



# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

April 2015

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

February 27, 2015

Commodore: Pat Ballasch, Vice Commodore: Jeff Blackburn, Rear Commodore: Pete Hodges, Secretary: Mindy Barrett, Treasurer: Marilyn Ostrominski, Fleet Captain: Mark Hunter, Small Boat Captain: Zack Kastl, Newsletter/Membership: Patty Deming, BBSC Store: Brenda Crabbe

Bridge Members Present: Pat Ballasch, Jeff Blackburn, Pete Hodges, Mark Hunter, Zack Kastl, Marilyn Ostrominski, Patty Deming

Location: Shipstore at Bluewater Bay Marina



Call to Order: 6:02 pm

Commodore Pat Ballasch called the meeting to order and welcomed. Thanked Pete for the arrangements. Discussed the busy year ahead "should have something for you" Noted that 2015 is the club's 50th anniversary and will have a commemorative t-shirt available at some time in the year.

**Treasurer's Report — Marilyn Ostrominski:** Announced the current back balance and the current membership of 48 families. Members were reminded that BBSC is a cooperating group with US Boat and members can receive US Boat discounts. Mike Phillips iterated that US Boat insurance includes towing and is a great deal for members.

**PHRF Fleet Captain Report — Mark Hunter:** Announced an active schedule and that he is looking for volunteers for race committee. "At the end of the day, we need volunteers. He provided a sign up sheet. The JAM, "Jib & Main", serie was reviewed. Mark is looking for feedback on this "new, low-key racing" format. Remind everyone that JAM #4 is held on the following day and entrance for the race is \$5, which is the standard rate for JAM only races. At the end of the year there will be an overall award for the JAM races. The next race after the JAM #4 will be the Kick-off Regatta, which will also follow the JAM format, but will be \$30. This race will include beer and meal tickets. The race standings will be included in the overall JAM standings and also be scored as an individual race. The Kick-off Regatta has been held in conjunction with the Eglin Yacht Club, but this year EYC was unable to participate. BBSC will host instead. Mark reminded the members that the

calendar is available online. He reviewed the year's schedule mentioning Sailfest on May 9th is a large club event. He then discussed the two Round the Bay events — one to east and one to west — covering the entire bay. Pat thanked Fred Reichstetter for providing the idea for the second Round the Bay. Mark mentioned that the annual Challenge Cup will be held at the Fort Walton Yacht Club, as they won the event last year. Last race discussed was the Race to the Park which will be held on the 50th anniversary date of the first race held by the club. Mark then introduced John Farris.

John Farris (representing Craig Wilusz and GYA): John's presentation was made for GYA's current commodore, Craig Wilusz. He provided overview of the Viper & K-6 demo day that will occur on Saturday, March 26. He stated the WOW and Wet Hens have already tried sailing Vipers and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. John had flyers available for the Viper event. He stated that the GYA commodore chooses the location for the opening regatta. As GYA commodore, Craig Wilusz, member of both FWYC and BBSC, has arranged to hold the regatta at FWYC. It will be an open Portsmouth regatta held on May 1. Previous opening regattas have had over 90 boats on the starting line. Craig is hoping for a fleet of 100 boats. There will also be a second fleet of student racers following the first fleet. John also mentioned updates and remodeling at the FWYC and stated that BBSC members are welcomed at their facility. Announced the Choctawhatchee Bay Rendezvous on August 8 & 9. Hamburgers and hot dogs on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. BBSC members can always visit FWYC as guests of the FWYC fleet captain. John turned the floor back to Mark.

Mark entertained questions from the floor. First question dealt with the overall JAM scoring. Mark explained that there will be fleet awards and he will break the fleet in multiple classes based on the overall participation level. The next question revolved around the scoring for

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the Commodore's Cup. In previous years, the cup was awarded based on the big 3 races: Sailfest, Round the Bay, and Grande Finale. Since the Round the Bay will be comprised of two races, the Commodore's Cup scoring will need to be updated to reflect the additional race. Mark will provide the new scoring method and Patty will publish the new score method on both the web site and in the newsletter. Mark turned the floor back to Pat after his report was accepted by the membership. Pat then called on Pete Hodges for the Rear Commodore report.

**Rear Commodore Report — Pete Hodges:** Pete announced the cruise events for 2015. Pete mentioned the four planned Friday Night Raft-Ups as a fun time to socialize. Pete announced the Shrimp Boil being held on May 2nd at the Duvall's who have graciously agreed to host the event again. The club thanked the Duvalls for their participation. Pete reviewed the 9-day Spring Cruise which will head to east this year. A question from the floor on the number of participants last year and if there were any costs to members to participant. Pete stated that last year only 4 to 5 boats cruised, but the 2013 cruise fleet had 9 to 10 boats. Pete then covered the Race to the Park. Pat mentioned that the Race will most likely end at Lincoln Park, but the plans haven't been finalized. Last event mentioned was the Fall Cruise, aka, the Bay Cruise. Pete is planning on various points in Choctawhatchee Bay and it's bayous as cruise locations allowing boats to join the cruise throughout the week. The idea was well received by the membership. After the membership approved the report, Pat called on Patty Deming.

**Newsletter Report — Patty Deming:** Mentioned that the Google calendar is up-to-date. The printed schedule has some incorrect dates will be updated soon. Once the schedule is corrected, Patty will email the membership with the download information. Pat then thanked Michael Phillips for maintaining the BBSC domain name and providing the web site server. Pat also polled the

attendees to find out their preferred contact method. Most indicated email as their main information source. He did mention that hard copies are still available on request. Pat then introduced Zack Kastl (who had just arrived).



#### **Small Boat Fleet Report — Zack Kastl:**

The schedule will follow the same general format as last year with races from April to October. Zack will have a sign-up sheet for race committee. Races cost \$5 and the club will provide water on the water for race participants. Pat stressed that non-small boaters can run races. The race day time frame is from 1:00 to 3:00 on the water. Small boat race start sequence is a three-minute sequence with whistles/horns. No flags required. Pat reminded everyone "it's all volunteer". Zack received a question from the floor: are there boats available for members? Zack answered kids can use ESCA boats, but not adult BBSC members. Small boat report was accepted and Pat then called on Jeff Blackburn.



**Vice Commodore Report — Jeff Blackburn:** Jeff had no report. Pat thanked him for taking care of trophies.

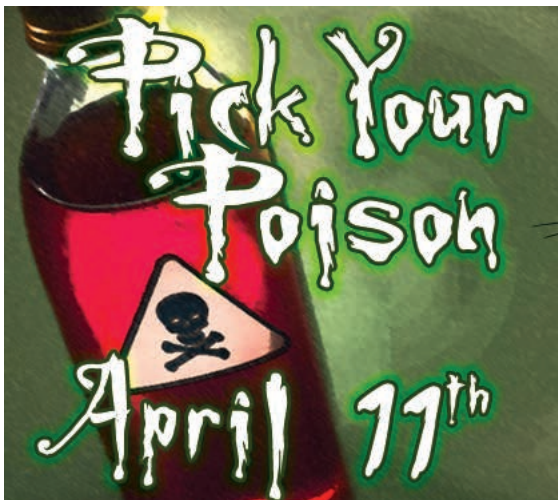
**Quarter-Master Report — Pat Ballasch (submitted for Brenda Crabbe):** Still have shirts available and new swag will be added to the store. Open to suggestions for new items. Members suggested coffee cups and shot glasses.

**Wednesday Night Racing Report — Brett Hinely:** The first unofficial race will occur after Daylight Savings Time starts — March 11. The published schedule has the wrong date and Patty will correct it. Official races will be from April to September. The starts will be either a running gate or a fixed start, depending on the race committee. A meeting on the race format will be held on March 25. There will be change to this year's scoring, the new "Mark Hunter Rule". Details will be provided at the March 25th meeting. Pat thanked the Hinely's for providing a venue for club events. Brett has not yet determined if the Circle Raft-up will be held. He will send out information on the event if it is added to the calendar.

**Meeting Wrap-up:** Pat stated he is always open to suggestions for club improvements. He receives email address to commodore@bbsc.com. Doris Deming announced the Deming's are planning on hosting the club for the annual fireworks display on Boggy Bayou. Details will be sent out in the June newsletter.

Michael Phillips moved the meeting be adjourned.

**Meeting adjourned: 6:52.**



**SHRIMP BOIL**  
**may 2, 2015**

**\$25 for two or \$12.50 for one**  
(No Charge for Children under 10)

**@ the duvall's** 626 Nelson Pt. Rd.  
Niceville, FL 32578

**Party starts about 4**  
**Dinner will be served around 6**





# PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Hello Sailors. Before I recall yesterday's regatta I want to make a correction to a statement I made at the BBSC Spring Meeting. During the meeting I noted that this year we're going to have both a "Round the Bay East" and "Round the Bay West" and the two races would comprise a series whose results constitute one-third of the score for the annual Commodore's Cup competition. Since the change to the rules regarding the scoring of the Commodore's Cup was not announced prior to this sailing season, the "Round the Bay West" race will not be part of the Commodore's Cup calculation (see the next page for both the Commodore's Cup and Sailor-of-the-Year criteria). However, it will still be part of the "Round the Bay" series. If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact Mark Hunter or Pat Ballasch.

The Spring Regatta was officiated by Mark Hunter with terrific support from Bob Powers. The Spring Regatta was held on 28 March 2015.

Three boats entered the Spinnaker class and four in the Non-Spinnaker class. The course was a straight windward-leeward, one-nm legs. The course was setup just south of the Rocky 1 mark. With two laps, each race covered four nautical miles. We ran two races.

The forecast for the day predicted a dying northerly (N-NW) breeze (6-7 kts). The day started with a moderate northerly and appeared to be slowing during the mid-morning. However, after the start, the wind velocity reversed course and rose. The gusts were remarkable relative to the forecast and at one point in the second race numerous whitecaps were apparent.

The first start had a little action as it appeared Stickman pushed Shenanigan over the line early forcing Shenanigan to restart. Note, I use the term "pushed" not to indicate a foul. Stickman was well within her rights to force the windward boat up and away from her.

The windward-leeward course, coupled with the oscillating northerly breeze made for a challenging beat for all the boats. The leeward leg rewarded the boats who stayed close to the rhumb-line.

Of special note are the new comers to the big boat fleet: Ian Hunter (15) and Anna Maria Vacaro (17) (both of the Niceville High School sailing club) and Joe Gibney (27) (relatively new to sailing) on board Untamed.

Congrats to Untamed and crew for a tie-breaking win in the spinnaker fleet and Pandemonium for another tie-breaking win in the non-spinnaker fleet.

BBSC is a volunteer organization and we need your support. Specifically, I need help to run our regattas. I don't have a committee for the Pick Your Poison on 11 April. There are also a few others listed on the right. Please find an event and volunteer to be the committee. This is not as daunting as it may seem at first and I will walk you through all the duties until you are comfortable with the process.

I hope to see everyone out on the water.

*PHRF Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter*



Boat Name	Race 1	Race 2	Total	Place
<b>Spinnaker</b>				
Avocet	1	4	5	3
Untamed	3	1	4	1
Shenanigan	2	2	4	2
<b>Non-Spinnaker</b>				
Stickman	1	2	3	2
Just Us	3	3	6	3
Push It Up	5	4	9	4
Pandemonium	2	1	3	1

Date	Regatta	Committee
Sat., Jan. 17	JAM #1	xxxxxx
Sat., Jan. 31	JAM #2	Mark Hunter
Sat., Feb. 14	JAM #3	Obie Olds
Sat., Feb. 28	JAM #4	Zachary Van Voast
Sat., March 7	Kick-Off Regatta : JAM #5	Neville Edenborough
Sat., March 28	Spring Regatta	Mark Hunter
Sat., April 11	Pick Your Poison	
Sat., May 9	Sailfest	Tom Whittemore
Sat., May 30	Round the Bay West*	Pat Ballasch
Sat., June 27	Round-the-Bay East*	
Sat., July 11	Double Handed Regatta*	Buzz Clarke
Sat., August 1	Night Race	
Sat., August 29	Ladybug Regatta	
Sat., Sept. 12	Challenge Cup	FWYC
Sat., Sept. 26	Race to the Park : 50th Anniversary of Sailing Club	Mark Hunter
Sat., Nov. 7	Grande Finale	
Sat., Dec. 5	JAM #6	Bill Deming





**BBSC Store**

All prices include the cost of adding your boat name.

Order form on [www.bbsc.com](http://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 to [www.bbsc.com](http://www.bbsc.com) or contact Brenda Crabbe at [quarter-master@bbsc.com](mailto:quarter-master@bbsc.com)

## COMMODORE'S CUP CRITERIA

The Commodore's Cup Trophy was established in the Spring of 1987 through contributions made by the Bluewater Bay Sailing Club Commodores. Competition for the Commodore's Cup is open to all BBSC Members who race in either Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, or Cruiser Classes. One winner shall be selected from each class. The award shall go to the individual listed as skipper on the registration. Skippers may not cross classes for the three races used to select the winners.

### Scoring

The low point system for scoring will be used (1 point for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place). Although only BBSC

Members are eligible for this trophy points will be awarded based on the finishing position of all boats entered regardless of club affiliation. The total point awarded for the following three races: Round The Bay (East), Sailfest, & Grande Finale will be used to determine the winner. Ties will be broken in accordance with Appendix A8 of the ISAF Racing Rules.

In future years, selection of races shall be at the discretion of the Club Officers; however a minimum of three major races must be selected. Races canceled may be made up or not counted at the discretion of the Bridge.

The Award shall be presented by the Commodore at the Annual Fall Awards Ceremony

## SAILOR-OF-THE-YEAR CRITERIA

The Sailor-Of-The-Year award and trophy is to be awarded to the one BBSC skipper who has given maximum performance and participation in the annual BBSC program from the First of January through the last BBSC racing event of the year. All criteria are to be objective. This award shall be based upon total points (120 maximum) earned in six categories according to the following formula. To be eligible for points, the skipper must be the designated skipper in all racing and cruising events and must be a member of the BBSC. Sailors are not eligible for "Sailor Of The Year" more than two consecutive years.

### 1. BBSC Race Performance (60 Points Max)

To qualify for points in this category, a skipper must earn racing scores in at least seven (7) of the BBSC race events scheduled and conducted which utilize a recognized handicap system as defined below. A racing score is defined as the finishing position a skipper receives once registered and paid entry fees for the event. That is, one-day regattas count as one score with the final position used for scoring even if more than one race is sailed in that day. All one-day events will count as one score. In the event a two-day regatta is scheduled, each day of racing will result in one score with the final position for that day being the basis for that day's score. Small boat regattas will count as one score based on the overall finishing results for each regatta. If a fleet is comprised of two or more classes, then the skipper will receive scores based on his/her standing computed for presentation of trophies within each class, regardless of the overall standings within the fleet. Only events using PHRF, PORTSMOUTH handicap, or CLASS rules (i.e. LASERS, SUNFISH, etc.) shall be tabulated in the skippers' annual average. Wednesday night fun races do not count toward the race performance score. For the purpose of this award criterion the Challenge Cup will be considered as a BBSC race since BBSC is a co-sponsor of this event.

Standings are computed using the average low point scores for all races entered where the average score is equal to the total points accumulated divided by the total number of races entered. For purposes of these calculations:

- (1) 1st = 1 point, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 3 points and so on.
- (2) DNS and DSQ score points equal to the total paid entries in that class plus one.
- (3) DNF scores points equal to the total paid entries in that class.

Points are awarded to all qualified skippers using the following formula:

$$60 / (\text{Skipper's Racing Average}) * (\% \text{ of races}) = \text{Total Points}$$

This will result in each skipper receiving a certain percentage of the 60 points multiplied by the percentage of eligible BBSC races. For calculation purposes the average should be rounded to two decimal points. The eligible races shall be selected by the Bridge as early as possible in the calendar year and provided to the club membership. The following 20 races are eligible for race performance scores in 2015: JAM Series 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; Small Boat Regattas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7; Spring Regatta, Sailfest, Challenge Cup, Round-the-Bay Race (East), Round-the-Bay Race (West), Double Handed Race, & Grand Finale.

### 2. BBSC Race Participation (20 Points Maximum)

One point shall be awarded for each day of racing regardless of the final position so long as the race was sponsored by BBSC up to a maximum of 20 points. A series race entered in conjunction with a one-day regatta counts as one point. Races qualifying for participation shall consist of the 20 races defined in paragraph 1 plus the Single-handed race.

### 3. Wet Wednesday Race Participation (6 Points Maximum)

One (1) point shall be awarded to each Wet Wednesday race entered regardless of final position up to a maximum of 6 points. The skipper is responsible for notifying the Vice Commodore of his/her participation.

### 4. BBSC Shore (Race) Committee Duty (10 Points Maximum)

Five (5) points will be awarded when a person/skipper performs Shore (Race) Committee duties, with 10 points being the maximum. Only BBSC sponsored events apply. Only those races requiring entry fees shall be considered for points in this category. For a Skipper to qualify in this category, he/she must remain on shore or on a committee boat for the entire event. The Shore Committee skipper will also receive one (1) Race Participation point (#2 above) for each Shore Committee he/she performs.

### 5. BBSC Cruise Participation (14 Points Maximum)

Two (2) points will be awarded for each scheduled BBSC cruise participated in as skipper. This category shall have a maximum of 14 points.

Cruises included in this category are all those listed on the BBSC calendar of events as cruises. The Rear Commodore's Log will contain the names of all participants, and shall be the final authority.

To qualify for points in this category, the skipper must participate using his/her own boat (sail or power) and remain overnight for at least one night on each overnight cruise.

### 6. Interclub Participation -Showing The Flag (10 Points Maximum)

Two points per event will be awarded for participation (as skipper) in racing events not sponsored by the BBSC. Examples are: DORC, WFORC, Fort Walton Yacht Club Regatta, or any other such race. Registered skippers only shall receive points in this category, crewing does not qualify for points. The skipper is responsible for notifying the Vice Commodore of his/her participation.

### Selection Procedures

A committee designated by the BBSC Commodore will be formed to total all the points for each skipper in accordance with this criteria at the completion of the sailing season. The skipper earning the highest total point count shall be selected as the SAILOR-OF-THE-YEAR. The presentation shall be made at the Annual Fall Awards Banquet. The name of the winner shall not be revealed by the Bridge or the Selection Committee prior to the formal announcement.



# Crusin' Around

We have a number of cruising events fast approaching, including the first Friday Raft Up 4/17, the Shrimp Boil 5/2 and the Spring Cruise 5/16-25.

## 4/17 Friday Raft Up

This will be our first of four planned raft ups for the season. The concept is to make this a close-to-home destination to encourage participation. The first one will be in Rocky Bayou. I'll be sending further details about location, etc. via email that week, so stay tuned. We plan to set anchor around 4PM. This is a very informal event, so feel free to show up just for a few hours or stay the night. The main thing is to show up!

While this is billed as a "Friday Raft Up", I see this also as an opportunity to cruise the rest of the weekend for those interested. If so inclined, be prepared to do some sailing Saturday and do another raft up Saturday night.

In case of bad weather we can use Saturday 4/18.

## 5/2 Shrimp Boil

Look for an invitation to the Shrimp Boil with details elsewhere in the newsletter. The event will be held at Mickey and Pat Duvall's home on Nelson Pt., Rocky Bayou. This is a great location, and we're thrilled to be able to do this again at the Duvall's. Always a great time! Please make your reservation early so we have an accurate head count. Also, I will soon be reaching out to the membership for volunteers to help with setup, cooking, cleanup etc. so please lend a hand.

## 5/16-25 Spring Cruise

Here's some advance information on the Spring Cruise. Last year we went west, so we're heading east this time. This enables those with tall rigs to take part. Probable/potential overnight locations:

- 331 Bridge
- Shell Island
- Crooked Island
- St Joe Marina
- Bay Point Marina
- St Andrews Marina

First night will probably be just east of 331 bridge, as we've done before, to allow for a mid-day departure. I'm expecting a good turnout of regulars and newcomers. Please let me know if you're planning to go.

Look for more information on this in the next newsletter. In addition, we'll use the Cruising email list to contact cruisers for last minute updates, so please contact me if you want to be included, and haven't yet done so.

*Cheers, Rear Commodore Pete Hodges*



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Official Wednesday Night Racing started April 1. Clean point board. No prior season penalties applied this year.

**Come One. Come All. See You On The Water.**

### Rules

- No protest committee
- Race Committee decisions final
- Turning mark to be rounded to Port unless sailing instructions dictate otherwise
- Official time will be GPS time
- BBSC "Performance 360" rule in effect

**Performance 360 rule** – Weekly posted participation and sailing instructions will be posted showing how many 360 each vessel be required to perform before rounding the turn mark or before finishing. New this year, "Mark Hunter" rule. If you get 3 first to the marks then you will be briefed to your delayed starting sequence.

**Awards** – 7:45 pm at Oyster Bar. Awards will be given to first to mark and first to finish and maybe something else as well.

### Points

- Participation – 1 point
- Race Committee – 2 points
- 1<sup>st</sup> to Finish – 3 points
- 1<sup>st</sup> to turning mark – 4 points
- Style points (1 – 3 points): Up to race committee discretion

**Communication** – We will attempt to send out email recap / standings / and reminder every week. No guarantees.

As a reminder, every participating vessel should help out and volunteer for Race Committee. Please sign up for race committee with Brett.

# BBSC SHRIMP BOIL REGISTRATION

**Please Respond by April 27, 2015**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Adults (10+):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boat Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form and with checks payable to: Bluewater Bay Sailing Club  
P.O. Box 1251 • Niceville, FL 32588**

# Upcoming Events

Sat., April 11	Pick Your Poison
Fri., April 17	Friday Night Raft-Up #1
Sun., April 19	Small Boat Regatta #1
Sat., May 2	Shrimp Boil
Sat., May 9	Sailfest
May 16 to 25	Spring Cruise
Sun., May 17	Small Boat Regatta #2
Fri., May 29	Round-the-Bay West Registration
Sat., May 30	Round the Bay West

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