



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

November/December 2021

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

The Fall racing season has been very busy with 'Race to the Park' on September 25th, Challenge Cup on Oct 2nd, the Singlehanded Race Oct 16th, Sailfest on Oct 30 & 31st, and Grand Finale on Nov 13th.

The BBSC team was able to wrest the Challenge Cup back from FWYC with a decisive win. Avocet, Shenanigan, Ida Claire, Louise, Stickman, Pier Pressure and Vibrator, travelled to FWYC to contest the Challenge Cup. Three windward-leeward, 2-lap races were sailed in breezy conditions. Team BBSC reclaimed the cup with a 28 to 35 win.

The 28th annual LJ Schooner's Singlehanded Race was a windy, challenging affair. Twenty-one boats were on the water. It was a gorgeous day, and provided plenty of stories.

1. Diamond - Brett Hinley
2. Adagio - Michael Morris
3. Bushwacker - Scott Sheldon

The 2021 Sailfest Regatta kicked-off on Friday with a Happy Hour at the Rosegrants. Saturday featured big boat racing, with the Spinnaker Class sailing windward / leeward races, and the X-Class on a tour across the bay and back. The windy, puffy conditions kept the crews on their toes. There was a lot of good racing and some close finishes.

The top three boats in the X-Class were:

1. Humdinger - Sean Moore
2. Chasing Teal - Marc Thompson
3. Hula Girl - Bill Elliott

(Complete results here.)

The top three boats in the Spinnaker Class were:

1. Shenanigan - Grover Niles
2. Vibrator - Craig Wilusz
3. Epiphany - Mark Hunter

Sailfest Sunday was small boats racing, and another fantastic, sunny day of sailing was on tap.

Congrats to the top three Small Boat finishers:

1. Tom McNally & Matthew Nino on "Rosie," the Flying Scot.
2. Zack & Aleksa Kastl on "38 Special," the Flying Scot.
3. Spencer & Griffin Byrd on an ECSA 420!

Grand Finale followed two weeks later, and again the BBSC fleet was served up a beautiful windy day.

In the Spinnaker Class Epiphany lead the way.

In Non-spinnaker Avocet ruled.

Top three in the X-Class were Vixen, Diamond and Humdinger.

PHRF Fleet Captain, Tom McNally



COMMODORE'S

CORNER



Ahoy Sailors,

This year is turning quickly to cooler temps but there are many pretty sailing days remaining before we reach the dark days of winter in a few months. I am hearing that some folks are preparing to run south for the islands, and I am quite envious I am not joining them!

Here at home, we are just coming off a great SailFest weekend. Many thanks to the Rosegrants for kicking it off by opening their home, to Quartermaster Gail Saurman for getting shirts and bonus hats made in record time during supply chain disruptions, to PHRF Captain Tom McNally and committee Mark Davis for the PHRF racing, to Vice Commodore Jeff Amos for orchestrating the dinner and awards, and Small Boat Fleet Captain RAMSTY Siberski and committee Roy Byrd for the Sunday races.

I have a special appeal as the year winds down, that you each consider ways you can further contribute to the club as it takes all of us to create a successful year like this one! Let me take a minute to recognize the service of the bridge members who are willing to continue serving:

- Secretary Mindy Barrett - 7 years
- Treasurer Leslie Cooper - 5 years
- Newsletter Editor Patty Deming - 20+ years

We also have several openings and changes on the bridge for 2022, so I'd like to recognize the energy and effort these individuals have contributed:

- Rear Commodores Zack Kastl and Aleksa Kastl - 2 years (and Zack was Small Boat Fleet Captain for years prior!)
- Vice Commodore Jeff Amos - 2 years
- PHRF Fleet Captain Tom McNally - 2 years

- Small Boat Fleet Captain RAMSTY Siberski - 3 years (RAMSTY has offered to be the PHRF Fleet Captain for 2022)

We on the bridge know that there are areas of improvement that people would like to see:

Communication coordination, website updates, club rosters, boat lists, boat/part classifieds and more

More frequent social events and cruising events; higher quality meals for our landmark events

More transparency in race and membership fees; more efficiency in purchasing shirts, hats and the like

I'm asking each of you to think about how you can contribute to the club events most important to you. The three open bridge positions are not the only options - we welcome people who have a passion for one of these areas and are willing to own a slice (much as Curtis Duval and Bill Elliott currently own Trivia Tuesdays at 3rd Planet - thanks guys!) Here's some possible roles:

- Social media/Email/Communication Chair
- Happy Hour Chair (first person with a drink!)
- Cruise Leader
- Bookkeeper/Transparency Chair
- Competition Committee Chair

Take a minute to consider what dimensions of service you're willing to bring in 2022, and give any of us bridge members a shout with your input - we appreciate the feedback and most of all, we appreciate your continued support in making this sailing club the great community it is!

*See you underway,
Commodore Michael Morris*



10th Annual Bluewater Bay Marina Christmas Boat Parade Saturday, December 18, 2021

SKIPPER'S MEETING: 4:00PM
STAGING: 5:00PM
PARADE: 5:30PM
CHRIS SAYLOR: 6PM-10PM
UGLY SWEATER CONTEST: 9PM



Call 850-897-2821 to register!

Visit www.bluewaterbaymarina.com for more information!

Small Boat Racing 2021

Hello Small Boat Sailors!

We've wrapped-up Sailfest Small Boat a few weeks ago! Thanks to our Sailfest Sponsor, Craig Wilusz, and Gulf Pool Services, and thanks to our race committee Roy Byrd joined by Mindy Barret & Curtis Duvall.

Top Three Finishers were Tom McNally & Matthew Nino on "Rosie," Zack & Aleksa Kastl on "38 Special," and Spencer & Griffin Byrd on an ECSA 420! Great job, fellas! Thanks to all for a great race!

Our season finale will be the fifth annual "Black Friday Small Boat Invitational" on Friday, 26 November! Grab a leftover turkey sandwich and launch your boat to join!

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email*: _____
cell #: _____
home #: _____
work #: _____
Address: _____

Boat Type: _____
Boat Name: _____

Member 2

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Address: _____
(if different) _____
Addl Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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