



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

June & July 2016

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

Crusin' Around



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

5/7 Shrimp Boil

What a party! And what a beautiful day! Around 60 attended the annual Shrimp Boil, and were treated to some great cooking. Our chefs used a five burner system to serve everything quickly, and to perfection. Big thanks to all the volunteers: Pat Ballasch, Mindy Barrett, Buzz Clarke, Denis Duhaime, Ed Dunbar, Kathy Hodges, Bob Hutchison, Charlie Mauck, Grover Niles, Phil Rosegrant and Zack Van Voast. Thanks again Mickey and Patty for hosting.

5/21-30 Spring Cruise

The Spring Cruise, which ran from May 21-30, was a great success! We had a total of fifteen boats, with some getting late starts or having to depart early. Weather for the cruise was absolutely perfect. Here's a brief recap from the cruise: first day was a great sail down the bay to the 331 anchorage, with favoring winds for a change. Excellent dinner ashore was at the new Boragos across from The Bay. After transiting the ditch to Panama City, 12 boats made it to Lands End, Shell Island. Monday was a day at the beach. Weather continued to amaze. One more boat arrived. Now 13! Happy hour on Shell Island dock with 28 people! Tuesday we were off to Crooked Island, Port St. Joe and St. Andrews, with some staying at Shell Island. Five boats made it to Crooked Island, and spent 3 nights. Four boats went to Baypoint, and enjoyed the pool there. Magnolia visited Port St. Joe and Kahlua made it to St. Andrews, and joined up with Estrellita

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Wednesday Night Races

Hola Intrepid Sailors,

We had a nice light air race last Wednesday. Winds were SW-W 5 - 10 kts. Race committee was Shenanigan who set a nice line w/ the East pin off the shore a little ways to prevent congestion after the start.

Race committee was close to being on time but just a shy late, but that didn't matter because thoroughbred of the night (Stickman) found themselves in a precarious situation and almost earned some negative style points by fouling the committee boat. (They earn a honorable mention)

The wind was light and it was close to the turn around time but the race committee battled their way to the leading mark and took home the victory.

The race home was even lighter with many chutes flying. The first across the line belonged to Irish Lady.

Wednesday Night Racing Czar, Brett Hinely

Finish places were:

14. Lavita
13. Iwalani
12. Shenanigan
11. Stickman
10. Amazing Grace
9. Maverick
8. Stella
7. Avocet
6. Diamond
5. Push It Up
4. Kahlua
3. Raconteur
2. Halcyon
1. Irish Lady

Food, Fun, Fireworks, & 4th of July Tradition

All are invited to the Deming's annual 4th of July picnic and fireworks show. Come about 4 and enjoy beer, wine and beverages. Hots and burgers and all the fixings will go on the grill about 5. Bring a dish to share. Come by boat or car. There is ample parking for both.

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at Redfish Point. Next, most of us joined back up at Panama City Marina for two days of fun. One high point was dinner for 28 at Ferrucci's. They even remembered us from last year's cruise! We had a preliminary blooper contest with Lovely Crews winning for a "brown geyser" event. Our last night was at back at 331 anchorage with 9 boats, and dinner ashore at The Bay. Bay Gypsy joined up on the beginning of their cruise, but unfortunately had to cut it short due to engine issues.

Special thanks to Susan Hiemstra for the fun craft activities at Shell. And kudos to Patty Deming for posting pictures en route. Finally, thanks to all who participated for making this such a great time!

Please see all the pictures and commentary on Facebook. For those who missed the cruise, look for the "Bay Cruise" scheduled for middle of October.

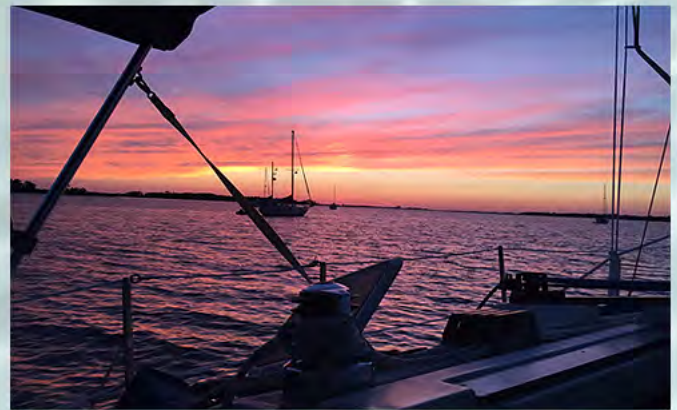
7/15 Friday Raft Up #3

Next 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





PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Hello Sailors. The Sailfest Regatta took place on 15 May under fantastic sailing conditions. The sun was shining, the wind was up the humidity was low and the seabreeze came in just as anticipated. It was a great day to sail. Sailfest is primarily a windward-leeward race with the exception of the Cruiser Class which sailed a government mark course. Thanks again to the sponsor, Gulf Performance Sailing for helping us execute another wholesome regatta. The results say it all. Myasassur (Spinnaker),

Stickman (Non-Spinnaker), and Kayla (Cruiser) crushed the competition with all bullets. We had an unusual three-way tie for 2d, 3d, and 4th in the non-spin class with Rock-N-Roll coming out on top. Congratulations to all.

The Around The Bay - West took place on 4 June. We were incredibly fortunate that the downpours the previous night, which extended into the early daylight hours, parted for the duration of the race. Soon after the awards ceremony at 5:30 PM, the clouds and rain closed in again. Clearly, it was meant to be. The winds started a little light but then strengthened during the day leading to some great sailing. The courses for the three fleets were all slightly different going west but were all the same for the return leg into Bluewater. The course lengths matched the different fleets almost perfectly allowing all the boats to finish within a 30-minute window. The only mishap of the race was onboard Island Girl who lost their rudder just prior to their start. Not to worry though, the experienced crew threw out their anchor, sorted out the situation and made port with minimal drama. Congrats to Island Girl for their demonstration of superior seamanship and shemanship skills. A hearty thanks goes out to Tom Kennedy and Don Gresko for running the race under adverse conditions (their electrical system went kaput on the water). Congrats to the winners, Kayla, Pandemonium and Epiphany. The next big boat event is Around the Bay East on 25 June. I hope to see you at the skippers meeting on 24 June.

PHRF Fleet Captain, Mark Hunter



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'Round the Bay — West Results

Boat Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total	Place
Spinnaker					
Myasassur	1	1	1	3	1
Untamed	2	2	2	6	2
SHENANIGAN	3	3	4	10	3
Avocet	4	4	3	11	4
Non-Spinnaker					
Stickman	1	1	1	3	1
Rock-N-Roll	4	3	2	9	2
Kahlua	2	4	3	9	3
Pandemonium	3	2	4	9	4
Cruiser					
Raconteur	2			2	2
Kayla	1			1	1

Sailfest Results

Boat Name	Place
Spinnaker	
Epiphany	1
Shenanigan	2
Push It Up	3
Maverick	4
Non-Spinnaker	
Pandemonium	1
Rock-n-Roll	2
Cruiser	
Kayla	1
Amazing Grace	2
Island Girl	DNS

Upcoming Events

Sat., June 25	Round the Bay East
Sun., July 10	Small Boat Race #4
Fri., July 15	Friday Raft-Up #3
Sat., July 23	Double Handed Regatta
Sat., August 6	Night Race
Sun., August 14	Small Boat Race #5
Sat., August 20	Ladybug Regatta
Sat., September 10	Race to the Park
Fri., September 16	Friday Raft-Up #4
Sun., September 18	Small Boat Race #6
Sat., September 24	Circle Raft-Up
Wed., September 28	Last Official Wednesday Night

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