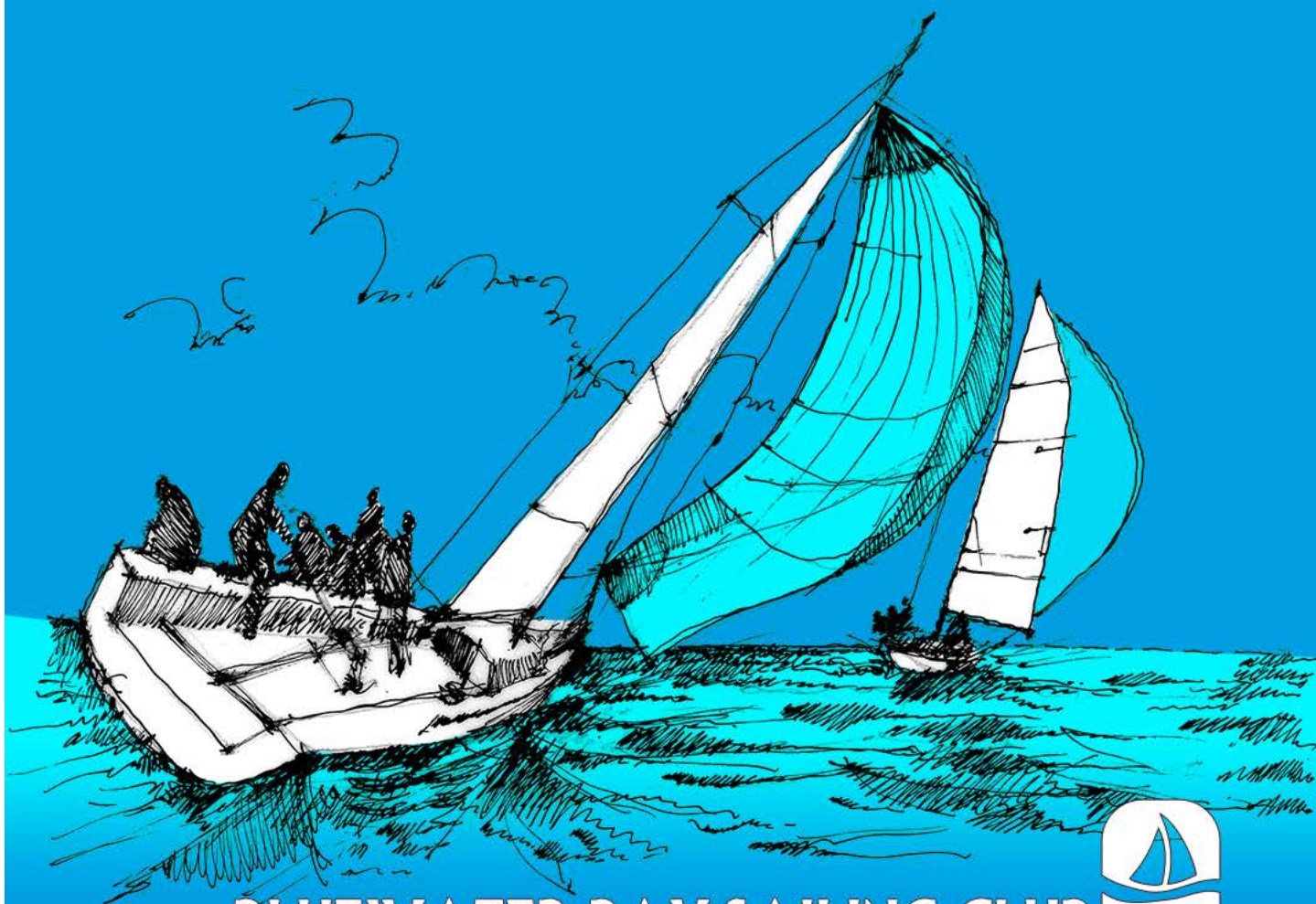




Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

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BLUEWATER BAY SAILING CLUB

SailFest 2015

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Crusin' Around

Here's a recap of recent events and plans for some upcoming activities.

4/17 Friday Raft Up: Much fun was had by BBSC party people at the first Friday raft up, which was held on April 17th. Due to uncertain weather, we only had two boats, but there were plenty of people arriving by land. So the party was held ashore at the GGYC Tiki Hut. Thanks to Don and Kathy Gresko for hosting. A grand time was had by the twenty-one folks attending, who enjoyed plenty of food, drink and music. Also, congratulations to Pat Ballasch and his dad, Tom Ballasch, for winning the 20 question "pirate quiz." Pictures have been posted on the BBSC Facebook page. The next Friday raft up will be on June 19th.

5/2 Shrimp Boil: Next up is the annual BBSC Shrimp Boil which will be held on May 2nd at Mickey and Patty Duvall's home. There will be shrimp, beer, hot dogs, corn, potatoes, music and friends – what's not to like! You should have received a reservation card in the mail. If you haven't signed up yet please do so! Thanks again Mickey and Patty!

5/16-25 Spring Cruise: One of our favorite events of the year is the Spring Cruise, which is scheduled for May 16-25. We have a cruise planning meeting set for Thursday May 7th at the Bluewater Bay Golf Clubhouse, starting at 6PM. If you can't make the meeting never fear - we'll be in touch via email.

Here's some advance information. We're heading east this time.

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. If you can't make the whole week, try joining us for beginning or end of the cruise.

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, Pete Hodges, Rear Commodore

COMMODORE CORNER

Greetings Sailors!

I hope all are well and have been able to get out and enjoy this pastime that we all share! I am sure by now most if not all of you have heard of the tragic events that occurred during the Dauphin Island Race. I am sure your hearts and prayers are with those who have lost loved ones and for the recovery of those who are still missing. This is all too painful of a reminder that this sport that we love can also at times become very dangerous. I heard through several accounts that the weather that day turned deadly so fast that even sailors and crews with years and years of experience had not experienced anything like it. This brings to mind how important it is that we take some time to check on the safety equipment on our vessels. It is a good idea to check the expiration dates on the fire extinguisher on board, check that your floatation devices are in good working order and that your crew knows where they are located and how to properly put them on. It is a good idea

to check your rigging for wear and tear to make sure that the boats systems are all in proper working order. Make sure your VHF radio is also working properly. There are many sites that you can go to that have check lists that you can print out and have for running through your boats safety features. I encourage you to do that. I know that I am tardy on many of these items and this event has been a harsh reminder that I need to pay attention to some of these needs immediately. My Dad always brings a PFD that he wears in every race (the type that auto inflates). In the past I may have thought this was just being a little paranoid, but now I see that that would have saved the lives of some who were lost on that terrible Saturday on Mobile Bay. I encourage all of you to follow suite and feel free to badger me to see if I have followed through on my end! Sailing is fun, safe sailing is also fun!

Sincerely, Patrick L. Ballasch, BBSC Commodore



We had 15 boats race for the April 22nd race. The winds were SW 10-15 kts. Avocet was the race committee and they laid a decent line. Their flags were not quite right but every one figured out the correct start time. Their timing at the start was not quite accurate though.

The turning mark was Boggy 1 and surprise surprise - Epiphany was first to round. They now have two performance turns to make. One more first and the "Mark Hunter" rule will go in effect for them. No style points were given.

11 boats came out to play the previous week. Race committee was Epiphany and they issued no style points.

Shenanigan was 1st to the mark !

Finish places - Lavita was only one to make it back ???

Other players were: Southwind, Cambria, Kahlua, Maverick, Push It Up, Stella Dela Amar, Irish Lady

All received their points.

Wednesday Night Racing Zsar, Brett Hinely

April 22nd Finishing Places

DNF	Endeavour Cat - They crossed the wrong side of the line.
14.	Irish Lady
13.	Cambria
12.	Maverick
11.	Kahlua
10.	Stella Del Amar
9.	Amazing Grace
8.	Stickman
7.	Epiphany
6.	Diamond
5.	Southwind
4.	Shenanigan
3.	Avocet
2.	Push It Up
1.	Lavita - They now have two performance turns before they finish first next time!



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Hello Sailors. The annual "Pick Your Poison" regatta was just that. With light and variable winds (sea breeze fighting the northerly) picking the right course made for interesting racing. Picking the wrong course was much less interesting.

For the spinnaker fleet, two of the three boats fought a close battle with several lead changes as they sailed around the course. Shenanigan and Avocet both picked the same course (#3) and with similar handicaps, stayed close together. Even though they had different spinnaker strategies through the light air, they finished within 23 seconds (uncorrected) of each other after three hours of racing. It was a very close finish and exciting to watch! In the end, Shenanigan held out for the win. Epiphany sailed into a hole on a different course (#4) and DNFed out. The non-spinnaker fleet was equally exciting with Pandemonium and Vixen taking two very different courses (#2 and #3 respectively) and still ended the race within 16 seconds (uncorrected) of each other. Even after the correction, they were only 43 seconds apart (congrats to Pandemonium for taking the win)! Considering the three hours of racing, the finishes were remarkably close. Thanks to Mickey Duvall for running the race for BBSC and Marilyn Ostrominski for handling the registration. The next event is one of our premier events of the year. Sailfest will be held on 9 May, please mark your calendars and plan to be there. The NOR will be out shortly.

I want to go over the status of the committee duty roster for this year. We still have a couple of openings. I want to convey a big "Thank you" to all those who have volunteered.

PHRF Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter



Boat Name	Elapsed Time	PHRF Corrected Time	Delta (secs)	Place
Spinnaker				
Shenanigan	3:03:33	3:02:39	0	1
Avocet	3:03:56	3:03:56	77	2
Untamed	DNF		—	4
Non-Spinnaker				
Pandemonium	3:11:00	3:10:33	0	1
Vixen	3:11:16	3:11:16	43	2

Date	Regatta	Committee
Sat., Jan. 17	JAM #1	xxxxx
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	Mickey Duvall
Sat., May 9	Sailfest	Tom Whittemore
Sat., May 30	Round the Bay West*	Pat Ballasch
Sat., June 27	Round-the-Bay East*	Zack Kastl
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



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Upcoming Events

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
Sun., June 14	Small Boat Regatta #3
Fri., June 19	Friday Night Raft-Up #2
Fri., June 26	Round-the-Bay East Registration
Sat., June 27	Round-the-Bay East

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