



# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

March 2020

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

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## BBSC SPRING MEETING & Membership Drive

Schooner's Restaurant hosted the Spring Meeting on Friday, February 21, 2020. Sailing club members enjoyed wine, beer, hunch punch, chicken quesadillas and chips and salsa before the official meeting started at 6:05pm.

Bridge members in attendance were Commodore Michael Morris, Vice Commodore Jeff Amos, Rear Commodores Zack Kastl and Aleska Kastl, Secretary Mindy Barrett, Treasurer Leslie Cooper, Fleet Captain Tom McNally, Small Boat Captain Joseph Siberski, Newsletter/Membership Patty Deming and Quartermaster Brenda Crabbe.

Patty Deming made a motion for last month's meeting minutes stand approved as read and accepted. There were copies of the Bluewater Bay sailing Club newsletters available for members to preview or keep.

Treasurer Leslie Cooper reported there is \$6,565.21 in the checking account. Leslie took in dues from Maxine Howland, Bill Turney, Buzz Clarke, Grover Niles, Nicholas Peloquin, Geisela and Bill Redinger, Aaron Sather, John Farris, Al and Dawn Bohnenberger, and Jimmie Boisjolie. The total number of members will be available at next month's bridge meeting.



Michael Morris introduced Craig Wilusz from Gulf Pool Service. Craig is the sponsor for the Sailfest May 16, 2020. Craig donated hats and koozies that were

raffled off. Michael said he was looking forward to a great year and will build on what was laid out before us from the past Commodores. All past Commodores stood up and were applauded and thanked. Michael would like to see more participation in the club this year and will promote events in the newsletter and through emailing.

Vice Commodore Jeff Amos is looking forward to a great year. He is updating the trophies in the trophy case in the foyer of Bluewater Bay Marina. There is a new award added this year, the Outstanding Member Award. It's open to every sailor in the club and the list of criteria will be emailed out soon.

Rear Commodore Zack Kastl thanked the Rosegrant's for setting him up with everything he needs to get started. He introduced his Co-Commodore Aleska Kastl. Aleska said the next social event will be the Chili Cook Off after the Chili Dog Regatta at the Duvall's.



Trivia at 3rd planet will continue every Tuesday. Zack had a signup sheet for the cruisers to sign into GroupMe. The next Happy Hour will be March 13 at 3rd planet. Zack proposed Happy Hour start at 4:30 but it was opposed by the group. April 11 is the first Raft up #1 which is also the Pick your Poison race. It was decided to leave both on the calendar, race then raft. The first cruise starts on April 25-May 3. The planning meeting is April 9 at Slick Mick's bar and grill.

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# COMMODORE'S

STORY

Ahoy Sailors,

What an exciting time to be alive and get to participate in BBSC activities! The clocks have just changed, the first day of Spring is in sight. We just had a big weekend with the Starting Seminar (thanks for putting it on, Tom!), Nautical Flea Market and Start-a-palooza, and depending on when you are reading this, we will have or just had another big week with the first Unofficial Wednesday Night race, our first Happy Hour on Friday, Ward Cove Cleanup Day on Saturday, and Ides of March Small Boat Race on Sunday.

Special thanks to Mickey and Patty Duvall for opening their home for the Chili Dog Regatta and Chili Cook Off. It was a pretty day with a not-quite-diabolical course, and more importantly, some great chilis brought out. Thanks as well to Dinger for leading the judging again this year.

Upcoming in April are more happy hours, trivia nights and races as you'll see noted through the other bridge member's notes. Cruisers should begin planning for the Spring Extended Cruise which is set to get underway on April 26. The Rear Commodore will publish details.

Please plan on attending as many club events as possible. We are well on our way to a record year in terms of participation in all kinds of events. Let's keep the energy high and our sailing passion strong!

*See You Underway - Michael Morris,  
Commodore*

## Small Boats Racing

Hello BBSC!

As you know, our first race is 15 March! Come on out and participate! Expect a 2:00 first race start, and we'll plan on sailing four races for the event.

Thanks in advance to Mr. Bedenbaugh, who will be race committee.

I have folks signed-up for race committee until July, but I could use some help filling the rest of the schedule. So, even if you are not a small boat sailor, take a look at the events (all on Sundays) on the BBSC scrolling website calendar, and let me know!

As always, if you have an unused small boat but nobody to sail it, let me know, and I'll find you some crew. Likewise, if you want to sail, but have no crew, I can probably help find you a boat to sail!

Thanks,

*Joseph "RAMSTY" Siberski  
Small-boat-captain@bbsc.com*



## PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

It's MARCH! The sailing season is suddenly in full swing.

Saturday, Mar 7, we had 9 boats out on the bayou for Start-a-Palooza. Charlie and Scott did a great job on Race Committee getting in 6 rounds of pretty intense short track racing.

Congrats to Grover, Bo and Josh on

Shenannigan for winning 3 races on the way to winning the day's top spot.

Ned, JD, Tuna and Brenda on Stickman won 2 races and finished second on the day.

Tom and Melanie on Panacea also won a race and finished third for the day.

As a special thanks to all the hard working crews, a drawing was held from among all the crew participating, and Kevin took home the Kraken. (Well, he didn't actually take it home.)

### Start-a-Palooza

Place	Boat Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	Shenannigan	1	2	2	1	1	2	7
2	Stickman	3	1	1	6	5	3	13
3	Panacea	7	5	3	5	2	1	16
4	Avocet	2	3	4	4	6	5	18
5	Rock n Roll	5	4	5	2	4	4	19
6	Kahlua	6	7	7	3	3	7	26
7	Mudbug	4	6	6	7	7	6	29
DNF	Chasing Teal							
DNS	Knee Deep							

### Upcoming Events:

- With the change to Daylight Saving Time, it must be time for Wednesday Night Sailing, Sponsored by LJ Schooner's. The season kicks off Wednesday, Mar 11, with the first 'unofficial' race. The start is at 6:00PM as usual, but there are some changes this year, so come down and see what's new. Remember, you're busy on Wednesday nights from now through October.
- Friday, Mar 13, BBSC hosts Happy Hour at 3rd Planet Brewing from 4 - ???
- Saturday, Mar 14, is Rocky Bayou / Ward Cove Clean-up Day, sponsored by Bluewater Bay Marina. Meet at 9:30. Let's help clean-up. Info at 850-897-2821.
- On Sunday, March 15, BBSC hosts the first small boat race of the season. Come on out for the 'Ides of March'. The first race is at 2PM.
- Sunday, March 21st is the BBSC Luck of the Draw Race. Invite your friends. Invite your neighbors. Old salts, newbies. The only requirement is ENTHUSIASM. This is the chance to make new friends and sail with new people.



*Regards,  
PHRF Fleet Captain, Tom McNally*



# Wednesday Night Races



**Hola Intrepid Sailors,**

It is time - finally - to start our glorious Wednesday Night Fun Race Series - Sponsored by L.J. Schooners Oyster Bar. Attached are the 2020 rules. I may not be able to be in attendance on Wednesday. If not, Tom McNally will be race committee on PANACEA.

## Schedule

- April through September
- Course, participation and sailing instructions posted in Oyster Bar nlt 5:00 pm every Wednesday
- 1st Flag 5:55 pm (approximate)
- Start 6:00 pm (approximate)
- Turnaround 6:45 pm if no vessel has rounded designated turning mark
- Awards 7:45 pm at Oyster Bar

## Rules

- This is BOAT race. Scoring is given to the vessel – not the skipper.
- Race Committee will use standard 5 min sequence and have the option of anchoring for a conventional start or station/ hover their vessel at the West end of the start line to monitor the start.
  - Only the main and mizzen can be hoisted while performing race committee duties
  - Engine must be on to maintain position to monitor the line
  - Once line is cleared race committee can hoist remaining sails and join the fleet  
(If a vessel is over early then the individual recall flag will be flown and any other attempts e.g. horn, radio to announce over early. Race committee can join the race once the over early vessel has cleared the line or they have disqualified the offending vessel)
- Turning mark to be rounded to Port unless sailing instructions dictate otherwise
- BBSC "Performance 360" rule in effect
- Additional "Mark Hunter 5.0" rule in effect for high performing vessels

- Light Catamarans and small boats will race with entire fleet but scored separately

Performance 360 rule – Weekly posted participation and sailing instructions will be posted showing how many 360 each vessel be required to perform before rounding the turn mark or before finishing.

On the return leg all 360 turns must be completed between Rocky 1 and the finish line.

## In addition (Mark Hunter 5.0):

- If you receive 2 first to the turning mark wins then your start will be delayed by 4 min.
- If you receive 3 first to the turning mark wins then your start will be delayed by 5 min.
- If you receive 4 first to the turning mark wins then your start will be delayed by 7 min.
- If you receive 5 first to the turning mark wins then your start will be delayed by 9 min.
- If you receive 6 first to the turning mark wins then your start will be delayed by 12 min.
- If you receive more than 6 first to the turning mark then you came claim victory over the entire fleet and stake your claim as the best sailor on the bay.

Awards – 7:45 pm at Oyster Bar. Awards will be given to first to mark and first to finish and maybe something else as well.

## Points

- Participation – 1 point
- Race Committee – 1 points (Maximum of 5 points per season)
- 1st to turning mark – 2 points
- 1st to Finish – 2 points (Applies only if finish places are taken and start/finish mark(s) are brought in and stored)
- Any boat which is first to Boggy AND first to Finish will get an additional 1 point
- Style points (+1 or -1): Up to race committee discretion

Communication – We will attempt to send out email recap / standings / and reminder every week. No guarantees.

**Wednesday Night Racing Czar, Brett E. Hinely**

## Crusin' Around



Greetings from your co-rear commodores!

First we want to thank everyone for coming out to the Chili Dog Cook-off, and a big thank you to everyone who brought food, drink, and chili! We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful afternoon to enjoy some delicious chili with friends and family! Also, congratulations to the winners of the cook-off, Ned (1st), Marc (2nd), and Buzz (3rd).

The next BBSC Happy Hour will be this Friday, 13-March from 5-8 PM at 3rd Planet Brewing (The Mothership location). Come out and enjoy a few beers to start off the weekend!

The Spring Cruise Planning Meeting will be on 9-April at 6-8 PM. We will meet at Slick Micks in Bluewater (the clubhouse). If you would like to have input on anything Spring Cruise related, please plan to attend. Don't forget that Dad (Zack) and I created a Group Me for "Cruisers", so if you have not been added and would like to be, please let one of us know (and if you don't know what Group Me is, we can help you out with that as well).

Cheers! Z & A





# Upcoming Events

Wed., March 11	Unofficial Wednesday Night Race
Fri., March 13	Happy Hour
Sun., March 15	The Ides of March Small Boat Race #1
Sat., March 21	Luck of the Draw Regatta
Wed., April 1	Wednesday Night Race
Thu., April 9	Spring Cruise planning meeting
Sat., April 11	Pick Your Poison & Raft Up #1

## 2020 BLUEWATER BAY SAILING CLUB BRIDGE

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Fleet Captain Tom McNally said the Bluenose Race on January 25 had 11 boats that participated. The Chili Dog Race and Chili Cook off is February 22. The Duvall's are hosting the event again. Tom is having a seminar on March 6 to work on starting techniques for the Start a Palooza race on March 7. The Luck of the Draw race is March 21, and the crew will be selected through a drawing. April 11 is Pick your Poison, which Tom said will be interesting this year. The Sailfest will be a two day event on May 16 and 17. Saturday's race and Sunday's Small Boat race winners will be combined for the trophy. The PHRF Commodores Cup series scoring will be based on the results of four races, Round the Bay East, Round the Bay West, Sailfest and The Grande Finale. There will be four classes, Spinnaker, Non Spinnaker, Cruisers and Double Handed. Tom has changed the criteria for the Sailor of the Year. All members are eligible and it will be performance based. Tom asked for volunteers to be on the race committee. He will have all the details on the website.

Small Boat Fleet Captain Joseph Siberski thanked past small boat fleet race captains. He said last year was a great season and he is looking forward to this season. Ramsty is also looking for race committee volunteers and asked members to sign up on group me if they want to sail in the small boat races.

Newsletter/membership Patty Deming said everything is the same this year. There's a clickable link to get the Google calendar on the BBSC website. Patty will work on a members roster. Patty was recognized as the longest serving bridge member.

Quartermaster Brenda Crabbe said she has hats for sale for \$20.00. Brenda has set up a Gill account for members to receive a discount on their high end sailing gear. Brenda is taking orders on a chambray shirt that are embroidered with the club's logo and boat name for \$35.00.



Bluewater Bay Marina Rep Jimmie Boisjolie said the marina will be hosting a nautical Flea market on March 7. The marina will be having a clean up day on March 14.

Michael introduced John Farris, a certified race officer. Michael Morris and Charlie Mauck will also become certified so the club will have insurance coverage on races through US Sailing. John would like to help run a seminar to get others certified. There was a motion made to adjourn by Michael Phillips, all in favor.

Next Meeting: Bridge Meeting on March 9, 2020 at 6:00pm@ Schooners Restaurant.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54

*Mindy Barrett, Secretary BBSC*