



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

July 2017

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

Crusin' Around



The Spring Cruise started on May 20 with 6 sailboats (Raconteur, Another Dawn, Carolina Breeze, Estrellita, Whits End and Lovely Crews) anchored on the SE side of the 331 bridge. We enjoyed a nice dinner at the Bay Restaurant and were joined by 8 people (Kahlua, Elektra including the Hodges and Adagio) who drove over for dinner. Unfortunately, the thunderstorms started about 2:00 am with a 90 degree wind shift towards the north and 30 knots of wind. It was a very bouncy night until 5:30 when the wind calmed down. Fortunately, everyone's anchor held and we woke up in the same spot we were in when we went to sleep. Elektra joined us the next night at the Panama City Marina. The sailboats sailed offshore to Port St. Joe while Elektra took the Intracoastal. Most of the cruisers spent 4 nights hunkered down in the marina while the wind blew at 20 - 25 from the west. Estrellita and Elektra took the Intracoastal back to Panama City after the 3rd night in Port St. Joe Marina and had a tough trip going west into the strong wind in East Bay. Elektra discovered a lot of water in their bilge and called the Coast Guard for help and they came with a high capacity pump. It turned out to be a failed heat exchanger on one engine. This was the end of the cruise for Elektra. Estrellita got wet also but just due to a lot of spray due to the strong wind on the bow. After this, the remaining cruisers still in Port St. Joe split up, with Whits End and Lovely Crews going to Shell Island where Estrellita was waiting. Carolina Breeze and Another Dawn went to Crooked Island while Raconteur headed for home. This cruise was a story of too much wind or not enough wind, but we did discover that Port St. Joe is a great town to be hunkered down in, with plenty of nice restaurants really close to the marina and a very nice Piggly Wiggly supermarket also close by. We ate well at a different place every night. Despite the multi-night stay in the Port St. Joe marina and a rough trip west on Choctawhatchee Bay on Sunday May 28, I think we all had a good time.

While hanging out in the marina in Port St. Joe, we discussed smartphone apps that we use for sailing. There are several that some of the cruisers found useful. I plan to discuss an app or two each month in this newsletter. This month I want to discuss 2 apps that provide a limited form of AIS (Automatic Identification System) so that you can see the name, speed, course and other information about almost any commercial vessel. Marine Traffic and Vessel Finder apps both provide this function. We encountered the bow of a barge as we approached a sharp bend in the ditch on the way to Panama City. We were using Marine Traffic during the cruise and were able to call the tug by name before we could see the tug and had a pleasant conversation with the helmsman so that he could tell us how he wanted to pass us. It sure is nice to be able to call a tow by

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name in the ditch instead of calling "Tugboat approaching sharp bend near MM 258 in the Intracoastal" or something similar. The downside of these internet based AIS programs is that there can be a significant time delay for location or speed. The barge we encountered in the ditch was still more than a mile away in the Marine Traffic chart when we saw it coming around the corner. These apps are better than nothing but not as good as an AIS receiver on your boat. Both of these are free apps in the Apple App Store. I have not checked availability for Android devices. If you have a favorite app that you want to share with other sailors, please send me an email and let me know why you like it and what you use it for. Lynn Whittemore deserves recognition for suggesting a clever name for app discussions, "APPY HOUR". Thanks to Dawn Bohnenberger for suggesting that I discuss an app in each newsletter. If it was someone else who suggested this, I apologize for giving Dawn the credit. Now I have something to write about each month.

Keep cruising,

Rear Commodore, Phil Rosegrant – Lovely Crews



See the previously sent NOR for details. We still have openings for Race Committee that have yet to be filled. Please review the list and volunteer if you have yet to do so.

Hello Sailors. Well, the Around the Bay West was a bust. We had boats register in all three classes but no one finished as the light wind at the start died away to almost nothing. Thanks to Grover Niles for a great effort. The next event is the Around the Bay East on 24 June. This is another Bermuda Start event where boats will start according to their handicap. Registration and start times for racers will be announced the Friday night prior to the race.

I hope to see you on the race course
PHRF Fleet Captain,
Mark Hunter

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	Zack Van Voast
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	Tom Kennedy
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	Tom Kennedy

**Major Event





4th of July – 6:00 pm

Food, Fun, Fireworks

The picnic will be an evening affair when hopefully the sun will not be so hot. Bar-B-Q will be served with beer, wine and soft drinks provided. Come about 6 o'clock by boat or car. Bring a dish to share and plan to stay for the pyrotechnics over Boggy Bayou.

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Ahoy Blue Water Bay Sailing Club! I hope everyone is enjoying your summer and are able to get plenty of time out on the water! We have been working hard setting up a busy schedule for you to enjoy! June 24 will be the Round the Bay East Regatta, our next small boat race will be July 9th, July 14th is the next raft up, and July 22 is the annual Double Hand Regatta. Also, please mark your calendar for the 4th of July Party at the Deming's! Please make sure you bring something to share. The main course will be provided but we need you to show off your cooking and baking skills too! There is sure to be good food, good friends, and some great fireworks. Thanks again to Bill, Doris and Patty for continuing a great tradition and opening your home to our club. We continue to have good turnout for the races, the cruises, and the other social events and look forward to this continuing for the rest of the year. Make sure you give thanks any who helped to do committee for the races or volunteer for assisting in any of our events! The Friday night raft ups have been great fun and if you have not made it to one yet, you are missing some good fun with great company. The last raft up was held on a Saturday and I believe we had 14 boats! If there is a preference for Saturday instead of Friday, let Phil Rosegrant our Rear Commodore know. Keep your eyes peeled for the next raft up event and make sure you join the fun! If you have your weekends full, there is always Wednesday night for some fun midweek sailing and camaraderie. This is the perfect night to grab a friend and introduce them to the joy of sailing and the great people that belong to this club. Keep checking us out on the Blue Water Bay Sailing Club FaceBook page and on our website for upcoming events and pictures of all the fun.

Wishing you fair winds, Patrick Ballasch, BBSC Commodore



Hola Intrepid Sailors, We had an interesting race on June 7th. Fleet consisted of 14 boats. 2 were first timers this year. We have had 23 different vessels ply the race waters so far this

year. Winds were NE 7 - 18 kts. This made a downwind start and a run all the way to Boggy. Push It Up was the race committee and set a nice line and was on time. Rumor was they turned early to run the course. They did give out some style points.

-1 Ida Claire for running aground

+1 Shenanigan for assisting Ida Claire off the ground

-1 Lovely Cruise for running aground

(We forgot to get those two boats to sign the poster. We will do that next week)

-2 Diamond for getting hit by Push It Up (Yes you read that correctly, Diamond was the vessel that was hit and the boat hitting her, "Push It Up" the race committee, gave Diamond -2 style points - I believe we need to declare an independent counsel to investigate last weeks race committee and their abuse of power)

+1 Diamond for unleashing Push It Up from Diamond's stern

+1 Diamond for saving the American Flag during the attack from Push It Up

So, leaving the cluster behind, we shall move on to the race results:

First to the mark was no stranger to this victory with the exception they had 2 turns to complete prior to rounding and they delayed 2.5 min from the start. Claiming this victory and still leading the points - Epiphany. Finish places were:

DNF	Ida Claire
13.	Lovely Cruise
12.	Push It Up
11.	Stella
10.	Kahlua
9.	Amazing Grace
8.	Halcyon
7.	Hobie Won Kenobe
6.	Irish Lady
5.	Diamond
4. & 3.	Tie Iwalani and Maverick
2.	Epiphany
1.	Shenanigan

Wednesday Night Racing, Czar Brett Hinely

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to your own article

License Plates: \$10
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Upcoming Events

Fri., June 23	Round the Bay East Registration
Sat., June 24	Round the Bay East*
Sun., July 9	Small Boat #4
Tue., July 4	Fourth of July @ the Deming's
Fri., July 14	Friday Raft-Up #3
Sat., July 22	Double Handed Regatta*
Sat., August 5	Night Race
Sun., August 13	Small Boat #5
Sat., August 26	Ladybug Regatta

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