



# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

July 2015

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



## PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT



Hello Sailors. The first annual Round-the-Bay West was completed on 6 June. The race committee (Zack Kastl) wisely elected to delay the Bermuda start for one hour. This allowed a developed southwest sea breeze to fill in so that all boats received a fair start. Seven of the ten starting boats crossed the start line within 15 seconds of their designated start times. This is testimony to the planning and skill of the crews. The non-spinnaker fleet started in the Rocky Bayou and sailed out to the western end of the Choctawhatchee Bay while the spinnaker boats first sailed around the mid-Bay Bridge mark (58) before heading west. Just Us elected to pull out of the race after rounding 58.

There was initial concern that the timing of the race, coincident with the Billy Bowlegs events in and around Fort Walton would be an issue. By the time our fleet reached the western end of the bay, there was little to no interference, as the Bowlegs crowd had already beached themselves in a drunken stupor. All was well.

Kahlua and Pandemonium fought all the way to the finish line with Pandemonium narrowly taking the win for the non-spinnaker fleet. Epiphany managed to sail through the spinnaker fleet to take first.

The next regatta, the Double-Handed regatta is scheduled for 11 July. The format will be the usual Bermuda start with registration on the evening of 10 July. The NOR will be out shortly.

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 Night Race on 1 August or the Ladybug Regatta on 29 August. 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.

*Hope to see everyone out on the water.  
PHRF Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter*



Date	Regatta	Committee
Sat., July 11	Double Handed Regatta	Buzz Clarke
<b>Sat., August 1</b>	<b>Night Race</b>	
<b>Sat., August 29</b>	<b>Ladybug Regatta</b>	
Sat., Sept. 12	Challenge Cup	FWYC
Sat., Sept. 26	Race to the Park : Club's 50th Anniversary	Mark Hunter
<b>Sat., Nov. 7</b>	<b>Grande Finale</b>	
Sat., Dec. 5	JAM #6	Bill Deming



# Wednesday Night Races

**June 17:** 17 boats wind was SW at 12-15 Committee was Kahlua (Epiphany was a no show). Race course was to Boggy 1. First to round was Shark tooth and first back was Hobie Wan Kenobie (yes they did their turns).

## Style points:

- +1 stick man for helping Hobie by picking up marks after race
- +1 Rock n Roll – for driving 4 hours to race and 4 hours back home
- 1 Rock n Roll – for whining about the drive
- 1 Victoria – ran into Shenanigan – Lord Nelson Strikes again!!!
- 1 Avocet – for fouling race committee and scaring poor Mickey by not ducking and late tacking rather than hitting Kahlua broad side (not really that close if you ask me, but Avocet is an easy target). In reality, the main sheet got jammed and Avocet couldn't fall off!

**June 24:** We had good winds from the southwest probably 12-15 knots. Committee was Avocet who set a good wide line and all racers had a clean start.

First to the mark was Epiphany who did their proper start rounding as well as their turns before the mark. First to finish was Lavita who also did their turns before finishing.

## Style Points:

- 2 to Diamond for multiple fouls such as running aground in the marina and hitting Southwind while on port tack.

7/1 race committee is scheduled to be Diamond but Diamond is unable. Who will step up to the plate and get the extra points? First come first serve, email, call, or in person. Also, orders for the 2015 Wednesday Night Racing Series shirts will get underway in the next week or two.

*Wednesday Night Racing Czar, Brett Hinely*



	June 17 Results	June 24 Results
17.	Victoria	
16.	Cambria	
15.	Amazing Grace	
14.	Lavita	Cambria
13.	Kahlua	Stella Del a Mar
12.	Marcy	Sail #411 (Brad Davis helming)
11.	Stickman	Epiphany
10.	Shark Tooth	Shenanigan
9.	Shenanigan	Maverick
8.	Just Us	Avocet
7.	Rock-n-Roll	Push It Up
6.	Another Dawn	Diamond
5.	Avocet	Kahlua
4.	Southwind	Southwind
3.	Push It Up	Irish Lady
2.	Chili Pepper	Blue Catalina (?)
1.	Hobie Wan Kenobie	Lavita

## COMMODORE'S

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Greetings again Blue Water Bay Sailing Club! I hope everyone is enjoying your summer and are able to get plenty of time out on the water! Please mark your calendar for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party that the Deming's are again generously hosting. Please make sure you bring something to share. They will be providing the main course and some extras but we need you to show of your cooking and baking skills too! There is sure to be some good food, good friends, and some great fireworks. Thanks again to Bill, Doris and Patty for continuing a great tradition and opening your home to our club. We continue to have good turnout for the races, the cruises, and the other social events and look forward to this continuing for the rest of the year. The around the bay races have been very successful with good winds for the West bound race and screaming winds for the East bound race. Thanks to all who participated! And special thanks to any who helped to do committee for the races. The Friday night raft ups have been really great fun and if you

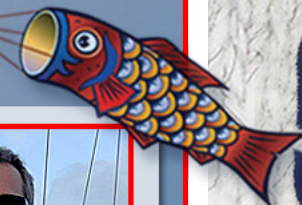
have not made it to one yet, you are really missing some good fun with great company. Keep your eyes peeled for the next raft up event and make sure you join the fun! Our next event will be the double hand regatta, get your best buddy and get ready to show us your stuff! This is yet another tradition that continues to be a very popular race. If you have your weekends full, there is always Wednesday night for some fun midweek sailing and camaraderie. This is the perfect night to grab a friend and introduce them to the joy of sailing and the great people that belong to this club. Keep checking us out on the Blue Water Bay Sailing Club FaceBook page and on our website for upcoming events and pictures of all the fun.

*Wishing you fair winds,*

*Patrick Ballasch, BBSC Commodore*



# Crusin' Around



Hello all cruisers. Here's a recap of recent activities and announcement of upcoming plans.

## 6/19 Friday Raft Up #2

We had great weather for our second raft up on Rocky Bayou. Six boats and fourteen people attended. After our "on shore" raft up held a month earlier, it was great to enjoy a real raft up with a good breeze blowing.

In attendance, in order of arrival, were: Pete & Kathy Hodges (Island Time), John and Susan Hiemstra (Pirate's Dream), Chris and Gaile Pflederer (Boondoggle), Don & Gaye Baltz (Mariah), Phil and Eveline Rosegrant (Lovely Crews) and Pat & Colleen Ballasch and Jeff & Beverly Blackburn (Southwind).

After enjoying some great snacks, we took up the nautical quiz challenge, and the winners were John and Susan. Their prize – a bottle of rum! We think pirates cheat! As dusk approached the sailors took turns blowing conch shells. Many strange sounds emanated from the anchorage.

More pictures and video have been posted to our Facebook page.

## 7/4 Fourth of July Party

Next event is the annual Fourth of July party hosted by Bill and Doris Deming at their home on Boggy Bayou. Please see announcement elsewhere in the newsletter. This is always a fun time, and it's a great location to watch the fireworks.



## 7/17 Friday Raft Up #3

Another upcoming event is our third Friday raft up. Location will be decided the week of the event and will be announced via email. Stay tuned. Probable locations: either Rocky Bayou or Boggy Bayou.

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*



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# Double Handed

Register: July 10

Race: July 11





# Upcoming Events

<b>Fri., July 10</b>	<b>Double Handed Registration</b>
<b>Sat., July 11</b>	<b>Double Handed Regatta</b>
<b>Sun., July 12</b>	<b>Small Boat Regatta #4</b>
<b>Fri., July 17</b>	<b>Friday Night Raft Up #3</b>
<b>Sat., August 1</b>	<b>Night Race</b>
<b>Sun., August 9</b>	<b>Small Boat Regatta #5</b>
<b>Sat., August 29</b>	<b>Ladybug Regatta</b>
<b>Sat., Sept. 12</b>	<b>Challenge Cup</b>

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