



# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

January/February 2016

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

January 9, 2016

**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,  
**Quartermaster:** Brenda Crabbe

**Attending:** Pat Ballasch, Patty Deming, Pete Hodges, Jeff Blackburn, Marilyn Ostrominski, Mark Hunter, and Mindy Barrett

**Location:** French Quarter Grill and Bar Prior to the meeting, 32 club members attending enjoyed socializing until dinner orders were taken. Dinner included a choice of one of French Quarter Grill five top entrees, a side salad, dessert was bread pudding. Bridge members absent were Zack Kastl and Brenda Crabbe

**Call to order at 7:42pm by Commodore, Pat Ballasch**

- Pat thanked everyone for making 2015 a great year of sailing, cruising, and social events. He also thanked Marilyn for making the suggestion to have to club buy a bottle of red and wine for each table.
- Events for 2016 are in the preplanning works and Mark has already sent out the NOR for the first race of 2016.

**Fleet Captain (Mark Hunter)** Mark presented the awards for the 2015 sailing season

- The *JAM Series*, which was Mark's brain child and will be carried over in 2016. Trophies will be displayed in the trophy case in Bluewater Bay Marina 3rd place Maxine Howland 2nd place Zachary Van Voast 1st place Mark Hunter
- *Wednesday Night Fun Series*, the beer helps make it fun and a big thanks to Bluewater Bay Marina and Brett Hinley for sponsoring the event. Winner Mark Hunter, who had to do seven 360s and four on the way back.
- *Small Boat Series* which had little participation because of bad weather and timing. Winner Zack Kastl
- *Sportsmanship* Mark would like to see more people willing to be race committee. Tom and Becky Kennedy stepped up to be race committee for the 2016 season. Winner Zachary Van Voast
- *Emma Goggin* Winner Mark Hunter for his effort of promoting sailing especially with the Niceville high school sailing team

## 2015 Awards Banquet

and youth sailors. Mark thanked Brett Hinley for his support. He also thanked Jeff for the good looking awards this year.

- *Junior Sailor* Winner Ian Hunter, who was 15 at the beginning of the sailing season.
- *Commander's Cup* Winner for spinnaker Grover Niles, who said crew is important and thanked Pete Hodges Winner for non-spinnaker Mickey Duvall, who thanked Patty Duvall and Mindy Barrett
- New this year, *Round the Bay East and West*, combined scores Winner for spinnaker Grover Niles Winner for non-spinnaker Mickey Duvall
- *Sailor of the Year/ Walt Ruckel Award*, given to a dedicated, involved sailor Winner Mark Hunter, who thanked all that sailed with him.
- *Blooper Award*, many nominees. Winner Obie Olds, for running out of fuel during a cruising event

### Official Business

All bridge members will return to their same positions for 2016. A motion to accept was made by Charlie Mauck and second by Mike Phillips. Pat announced the MVP Bridge member is Pete Hodges, for the great job he did on arranging the 50th Anniversary party after the Race to the Park Race.

### Treasurer's Report (Marilyn Ostrominski)

- Marilyn reported the checking account balance is \$11,704.80, including the \$4,000 in reserve. Marilyn credit the surplus to Patty Deming for emailing the newsletter instead of mailing them out. Also to the Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter for self supporting races.







## PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Hello Sailors. JAM #2 was attended by the same five boats as JAM #1. All the crews were geared up and ready to go racing in the beautiful spring-like day. Grover Niles served as the race committee and set a windward-leeward style course with 1.5 nm legs. The intent was to have two laps or perhaps three if the expected breeze held up. It didn't. Not only was there just a whisper of breeze at the start but it soon dropped to zero (or close enough to zero). The first hour of the race was part endurance contest and part witchcraft. With the proper divination, a few sailors (Stickman) were able to forecast the new sea breeze before it slowly built from the East South East (or thereabouts). Once the sea breeze hit, the race became a classic boat parade with little to no change in relative position. Thankfully, the committee called the race finished after just one lap around. It was the longest three-mile race in recent memory. Congrats to Stickman for overcoming a wind hole or two and securing a convincing win by several minutes. Thanks to all who raced. The next event is the Chili Dog regatta (also JAM #3) on 13 February. I hope to see you out there.

PHRF Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter

Race Committee		
Date	Regatta	Committee
Sat., January 16	JAM #1	Mark Hunter
Sat., January 30	JAM #2	Grover Niles
Sat., February 13	JAM #3	Mickey Duvall
Sat., March 5	JAM #4	
Sat., March 26	JAM #5	Obie Olds
Sat., April 9	Spring Regatta**	
Sat., April 23	Pick Your Poison	Bill Deming
Sat., May 14	Sailfest**	
Sat., June 4	Round the Bay West**	
Sat., June 25	Round-the-Bay East**	
Sat., July 23	Double Handed Regatta	
Sat., August 6	Night Race	
Sat., August 20	Ladybug Regatta	
Sat., September 10	Race to the Park	
Sat., October 1	Challenge Cup	FWYC
Sat., October 29	Grande Finale**	
Sat., December 3	JAM #6	Zack Van Voast

\*\*Major Event

Boat Name	Skipper	Place
Stickman	Zack Van Voast	1
Untamed	Ian Hunter	2
Rock-n-Roll	Obie Olds	3
Kahlua	Mickey Duvall	4
Kayla	Michael Phillips	5

## Crusin' Around

Hello all cruisers. With the weather starting to warm up, it's time to get out on the water again! We have a full slate of activities planned, and can certainly accommodate some "on-the-fly" events as well. Upcoming events are as follows:

### 2/26 Spring Meeting

6PM at the Bluewater Bay Marina ship's store.

### 4/22 Friday Night Raft Up

Continuing with our tradition, there will be a nautical quiz and prize. Raft up location and other details to be announced.

We'll discuss further at the upcoming Spring Meeting. 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'S CORNER



Greetings Fellow Sailors and Happy New Year to all of you! I hope everyone is getting geared up and ready 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 again to some great race events that Mark Hunter has planned for us. We have brought back the Jib and Main series dubbed the "JAM series". In fact we have already had several of the "JAM" events and will have the next one this weekend as part of the annual "Chili Dog" regatta. 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. We will again enjoy the Friday night raft ups and the usual trips along the gulf coast. 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. Keep an eye out for the notice of our spring meeting which is in just a few weeks. We hope to see everyone there. This year will be a ton of fun! We hope that all of you are able to attend as many events as possible to 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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**BBSC SPRING MEETING & Membership Drive**  
**February 26, 2016**  
**6:00 pm @ Schooner's Ship Store**  
 For More Information Contact:  
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- There were 76 BBSC members in 2015 and 25 members have renewed for 2016
- Big thanks to the two race sponsors, Craig Wilusz who sponsored the Sailfest and DAG Architects who sponsored the Grande Finale.

#### Rear Commodore (Pete Hodges)

- Pete said it was a great year and great turn out for all events, the Chili Dog Regatta, the Race to the Park, the Bay Cruises and raft ups. He will continue the trivia pirate quiz as well as the shore potlucks. Pete is already planning for the 2016 Bay Cruises.

#### Newsletter (Patty Deming)

- Patty was happy everyone made it to the banquet.

#### Vice Commodore (Jeff Blackburn)

- Big thanks to Jeff and the awesome trophies/ awards.

#### Open Discussion

- Charlie Mauck has people interested in joining the club and asked about registration forms.
- Mike Phillips questioned the checking account balance, which will be further discussed at the Spring Meeting.



- Mark Hunter suggested changing the NOR rules for the big trophies winners must be boat committee for one race during the season.

#### Pat Ballasch

- Congrats to everyone winning awards!
- Thanks to the Bridge! Meeting

**Adjourned at 8:51PM**

*Mindy Barrett, Secretary BBSC*



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## 2016 BBSC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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email: \_\_\_\_\_

email categories: ☐ Cruises ☐ Small Boat

Boat Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Names on Cards: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Other (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ PHRF Racing ☐ General Activities

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*BBSC respects our Member's privacy and does not disclose any personal information to outside parties*

Return Form with checks payable to  
 BBSC:

1 Membership Renewal x \$50 + \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Bluewater Bay Sailing Club  
 attention: Treasurer  
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# Upcoming Events

Fri., February 26	Spring Meeting
Sat., March 5	JAM #4
Sat., March 26	JAM #5
Sat., April 9	Spring Regatta
Sat., April 23	Pick Your Poison
Fri., April 29	Friday Raft-Up #1
Sat., May 7	Shrimp Boil
Sat., May 14	Sailfest
May 21 to 30	Spring Cruise
Sat., June 4	Round the Bay West

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