



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

June 2017

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

Crusin' Around



Ahoy Cruisers,

The First Raftup was held on Friday, April 28th. Tom Kennedy on Per Diem was the host. Pat Ballasch won the rum with 7 correct answers on the nautical quiz. The next raftup will be on Saturday, June 10th. We scheduled two of the raftups to be on Saturday evenings this year so that work wouldn't interfere with the good times. I will send out an email in June with the location. It just might be in Boggy Bayou this time. Come on out and test your nautical knowledge. You might just leave with a bottle of rum showing that you know the most, nearly useless, nautical information or you might just be a lucky guesser.



We had another successful shrimp boil this year. It was on Saturday, May 6 at the Duvall's. We had 55 people attend and despite a great effort by many, we failed to eat all the shrimp or drink all the beer. The wine drinkers excelled and finished off the wine. Buzz did a great job ensuring that all the food was well cooked in time for the 6:00 serving time. I really appreciate all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. We had volunteers dishing the food onto plates which enabled everyone to get food and start eating in less than 15 minutes. Thanks to Buzz for this idea. Please thank Mickey and Patty when you see them for hosting this event. They

have a great yard for entertaining a big crowd and we appreciate them opening their house to the club.



The Spring Cruise sets sail on Saturday, May 20. The tentative plan is to spend the first night at the 331 bridge followed by 2 nights at Shell Island. This is followed by 3 nights on your own to go marina hopping or finding your special spot on the hook. We will meet up again at the Panama City Marina on Friday May 26 for happy hour on the dock followed by a dinner nearby.



*Keep on cruising.
Rear Commodore Phil Rosegrant*



Small Boat Racing

We had a blustery start to the 2017 Small Boat racing season on Apr 23rd. There was a fairly strong front that came through in the morning, but it was moving away to the east by the time racing began. With a very wide triangle course set, there were lots of opportunities for some great planning conditions in the 10-18kts of NW breeze in the bayou. Craig, Mark and Ian battled through four races with Ian coming out the victor, overcoming a tie-break with his dad by winning the last race!

Please encourage anyone you know that is interested in small boats to come on out for our next race on June 11th. The 21st of May race has been postponed due to a conflict with the high school sailing schedule. First signal at 1300, no start after 1500.

Results:

Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total	Place
Ian Hunter:	2	1	2	1	6 pts	1*
Mark Hunter:	1	2	1	2	6 pts	2
Craig Deyerly:	3	3	3	3	12 pts	3

*tie-breaker last race won

Small Boat Fleet Captain, Zack Kastl

Understanding Sea Talk



"What the Capt." said — Turn Starboard.
 "He meant" — Port (but he is looking Aft.)

Understanding Sea Talk are a set of cartoons created several years ago by Lyn Gray Rackley and published in the newsletter back in the day. Hope you enjoy them again in this and upcoming newsletters.

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Summer is here! Time to get the suntan lotion supply replenished and start working on your tans! We were blessed with a long cool spring and it's probably too much to expect for a cool summer so I would bet we are going to be sweating it out in no time flat! At least we can look forward to consistent sea breezes and amazing sunsets, and if you're into stormy weather we also have those awesome summer thundershowers to enjoy. The sailing season is flying by and we are in full swing with all our venues. We have had our first Friday raft up, our first small boat race, and several of our PHRF races. The Wednesday night series is going strong as well. The shrimp boil was a big success thanks to all who attended and volunteered to cook, set up and clean up. As always, we are so fortunate to have the Duvall's generosity in opening their house to us. Sailfest is in the bag and the spring cruisers are about to depart. As usual Sailfest was a great race with cool shirts and trophies which again were made possible by our generous sponsors Debbie and Craig of Gulf Performance Sailing! Keep an eye on our schedule for the events that interest you whether it is racing, cruising, or just socializing. There should be something for everyone! Thanks again to all of you who volunteer your time for this club whether its running a race, helping with trophies, bringing friends to our events, tending the grill, or hosting events at your home. We can't do what we do without everyone chipping in and your help is truly appreciated!

I look forward to seeing you on or around the water!

Safe Sailing and Fair Winds,

Patrick Ballasch, BBSC Commodore 2017

Wednesday Night Races

Hola Intrepid Sailors, We had a wonderful sail this past Wednesday. We had 14 boats start. 13 boats finish. Winds were SW 10-15 kts. Epiphany was the race committee. They set a nice line and were almost on time for the start. They did give out some style points.

-1 style point each to Avocet, Iwalani, and Mud Hen for barging. An additional -1 style point to Avocet for quibbling and +1 style point to Mud Hen for the only barging boat to bail out after being warned of no room.

Epiphany and Stickman were delayed 2.5 min at the start but rose quickly through the ranks as we all tacked out of the bayou. The winner at the turning mark went to Hobie Won Kenobe. They now have to do (2) 360 degree turns before rounding the turning mark again in first.

Vessel	Point			360° Turns Before:	
	Current	Previous	Total	Turning Mark	Finish
Epiphany	3	10	13	2	1
Stickman	1	9	10	2	
Diamond	1	7	8		
Halcyon	1	7	8		1
Shenanigan		8	8	1	
Mud Hen	1	6	7		1
Kahlua	1	5	6		1
Capt America	1	4	5		2
Hobie Won Kenobi	4	1	5	2	
Island Girl	1	4	5		
Push It Up	1	4	5		
Amazing Grace		4	4		
Irish Lady		4	4		
Iwalani	0	4	4		
Per Diem	1	3	4		1
Stella	1	3	4		
Avocet	-1	4	3		
Lavita		2	2		
Marcy		2	2		
Whitts End		1	1		

The race back was fun. Several chutes were hoisted. It was a nice ride back in. The finish places were:

DNF	Captain America
13.	Hobie Won Kenobe
12.	Stickman
11.	Iwalani
10.	Mud Hen
9.	Island Girl
8.	Halcyon
7.	Kahlua
6.	Diamond
5.	Stella
4.	Per Diem
3.	Push It Up
2.	Avocet
1.	Epiphany

We had a few technical difficulties on the raceQs app. A few boats preset their start time for automatic but it did not start. If you try the autostart option, please double check at the start that you are tracking.

Wednesday Night Racing
Czar Brett Hinely



All prices include the cost of adding your boat name.

Order form on www.bbsc.com.

Golf shirts: \$30
Men's, Ladies;
White, Light Blue, and Navy.

Denim Shirts: \$35
Ladies', Men's.
Long or Short Sleeve

Pullover Hoodie: \$30
Light Blue

Zippered Hoodie: \$45
Light Blue

Baseball Hats: \$18

Boat Bags: \$30
Royal, Navy, Hunter

Provided Article: \$30
Add logo & boat name
to your own article

License Plates: \$10
(without name)

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



The club is taking orders for the 2017 Wednesday Night Racing Series shirts. They are two color choices – gray and natural. Cost is \$15. Contact Brenda Crabbe at Quarter-Master@bbsc.com to place your orders.

Upcoming Events

May 20 to May 30	Spring Cruise
Fri., June 3	Round the Bay West Registration
Sat., June 3	Round the Bay West*
Sat., June 10	Raft-Up #2
Sun., June 11	Small Boat #3
Fri., June 23	Round the Bay East Registration
Sat., June 24	Round the Bay East*
Sun., July 9	Small Boat #4

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