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The last party of 2019 was on Saturday, December 14th at the Redinger's house. There were about 40 people who came by to enjoy some Christmas spirits. It was a beautiful night for sitting around their firepit and their fire tables while talking with friends. Thank you, Gisela and Dinger for hosting another fun event.

The trivia players continue to meet on Tuesday nights at Third Planet brewery at 6:15. We usually have about 12 people who play. We finished in first place twice recently and a few other weeks in the money. The game is in the greenhouse at Third Planet on cold or rainy nights so don't let the weather discourage you from joining us. We really need some younger people who know something about entertainment topics like music, movies and TV.

We had over 30 people for the bonfire party, also at Redinger's house and for the mini pub crawl happy hour, both in November. The weather for the bonfire was great and Dinger started a great fire for us to enjoy. There were a few other pyromaniacs who kept the fire burning well all night. Thank you all for bringing lots of food to share. There were lots of good eats. The happy hour/pub crawl started at Cash's liquor store and bar in Bluewater Bay for some great 2 for 1 cocktails for \$5. We finished at Slick Mick's at the Bluewater Bay clubhouse where most of us enjoyed dinner.

The last three years as your rear commodore have gotten us very involved in club activities but it is time for us to take a break. It has been a good time but all good things have to end sometime. Please consider joining the bridge as the rear commodore.

Phil and Eveline







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Ahoy Sailors,

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As 2019 (and my time as your Commodore) draws to a close, I hope that each of you and your families had a very merry and happy holiday season. I would particularly like to thank all the Bridge members who have served with me for the past two years. Your efforts made my job easy and the club activities from PHRF and small boat racing to cruising/social very successful. "Bravo Zulu" to all.

Our last event of the year (and first event of 2020) is the Annual Awards Banquet and Election of 2020 Officers. This year's event will be held on Friday, January 17th at LJ Schooners. If you have not yet made your reservations and paid your 2020 dues, please do so as soon as possible. It's easy to do electronically on the website using Paypal or other credit card. (http://www.bbsc.com/BBSC/ Home/bbscAwardsRenewal.html)

Speaking of the upcoming election, we still have two offices with no candidates – Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore. These are two critical offices. The Vice Commodore takes care of trophies and sets up our two meetings per year while the Rear Commodore is basically the club social and cruising chairman. Obviously, without a Rear Commodore we will have a greatly diminished cruising and social calendar. If you wish to see the club continue to function at it's present level (or better), please consider taking one of these very important offices.

> Fair winds and have a great 2020, Charlie Mauck



Six boats came out to participate in the BBSC After-Christmas Race on a nice, breezy day, with the wind from the Southeast at 12 - 15 mph. Congrats to Grover, Bo and Emily on Shenanigan who squeaked out the victory over the gang on Epiphany.

We tried out some new ideas, which you might see again on an upcoming event.

- No race committee. Each team recorded their own elapsed time.
- A 5 minute start window was employed, which allowed teams to start anytime within the start window.
- A virtual turning mark was employed using GPS coordinates rather than an anchored mark.
- The usual Wednesday-style of racing was used, where all boats turn around when the lead boat rounds the halfway mark, but special scoring was employed to calculate elapsed time based on what a team's elapsed time would have been if they had sailed the entire distance.

Upcoming BBSC events:

- Jan 17th Annual Awards Meeting / Dinner will take place on January 17th at Schooner's.
- Jan 25th The first BBSC PHRF Race of the Season will be the Blue Nose. You will want to stick around afterwards for Gumbo Tasting and live music at Schooner's.
- Feb 22nd Chili Dog Race and Chili Contest

Tom McNally

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We wrapped-up the season the day after Thanksgiving with the annual BBSC Small Boat Black Friday Invitational, and it was a huge success. Not only did we avoid the shops, but it was a beautiful day on the water. First we thought there would not be ANY wind, but that turned into "SOME" wind, from the south, and the sun was bright in the blue sky all day! Thanks to our esteemed Commodore, Charlie Mauck for being race committee! Five boats came out to enjoy the day.

In the end, congrats to Scott Bedenbaugh for taking the top-step on the podium!

1) Scott Bedenbaugh, sailing the taller of his two rigs, the Aero 7 (good job not swimming)

2) Kevin Wildt, sailing a really fast Force 5

3) Craig Deyerle, sailing his Hunter 18, solo, nice work!

Congrats, also, to Scott Bedenbaugh for being our only small-boat sailor this year to sail in every race! Thanks for coming out, Scott!

Expect that we'll calculate the season winner this year with a modified version of the US Sailing's "High Average" system. If you are having trouble sleeping, you can read about it here:

https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Scoringa-Long-Series.pdf I've successfully created a black-box which modifies the math to give more weight for participation than the US Sailing version. I don't think it's going to matter all that much, but if you want to know how it turns out, then make sure you attend the awards banquet in January!

If you want to race all winter, don't forget the FWYC "Frosty Nipple" series. The next race is next Sunday, 19 January. They usually sign-up at 11:00, and start the first race at 1:00 PM. I'll continue to abuse my login to BBSC mailing list, so I'll send out a message as we get closer.

Also, it looks like FWYC has created a separate Frosty Nipple series for the Vipers. I found their NOR here:

http://fwyc.org/regattas/docs/2020_FNVS.pdf

It looks like they are two-day races (Saturday/Sunday) and the first set in the series is 11-12 January. Rumor says somebody is always looking for crew to try and tame one of those beasts.

So, that's it. It's been a fun season, and thanks to everybody who helped me in my first year as small-boat fleet captain!

Small Boat Captain, Joseph "Ramsty" Siberski



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Friday, January 17 Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 25 Blue Nose Regatta

Friday, February 7 Happy Hour At The Bilge Pub at Boathouse Landing

> Saturday, February 22 Chili Cookoff

> > Friday, March 13 Happy Hour

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