



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

November/December 2017

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

2017 : YEAR-IN-REVIEW

January 22 Blue Nose JAM

February 12 JAM #2

February 18 Chili Dog & JAM #3

February 24 Spring Meeting



March 4 JAM #4

March 15 Unofficial Wednesday Night Race

March 25 JAM #5

April 5 Wednesday Night Race



April 8 Spring Regatta

April 22 Pick Your Poison

April 23 Small Boat #1

April 28 Friday Raft-Up #1

May 6 Shrimp Boil



May 13 Sailfest

May 20 - 30 Spring Cruise



May 21 Small Boat #2

June 3 Round the Bay West Registration

June 3 Round the Bay West

June 10 Raft-Up #2



June 11 Small Boat #3

June 23 Round the Bay East Registration

June 24 Round the Bay East

July 9 Small Boat #4

July 14 Friday Raft-Up #3

July 22 Double Handed Regatta

August 5 Night Race



August 13 Small Boat #5

August 26 Ladybug Regatta

September 10 Small Boat #6

September 16 Race to the Park



September 23 Raft-Up #3

September 30 Challenge Cup

October 7 - 15 Bay Cruise



October 15 Small Boat #7

October 20 Single Handed Registration

October 21 Single Handed Regatta

October 28 Grande Finale

November 3 - 5 Destin Harbor Cruise

November 11 Beach Party

November 24 Black Friday Small Boat Race

December 9 JAM #6

UPCOMING:

January 27 Awards Banquet

COMMODORE'S

STARBOARD



Season's Greetings Intrepid Sailors and Sailing fans!

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the cool weather that we have been having. Many of you I am sure are caught up in the holiday spirit and are busy decorating your homes, shopping for just the right gift for the special people in your life and maybe even getting your boats ready for a local boat parade. I also hope that if you are so blessed with plenty that you are also taking some time to donate to those who are in need.

The 2017 sailing season is officially over and all we have left to complete this year is the annual banquet which will be on January 27th! This will be a great time to celebrate another great year for BBSC and honor those who have served this club with outstanding sportsmanship, dedication to the promotion of our sport, performance on the race course, and maybe a blooper or two! As we reflect on this year, I hope you will do so with a happy heart and fond memories of sharing fun times with awesome friends out on the water as well as ashore. It has been a great year and I personally have enjoyed the camaraderie of this club. I have said it before and I will say it again, we are so lucky to be blessed with such an amazing group who have a sincere thirst for life. Our club is performing well by all accounts, we have been growing in members, our finances are sound, and we always have something for everyone to be involved in throughout the year. Even still, it is never healthy to rest on our laurels. We need to always strive for improvements and ways to make BBSC the best club it can be for all members. Soon the next Bridge will be planning next year's events,

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, make sure you get involved and share your ideas.

I do need to let you know that after 5 years serving as commodore, 2017 is my last. I have enjoyed being a part of the legacy of commodores that have kept this club together for 51 years. It has been an honor and a pleasure. However, it is time for new leadership. The club deserves to have fresh ideas and to be challenged in new ways to continue to be relevant and to increase our impact on our community. Thus, I need someone to step in to lead BBSC. In addition, we will have several bridge members stepping down after serving for more than five years! Please consider your strengths and what you can bring to the bridge as a new bridge member. This club will not exist without new volunteers so please consider a position on next year's bridge. If you are afraid of the unknown, don't fear, we will make sure that the transition is as smooth as possible!

Thanks again for all of you for making this club the best on the bay!!!

Patrick Ballasch, BBSC Commodore 2017



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Golf shirts: \$30

Men's, Ladies;
White, Light Blue, and
Navy.

Denim Shirts: \$35

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Long or Short Sleeve

Pullover Hoodie: \$30

Light Blue

Zippered Hoodie: \$45

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\$18

Boat Bags: \$30

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Article: \$30

Add logo & boat name
to your own article

License Plates:

\$10

(without name)

All prices include the cost of adding your
boat name.

Order form on www.bbsc.com

Contact Brenda Crabbe at
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Crusin' Around



The Fall cruise started on Wednesday, October 11 after Hurricane Nate delayed our start. Pirates Dream, Adagio, Another Dawn and Lovely Crews participated this year. We spent the first night at the 331 bridge and enjoyed a nice dinner at Borago. We spent the next 4 nights at Shell Island enjoying the lack of crowds at this time of the year. One night we gathered on Pirates Dream and saw many shooting stars and satellites. We also talked about composting toilets since Pirates Dream had installed one. We then sailed to Port St. Joe and spent two nights in the marina so that some boats could get their holding tanks emptied but their pumpout suffered a mechanical failure. This led to a discussion about a Lady J. I had never heard of this but the women had. The pizza was great at Joe Mama's. We had a great sail from Port St. Joe to Crooked Island with a northeast breeze blowing 15 – 20 knots. We stayed close enough to shore to avoid the wind driven waves. At Crooked Island, we walked down the beach to the pass and saw the best wild dolphin show I have ever seen. Two and three dolphin jumping completely out of the water together. After two nights at Crooked, we sailed back to Panama City and anchored near the St. Andrews marina and enjoyed some fresh fish that Another Dawn caught while sailing that day. We spent the last night in Hogtown Bayou before sailing home in a brisk southwest breeze.

The Destin Harbor Cruise was cancelled due a lack of interest. Since the weather was beautiful, 17 sailors gathered at 3rd Planet Brewing instead for a happy hour that extended into dinner for about half of the crowd.

The last social event of the year was the Beach Bonfire at Raintree Estates on November 11. Thanks to Tom Ballasch for getting the venue for the season ending event. We had over 20 sailors participate in this event.

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



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club

Awards Banquet

SATURDAY JANUARY 27TH

Please RSVP by January 18th

\$30 per Person • Cocktails: 5:00/Bufferet: 6:00

Buffet Selections: Herb Crusted Chicken with Mushroom Marsala Sauce • Tequila Lime Gilled Mahi Mahi with Pineapple Salsa • Grilled New York Strip with Onion Rings • Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes • Vegetable Loaded Rice Pilaf • Steamed Asparagus with Roasted Red Peppers • Grilled Zucchini and Squash Medley **Desserts:** Bourbon Street Pecan Pie • Red Velvet Cake

BLUEWATER BAY SPORTS BAR & GRILL

AKA: THE GOLF CLUBHOUSE @ 2000 BLUEWATER BOULEVARD



2017 AWARDS BANQUET & 2018 BBSC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Name: _____

Names on Cards: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work (optional): _____

Cell (optional): _____

email: _____

Add. (optional): _____

email categories: Cruises Small Boat

PHRF Racing General Activities

Boat Type: _____

Boat Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BBSC respects our Member's privacy and does not disclose any personal information to outside parties

Return Form with checks payable to BBSC by January 18:

_____ # of Banquet Guests x \$30 = _____

1 Membership Renewal x \$50 + _____

Total = _____

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Understanding Sea Talk



"What the Capt. said"—Oh! never mind.
"He Meant"—Your to Darn Late.

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