



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER

May 2017

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Hello Sailors. JAM #5 is thankfully behind us now. I should say JAM #5 a.k.a. "cluster on the bay" a.k.a. Florida FUBAR a.k.a. Zombie Sailpocalypse. Yes, it was that bad. The day started off with a simple briefing of the 13.2 NM course. With the breeze in the upper

teens, it was going to be quick and fun. The Deming clan aboard a borrowed boat (Pandemonium's engine lived up to its name and took that day to spit water all over the place) started the fleet near Rocky 1. Avocet and Rock-n-Roll noticed the port tack start at the pin was heavily favored and easily crossed over the hapless Epiphany and Kahlua (locked together in a starboard, committee boat start fiasco). Before long, Epiphany regained the lead and led the fleet around the course. The boats finished with Epiphany correcting out over Avocet by over two minutes, who themselves bettered Kahlua by one second. Rock-n-Roll brought up the train some 19 minutes later. But wait! This is where the things went awry. Rock-n-Roll carefully and diligently noted that all the boats in front of them rounded Boggy 1 incorrectly, leaving the mark to starboard as opposed to the briefed, port side. Thus, all the other boats were disqualified leaving Rock-n-Roll as the victor. Congrats to Rock-n-Roll for their attention to detail and confidence to sail the course as briefed and not follow the herd.

The Spring Regatta has run by Brian Gwinnup and his daughter Riley. The day started with an ominous forecast of zero breeze around 1300. However, with clear and sunny skies dominating the weather, the sea breeze piped up and brought us 7-13 knots for most of the racing day. They set a windward-leeward course with 1 NM legs for the Spinnaker and Non-Spin fleets. The cruiser fleet sailed around a set of government marks and one club mark near Rocky 1. As briefed, Brian started and finished two races for the windward-leeward crowd. The first race was on the light side with the second race starting slow and ramping up to a good breeze. Brian ran a great race with perfectly timed signals

throughout. Congrats to the winners: Vixen (cruiser), Pandemonium (Non-Spin) and Shenanigan (Spin). Many thanks to Patty Deming for making the first place trophies.

The next event is the "Pick Your Poison" regatta on 22 April. This race forces the competitors to choose their own course among several options in the hopes they chose the course which best suits them. This race is a "fly what you got" event with all boats sailing in one class. Unfortunately, we don't have a volunteer to be race committee for this event. Hopefully someone will volunteer soon.

The next large event is Sailfest on 13 May. I'll send a separate SI for this event. In a nutshell, it's a multi-race windward-leeward course for Spin and Non-Spin boats with a government mark course for the cruisers. Shirts (with artwork courtesy of our Commodore), food, and trophies are included. Special thanks to Gulf Performance Sailing for sponsoring Sailfest.

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**	Brian Gwinnup
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 #5					
Boat Name	Skipper	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Place
Rock n' Roll	Obie Olds	15:29:43	3:04:43	2:23:09	1
Epiphany	Mark Hunter	14:47:18	2:22:18	2:00:32	DSQ
Avocet	Pat Ballasch	15:04:48	2:39:48	2:02:51	DSQ
Kahlua	Mickey Duvall	15:16:42	2:51:42	2:02:52	DSQ
Vixen	Dave Lauderbaugh	-	-	-	DNS

Spring Regatta						
	Boat Name	Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Total	Place
Spinnaker	Shenanigan	Grover Niles	2	1	3	1
	Epiphany	Mark Hunter	1	2	3	2
	Push It Up	J. D. Phillips	3	3	6	3
Non-Spinnaker	Pandemonium	Bill Deming	1	2	3	1
	Kahlua	Mickey Duvall	3	1	4	2
	Rock n'Roll	Obie Olds	2	3	5	3
Cruiser	Vixen	Dave Lauderbaugh	1	-	1	1

Crusin' Around



Hello Cruisers,

The calendar is going to be busy over the next 8 weeks. I hope you are ready for some socializing time. The first raftup of the season is Friday April 28. The Shrimp Boil is the following weekend on Saturday May 6. The biggest cruising event of the year is the spring cruise from May 20 – May 29.

Raftup #1

The raftup will be in Rocky Bayou off of Nelson Point on Friday April 28. Tom Kennedy on Per Diem will be the lead boat for this event and will drop anchor about 4:00. Pete gave me the link for the webpage where he found the difficult nautical quizzes so don't expect the trivia questions to be any easier this year. Whoever knows the most correct answers or guesses better than the rest of us, will take home a bottle of rum. Bring a dish to share. Listen for the conch shell blowing at sunset.

Shrimp Boil

The annual Shrimp Boil will be Saturday May 6 at Mickey and Patty Duvall's house. The event will start at 4:00 with the food ready about 6:00. Look for the invitation and RSVP form in this newsletter. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Please get your RSVP returned by May 1 so we can get the right amount of food and drink. We really appreciate Mickey and Patty hosting this event. They have a great yard and view of

the bayou. Get your check and RSVP in the mail! Please let me know if you will volunteer to help make this event the success it has been in previous years

Spring Cruise

The Spring Cruise starts on Saturday May 20. We will have a mid-day start and anchor at the 331 bridge. The tentative itinerary takes us to Shell Island, Crooked Island, with some marina stops along the way. We will finish the cruise back at the 331 bridge. Please send me an email and let me know if you want to participate in the cruise this year. I have the Cruiser email list that Pete used last year. I will be using this list to communicate details about the cruise. Please let me know if you want to be added to the list. We had a great turn out last year with 18 boats at Shell Island. Join us this year for a good time.

Blue Angels Show

Several people have mentioned that they are interested in going to Pensacola for the Blue Angels show. Probably leaving on July 5 and returning around July 10. Please let me know if you want to join a group heading to Pensacola.

Keep on cruising.

Rear Commodore Phil Rosegrant



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(without name)

For additional information go to www.bbsc.com or contact Brenda Crabbe at quarter-master@bbsc.com

Wednesday Night Races

★ Hola Intrepid Sailors,

And Intrepid was the description of the die-hards that faced the elements last Wednesday. We had 5 boats sail in SW 15 kts gusting to 25 kts. Diamond was the race committee and had a long line and was on time on target. The entire fleet of 4 were early and had to run the line till the race committee boat passed them. After that it was a reef, flatten the sails, drop the traveler and get to the high side kind of night. Epiphany seemed to head right into the wind and outpointed the fleet but still the race was a fairly tight one. Avocet did very well for the sea state. Diamond and Kahlua were well matched. Mud Hen was surviving.

Epiphany took the points for first to the turning mark and the fleet turned and had a sleigh ride home. Diamond (All 30,000 lbs saw 7.96 kts on way home). No chutes were flown. Mud Hen and Kahlua rounded Rocky in tight formation.....

may too tight formation as Mud Hen attempted to mate Kahlua right after Rocky 1.

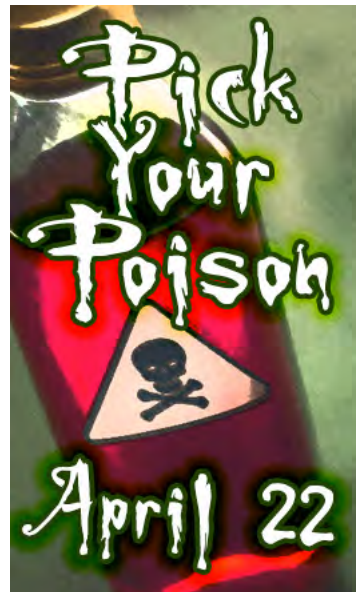
Finish places were:

5. Diamond
4. Avocet
3. Epiphany
2. Mud Hen
1. Kahlua

Some style points were given out:

- 1 Mud Hen for striking Kahlua
- +1 Kahlua for being a good sport about it
- +1 Kahlua for gathering mark (part of the first place finisher job) but without a boat hook
- 1 Kahlua for lobbying for the +1 style points about the marks
- 1 Kahlua for further quibbling

Wednesday Night Racing Czar Brett Hinely



COMMODORE'S



CORNER



Greetings intrepid sailors and sailing fans!

I still can't believe it is already spring! Take in this awesome weather as much as you can because before too long we will be fending off the no-see-ums and mosquitoes and baking in the summer heat! We are zooming through the season and have already had several events and will soon be having our annual Shrimp Boil and First Friday Raft Up!! Look for the dates on our calendar and in the other articles in this newsletter. Our first small boat race is almost upon us as well. In the PHRF arena we have the Pick Your Poison regatta this weekend. Please take time to volunteer to help in any of these events if you at all able. We can't do it with you! The shrimp boil needs help with set up, cooking, clean up, for an example. The PHRF races always need committee so if you haven't signed up to do your part, get with Mark Hunter and he will be glad to show you the races that still need help. If you have never done committee, he will gladly coach you through it. It is easy and can be a lot of fun! It takes a lot of planning, preparation, selfless donation of personal time and

follow through to bring these events together and we are so blessed to have so many of you willing to jump in to help. Please make sure you also take time to thank the crew at Blue Water Bay Marina for allowing us to have our events at the marina and for sponsoring the Wednesday night races. Finally, we are always looking for Sponsors for our Regattas, if you have a company that you either own, or have a friend who owns a company that might be interested in getting their name in front of the club, let me or any of the Bridge members know and we can pair your company up with the appropriate event. It takes all of us to have a great club! As your commodore, I thank you for making this the best club on the Bay!

I look forward to seeing you at one of our next events,

Safe Sailing and Fair Winds,

Patrick Ballasch, BBSC Commodore 2106



May 6, 2017

@ the Duvall's

**626 Nelson Pt. Rd.
Niceville, FL 32578**

\$12.50 per Person (No Charge for Children under 10)

Shrimp, Potatoes, Corn, Green Salad and/or Hot Dogs • Party starts at 4 • Dinner served around 6

BBSC SHRIMP BOIL REGISTRATION

Please Respond by April 30, 2017

Name: _____

of Adults (10+): _____

Boat Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Return form and with checks payable to:

Bluewater Bay Sailing Club

P.O. Box 1251 • Niceville, FL 32588

Upcoming Events

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
Fri., June 3	Round the Bay West Registration
Sat., June 3	Round the Bay West
Sat., June 10	Raft-Up #2

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