



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

January/February 2015

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

Fall Banquet & Awards

November 15, 2014

Location: Joey's Italian Grille, Niceville, Florida

Prior to the meeting, all club members enjoyed socializing during the cocktail hour, a cash bar, soft drinks and ice tea were available along with delicious appetizers. Dinner was served family style and included a house garden salad and four main entrees. Bridge members Jana Ulven and Paul McCarly were absent.

Call to order at 7:22 PM By Commodore Pat Ballasch

The meeting was officially called to order at 7:22pm by Commodore Pat Ballasch. Pat welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

Treasurer Marilyn Ostrominski reported a checking account balance and the financial standings. We ended 2014 with 73 paid members and 25 members have renewed their membership for 2015. Marilyn thanked our 2014 sponsors: Craig and Debra Wilusz of Gulf Pool Services for their sponsor of The Sailfest Race and Pat Ballasch or DAGS Architects for their sponsor of The Grande Finale Race. Both will receive a complimentary membership to BBSC. Marilyn also thanked David Vaughn, D C V Homeworks for his donation as well as an anonymous donation of \$13.15. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the treasurers report.

Fleet Captain report by Zack Kastl: Thanked sponsors and race committees for this season's races. Zack also thanked all those sailors that participated for the Commander's cup and the Sailor's cup.



Small Boat Fleet Captain: Mark Hunter reported there were seven small boat events this season. The last event was canceled due to weather related conditions. Mark wanted to thank all that helped him out and said next year he would like to see more consistency and more participation. He also thanked Ft. Walton Yacht Club and said he appreciated their participation as well as all the high school students. Mark reported the largest turnout being 12 boats and the least was three boats.

Patty Deming stated the clubs finances are doing well mainly from the cost saved by emailing the newsletters instead mailing them out, but hard copies are available if anyone would like one. Everyone thanked Patty for all she does for the club.

Rear Commodore's report: Paul McCarly was absent so Pete Hodges was asked to give a report. The first event had twelve boats participating in the Friday night Fun night. Five boats participated in an extended cruise that headed to Pensacola, Spector Island, Redfish Point, to a Brewery, and a concert in the park. It was fairwinds and good sailing both ways.

Vice Commodore Jeff Blackburn had nothing to report but will be presenting the awards.

Commodore's report: Pat Ballasch reported this year the club held 35 events and there was something for everyone. He reminded everyone that these events are run by all volunteers. Pat said he is open to any new ideas for next years events and would like to see

more family events such as The Race to the Park. There has been a suggestion that the Round the Bay race be two races, one to the east, the other to the west. Pat also thanked the Hinely family for allowing the BBSC to display the trophy case at the marina. The bookcase also stores BBSC photo albums. Pat thanked all those members that served on a race committee. A big thanks went out to Micky and Patty Duvall for their hospitality to the club by hosting the



after party for the Chili Dog Regatta and the Shrimp Boil. Also to Dinger and Geisela for smoking the meat for the Race to the Park, Bill and Doris Demings for hosting the July 4th party and Mike Phillips for continue to be the BBSC webmaster. Mike will receive a complimentary membership for not charging the club a fee for his service. Pat also thanked Brett Hinely and Bluewater Bay Marina for hosting the Wednesday Night Fun Sail, noting it's always a fun and stress free evening. Final note, sad news for the club that Fred Hurlburt passed away, he was active in the Wednesday night Fun Sails.

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 as Newsletter, Mark Hunter as Fleet Captain, Zack Kastl as Small Boat Captain, Brenda Crabbe as Quartermaster and Pete Hodges as Rear Commodore. Patty Deming will pass over the remaining t-shirts to Brenda Crabbe. Pete Hodges took the floor and said, for next year there will be "lots of fun and rum and fun" with something different and he is looking forward to it. Pat Ballasch then presented the BBSC flag to Mindy Barrett for the year's Most Valuable Bridge Member.

Awards:

Vice commodore Jeff Blackburn began the awards presentations with naming Mark Hunter the Walt Ruckel Sailor of the year. Mark

thanked Zack for sailing with him and everyone else that came out too. The Commodores Cup, based on participation and performance in the "big three" races went to Mark Hunter for spinnaker, who thanked his son, Ian and to Micky Duvall for non-spinnaker who thanked his wife Patty. Colee Small Boat winner went to Russell Brown, accepted by Mark Hunter in Russell's absence. Junior Sailor of the Year went to Ian Hunter, who said his win was "all me". The Sportsman award went to Zack Kastl. The Wet Wednesday — sponsored by LJ Schooners — award was a tie between Grover Niles and Mark Hunter. The Emma Goggin award went to Pat Ballasch, who thanked his mom and dad and wife. The final award, The Blopper of the Year went to Micky Duvall for drilling a hole in his boat early in the season.

Pat Ballasch thanked everyone for coming and offered congratulations to all winners!!!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 PM

Secretary Mindy Barrett




BBSC SPRING MEETING & Membership Drive
February 27, 2015
5:30 pm @ Schooner's Ship Store
 For More Information Contact:
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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Greetings and Happy New Year to all of you! I hope everyone had a great Holiday season and are now getting geared up for a new year of sailing. Your bridge has already been hard at work planning a great schedule of events that includes something for everyone! The racers will be treated to some new ideas that Mark Hunter has cooked up for us. We will have a Jib and Main series that we have dubbed the "JAM series". Keep an eye on the Fleet Captains report for the details of this series along with the rest of the sailing season. On the cruising side of things, Pete Hodges has been hard at work developing some great cruising events along with several social opportunities for us to enjoy. Zack Castle has been prepping for the small boat series so those of you who are looking for some great dingy style racing should keep in touch with him for the details of the small boat series. This year promises to be a blast! All that is required of you is to show up and share your passion for fun and sailing!! In closing, I can't wait to see you on the water and at the docks!

Wishing good wind to all of you! Pat Ballasch, BBSC Commodore



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February 14, 2015



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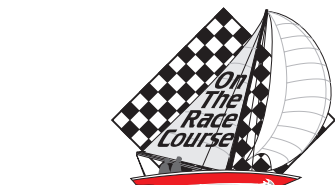
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PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

novel or specialty sails will be permitted. Staysails and mizzens are permitted on boats for which they are normally fitted. There will be an A and B fleet. The division will be made based on PHRF handicap. The actual PHRF value of the break point will be made upon review of the entries. The second change from the norm is the focus on racing in the winter and spring rather than the summer. The JAM races will take place starting in January through early March with the last JAM race in early December. The focus on earlier sailing and easier crew duties will hopefully bring a new flavor to some of our racing.

Another change this year is the an additional *Round the Bay* race. Traditionally, we've sailed out of Rocky Bayou through the Mid-bay Bridge going east to Freeport and back. This year, we'll still have that form of *Round the Bay* but we'll also have a sister race in which we'll go west. That way, when you take both races into account, we'll have truly sailed around the Choctawhatchee Bay.

We will still use the traditional Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes for regattas such as *Sailfest*, *Grand Finale*, *Pick Your Poison*, *Challenge Cup*, and the *Round the Bay* races.

I am looking for volunteers to help with committee duty for these events and feedback on this new format and schedule. I hope to see you on the water.

PHRF Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter

Crusin' Around



Don't know about you, but I'm READY for some cruising activity. Watching the Volvo Ocean Race is pretty exciting, but it's about time for us to have our own fun! We have a full slate of activities planned, and can certainly accommodate some "on-the-fly" events as well.

In addition to the usual cruising/social events i.e. the Shrimp Boil, the spring cruise, and a number of Friday raft-ups, I've scheduled a "Bay Cruise" in the fall, which will involve a week of cruising around Choctawhatchee Bay. We'll discuss all this at the upcoming Spring Meeting. I'll be in touch with cruisers via email for last minute updates, so please let me know if you want to be included in the contact list, and haven't yet done so.

Upcoming events are:

- Chili Dog Cook-off 2/14
- Friday Night Raft-Up #1 4/17
- Shrimp Boil 5/2
- Spring Cruise 5/16 to 5/25

Cheers, Pete Hodges, Rear Commodore



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2015 BBSC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Bluewater Bay Sailing Club
attention: Treasurer
P.O. Box 1251
Niceville, FL 32588

Upcoming Events

Sat., January 17	Bluenose Fun Race – JAM #1
Sat., January 31	JAM #2
Sat., February 14	Chili Dog Cook-off & Fun Regatta – JAM #3
Fri., February 27	Spring Meeting
Sat., February 28	JAM #4
Sat., March 7	Kick-Off Regatta with Eglin Yacht Club – JAM #5

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