



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

March/April 2017

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

Awards Banquet

January 28, 2017

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

Bridge Members Attending:

Pat Ballasch, Patty Deming, Pete Hodges, Jeff Blackburn, Marilyn Ostrominski, Mark Hunter, Zack Kastl, Brenda Crabbe and Mindy Barrett

Call to order at 7:16 pm by Commodore, Pat Ballasch

- Pat thanked everyone for making 2016 a great year of sailing, cruising, and social events.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Ostrominski)

- Marilyn stated the checking account balance
- There are 40 families have paid for the 2017
- We have two sponsor for 2017, Gulf Pool Services, Craig and Debra Wilusz who sponsor the Sailfest and DAG Architects who sponsor the Grande Finale.
- Marilyn stepped down as treasurer for 2017
- Pat presented Marilyn with a bouquet of flowers and a waterford crystal vase as an appreciation of her many years of service to the club.

Rear Commodore's Report: Pete Hodges)

- Pete gave a recap of the years cruising activities. The first being the Spring Cruise to Panama City, which had 15 boats. The Bay cruise was well attended as it was closer to home.
- There were four rafts ups, trivia contest winners were, the Conrads, Pat Ballasch and Rosemary.
- Social events were the Chili Dog, Shrimp boil and Race to the Park. Pete made a special Thank You to Mickey and Patty Duvall and all the Volunteers that helped with the events.
- Last event of the season was the Beach Bonfire Bash hosted by Tom and Betty Ballasch.

PHRF Fleet Captain's Report: Mark Hunter

- Mark presented the awards for the 2016 sailing season

The Jam Series:

Winner: Zack Van Voast on Stickman.

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: Grover Niles

Commander's Cup

Winner: Spinnaker – Grover Niles

Winner: Non-spinnaker – Bill Deming

Winner: Cruiser – Mike Phillips

Sailor of the Year

Winner: Grover Niles



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Small Boat Fleet Captain: Zack Kastl

Small boat fleet – Jane Colee Award
Winner: Mark Hunter

- Zack thanked Grover Niles, who volunteered as race committee for almost every race.
- Zack also thanked Pat Ballasch for being the newest member of the small boat racing fleet.



Club Awards: Pat Ballasch

Sportsman's Award

Tom Kennedy – for his dedication and positive attitude towards the sailing club.

Emma Goggin Award

Brett Hinley – for promoting the club with the Wednesday Night Fun Races and the Single Handed Race.

VIP Bridge Award

Mark Hunter

Blooper Award

Phil Rosegrant – for his poop volcano experience during the sailing club cruise.

Official Business

- Pat said the club has been in existence for 51 years but this past year the club has been named in a lawsuit regarding a wrongful death filed by the family of Mark Sellers. The club has retained an attorney and has done 100% what needed to be done. His hope is to see the club past this hurdle, and if anyone has any further questions to contact him.
- Brett Hinley stated he stands behind the club and Pat Ballasch and Mark Hunter.
- First Racing event of 2017 was Jam #1 on January 22
- Jam #2 is scheduled for February 4
- The Chili Dog Regatta and Jam #3 is February 18 and will be hosted by Mickey and Patty Duvall.
- Mark Hunter wants to change the rules for the Commodores Cup and will have the format before the racing series starts.
- Fred Reichstetter would like to change the date of the banquet to November or December.

Nomination for open bridge positions

- Marilyn nominated Cathy Gardner for Treasurer, she accepted, motion to approve was made and passed.
- Pete nominated Phil Rosegrant for Rear Commodore, he accepted, motion to approve was made and passed.
- All other bridge positions will remain filled by current bridge members.

Closing Remarks: Pat Ballasch

- Will continue to do the best he can to serve the club and congratulated everyone winning awards!
- Thanks to the Bridge!

Mindy Barrett, Secretary BBSC

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COMMODORE'S

CORNER

Ahoy and Greetings to my Blue Water Bay Sailing Club friends!

Welcome to DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!!!! I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and ready to jump into spring sailing!!! It has not been too rough on us this winter as the weather generally was quite mild if not in fact unseasonably warm for a great part of the winter. It's hard to believe that spring is already here and we are getting into the real heart of the sailing season. We have already had several JAM regattas and social events like the Chili Dog Cookout and believe it or not, Wednesday night racing has begun! The Spring Regatta will soon be on us (April 8) and we will be starting our cruising events on Friday April 28th which is our first Friday night raft up. Get your Lazars, Sunfish, Force 5s, or

other small dingy you may have ready to sail because on April 23rd we will have our first small boat regatta. Please keep an eye on our FaceBook Page, our website, and your emails to mark your calendars so you don't miss out on the fun. We hope to see you out there for Wednesday night sailing, raft ups and cruising, small boat racing, and PHRF regattas. We have planned something for everyone so get ready for a very active Spring!

May the Spring Winds be fare to all of you,

Patrick Ballasch, BBSC Commodore 2106

Crusin' Around



Phil thanked Pete Hodges for his service the last two years as the Rear Commodore. He stated that this year's schedule will be a lot like last year. The Chili Dog Regatta and Chili Cook Off has already occurred and was attended by about 40 people with 10 cooks entering their chili. This year there will be 4 Raftups with two of them occurring on Saturdays instead of Friday. The next cruising event is a raftup on Friday April 28 followed by the Shrimp Boil on May 6 at the Duvall's. Thanks to Mickey and Patty Duvall for hosting the Chili Cook Off and the Shrimp Boil. The spring cruise

will be going east again this year. The rest of the events are already on the calendar at the club webpage. If there are enough sailors interested, Phil will plan a shorter cruise heading west. Please let Phil know if you want to go cruising to the west. We will need lots of volunteers to make the Shrimp Boil successful. Look for an email requesting volunteers as we get closer to the end of April.

Rear Commodore, Phil Rosegrant



Hello Sailors. I've been remiss in not getting out info as of late. Hopefully I'll my act together. JAM #3/ Chili Dog was the best JAM yet with lots of participation, even with the threat of rain. A big thank you to the Duvall clan for running the race and hosting the Chili Dog party. I can't say "thank you" enough for all they have done and continue to do for the club. The finish around the back of the Rocky Bayou threw a twist into the usual finish strategies and was a welcome change. For the last several JAMs we've had a windward-leeward element in the course as well as the usual reach legs for which JAMs are famous. This adds an interesting element to the event. Congrats to Shenanigan for a well deserved win. A little over two minutes separated the first four boats.

JAM #4 started under a good breeze of around 16 kts but petered out during the day. It was a beautiful day for a sail even though the temps stayed in the lower 60's. The start was a little different as the line was setup for a port reach (actually, JAM #3 was the same). Just about everyone started together and galloped off to Boggy 1. The predicted south to southwest breeze never showed up so the windward-leeward legs were really reaches, while the long Boggy to 58 leg was a real windward leg. Thanks to Michael Phillips and crew for running the race. Congrats to Stickman for their convincing win.

JAM #5 is coming up on 24 Mar with the Spring Regatta (8 April) following shortly thereafter. I've published the current Race Committee roster below. I did have a conflict for a couple of the events where I received volunteers for events at the Spring Meeting and then other folks volunteered for the same event at a later time. I gave preference to the folks who signed up at the Spring Meeting. At this time I don't have a RC for the Spring Regatta.

In the past, when we have three classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser; there was no specific criteria on entry into the Cruiser class. I propose to make one for the upcoming events for 2017. The Spring Regatta is the first event where this criteria applies. I propose that a boat must meet three of the four following criteria to enter as a Cruiser:

- PHRF Rating greater than or equal to 189;
- Mounted radar, solar panel, Bimini, dodger, dingy davits, or wind generator;
- Fixed prop;
- Standard Dacron sailcloth on a roller furler or hanks

In addition, any boat with multiple masts or cotton sails automatically qualifies as a Cruiser. I'm open to discussion regarding this criteria, but we must resolve this shortly as this will impact the NOR for Spring Regatta. Lastly, I want to reiterate to all those who participate in the BBSC racing events (and really any BBSC event), those who chose to participate do so at their own risk. Racing sailboats (or for that matter, any water related activity) is inherently risky. The skipper of any vessel which enters an event is solely responsible the safety of their vessel and crew. BBSC shall not be liable for the outcome of such an entry.

Mark Hunter, PHRF Fleet Captain

Race Committee		
Date	Regatta	Committee
Sat., January 22	JAM #1	Pat Ballasch
Sat., Feb 12	JAM #2	Tom Kennedy
Sat., February 18	JAM #3	Mickey Duvall
Sat., March 4	JAM #4	Michael Phillips
Sat, March 25	JAM #5	Bill Deming
Sat., April 8	Spring Regatta**	
Sat., April 22	Pick Your Poison	
Sat., May 13	Sailfest**	Charlie Mauck
Sat., June 3	Round the Bay West**	Grover Niles
Sat., June 24	Round-the-Bay East**	Pat Ballasch
Sat., July 22	Double Handed Regatta	
Sat., August 5	Night Race	
Sat., August 26	Ladybug Regatta	
Sat., September 16	Race to the Park	Mark Hunter
Sat., September 30	Challenge Cup	FWYC
Sat, October 21	Singlehanded Regatta	BWB Marina
Sat., October 28	Grande Finale**	
Sat., December 9	JAM #6	

**Major Event

JAM #3 – Chili Dog

Boat Name	Skipper	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Place
Shenanigan	Grover Niles	14:09:39	2:09:39	1:57:03	1
Epiphany	Mark Hunter	13:58:38	1:58:38	1:58:38	2
Stickman	Zack Van Voast	14:01:38	2:01:38	1:59:01	3
Avocet	Pat Ballasch	14:11:19	2:11:19	1:59:14	4
Pandemonium	Bill Deming	14:15:40	2:15:40	2:05:42	5
Whit's End	Tom Whittemore	14:51:08	2:51:08	2:35:54	6
Halcyon	Brian Gwinnup	14:52:40	2:52:40	2:37:27	7
Kayla	Mike Phillips	15:12:28	3:12:28	2:45:10	8
Iwalani	Charlie Mauck	15:03:07	3:03:07	2:51:34	9

JAM #4

Boat Name	Skipper	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Place
Stickman	Zack Van Voast	14:27:00	2:17:00	2:14:07	1
Avocet	Pat Ballasch	14:38:58	2:28:58	2:15:45	2
Shenanigan	Grover Niles	14:41:51	2:31:51	2:18:03	3
Epiphany	Mark Hunter	14:32:10	2:22:10	2:22:10	4
Vixen	David Lauderbaugh	14:47:50	2:37:50	2:25:11	5
Bay Gypsy	Alan Gardner	15:34:05	3:24:05	3:07:25	6
Jule of the Sea	Steve Doty	DNF			DNF

Upcoming Events

Sat., March 25	JAM #5
Wed., April 5	Wednesday Night Race
Sat., April 8	Spring Regatta
Sat., April 22	Pick Your Poison
Sun., April 23	Small Boat #1
Fri., April 28	Friday Raft-Up #1
Sat., May 6	Shrimp Boil
Sat., May 13	Sailfest
May 20 to May 30	Spring Cruise
Sun., May 21	Small Boat #2

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