



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

March/April 2023

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!



SPRING MEETING & Membership Drive March 10, 2023

The annual Spring meeting was held Friday March 10, 2023 in the shipstore of Bluewater Bay Marina. The meeting was called to order by Commodore Michael Morris at 6:33pm. BBSC bridge members present were Michael Morris, Ramsty Siberski, Patty Deming, Tony Bovard, Curtis Duvall, Kirsten Murphy, Tom Kennedy, Brenda Crabbe and Mindy Barrett.

Michael Morris introduced all present bridge members and recognized all past commodores, Bill Deming, Mickey Duvall, Scott Bedenbaugh and Chris Pfladderer. Michael provided a sign up sheet and 44 people signed in. Michael also prepared a QR code for members to pay 2023 dues by PayPal.

Last year's Spring Meeting minutes were published in the BBSC newsletter and Michael asked for any corrections. Tom Kennedy made a motion to accept as written into the records and Patty Deming seconded.

The treasure report was presented at a little over \$3400.00 by Treasurer Kirsten Murphy. 2023 Budget presentation, Michael Morris presented a budget document he created for 2023. Michael explained why the club had to raise dues to \$75.00 for renewals and \$100 for new members

since the cost of insurance, food, and trophy prices have gone up. Michael would like to see the club have a healthy balance of over \$5000,00 in the checking account.

Vice Commodore Tony Bovard, thanked last year's vice commodore Dinger Redinger for directing him into the new bridge's position. Tony plans on keeping the awards creative and is working on updating the perpetual trophies that are in the trophy case at the marina. Tony is open to suggestions and new ideas.

Rear Commodore Tom Kennedy's goal is to get people involved and said he plans on having all the same events as last year. The Shrimp Boil is May 6, hosted by the Redingers. It will have a Kentucky Derby theme with betting and a hat contest. Tom is planning a happy hour every month and a couple raft ups. All will be published in his weekly update he emails out. The first cruise of 2023 has already taken off with boats headed east towards Panama City.

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PHRF Fleet Captain Ramsty Siberski said the racing calendar has holes for race committee. Sailfest on June 24-25 is a two day event, PHRF on Saturday and small boat race on Sunday. Those who participate in both days will receive a Sailfest ball cap. Tom Kennedy volunteered to be race committee for both days. The Challenge Cup on September 30-October 1 is also a 2 day event. BBSC will be defending their trophy and honor against Ft. Walton Yacht Club. BBSC will be hosting the event. BBSC races will have 2 classes this year, Spin and the X Class. Ramsty is holding a competition round table on Saturday March 11 at 12:30 to discuss different classes and ideas. Ramsty will be using the NextSailor app for registering for races, scoring, shirt orders and crew drawings.

Small Boat Captain, Curtis Duvall said he plans on keeping the same races as last year, regular annual races, summer race

series and Black Friday race. The 1st small boat race is March 12 and No Clue is race committee. Race fees are \$5.00 per race or \$30.00 for the season.

Quartermaster Brenda Crabbe said she is working with Pat Ballasch on Wednesday Night Fun Race shirt designs and Sailfest. The Grande Finale shirts were passed out at the Spring meeting and the remaining will be sold in the Shipstore.

Marina Rep Brett Hinely proudly displayed his 1st in class, 1st in fleet trophy he won in the Dauphin Island Race that was held April 29, 2022. Brett said the unofficial Wednesday night fun races will start on March 15 and the official Wednesday Fun races will begin on April 5. Brett said everything will stay the same in scoring and he is still dealing with the Catamarans, to be discussed at the competition round table.

New Business, Michael would like to see more boats on the water, more boats, more fun, more trash talk. He would also like the club to accomplish financial responsibility through the budget and his goal is to exceed memberships to over 100 members.

Tony Bovard presented an award to Brett Hinely and Bluewater Bay Marina for their support and commitment to BBSC. He also thanked Ryan Hinely, Patty Mullins and Jimmie Boisjolie for all they do for the club. A motion to adjourn was made by Patty Deming, Tom Kennedy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectively submitted by Secretary Mindy Barrett

COMMODORE'S ★ ★

CORNER

Ahoy Sailors,

Welcome to Spring 2023! It has been an interesting start to the season, for sure. Beginning with nice weather when we expected less nice conditions, and followed by weather cancellations of multiple events when we expected the spring to be on the upswing!

Fortunately, things on several fronts are going well this year. We had an excellent Spring Meeting last month, and our membership drive for the year is going strong! Welcome to our new members, and thank you all for the timely responses to renewing!

Additionally, we are all gearing up for what looks to be an excellent Shrimp Boil early next month. Be sure to check out your Rear Commodore's update - and weekly emails - and get your tickets now!

Finally, an exciting announcement - the Shipley family of SV Joelene (presently located in Miami, on the first leg of their Atlantic crossing!) made a gift to the club to sponsor memberships for younger members - specifically those under 35. So, if you know of anyone looking to get involved, please have them get in touch with a bridge member to accept the sponsorship. Let's all take a moment to thank them, and wish them fair winds and following seas as their journey continues.

*See you underway,
Michael Morris*

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Crusin' Around



Well, here we are in the beginning of spring and the weather showing us the change in seasons. We can feel the summer heat in the afternoon already so let's get on the water and enjoy the weather.

Socially here is what is going on this season:

Happy Hours continue monthly at varying locations. As the weather warms the locations will move outside until it gets too hot then we will look for AC.

Raft Up's will begin with warmer and more consistent weather. The nautical quiz will return with a bottle of rum to the winner.

Our Annual Shrimp Boil is May 6th, the first Saturday in May, at Bill and Giesela's house. Some changes have occurred due to inflation and other factors. Please go to the BBSC website and purchase your tickets so we can have a somewhat accurate account of how many people to buy for. Entertainment will be provided. The Kentucky Derby theme will be present with a betting pool available for those interested. A Derby Hat contest will be held also so get your favorite hat ready.

The Shrimp Boil needs many volunteers to make it a success. Let me know if you are willing to help. This is not an all-day assignment only for an hour or so. So far I have 2 cooks and 5 assistants.

The number of cruises will increase this year. Going east the end of May, west for the Blue Angels in July, and several mini cruise/overnights planned either east (Hog Town, 331) or west (Marker 51). We have been communicating with a cruising group from Point Yacht Club from Pirate's Cove Alabama. They are travelling to Port St Joe, now open and taking reservations, Apalachicola, Cape San Blas, etc. calling this trip the "Forgotten Coast Rally". Tina Marie will join this group. Anyone interested let me know and I will share the contact information with you.

Tater Tot Picnic's will be announced from time to time.

Our Trivia Team continues to meet weekly with varying results but always good people, drink and conversation usually over useless topics. Watch the weekly update for details.

As I requested in our last newsletter I/we are always looking for ways to improve our events and get more participation. I encourage any ideas on this subject.

Read the Weekly Update for our current events and the BBSC website for schedule and look ahead information.

Pleasant times ahead on the water.

Fair Weather Ahead, Tom Kennedy





PHRF FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Hello BBSC,
Long day on the water for Round the Bay East. The winds were down, then up, then the squall came through. Thanks to Pat Ballasch, Jeff, and Burt Scott (who brought the committee boat) for running the race!

Congrats to the top finishers in Spinnaker Class:

- 1) Epiphany
- 2) Raven
- 3) Stickman

Congrats the top finisher X-Class:

- 1) Kahlua

Thanks to everybody that came out. It's been rough to get a nice weekend for racing this spring so far. I'm glad to get a race in the books (finally).

*Na Zdrowie,
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