



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

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Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

1965 to 2015



Bluewater Bay
Sailing Club

From the Archives

In honor of the upcoming 50th anniversary, here is a re-print the write up for the first regatta held by the Bayou Sailing Club, today's Bluewater Bay Sailing Club. Don't forget, the BBSC Shipstore is offering 50th shirts and hats

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.

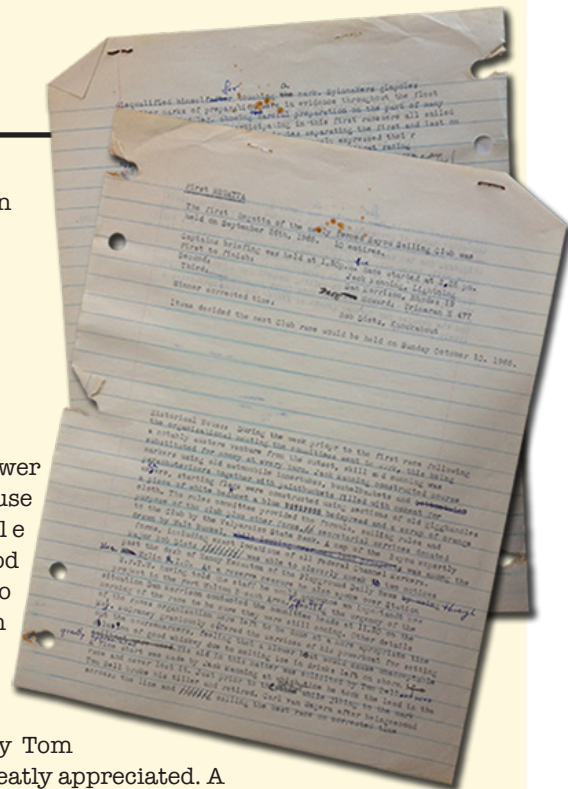
Historical Notes: During the week prior to the first race following the organizational meeting the committees went to work, this being a notably austere venture from the outset, skill and cunning was substituted for money at every turn. Jack Manning constructed course markers using old automobile innertubes, 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.



Crusin' Around



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

9/26 Race to Park/BBSC 50th Anniversary

This year we're doing the traditional race to Lincoln Park, and celebrating the club's 50th anniversary. Be sure to put this on your calendar. Race details are provided elsewhere in the newsletter or via separate NOR. After the race, we'll meet at Lincoln Park to enjoy food and drink. BBQ and dessert will be provided, and the price of admission is to bring a side dish. Festivities start around 3 PM. Hope to see you there!

10/9 Friday Raft Up #4

The date was changed from 10/2 to 10/9 to eliminate a conflict. Hopefully temperatures will have abated somewhat by this time. 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.

10/17-24 Bay Cruise

The Bay Cruise takes the place of our regular fall cruise. The idea is to spend several days sailing our local area, where the plan each day depends on weather and wind direction, rather than the desire to get to some particular destination. One benefit of the Bay Cruise is that can do the whole week or just do a few days. Some possible overnight/day stops include: Hogtown Bayou, 331 Bridge/The Bay, Lulu's, Boggy Bayou/ North Light YC, Ernie's Dockside, Fort Walton YC. More details to follow before 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*

Other Cruiser Activities

Here's a recap of Tom and Becky Kennedy's recent adventure.

Early June Becky and I on our 36' sailing cat, Per Diem, left Rocky Bayou Bridge area about 10 AM and about 1 hour into the bay saw and heard vicious lighting ahead. Turned around and anchored in Rocky Bayou until the weather cleared. Finally left and stayed our first night free in FWB city docks. You must call ahead to the city manager and get permission. There is free pump out and water but no power. The city manager, once notified, lets the police know so they can keep an eye out. The piers have public access so secure your boat if going to a restaurant. Following day motored to Lost Key Marina, located across from Big Lagoon. Nice marina, bathrooms, clubhouse, etc. Closed on Mondays. The cost is 1 dollar a foot per night which includes power and water. Next night we anchored on the west end of Dauphin Island. Good sandy bottom and 7' of water close to shore. Then finally on to the Biloxi Schooner Pier Complex. The Schooner pier is gated, has 2 65' working schooners that take people out several times a week. There has been a children's camp each week on the complex which is fun to watch them fish, crab, and learn to throw a cast net. The cost at the Schooner Pier is \$7/ft per month and includes, electric, water, ice, free washer/dryer, and WiFi. The pier is located almost directly across from the Biloxi Yacht Club which, thru the GYCC, we have reciprocity so we use the BYC's salt water pool and restaurant frequently. We will be taking day trips or overnight to the barrier islands in the Mississippi Sound also. We miss you all and the summer activities however Biloxi has a lot to offer. If interested in the Schooner Pier, contact Robin @ 228-435-6320. BTW, live aboards are welcome.



**The club is taking orders for the
Wednesday Night Race Series
Shirts and 50th Anniversary gear.**

**Contact Brenda Crabbe at
quarter-master@bbsc.com**

50th Anniversary Polo: \$25
(Mens & Ladies S-XXXL)

50th Anniversary Hat: \$20

Unstructured Hat

Structured Hat



Dri-Fit Shirt

Poly/Cotton Blend



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

the corrected order of finish is determined. With the Bermuda Start, those same corrections are applied as delays in the start time for a given boat. Thus, most boats start across the line at a different time. Only boats with the same PHRF rating would start at the same time. Unlike the normal start, the Bermuda race finish order is determined simply by the order in which the boats cross the line.

In any case, the racing started with a each boat starting across the line at their prescribed time. Only Kahlua jumped the gun by a few seconds and was required to restart. Everyone else crossed at varying times after their prescribed start time. You can see the interesting comparison of the best starts below; congrats to Push It Up for the best start!

In the end, the racing stayed fairly tight with Epiphany squeaking out the win, staying just ahead of Pandemonium. A special thanks goes to Brett Verzwylt and young crew for running a top-notch event.

PHRF Fleet Captain, Mark Humber



Boat	Scheduled Start Time	Actual Start Time	Delta Start	Finish Time	Place
Epiphany	12:52:03	12:52:38	35 sec	03:36:53	1
Pandemonium	12:41:02	12:41:28	26 sec	03:39:21	2
Avocet	12:39:27	12:39:36	9 sec	03:44:25	3
Push It Up	12:36:50	12:36:58	8 sec	03:46:55	4
Rock N Roll	12:34:12	12:34:24	12 sec	03:51:13	5
Kahlua	12:30:32	12:31:42	1 min, 10 sec	03:57:51	6
Vixen	12:39:27	12:42:02	2 min, 35 sec	03:59:43	7

COMMODORE'S

STAFF

Greetings once again sailors and Happy Anniversary!

I hope all of you have enjoyed your summer so far and have been able to get out and do some sailing on our fine bay. Despite the heat and humidity we have had some amazing sunsets and the winds have been steady. I find that I am always amazed that our season has been flying by so fast! I can't believe that we are already moving into our September events. We are about to go and challenge FWBYC for the bay honors in our annual challenge cup on the 12th. This is always a great event and the competition over the past few years has been super close with the cup being decided by only a few points! Hopefully we can take it back this year! Another HUGE event that is coming up on the 26th is our Clubs 50th anniversary celebration! Yes we are 50 this year but I believe we are just getting started! The club is going to celebrate this occasion at the Race to the Park. Please note that you do not have to race to participate, this is a picnic

and all are invited. This is geared for family and friends to enjoy. Please come and enjoy some great food being provided by the club from Jim N Nicks along with cake. If you are coming, we do ask for you to bring a side dish to share. This memorable event will be a great time for racers, cruisers, and landlubbers alike. Another thing that we are doing to commemorate are hats and shirts that have been embroidered with a special 50th anniversary logo. These are really nice polo shirts and two different hats to choose from. If you would like to order one or the other or both, please contact Brenda Crabbe. We will be taking orders after the Wednesday night races and at the Race to the Park as well. Thanks everyone for making this Club such a great community of wind lovers! Here's to many more years of fair weather and winds!

Patrick Ballasch, BBSC Commodore

Upcoming Events

Sat., September 12	Challenge Cup
Sun., September 13	Small Boat Regatta #6
Sat., September 26	Race to the Park – 50th Anniversary of Sailing Club
Wed., September 30	Last Official Wednesday Night
Wed., October 7	Unofficial Wednesday Night Races Start
Fri., October 9	Friday Night Raft Up #4
Fri., October 16	Single Handed Registration
Sat., October 17	Single Handed

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