



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

August/September 2014

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

SMALL BOATS RACING

The fifth small boat regatta on July 27th was different. The first two races were raced in a nice 12-15 knot breeze. However, the first race started with a bit of a SNAFU as the electronic horn was not up to the job as not all the racers heard the horn signals, which is critical to how we are starting races, using only sound signals. So, a couple of the racers suffered from the start. During the second race a rain storm developed over the bayou and then became an actual thunderstorm. Luckily, most of the lightening stayed to the west. After the storm cleared out, the racing resumed though two skippers withdrew from the during the storm. Most likely all would have retired but the Cooke/Brown/Drake crowd were trapped in the marina during the storm as their way home was to sail to Boggy. In the end, Russell Brown again prevailed. I want to thank Bill and Patty Deming for persevering through the weather to run the races. There were several regular racers out of town for this event.

The small boat regatta held on Sunday, August 17th, occurred under a threatening sky for the whole day. Luckily, the storms and rain stayed just to the north though we could see the lightening on some occasions. The breeze was a very steady 14-18 knots from the S-SW. So, even though we had clouds and rain close by, the racers had a great day. With the westerly component to the breeze, the course was set near the mouth of Rocky bayou in order to provide reasonable distances on the legs. The racing started with five boats but quickly necked down to a Laser three-some between Russell Brown, Zack Kastl and Britt Drake. The kids in the Vanguard 15 and Byte had enough of the conditions fairly quickly. In the end, Russell held out with four bullets and a second in the last race (due to a capsized at the gybe mark). Thanks to all who raced.

The next small boat regatta is slated for 14 Sep. As of now, we don't have a race committee. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer.

See you out on the water!

Mark Hunter, Small Boat Fleet Captain



Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total	Place
July 27						
Russell Brown	1	1	2		4.0	1
Robert Harrison	2	2	6		10.0	3
Britt Drake	3	4	3		10.0	4
Darren Cooke	4	3	1		8.0	2
Craig Deyerle	5	5	6		16.0	5
August 17						
Russell Brown	1	1	1	2	5	1
Britt Drake	2	4	2	3	11	3
Ian Hunter	4	3	6	6	19	4
Zack Kastl	3	2	3	1	9	2
Kelly Stukbauer	5	6	6	6	23	5





CHALLENGE CUP September 20 @ BBSC

We had a nice quick sail to Grass Lake last week. We had 23 boats and race committee was Diamond who set a nice long line and was on time on target for the start with all appropriate flag and horns. (pure luck) No style points were handed out (positive or negative)...Though....Avocet was a strong contender for their barging tactics.

First to the mark was a close one. Shenanigan too it by a nose. Avocet was second. Diamond third. Race home was nice reach to close reach. 2 or 3 chutes appeared but most decided against it. Finish places were lost but the important ones remain in my steel trap mind.

DNF - Irish Lady didn't finish but did bring in the results and the marks

11. South Wind and 1. Tranquilo

You can fill in the blanks with Shenanigan, Avocet, Diamond, Capricious, Push It Up, Kahlua, Irish Lady, Just Us, Tranquilo, Vixen, Sharktooth

Wednesday Night Racing Czar, Brett Hinely

10:00 – 11:00 Registration

11:00 Skippers Meeting

12:00 First Warning



The 2014 Race to the Park was looking a little sketchy at the prescribed start time of 1200. Luckily Vixen was a little late getting out to the starting area in Rocky Bayou and the delay gave the sea breeze the few extra minutes it needed to fill in. With only seconds to go to the start, the sea breeze came in strong. All five boats had a close start with Avocet first to cross. The course was straightforward, out to the mid-bay bridge buoy #58, a starboard rounding and then to the finish line in front of Lincoln Park.

The breeze stayed up and even increased with the passing thunderstorm to the north. The boats close-reached to 58 and beam-reached north to Boggy. The top breeze hit about 14 knots with Pandemonium leading the pack back from 58 and into Boggy Bayou. At that point the northerly breeze from the thunderstorm turned a run into a beat. Pandemonium continued to beat into the dying northerly breeze like a champ and easily won the race (first to the dock, first to the food). All the boats had a great time in the sea breeze but less so in the light air of Boggy.

Cruisers:

1	Pandemonium
2	Avocet
3	Just Us
4	Vixen
5	Push It Up



From the Archives

The BBSC recently purchased a bookcase for the archives/scrapbooks which will be installed at the Shipstore (thanks to the Marina). During the moving, Doris Deming uncovered the write up for the first regatta held by the Bayou Sailing Club, today's Bluewater Bay Sailing Club.

First REGATTA

The first Regatta of the newly formed Bayou Sailing Club was held on September 26th, 1965. 10 entries.

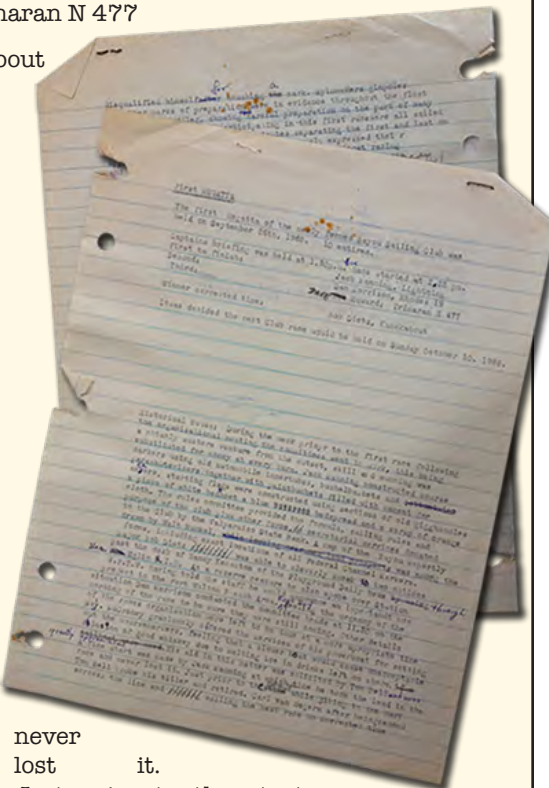
Captains briefing was held at 1:30p.m. The race started at 2:25 p.m.

First to finish: Jack Manning, Lightning
Second: Dan Morrison, Rhodes 19
Third: Dave Howard, Trimaran N 477

Winner corrected time: Bob Dietz, Knockabout

It was decided the next Club race would be held on Sunday October 10, 1965.

Historical Notes: During the week prior to the first race following the organizational meeting the committees went to work, this being a notably austere venture from the outset, skill and cunning was substituted for money at every turn. Jack Manning constructed course markers using old automobile innertubes, bushel baskets and parachuterisers together with paintbuckets filled with cement for anchors, starting flags were constructed using sections of old gigghandles a piece of white bedsheet a blue bedspread and a scrap of orange cloth. The rules committee provided the formula, sailing rules and purpose of the club plus other forms, secretarial services donated to the Club by the Valparaiso State Bank. A map of the Bayou expertly drawn by Walt Ruckel, was among the forms, including exact locations of all Federal Channel Markers. Major Bob Dietz was able to cleverly sneak two notices past the desk of Nancy Kenaston of the Playground Daily News through the Eglin I.O. As a reserve measure he also spoke over the Station W.F.T.W. having told the staff he would announce an important new project in the Fort Walton Beach Area. Race Day, feeling the urgency of the situation Dan Morrison contacted the committee heads at 1:30 on the morning of the race to be sure they were still coming. Other details of the races organization were left to be done at a more appropriate time. Maj. McCraney graciously offered the services of his powerboat for setting out the coursemarkers, feeling a slower boat would cause unacceptable dilution of good whiskey due to melting ice in drinks left on shore. His aid in this matter was solicited by Tom Bell and was greatly appreciated. A fine start was made by Jack Manning at which time he took the lead in the race and



never lost it.

Just prior to the start while jibing to the mark Tom Bell broke his tiller and retired. Carl Van Wegern after being second across the line and sailing the best race on corrected time disqualified himself for touching a mark. Spinnakers ginpoles and other marks of preparation were in evidence throughout the fleet on each downwind leg, showing careful preparation on the part of many skippers. The ten boats participating in the first race were all sailed quite well, there only being 13 minutes separating the first and last on corrected time. All participants spontaneously expressed their appreciation for this chance to participate in sailboat racing and felt the clubs approach to sailing competition in this area a correct one. Club members felt this first regatta to have been successful and the promise for further growth of the club's activities a likely prospect.

For those who would like the BBSC logo or boat names embroidered onto your own swag (clothing), please contact Jana at quarter-master@bbsc.com

We still have shirts left from last year's Grand Finale as well as Spring 2014 Sailfest!! Help us move these out of inventory and into the closets of those who love to participate in and represent the club!!



All prices include the cost of adding your boat name.

Order form on
www.bbsc.com.

Golf shirts: \$30

Men's, Ladies;
White, Light Blue, and Navy.

Denim Shirts: \$35

Ladies', Men's.
Long or Short Sleeve

Pullover Hoodie: \$30

Light Blue

Zippered Hoodie: \$45

Light Blue

Baseball Hats: \$18

Boat Bags: \$30

Royal, Navy, Hunter

Provided Article: \$30

Add logo & boat name
to your own article

License Plates: \$10
(without name)

For additional information go
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Upcoming Events

September 13-14	Bluewater Bay Marina's Circle Raft Up
Sun., September 14	Small Boat Race
Sat., September 20	Challenge Cup
Wed., September 25	Last Official Wednesday Night
Sun., September 28	Small Boat Race
Sept. 27 to Oct. 5	Fall Cruise
Wed., October 1	Unofficial Wednesday Night Races Start

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