
3. Lavita
2. Hobie Won Kenobi
1. Wooly Bully

On June 25th, we had an enjoyable unexpected nice Southwest breeze.

The start was delayed due to several participants pleading they were stuck on the midbay bridge. As a result nobody made the mark before the turn around time of 6:45

We had 10 boats marked down for finishing ( I thought we had 11 boats. If someone is missing please let me know) I will list the boats in their finishing positions, but the top two finishers did not do their required performance turns so the third boat across the line was the recipient of the award and the points.

10. Stickman
9. Lavita
8. Diamond
7. Kahlua
6. Marcy
5. Avocet
4. Hobie Won Kenobi
3. Victoria
2. Shenanigan
1. El Gatto Negro

Wednesday Night Racing Czar, Brett Hinely

### Current Standings

Vessel	Points			360 Turns Required Before:	
	Current	Previous	Total	Turning Mark	Finish
Epiphany	4	27	31	7	
Hobie Won Kanobie	1	16	17	2	4
Avocet	1	15	16		1
Shenanigan	1	12	13		1
Stickman		12	12	2	
El Gatto Negro	1	10	11		1
Lavita	1	10	11		2
Diamond		10	10		
Push It Up	1	9	10		2
Irish Lady	2	7	9		
South Wind		9	9		
Stella		8	8		
Cambria		7	7		
Just Us		7	7		1
Kahlua	2	5	7		
Maverick	1	6	7	1	
Island Girl		6	6		

Vessel	Points			360 Turns Required Before:	
	Current	Previous	Total	Turning Mark	Finish
Iwalani	1	5	6		
Victoria		6	6		1
Chili Pepper		5	5		
Wooly Bully	3	2	5		1
La Flama Blanca		3	3		
Marcy		3	3		
Whits End		3	3		
Adagio		2	2		
Glory		2	2		
Head High		2	2		
Johanna Rose	1	1	2		
Rummerful		2	2		
Vixen		2	2		
Gretel		1	1		
Nauti Habit		1	1		
Spindrift		1	1		
Tranquilo		1	1		

# Why Boats Sink

## 10 Prevention Tips from BoatUS

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 30, 2014 -- When a boat sinks, that's likely the end of her. That's because repairs on a sunken boat often cost more than the actual value of the boat. So if boaters want to prevent a sinking at all costs, what can they do? Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) recently took its first significant look since 2006 at its boat insurance claims files to identify the causes of boat sinkings and found that most were preventable. About two out of every three (69%) boats sink at the dock or mooring, while the remainder (31%) sink while underway.

Of all of the dock/mooring sinkings, 39% occur when some small part gives up the fight with water due to wear, tear and corrosion. When it comes to gradual leaks due to slowly failing parts, too many boats existed in a "zombie state" somewhere between floating and sinking, dependent upon the bilge pump, which merely postponed the sinking until the pump failed or was overwhelmed. This one is a no-brainer: lack of maintenance is the factor here.

For boat sinkings while underway, the most common cause (43%) is hitting something – a log, the bottom or colliding with another boat or dock. Some of these sinkings might have been avoided if some extra care had been taken – and some can be chalked up to simply bad luck.

Interestingly, low-cut transoms that were common on boats in the 1990's and a cause of sinkings is no longer much of a factor, as contained splash wells separating the interior of the boat from the transom are more common in boat designs today. However, being swamped while tied stern-to waves remains a cause.

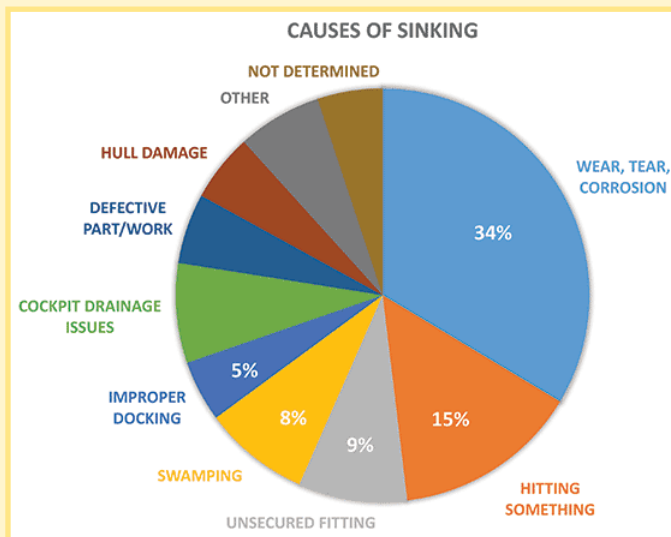
To prevent a sinking, here are ten tips from the boat



Most boats sink at the dock, like this center console that went under due to a failed hose clamp.

owner's group:

- For inboard-outboard powered boats, inspect sterndrive bellows annually and replace every three to five years. The shift bellows is usually the first to fail.
- For inboard powered boats, check the stuffing box every time you visit the boat, and repack – rather than simply tighten down the nut – every spring.
- For engines with raw water hoses, replace them the moment they indicate wear – such as when small cracks appear or they feel "spongy" when squeezed. Rusty hose clamps are also a concern and should be replaced.
- Replace the engine cooling system impeller every two to three years.
- Inspect the boat's cockpit and livewell plumbing – again look at hoses, clamps, and cracked or broken fittings. Make sure you can inspect all such plumbing, and if you can't, install inspection ports to make the task easier.
- Each season take a hard look at all below-waterline fittings, hoses, and clamps.
- Don't forget the drain plug – you knew this one would be on the list.
- Keep a good lookout and ask guests to help keep their eyes peeled for deadheads. If you've grounded or hit something, consider a short-haul to inspect the bottom or drive gear.
- Always pull trailerable boats from the water when storms are forecast. These boats generally have too little freeboard to stand up to any kind of wave action.
- Dock line management systems that keep the boat centered in its slip can prevent snags that sometimes lead to a sinking.





# SMALL BOATS RACING

Wow! That was some close racing. The 27 June small boat regatta wasn't the largest, in fact it was one of the smallest this year. However, it was the most competitive. The wind started out light from the south-southwest and built up to 14 knots or so during the afternoon. Mickey Duvall set up a good right-hand triangle course with a hard (almost 90 degree turn) gybe mark. This set the stage for some good planning opportunities for all the boats. The finishes were very close with only a few seconds separating the boats. In fact, the fourth race saw a tie for first. Ian Hunter and Kelly Stukbauer (both from the Niceville High School Sailing Club) got their first taste of the Vanguard 15 and seemed to like it, a lot. Russell Brown would likely have dominated the regatta if not for apparent equipment failure during races three and four. I hope more folks come out for the next small boat regatta on 27 July.

*See you out on the water!*

*Mark Hunter, Small Boat Fleet Captain*

Skipper	Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total
Craig Deyerle	HTR18	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	28.0
Ian Hunter	V-15	3.0	4.0	2.0	1.5	3.0	1.0	14.5
Russell Brown	LAS	1.0	1.0	6.0	6.0	1.0	3.0	18.0
Zack Kastl	LAS	4.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	20.0
Mark Hunter	MBYTE	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	11.5



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## Cruisers:

1: Glory

DNF: Marcy

DNF: Sea Cup

## Non-Spinnaker:

1: Pandemonium

2: Vixen

3: Kahlua

4: Stella De La Mer

## Spinnaker:

1: Epiphany

2: Shenanigan

3: Maverick

4: Avocet

5: Push It Up



# ROUND THE BAY



# Upcoming Events

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
Sun., August 17	Small Boat Race
Fri., August 22	Friday Night Raft Up
Sat., September 6	Race to the Park
September 13-14	Bluewater Bay Marina's Circle Raft-Up

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