



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

September/October 2017

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



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Grande Finale

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Crusin' Around



July was a slow month for cruising activities and August didn't make the cruising calendar. The raft up scheduled for Friday, July 14 was cancelled due to thunderstorms. We moved it to Saturday, July 29 and then cancelled it again due to thunderstorms. The Race to the Park picnic was on September 16 and was attended by 45 people. We were blessed with nice weather and enjoyed pulled pork BBQ from Jim 'n Nicks. Thanks to Tom Kennedy for the coolers and to Craig Deyerle for bringing the ice and for all the participants who brought food to share. We had lots of food and donated some to nearby pavilions for their family picnics. Eveline and I couldn't make these events happen without your help.

The final scheduled raft up of this year was the following Saturday on September 23. We had six boats participate and enjoyed fabulous weather. There was a steady breeze out of the NE that kept us cool and a large cloud that kept us in the shade. Per Diem was the host boat and handled the crowd well. Pirates Dream took home the Captain Morgan by getting one more correct answer than Pandemonium and Kahlua.

The Fall Cruise was planned to start on Saturday, October 7 but hurricane Nate caused us to delay the start. I am writing this report on the morning after Nate came ashore, watching the rain and wind blow across Rocky Bayou. We are hoping to get out of hurricane mode and have the boats ready to cast off Wednesday. I am not sure where we will go or how long we will stay at this point.

This month's cruising app is available for iOS, Android, PC and Mac. Active Captain has been around for at least 8 years. It was started by a cruising couple who wanted to make it easier to get information about things that are important to boaters traveling away from their home ports. The Active Captain database includes reviews from real people discussing anchorages, marinas, boat ramps, bridges, hazards and local knowledge like shoaling. They have an intensive and current database of bridge information, including closed height, opening times and closed times. There is a review of Shirk Bayou anchorage that gives a good to excellent rating for everything except shopping, "Good overnight stop with protection from almost every direction. Quiet and peaceful". The reviews for the Destin Harbor were plentiful and accurate, plenty of swinging room and band noise at night. Active Captain is free, just go to ActiveCaptain.com and create an account. After creating your Active Captain account, I recommend using Aqua Map HD to access the Active Captain data if you have an iOS device. The Active Captain webpage and apps require Adobe Flash which is not supported on iOS devices. This is a very helpful app when traveling away from your home waters. This service has been acquired by Garmin so who knows what the future will bring.

*Fair winds and calm anchorages,
Rear Commodore, Phil Rosegrant*



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COMMODORE'S

CORNER



Greetings intrepid Sailors and Sailing fans!

I can't believe its October! This is by far my favorite time of the year to sail. The sunsets are so spectacular and the fall breezes are starting to become less humid and hot! Thus, it is especially a good time to be out on the water as much as possible! We certainly have been fortunate to have dodged two hurricanes in the past weeks. Hopefully your family and friends also were fortunate enough to avoid any major harm from these storms. Well, it is hard to believe that we are getting near the end of our sailing events for 2017! It seems only yesterday we were planning the year's activities and here we have only a few more events on our calendar. We still have some small boat racing, a raft up and beach bonfire, the Single Hand Race, The Grande Finale, the last JAM race and then the annual Banquet. It has been a great year and I personally have enjoyed the spirit and camaraderie of this club. We are so lucky to be blessed with such awesome people who posses such a zest for life. The club is doing well by all accounts, we have been growing in members, our finances are sound, and we have had something for everyone throughout the year. Pretty soon we will be planning for next year's events, so if you have any ideas on things the club could be doing to increase our fun factor, or things we should be doing that we are not doing now. Let one of the bridge members know your ideas. The calendar gets filled very quickly. We also try hard to coordinate our activities with our friends across the bay at Fort Walton Yacht Club and their calendar gets full quickly as well. Thanks again for all of you for making this club the best on the bay!!!

May the Fall winds be cool and Brisk!
 Patrick Ballasch, BBSC Commodore 2106

Understanding Sea Talk



What the Capt. said - Did you remember the Peanuts?
 He Meant - How many other things did you forget?.



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Upcoming Events

Fri., October 20	Single Handed Registration
Sat., October 21	Single Handed Regatta
Sat., October 28	Grande Finale
November 3 to 5	Destin Harbor Cruise
Sat., November 11	Beach Party
Sat., December 9	JAM #6
Sat., January 13	Awards Banquet (Tentative)

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