



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

January/February 2023

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

Awards Banquet

JANUARY 14, 2023

The annual meeting and awards banquet was held on January 14, 2023 at The Wharf 850. Bridge officers that were present, Michael Morris, Patty Deming, Joseph Siberski, Tom Kennedy and Mindy Barrett. Dinger Redinger attended by zoom. There were 34 members present for the award meeting, dinner was \$42 per person. The meeting was called to order by Michael Morris at 6:02. There was a motion made by Mickey Duvall to accept minutes from the last annual banquet and Patty Deming second. Michael thanked all the officers, anyone who hosted a sailing club event and those that volunteered to be race committee. Michael reported the checking account balance of \$5325.64, minus the money for the Grande Finale shirts.

BBSC membership is at 90 members. Michael introduced the current bridge members, Mindy Barrett, Secretary, Leslie Cooper, Treasurer, Bill Redinger, Vice Commodore, Ramsty Siberski, Fleet Captain, Tom Kennedy, Rear Commodore, Patty Deming, Newsletter Editor and Gail Saurman, Quartermaster. Bill Redinger, joining on zoom said it was a great year and even though he is not returning to the bridge he will be there to help whenever needed. He had a fun time coming up with creative awards. Tom thanked his wife, Becky, all the bridge members, the Duvalls, the Redingers, Phil Rosegrant, and Barry and Marcella for hosting the club's social events.

In 2022 Tom added the weekly update emails, held 7 rafts ups, monthly Happy Hours, and 2 cruises. Tom plans to add more mini cruises in 2023. 2023 started off with a New Year Day party hosted by Barry and Marcella Winters. The Chili Dog Regatta is February 11, 2023 at Mickey and Patty Duvalls. The first Saturday in May will be the Shrimp Boil hosted by Bill and Gisela Redinger, and will include a Kentucky

Derby event. Tom said club members are getting together to play pickleball and Tuesday night trivia. Tom's goal for 2023 is to include more powerboats to the social events and he said there are 4 new members with powerboats. Tom reminded BBSC members to use their membership cards at other marinas to receive reciprocal benefits.



Ramsty Siberski said being both PHRF fleet captain and small boat captain was a fun year with lots of races. He thanked Tom McNally for all his help as well as all the bridge members. Ramsty said the first race of 2023 will be The Frosty Nipple on January 27 at Ft.

Walton Yacht Club and January 28 will be a fun race. Ramsty will include the Dauphin Island Race to the Calendar and will be coordinating races with Ft. Walton Yacht Club.

Dinner was served at 6:00 and was choice of: New York Strip Captains Fish Dinner Mac and Crab Shrimp and Scallops; salad, house or caesar; bread basket; dessert- Key Lime pie or Whipped Cheesecake

2022 Annual Awards-

Jane Colee Small Boat Sailor of the Year presented by Michael Morris and Ramsty Siberski: Tom McNally

Jane Colee Small Boat Sailor of the Year, Junior Division presented by Ramsty Siberski Spencer Byrd

Walt Ruckel Sailor of the Year presented by Ramsty Siberski: **1st Place: Tom McNally**

2022 Commodore's Cup presented by Michael Morris and Ramsty Siberski: **Spinnaker Division- Mark Hunter, X-Class- Division- Mickey Duvall**

USSA/BBSC Sportsmanship Award presented by 2020 winner Scott Bedenbaugh and 2021 winner Bill Elliott: **Roy Byrd**

Emma Goggin Award for the Promotion of Sailing presented by 2020 winner Bill Redinger and 2021 winner Curtis Duvall: **Craig Shipley**



COMMODORE'S CORNER

Ahoy Sailors,

Welcome to the 2023 sailing season! Already this year, a lot has happened. Some members have flown the club flag in far ranging locales. The Rosegrants, Bohnenbergers and associates sailed from the City of Sails in Aotearoa, while three McNally brothers sailed from Cabo Verde to cross the pond. Be sure to catch their stories next time you see them!

Closer to home, opportunities to sail and/or socialize have abounded in greater number than usual, thanks in no small part to the hard work of your Rear Commodore and PHRF/ORF Fleet Captain. And, weather that didn't usually rain out events, and hardiness of those who braved such rain as did show, have kept attendance strong. We love to see it!

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet last month, and most especially thank you to our new Bridge Members, Treasurer Kirsten Murphy, Small Boat Fleet Captain Curtis Duvall and Vice Commodore Tony Bovard. Already they are working with your long serving members to make an impact in scheduling this year and improving behind the scenes operations. Be sure to buy them a beer when you see them (and perhaps 2 for those continuing to serve!)

As is tradition, we will hold the Spring Meeting at the Bluewater Bay Marina Ship Store in March. Be sure to come out for what promises to be the start of a fun weekend, with drinks and (as JD says) horse doofers provided by the club. Check the website for scheduling, and keep attuned to emails and GroupMe for all details.

I hope to soon see you underway!
Commodore Michael Morris

Blooper Award Story Time

1. Ramsty was nominated for falling off the dinghy filled with empty beer cans at the Dauphin Island race while trying to collect trash.
2. Stephanie nominated Ramsty for going aground twice, sailing on Diamond while entertaining friends.

Ramsty was the winner of the **2022 Blooper Award** stating, If you haven't got a blooper, you haven't tried hard enough.

Outstanding Bridge Member presented by Commodore Michael Morris-Ramsty Siberski Michael thanked Ramsty for taking on both roles as PHRF captain and small captain.

Nomination for open bridge positions.

Vice Commodore — Tony Bovard
Small Boat Captain — Curtis Duvall
Treasurer — Kirsten Murphy
Quartermaster — Brenda Crabbe

2023 Bridge Officers Elected:

Commodore — Michael Morris
Vice Commodore — Tony Bovard
Treasurer — Kirsten Murphy
Secretary — Mindy Barrett
Rear Commodores — Tom Kennedy
PHRF Fleet Captain — Ramsty Siberski
Small Boat Fleet Captain — Curtis Duvall



A Motion was made to accept all nominations for 2023 Bridge members.

Michael Morris would like to have a competition round table committee and would like to see more involvement with the Ft. Walton Yacht Club. Ramsty would like to continue the X-Class and would like to add a Catarman class to this year's races. The Grande Finale shirts have been ordered and just waiting on a pick up date. March 10 is the 2023 Spring Meeting at the shipstore at Bluewater Marina starting at 6:00pm. Pat Ballasche asked for a moment to remember BBSC sailing club member Craig Deyerle who passed away in 2022. Amazing Grace..

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Respectively submitted by Secretary Mindy Barrett

Crusin' Around



We have had a very busy off season socially. I have attached several pictures showing the activity and diversity relating to the social side of the "Blue Water Bay Sailing Club".

Since our last newsletter we have added a Pickle Ball Group that randomly organizes an event usually on Monday late afternoon. How fun is that?

We have also, thru most of the winter had some sort of informal race on Wednesday's expanding to include lunch at various restaurants on the water to include the FWB Yacht Club. It should be noted that there has been a revised handicap system whereby the Cat's start at Rocky 1 and the mono-hulls start at the Wednesday mark resulting in interesting competition.

Monthly Raft Up's have begun and will continue.

Happy Hour's, always a big hit, with an attendance of +25, will continue at various local establishments. Several cruises are planned beginning going east in March.

Blue Angel trip July 5-9 which will end up to be a cruise west. The air show is July 8 with a full dress rehearsal on the 7th.

Our annual Shrimp Boil is May 6th with mint juleps and a Kentucky Derby theme for the event. We had a Tater Tot picnic last year which was fun and will be scheduled again.

There is rumor of a "dinghy drift" combined with a pig roast at a new member's house. Watch for details in the weekly "What's Happening" newsletter.

Oh yes, the weekly newsletter has been added thru the winter and expanded to include the Marina activities and the current Racing Scene events. This newsletter will continue and may include a photo or two.

It should be noted that our Trivia group has won 1st place twice recently and continues to compete and drink beer each Tuesday at 3rd Planet at 6:30.

So, in closing, I continue to solicit ideas to enhance and encourage participation in all of our club's events. Looking forward to a great sailing and social season.

Fair Weather Ahead, Tom Kennedy



Small Boats Racing 2023

Hello Sailors,

It's been cold the past few months. I hope our sailors have been preparing the boats and gear for the kick off of our 2023 small boat racing season. The new schedule has been posted to the website. Our first race is just around the corner scheduled for March 12, the day of the time change. The race committee has been lined up for this race too, so I am chomping at the bit to get it started.

I am excited for this coming season, we have a few double header PHRF--small boat races lined up. I have also been toying with the idea of having a small boat man overboard drill incorporated into the season somehow, there will be more details on this at the Spring Meeting if I decide to incorporate it.

I am still going to be looking for a race committee for the rest of the races. If you are interested, please let me know. No experience required. There will be a short training so you will be confident when you go out to perform the duties of the race committee. Happy sailing and I hope to see you all out there soon.

Curtis Duvall

BBSC Small Boat Fleet Captain

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Sailors,

Let's all cross our fingers and hope for beautiful weather for the upcoming season. You can see what we've come up with for a "first hack" at the season's schedule at BBSC.com. Please let me know if you want to perform race committee for any of the races...or, if you don't volunteer, I'll come hound you anyway. Please know that securing race committee is the hardest part of being a fleet captain in the BBSC. Race committee is not rocket science...I know people stress about it. Don't worry, we'll help you run a good race!

Competition Round Table! Yes, we're going to have a sit-down Saturday, March 11th at 12:30 in the Schooner's side-bar to talk about the upcoming season, rules, performance ratings, scoring...and whatever else grinds YOUR gears! Please, if you have any topics, corner Curtis or me personally, or send your thoughts for the agenda to PHRF-Fleet-Captain@bbsc.com.

Sail safe, check your oil, and check the expiration date on your flares.

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