



# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

March 2019

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



## MARCH 1, 2019 SPRING MEETING & Membership Drive

Commodore: Charlie Mauck, Vice Commodore : Michael Morris,  
Rear Commodore: Phil Rosegrant, Secretary: Mindy Barrett,  
Treasurer: Leslie Cooper, Fleet Captain: Brian Gwinnup, Small  
Boat Captain: Joseph Siberski, Newsletter/Membership: Patty  
Deming, Quartermaster: Brenda Crabbe.

### Attending:

Charlie Mauck, Michael Morris, Brian Gwinnup, Leslie Copper,  
Joseph Siberski, Brenda Crabbe, Phil Rosegrant and Mindy  
Barrett

Location: BLUEWATER BAY SHIPSTORE

- Call to Order at 6:04
- Charlie welcomed everyone to the 2019 spring meeting. Charlie invited all BBSC members to attend the monthly bridge meetings which are on the second Monday of each month held in Schooner's restaurant. Charlie then introduced the 2019 bridge officer's. Patty Deming was not present. Charlie asked for a motion to accept last year's spring meeting minutes. Michael Morris made a motion, it was second and all in favor to pass.

### Treasurer's Report (Leslie Cooper)

- Leslie reported the checking account balance as \$8,759.01.
- Leslie reported the year end balance was \$7,425.13.
- Leslie reported the club is now using PayPal for new membership and renewals and has membership cards for those who have paid.

### Vice Commodore (Michael Morris)

- Michael welcomed everyone and invited them to enjoy the refreshments the club provided, wine, beer, rum punch, chips and salsa, veggie tray and quesadillas.
- Michael said the club is now using MailChimp for corresponding emails and said it is working for most people. Michael said if anyone has any issues to contact him or Phil.

### Rear Commodore (Phil Rosegrant)

- Phil's objectives for this year is to have a social event or two each month besides trivia.
- The first Happy Hour was on February 8 and was at Bilge Pub, about 40 people attended.
- The Bluenose race watching party was on January 19 at Phil and Eveline's Rosegrant's house.
- The Chili Dog Regatta after party on February 23 was at Mickey and Patty Duvall's and was well attended.
- Trivia at 3rd planet has been a big success with good participation and some big wins.
- Phil has 19 social events planned, 7 social hours, 5 raft-ups and 2 cruises.
- The fall cruise is yet to be determined since marinas to the east are closed due to the hurricane. The Shrimp Boil, Race to the Park, Christmas Party and the Beach Party are also on the calendar.
- Phil asked members to contact him for suggestions for Happy Hour locations.

### Fleet Captain (Brian Gwinnup)

- Brian said him made changes to this years schedule, he has eliminated the Jam series and has added new races. The Start-a-Palooza race will be a short course with 5 race sequences. Charlie Mauck is race committee. Brian said if anyone wants to learn how to be race committee to join Charlie.
- Brian has 5 spots left for race committee and brought a sign up sheet.
- The Luck of the Draw is on March 23. The captain will choose the 1st mate then there will be a draw for crew members. Brian would like to know how many boats plan to race so he can have an idea on how the recruit people to crew. It will be a simple race, a Bermuda start and no spinnaker. Brian will have waivers to sign.

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# Crusin' Around



There have been a lot of activities since the last newsletter. We had a chili cook-off as part of the Chili Dog regatta on February 23rd. There were 13 pots of chili in the running for best chili this year. The judging team of Bill Redinger, Ken Haskins and Kathy Hodges tasted and debated then tasted and debated some more before making the decision. They said the top 5 chillies were all very good and made it difficult to pick the best 3. Third place went to Buzz Clarke, shrimp boiler extraordinaire and very good chili cooker. Second place was taken by Scott Bedenbaugh, who won the contest last year. First place was won by Phil Rosegrant with a classic Texas chili. The top three finishers all won a gift card from Wine World. There were about 45 people attending who a lot of hot dogs and chili, although not necessarily together. Thanks to the Duvalls for hosting this event again.

The Spring meeting was held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Bluewater Marina ship store with refreshments and food catered by Schooners. We enjoyed their new liquor license and consumed a few pitchers of rum punch along with many pitchers of beer. We also had chicken quesadillas to go with the veggie trays and chips & salsa. About 40 people participated and heard about the club plans for this year.

The first raft up of the new year was scheduled for Saturday, March 16 but it was too cold and windy. We had a virtual raft up (aka party) at the Rosegrant's house. We had about 38 people attending which is the second most people I have seen at a raft up, virtual or real. Charlie Mauck and Kevin Wildt tied for first on the trivia quiz with 40% of answers correct. Kevin won the tie breaker and took home a bottle of Kirkland Silver Tequila for being the best guesser present.

There are 10 – 15 people who play trivia on Tuesday nights at 3<sup>rd</sup> Planet. We have finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place twice and 3<sup>rd</sup> place once since the last newsletter. If you like hanging out with sailors, you should check it out sometime. We will probably be sitting outside until the fall unless it is raining. The other teams call us the "boat people".

Still to come in March is a happy hour on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and I am looking for a location. I will make a decision by Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> when the weather forecast is more accurate. April has a raft up on the 12<sup>th</sup> and a happy hour of April 19<sup>th</sup>. This happy hour will probably be at an outside bar. Do you have a favorite?

The Spring cruise will start on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We have identified marinas that have fuel, water, pump out and ice but no transient slips in Panama City area. Still no local knowledge on sunken boats that may be a hazard to us or any Crooked Island information. The planning meeting for the Spring cruise is on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Bluewater Bay golf clubhouse. If you have any knowledge about the waters around Panama City or Crooked Island, please it with the cruisers. The May events include a pub crawl on Friday, May 10 and the very popular shrimp boil on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.



*Keep on cruising, Phil Rosegrant*



## PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

The Chili Dog Race was on Saturday, 23 Feb 19, with ten boats participating. The winds were 5-15 from the SSW.

There was fog in the morning but it lifted as the boats beat out of Rocky bayou. The race course started in the north part of

Rocky bayou and we followed a similar style to the Wednesday night fun races with all boat turning when the first boat reached the mark. Mickey Duvall was race committee and again hosted the chili dog cook-off with Patty at their home. Always a fun race and party.

Race results:

- |               |         |                            |
|---------------|---------|----------------------------|
| 1. Mud Hen    | 2:08:18 | Winner of Perpetual Trophy |
| 2. Rosie      | 2:08:26 |                            |
| 3. Whit's End | 2:09:05 |                            |
| 4. Shenanigan | 2:10:56 |                            |
| 5. Knee Deep  | 2:13:30 |                            |
| 6. Stickman   | 2:13:34 |                            |
| 7. Epiphany   | 2:13:53 |                            |
| 8. Adagio     | 2:18:14 |                            |
| 9. Avocet     | 2:24:13 |                            |
| 10. True Grit | 2:24:43 |                            |

We re-started the Start-a-Palooza race this year and 5 boat came out. The starting line was near the head of Rocky Bayou and winds were southeast (variable) at 10 to 15 kts with gusts to 20. The first two events were start only while the last three consisted of a race to the Wednesday night starting mark. All starts were well contested with three boats being over early on the third start. Avocet was able to pull off the win.

Thank you to our Race Committee: Mickey Duvall and Charlie Mauck aboard Iwalani.

Race	Boat				
	Epiphany	Shenanigan	Mud Bug	Avocet	Stickman
Start 1	2	3	1	4	5
Start 2	2	3	4	1	5
Start 3	5*	4*	2*	1	3
Start 4	3	1	4	2	5
Start 5	3	4	2	1	5
Points	15	15	13	9	23

\* Over Early

Our next race is the Luck of the draw regatta on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March - Mark Hunter is Race Committee.

*PHRF Fleet Captain Brian Gwinnup*



# Wednesday Night Races

The first Wednesday Night (Unofficial) Sailing Race took place last Wednesday 13 March. The winds were nice. 15 gusting to 25 kts (and maybe a tad more). We had 7 boats come out and show moxie on the course. DIAMOND was the race committee and did a fine job on time and target.

Style points were given out -100 (that's right, negative one hundred) to STICKMAN and SHENANIGAN for staying in the bar and NOT sailing.

PURA VIDA (long time sailor with us but on a new boat) took the victory at the turning mark as they snatched the victory away from MUDBUG. DIAMOND was charging hard under jib and mizzen only with mostly a crew of happy but totally useless spring breakers.

LOVELY CREWS took first back and stayed to get finish places and the mark and then promptly lost their sea water pump on their engine, but successfully sailed it home.



Finish places were:

7. JUST BLEW WITH IT (New club members)
6. MUD BUG
5. DIAMOND
4. PURA VIDA
3. JUST US
2. ROCK N ROLL
1. LOVELY CREWS

The race committee sign up board will be hanging under the score board in Schooners. Please sign up. (You do get an extra point!) Next week (3/20) MUD BUG will be the race committee.

*Wednesday Night Racing Czar, Brett Hinley*

## COMMODORE'S CORNER

Ahoy Sailors, The spring sailing season is well underway with Start-a-Palooza completed which saw 5 boats participating. The next club race is the Luck of the Draw coming up this weekend. 2019 Wednesday night series has begun with practices races for the remainder of March and record keeping beginning on April 3. Small boat races begin on April 14.

The club's social calendar remains full with a well-attended virtual raft-up at the Rosegrant's home. In the next two months there are two happy hours plus another raft-up. Cruisers should begin planning for the Spring Extended Cruise which is set to get underway on April 27. The Rear Commodore will publish details.

Please plan on attending as many club events as possible. As a reminder, if you have comments or suggestions regarding our races or social events, please don't hesitate to contact myself or the appropriate bridge member.

*Fair Winds, Charlie Mauck*

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- Brian is working on a new storage unit, which will be closer to the Oyster Bar making it easier to return flags, etc...
- Brian welcomes all ideas for new racing formats.

### Small Boat Captain (Joseph Siberski)

- Ramsty has the small boat race schedule on the BBSC calendar.
- The first race is on April 14, Tax Day Invitational. Start time 1:00 and he will be race committee. Ramsty will have a race committee sign up sheet and has offered his boat to anyone wanting to race.
- The Cinco De Mayo race is on May 5 and he will buy the first pitcher of margaritas after the race.
- Ramsty quote, Small Boats Make Big Sailors.

### Newsletter Editor (Patty Deming)

- Was not present



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### Quartermaster (Brenda Crabbe)

- Brenda drew numbers for door prizes and said she still has burgees and license plates for sale.

### Bluewater Bay Marina Rep (Brett Hinley)

- Wednesday Nite Fun Races will continue with a few changes. March 13 will be the first unofficial race. Official racing starts on April 3, start time is 6:00 pm.
- The Single Handed race is October 19, last year there were 34 boats. Fort Walton Yacht Club has showed interest in bringing more boats over this year.
- The Bluewater Bay Marina Flea market is on March 2.

### New Business:

- Suggestions for a new venue for the Annual Banquet Awards was open for discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm

*Mindy Barrett, Secretary BBSC*

# Upcoming Events

Sat., March 23	Luck Of The Draw
Fri., March 29	Happy Hour
Wed., April 3	Official Wednesday Night Race Start
Thu., April 11	Spring Cruise Planning Meeting
Fri., April 12	Raft Up #2
Sun., April 14	Small Boat #1 - Season Opener!
Fri., April 19	Happy Hour - Lulu's Destin
Sat., April 20	Pick Your Poison
Sat., April 27	Spring Cruise

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