



# Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

March/April 2021

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



## BBSC SPRING MEETING & Membership Drive Spring Meeting Minutes Friday March 12, 2021

The annual Spring meeting was held Friday March 2021 by a zoom meeting and a private zoom party hosted by Dinger and Geisele Redinger. The meeting was called to order by Commodore Michael Morris at 6:00pm. BBSC bridge members present were Michael Morris, Jeff Amos, Ramsty Siberski, Zack Kastl, Brenda Crabbe, in person at the Redinger's and Leslie Cooper, Aleksa Kastl and Mindy Barrett by zoom. Tom McNally was not present. The Annual Meeting held two months ago was published in the BBSC newsletter. Michael asked for any corrections or failing none asked to accept as written into the record. Ramsty made a motion to accept and Jeff second.

The treasures report was presented at \$6,109.84. Membership stands at 60 members, Dinger renewed to 61 members. Michael asked Treasurer Leslie Cooper to report on taxes. Leslie has filed a postcard that she said will keep us out of trouble with the IRS.

Vice Commodore Jeff Amos said the challenge this year was getting awards to people and having everyone together and he is looking forward to some normalcy. As far as awards, the photos are always a big deal and he will continue to do that. A Burgee Award was presented last year and he will continue that again this year. Jeff said he was open to any ideas or suggestions and a better year.

Rear commodore Zack Kastl said everyone is tired of Covid and there hasn't been much on the table. He said more people are getting comfortable so he will start putting events on the calendar.

1. Destination cruises, sail out on Saturday to an unnamed location, spend the night and come back on Sunday.
2. Trivia at 3rd planet will be back on the calendar the first Tuesday, April 6.
3. The Chili Cook Off is on the calendar for May 8.

Zack said there will be more things on the calendar so look for it. Rear Commodore Aleksa Kastl said she's looking forward to getting back to social events, trivia, cruises, and if you have any suggestion let them know. If anyone wants to be included in social events, contact Zack or Aleksa to get on group me. Tom Kennedy said something that came out of the planning meeting was to encourage non sailing boats into the club by promoting non sailing events for non sailors without a boat. He also suggested a membership drive or a raft up with other sailing clubs.

PHRF Fleet Captain Tom McNally was not present but asked Ramsty to speak on his behalf. Tom regrets not being there but would like everyone to know the 2021 calendar is on the BBSC website. If you need a schedule contact Tom or Ramsty for a copy. The Commodore's Cup will be the Round the Bay East and West, Sailfest, and The Grande Finale, there is no change from 2020. The Summer Series will be on Saturday's starting at 4:00 or 5:00, this is a new event. There will be a new class, X-Class which will replace the cruiser class and will continue to be updated as the season goes along. The Sailor of the Year is open to all sailors. Tom encourages individuals to download the sheet to keep track of all their races and events they participated in. Tom asked the skippers to please let him know who has sailed on their boat, Tom thanked everyone who has signed up to be race committee and if you have not signed up, please do so.

Charlie Mauck commented that Sailfest and Grande Finale are a week apart on the calendar. Ramsty said he and Tom have been trying to coordinate races with Ft. Walton but they have a different outlook about sailing during the pandemic. Ramsty said anything on the calendar after May is subjected to change. Charlie Mauck volunteered to be race committee for the Sailfest. Ramsty has the small boat race committee sign up with him and said to let him know which race you would like to sign up for. The next PHRF race is Start-a-palooza on Saturday March 20 and Craig Deyerle will be race committee.

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# PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

We had 7 teams competing in the BBSC PHOTO FINISH - Race and Photo Contest on Feb 20th. Congrats to the race winners:

1st place Spinnaker -  
Epiphany

1st place Non-spinnaker -  
Parley

... and congrats to the winners in the photo contest:

## People



Epiphany



## Beverage ad



Kahlua



Here's a preview of the 2021 season -

- The 2021 calendar is pretty much set. You can find it on BBSC.com
- Commodores Cup - RTB-W, RTB-E, Sailfest, Grand Finale (No change from 2020)
- Summer Race Series is new for 2021. This series will be split between PHRF and Small Boat. The races will start late - around 5PM to avoid the worst of the Summer heat.
- X-Class - Based on the successful trial during the Winter Fun Races, the x-class will be introduced this year in place of the Cruiser Class. The X-class is open to any boats, with any sail combinations. A special X-class rating will be calculated for each boat based on prior race results. The rating will be updated as the season progresses.
- Sailor of the Year - Open to all sailors, not just owners or skippers. Scoring changed slightly for this year. A sailor's best 14 of the 21 scheduled PHRF and Small Boat race days may be scored. Sailors are obliged to keep track using the Sailor of the Year Scorecard (link on BBSC.com). Skippers are asked to help their crew with the scoring. Recommend printing and distributing scorecards. Running totals will be reported periodically.
- GYA PHRF ratings - The new ORR VPP ratings have not yet been released. It is expected that we will trial the new system for some period of time prior to implementing.

PHRF Fleet Captain - Tom McNally

## Wildlife



SnapDragon



# Small Boats Racing 2021

"Ides of March" Small Boat Race — Sunday, 14 March 2021

Hello BBSC,

The small boats were back on the water yesterday! We were celebrating the time change, and some really nice weather.

A big thanks to our race committee! Mark Hunter readily volunteered for our first race of the season, and he set up a perfect windward/leeward course for us. Thanks, Mark!

The wind was from the South, light at first, but not too fluky. It steadily increased from the same direction to about 6-9 knots and gave us perfect conditions! Seven boats came out to enjoy it.

Congrats to our top three finishers:

#1) Zack Kastl on the oldest Laser in the World. Good job fixing her after last season. She's a lot faster with the water on the proper side of the boat!

#2) Kevin Wildt on his colorful Force 5. Good job taking first place in the last race.

#3) RAMSTY Siberski and Michael Morris barely hung on to third in the 1980's motif Mutineer 15.

A few fun facts:

Amelie Lanoue raced her brand new RS Zest on Sunday! She still doesn't have the headsail, but the Brits have promised her that they will send it soon. On that note, it's a pretty new make/model of boat, and since the USSA hasn't updated the Portsmouth ratings since 2017, I had to assign her one. I used our known ratings for the RS Aero 5/7, and RS Feva to convert the PY rating available for the Zest. If anybody wants to see my math, I'll be happy to share it with you. Let me know.

New for this year: The race fee is \$5 per person, per race, OR \$25 for the whole season since it will take five races to qualify for season scoring. Thanks for the folks who already paid me their \$25. That makes my life a LOT easier.

Check out the season schedule and race committee sign-up below, and let me know what race you want to do RC for.

The next race will be the "Tax Day Small Boat Race" on Sunday, 18 April, with a 2:00 PM start time. It should be a hoot!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Na Zdrowie,  
RAMSTY Siberski  
Small Boat Fleet Captain  
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Small Boat Fleet Captain Ramsty Siberski reported the season will be 9 races, 4 on Saturdays and 5 on Sundays. Saturday races are a part of the summer series but all races will be scored for the season series rating. Season opener is Sunday March 14 and Mark Hunter will be race committee, first race will be at 1:00. Changes from last year, races will start at 1:00 not 2:00. It will be \$5.00 per sailor, youth sailors are free, or \$25.00 for the entire season per sailor. No races will start after 3:00 not 4:00. The increase of the price this year is to cover awards. Ramsty said group me is his primary form of communication. Ramsty may have a competition round table to discuss changing the rating to the European PY rating since the USA is not maintaining the one being used.

Patty Deming, newsletter editor, was unable to attend. Michael said Patty has done a lot on the website to get new memberships or renewals online.

Brenda Crabbe, quartermaster said she will have the annual award giveaways at the Nautical Flea Market Saturday morning 8 to noon at the marina. Back ordered shirts will arrive in 2 to 3 weeks. Brenda will also have extra shirts for sale at the flea market.

Commodore Michael said this is the Kick Off Weekend for the club. Saturday March 13 is the Nautical Flea Market, Sunday March 13 is the 1st Small Boat Race, Wet Wednesday Fun Races start unofficially on Wednesday March 17 and the following Saturday March 20 is Start-a-palooza race. Michael said he appreciates what everyone has done in the past year to move forward. Jeff will try to have awards to distribute at the marina after each race and it was suggested the zoom award ceremony be shortly after the race not at 8:00 pm or three days later. Ramsty recommends the

bridge take the ideas, fulfill the intent and let everyone know what happens later.

Goals for 2021, insurance has been on the agenda for the last 6 months. The bridge has rustled with adding the right coverage. Currently the club has general liability which is a baseline need as a club. With past incidents the club has incurred, bridge members have voted anonymously to add property coverage, borrowed boat coverage and directors and officers liability coverage. Michael said in this world of today, this insurance is necessary. The club will not increase dues this year but may have to raise them in 2022. The new policy coverage is personal injury is up to \$1,000,000, property damage is \$100,000 and boat damage is \$100,000. The club has posted a policy statement on Covid. BBSC is encouraging members and directors to follow all guidelines issued by the Florida department of Health and the CDC regarding social distancing, mask wearing and sanitation. In particular, we are supplying virtual systems for all meetings and communications. The club is encouraging everyone's level of comfort.

A motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Mauck, second by Mickey Duvall. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 Respectively submitted by Secretary Mindy Barrett

*Welcome Aboard*

*Curtis & Kim Duvall*

*Victoria Gullo*

*Scott & Jenean Haynie*

*Sean & Mary Ann Moore*

## 2021 BLUEWATER BAY SAILING CLUB BRIDGE

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## COMMODORE'S

## CORNER

Ahoy Sailors,

After the 2020 Spring Meeting, I wrote this:

"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!"

As we all know, it was a record year for bad reasons; yet we still have kept the energy high and sailing passion strong. We saw many boats on the water, even if we were waving at each other through computer screens or at a distance.

Now for 2021, we are hearing a desire to open up again and reclaim - slowly and safely - all those events we lost last year. We started with a kickoff week: Spring Meeting with a small gathering hosted by the Redingers (thanks, Gisela and Bill!), Nautical Flea Market, first Small Boat Race and first unofficial Wednesday night race. We will add events over the coming months - check out the update from the Rear Commodores for more. Discussions are also ongoing on GroupMe, so contact a bridge member if you aren't on those chats and would like to be.

Speaking of the Spring Meeting, the minutes are included in this newsletter (thanks Mindy for transcribing it off the bad audio!) Speaking for the bridge, we appreciate the lively discussion and participation from in-person and Zoom participants. Check these pages for more outcomes of those discussions in the coming months.

*Until then, see you underway!  
Michael Morris*





# Emerald Coast Sailing Association

## 2021 Summer Sailing Camp

Register online: [www.ecsasailing.com](http://www.ecsasailing.com)

Camp 1 June 14 - 18

Camp 2 June 21 - 25

Camp 3 June 28 - July 2

Camp 4 July 5 - 9

Camp 5 July 12 - 16

Camp 6 July 19 - 23

Camp 7 July 26 - 30

Camp 8 August 2 - 6

- Monday – Friday, 9am – 3:30pm
- Cost: \$295 per camp
- Location: Fort Walton Yacht Club
- Ages 7 – 18 years old
- Beginner I & II (grouped by age/skill)
- Learn to Race (\$310 per camp)
- Opti, Taz, Sunfish, Laser, 420 & FEVA's
- Learn to sail! Meet new friends!

