



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

March 2016

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



BBSC SPRING MEETING & Membership Drive

February 26, 2016

Commodore: Pat Ballasch, Vice Commodore: Jeff Blackburn, Rear Commodore: Pete Hodges, Secretary: Mindy Barrett, Treasure: 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, Brett Hinley, Zack Kastl, Brenda Crabbe and Mindy Barrett

Location: Shipstore at BWB Marina Call to order at 6:37pm by Commodore, Pat Ballasch Commodore Pat Ballasch called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 2016 Spring meeting. Pat welcome the new members to the club, Cheryl Wilkinson, Rhonda Comparin, John Nolan and Kate Scanlan. Thanked Pete for arranging refreshments and appetizers. Pat said 2016 will have many sailing opportunities.



Treasurer's Report (Marilyn Ostrominski)

- Marilyn reported the checking account balance
- Membership for 2016 is 36 including 7 complimentary memberships.
- All bills have been paid for 2016.
- Boat US is now activated and Marilyn informed members that they could purchase their membership at a 50% discount.

Fleet Captain (Mark Hunter)

Mark announced the sailing calendar is available and he is looking for volunteers for race committee. Mark stated there has already been three JAM races this year, the last one being the Chili Dog Regatta. There will be two more in the spring and one late season. Mark stated the Jib and Main race are low key races to encourage participation. April 9 will be the Spring Regatta. Mark stressed again the importance of volunteering for events, this is a volunteer club and without volunteers races won't go.

Small Boat Captain (Zack Kastl)

The schedule will follow the same format as last year with races from April to October, the race on the calendar for May 8 will be changed since it's on Mother's Day. Seven races are on the calendar and Grover Niles has volunteered to be race committee for the first race. Races will be held on Sunday's from 1:00:00. Zack entertain questions from the floor regarding increasing participation. One suggestion was to hold a small boat sailing seminar for those adults interested in learning to sail a small sailing vessel.

Rear Commodore (Pete Hodges)

Pete stated his position is to plan the social and cruising events for the club. Pete asked all those present to email him if they would like to be included in cruising. The Chili Dog Regatta was this year's first social event. Pete thanked Mickey and Patty Duvall for hosting the event. Pete has planned four Friday night raft ups, the first being April 29, featuring a trivia quiz and rum for the winner. Location will be somewhere in Rocky and those partaking can stay over if they like. The Shrimp Boil is May 7 and the Duvall's have agreed to host the event again this year. The spring cruise is on the calendar with plans



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to go east. Other events will be the Bay cruise, the beach party bonfire at Raintree estates hosted by Tom and Betty Ballasch. The Deming's offered their home for a July 4th party and to watch the fireworks.

Newsletter (Patty Deming)

Pat introduced Patty as, the queen of the newsletter. Patty announced that new member Rhonda Comparin has volunteered to help with our social media, facebook. Patty stated the BBSC website is up and running except for the start and end dates of the Wednesday Night Fun Sail. The next newsletter will be out soon.

Quartermaster (Brenda Crabbe)

Brenda passed out door prizes of 2015 BBSC shirts to lucky winners.

Vice Commodore (Jeff Blackburn)

Jeff provides the trophies for racing events and it was anonymous that he is doing a great job. Jeff asked if anyone has any new idea for trophies for this year to please come talk to him. Jeff said a pitcher of beer for the winners of Wednesday night fun races works well, as for the winner of the JAM races.

Brett Hinley

Events being held at Bluewater Bay Marina begin on March 12 with the Nautical Flea Market from 7:00 to 11:00am, Brett said bring, sale, swap or buy and if you bring it, take it with you. March 20 is the first Sock Burning event to bring in the New Year. Arrive in socks and shoes, burn the socks and wear your sandals home. The first unofficial Wednesday night fun races are March 17-24-31. The first official race will be on April 6.

Pat Ballasch (Wrap up)

Thanked the Hinley family for their support of the club. Pat then thanked Craig and Debra Wilusz of Gulf Pool Service for their sponsorship for the Sailfest. Pat stated that the club has had a full year of sailing the JAM series and asked for feedback on the format. Pat was also concerned about the low attendance at the Fall banquet that was held in January this year instead of being held in November as in past years. Mickey Duvall suggested moving the banquet back to a November date but take all inputs into consideration. Bill Turney discussed the house bill 10511260 regarding no overnight boat parking in five locations in Brewer and Day counties, stating if passed our club may see a bill affecting our waters one day which would affect anchoring and cruising. Pat stated he is looking into upgrading our insurance policy, we now have limited coverage during activities that are on the water during a regatta event. He wants to look into a more comprehensive policy that includes events such as cruises, banquets, raft ups, etc. Pat would like to see the club more protected since we have the money to expand our coverage. Pat asked if anyone has any questions to feel free to contact him.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:39PM
Mindy Barrett, Secretary BBSC**



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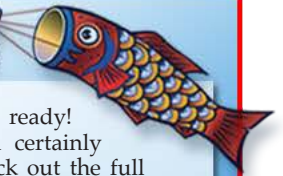
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Greetings sailors! I can hardly believe that it is nearly Easter and spring is in the air! I hope everyone has been busy getting their winter cobwebs cleared out of your boats and have been able to take care of your off season repairs so you are ready for a spring and summer full of fun in the sun and wind. I personally am a bit behind but the weather getting warmer and the days getting longer are certainly getting me more motivated to hurry up! Our calendar is full of events coming up so please get on the website and make sure you download a copy of the schedule and paste it on your refrigerator or some other place where you can keep aware of the events. Believe it or not the ever popular Wednesday night races sponsored by L. J. Schooners unofficially begin this month on the 16th! We have JAM #5 on the 26th of March and then the Spring Regatta is hitting us right away on April 9! We are still looking for some more volunteers to run some of the races so please make sure you contact Mark Hunter and let him know what dates you can help with. We also need help with small boats so check with Zack Kastl to see where you can help there. I look forward to seeing everyone out on the water!

*May the four winds blow you safely home!
Patrick Ballasch, BBSC Commodore*

Crusin' Around



Cruising time is fast approaching, so get your boat ready! We have a full slate of activities planned, and can certainly accommodate some "on-the-fly" events as well. Check out the full schedule on BBSC.com. And stay tuned to the BBSC Facebook page for updates and pictures. Recent and upcoming events are as follows:

2/13 Chili Dog

A fun time was had by all at the Chili Dog Regatta after race party held at Mickey and Pat Duvall's home on Nelson Point. Weather was great - blue skies and decent temps. Mickey's fire pits kept us warm and smoky. Turnout was good, with arrivals from both land and sea. And we had some great chili recipes. This year we used judges to pick the winner, using a point system based on aroma, color, consistency, taste and aftertaste. Judges Buzz Clarke, Ed Dunbar and Pete Hodges awarded the \$50 prize to Marty Ruckel. Congratulations Marty! Thanks to all those bringing chili, and to the event volunteers: Pat Ballasch, Mindy Barrett, Buzz Clarke, Ed Dunbar, Kathy Hodges and Tom & Becky Kennedy. Finally, a big thanks to Mickey and Pat for hosting the event once again.

2/26 Spring Meeting

There was a nice turnout at the Spring Meeting on February 26th. And we may have had more cruisers than racers in attendance! Also, it was nice to see some new members joining BBSC. After outlining the planned events for the year, we discussed the Spring Cruise. Given that several boats have mast height restrictions, we'll be going east again. I'll be checking for cruise participants a couple weeks out, and will make a final call then. Tom Kennedy suggested a Destin raft up. I'll be following up on that. And Doris Deming mentioned that they will again be hosting their annual 4th of July party on Boggy Bayou.

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.

5/7 Shrimp Boil

This is one of our premier events of the year, with great food, drinks, music and camaraderie. Be sure to put this on your personal calendar.

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



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

JAM #4 Results

| Boat | Place |
|-------------|-------|
| Shenanigan | 1 |
| Kahlua | 2 |
| Rock-N-Roal | 3 |
| Marci | 4 |

Hello Sailors. JAM #3 and #4 are already behind us. It seems like yesterday we were having the awards banquet! JAM #3 (Chili Dog Regatta) was the best attended yet this year with eight boats registered. No doubt the thought of chili added to the incentive to come out and sail on a standard Florida winter day. Although the wind was again light (for every JAM this year it seems), all the boats had a good time. Thanks to Patty and Mickey Duvall for running the JAM and hosting the cook-off afterwards. This is a lot of work for them but a wonderful venue for us. Please say "thank you" the next time you see them.

JAM #4 was also run under moderate to light winds. I know some folks with the heavier boats are a bit tired of the light air but I want to assure them that the odds of JAM #5 and #6 being light are getting smaller and smaller. Actually, I don't think the probabilities work quite like that but that's my story and I'm sticking with it. Thanks to Zack Van Voast and the Stickman crew for running JAM #4. The results are included below. Our next events are the JAM #5 on 26 March and the Spring Regatta on 9 April. The Spring Regatta will be the multi-class format with three classes (Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Cruiser), assuming a three-boat minimum. The last thing I want to mention is an appeal for race committee volunteers to keep our events on track. I hope to see you out on the water.

PHRF Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter



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to your own article

License Plates: \$10

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Chili-Dog Race and Cookoff

BBSC hosted the annual Chili-Dog Race and Cookoff on 13 Feb 15. The weather was clear but a little bit cool (what can you expect in Feb), and the wind was from the north at 10-15 knots. Eight boats registered for the race but one did not make it due to engine mechanical issues. Entry fee for the race was bring a trophy or award for after the race. The race started at Rocky #1 and headed north into the bayou to a turning mark at the north end of the bayou. There was some grumbling about the number of tacks going up the bayou but it make for good boat handling skills practice. Stickman led to the turning mark and never looked back. They were followed by Avocet and the fleet then race out to Grass Lake Mark for a down wind sprint. The fleet then returned to the north turning mark in the bayou which again meant a lot of tacks. Stickman led the entire way and was first to finish downwind off the Duvall's dock in Rocky Bayou, where the after race activities would take place. Pots of chili were showing up all day and we had 10 pots of homemade chili ready for the competition. Independent judges were utilized to pick the winner and this year's best chili went to Marty Ruckel. A lot of chili and beverages were consumed and hopefully everyone had a good time.



Awards for the race were given out in reverse order of how they finished. Last to finish got first choice and this continued all the way to second place. The famous perpetual chili dog trophy was presented to Stickman and crew for their excellent job of racing and the trophy will be on display in the trophy case at the marina.

Thanks to everyone who participated and made this years event a success.

Mickey Duvall

Chili Dog (JAM #3) Results

| Boat | Rating | Finish | Corrected Time | Place |
|-------------|--------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Stickman | 114 | 1:35:10 | 1:35:10 | 1 |
| Pandemonium | 156 | 1:55:18 | 1:49:59 | 2 |
| Avocet | 165 | 1:56:54 | 1:50:26 | 3 |
| Rock-N-Roll | 189 | 2:06:22 | 1:56:52 | 4 |
| Just-Us | 195 | 2:11:27 | 2:01:11 | 5 |
| Halcyon | 171 | 2:18:40 | 2:11:27 | 6 |
| Kayla | 255 | 2:43:01 | 2:25:53 | 7 |
| Shenanigan | 171 | DNS | | 8 |



Upcoming Events

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|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| Wed., March 16 | Unofficial Wednesday Night Races Start |
| Sat., March 26 | JAM #5 |
| Wed., April 6 | Wednesday Night Races Start |
| Sat., April 9 | Spring Regatta |
| Sun., April 17 | Small Boat Race #1 |
| 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 |

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