



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

April 2018

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



Wednesday * Night * Races

Hola Intrepid Sailors,

Welcome to the 2018 Wednesday Night sailing series !

Our first official race of the year started with a bang (figuratively....no collisions on the course). We had 19 vessels ply the waters of the bay in search of glory and fame.

Ida Claire was race committee and did a great job with a long line. The winds were N 10-15 kts, so the fleet was pointing South with some spinnakers flying at the start. Race Committee was full throttle and belching black smoke to move through the line fast and escape

The spinnakers took the lead fast with a few fast non spins mixing it up a little, but from Rocky to Boggy the lead belong to the spinnaker fleet. Last years co-champions (SHENANIGAN and EPIPHANY) had 1 required performance turn before claiming turning mark victory. EPIPHANY was in the lead and smartly doused their chute and did a quick 360 prior to rounding Boggy 1 thereby claiming the first victory of the season.

The return home was a beat up the bayou. 18 boats were swapping tacks and heading back against the North wind on a slightly chilly but beautiful sunset evening. AVOCET was the victor as they claimed line honors. They will get their victory point as they collected the finish places and retrieved the start mark.

The race committee also gave out style points. -1 style point was issued to AVOCET for sailing so high on the outbound leg the fleet thought she was retiring from the race.

RACE COMMITTEE for 11 April will be IRISH LADY.

We still have openings for race committee. Remember you have the choice of doing a running gate start OR a conventional start.

If there are any other folks wishing to get on the Wednesday email list please email me at brett@bwb-marina.com.

Finish places were:

19. LOVELY CREWS
18. MUDBUG
17. BANZAI
16. VIXEN
15. PUSH IT UP
14. IRISH LADY
13. MUD HEN
12. AMAZING GRACE
11. SHENANIGAN
10. CAPT AMERICA
9. ISLAND GIRL
8. CAT TAILS
7. HOBIE WON KENOBE
6. IDA CLAIRE
5. WHITS END
4. KAH LUA
3. EPIPHANY
2. STICKMAN
1. AVOCET

See you next week !

Brett Hinely, Wednesday Night Racing Tzar



COMMODORE'S

STAFF

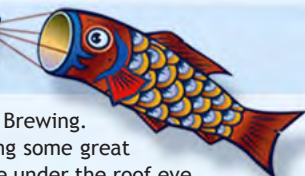
Ahoy Sailors,

The 2018 BBSC sailing and social season is off to a great start. After completing 5 JAM races, the next two months are two of the busiest on our calendar. The PHRF season kicks off with the ever popular "Pick your Poison" race on the 21st and Sailfest on May 12. The Small Boat series also kicks off this month and the Spring Cruise is slated to get underway on the 28th. In addition to the Annual Shrimp Boil, there are also raft-ups and Happy Hours scheduled. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in as many as possible.

Weather-wise, the next two months are a transition season. Although we will see warmer temperatures and the afternoon sea breezes, there will still be frontal passages with squall lines and their associated dangerous thunderstorms. Please check the forecast before venturing out and keep a sharp eye on the weather while sailing. If things look iffy, it's always a good idea to monitor the weather radar app on your cell phone. Be safe and as Cap'n Ron said "If it's going to happen, it's going to happen out there."

Fair Winds, Charlie Mauck

Crusin' Around



We had a good turnout for the Happy Hour on March 16 at 3rd Planet Brewing. Twenty-four thirsty sailors came out and spent a few hours sampling some great local brews. We had a very brief rain shower that caused us to move under the roof eave of the adjacent building but it ended about the time we all got out of the rain. I am happy to report that no food was damaged and no beer was contaminated by the rain.

The next event on the club's social calendar is Raft Up #1 on Friday, April 13th. This raft up will be in Rocky Bayou somewhere north of the entrance to the marina. We will pick the location depending on the wind direction. Bring your own boat or get on a friend's boat and come join us. We will set the anchor about 4:00 and be there until dark. Please bring your own beverages and a dish to share. The quiz this month will feature boating rules that we should all know. I wish I could say that I knew all of the correct answers.

The following weekend is the April Happy Hour on Friday, April 20th. I have not gotten many recommendations for happy hour locations but the one I did get is what we are going to do. We are going to have a pub crawl at the Bluewater Bay shopping center aka Merchants Walk. I am thinking that we will spend about 30 minutes at each bar. Some of the bars on the list are Beef O Brady's, Bella Blue, Tisano's, the beer garden at the Schnitzel Lodge and Toast. We are planning to start at 5:00. I will publish the calendar for where and when on Wednesday, April 18th. If it is raining, we will change to a backup plan of staying in a single location instead of walking around and getting wet. We can always pub crawl on an afternoon when it is not raining.

We will have a planning meeting for the Spring Cruise on Tuesday, April 17 at the Bluewater Bay golf clubhouse starting at 5:00 or whenever everyone gets there. Happy hour lasts until 6:00 so don't be too late. Please let me know if you are planning on attending the meeting so we don't start without you. The cruise starts on Saturday, April 28 and is heading west this year.

The May Happy Hour is on Friday, May 11. The location is undetermined at this time. Please send me your suggestions for a place to hang out.

The May Raft Up is the following Friday, May 18 with the Shrimp Boil on the next day, Saturday May 19th. The Shrimp Boil will be at a new location this year. Bill and Gisela Redinger have graciously offered to open their house and back yard for the largest onshore activity on the club calendar. Please thank them for hosting this event when you see them. Buzz Clarke has volunteered to lead the cooking team again this year. This event needs about 10 - 15 volunteers to make it happen. Please let me know if you can help. We will need coolers, cookers, chairs, and cleaners. Those are all the "C" things, we



will also need tables, music, ice and food preparers. I will send out a request for volunteers closer to the date, I wanted to get you thinking about how you can help.

*Rear Commodore,
Phil Rosegrant*



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



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Our last race was JAM #5 on the Mar 24th and Pat Ballasch was the race committee. Zack Van Voast on

Stickman was able to win and has now swept the 1st 5 JAM races. Our last JAM race will be in December. The winds were 10-15 knots and we had 5 boats show up for the event. I have most of the race committees filled, but I still need someone for the Challenge Cup (Sep 15th) and the Grand Finale (Oct 27th). Let me know if you can help.

Upcoming races:

April 21st- Pick your Poison – race committee Zack Kastl

May 12th – Sailfest – race committee Mark Hunter

Brian Gwinnup, PHRF Fleet Captain

JAM #5 Results

Boat Name	Skipper	Elapsed	PHRF Corrected Time	Place
Stickman	Zack Van Voast	1:49:07	1:46:31	1
Epiphany	Mark Hunter	1:49:44	1:49:44	2
Ida Clair	Michael Vaccaro	1:58:11	1:50:13	3
Rock N'Roll	Obie Olds	2:06:57	1:51:21	4
Whit's End	Tom Whittemore	2:11:43	1:56:38	5



May 19, 2018

@ the Redinger's

754 Prestwick Cove
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 May 12, 2018

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

Pay online at:
<http://www.bbsc.com/BBSC/Home/bbScShrimpBoil.html>

Upcoming Events

Fri., April 13	Raft-Up #1
Tue., April 17	Cruise Planning Meeting
Fri., April 20	Happy Hour Somewhere
Sat., April 21	Pick Your Poison
Sun., April 22	Small Boat #1
April 28 to May 7	Spring Cruise
Fri., May 11	Happy Hour
Sat., May 12	Sailfest
Fri., May 18	Raft-Up #2

2018 BLUEWATER BAY SAILING CLUB BRIDGE

Commodore: Pat Ballasch
Commodore@bbsc.com

Vice Commodore: Michael Morris
Vice-Commodore@bbsc.com

Treasurer: Leslie Cooper
Treasurer@bbsc.com

Secretary: Mindy Barrett
Secretary@bbsc.com

Rear Commodore: Phil Rosegrant
Rear-Commodore@bbsc.com

PHRF Fleet Capt.: Brian Gwinnup
PHRF-Fleet-Captain@bbsc.com

Small Boat Fleet Captain: Zack Kastl
Small-Boat-Captain@bbsc.com

Newsletter Editor: Patty Deming
Newsletter@bbsc.com

BBSC Store: Brenda Crabbe
Quarter-Master@bbsc.com

Web Site: Michael Phillips
Web-Master@bbsc.com

*For information, contact any
Bridge Member or visit
www.bbsc.com*



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club
P.O. Box 1251
Niceville, Florida 32588