



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

April 2015

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

February 27, 2015

Commodore: Pat Ballasch, Vice Commodore: Jeff Blackburn, Rear Commodore: Pete Hodges, Secretary: Mindy Barrett, Treasurer: Marilyn Ostrominski, Fleet Captain: Mark Hunter, Small Boat Captain: Zack Kastl, Newsletter/Membership: Patty Deming, BBSC Store: Brenda Crabbe

Bridge Members Present: Pat Ballasch, Jeff Blackburn, Pete Hodges, Mark Hunter, Zack Kastl, Marilyn Ostrominski, Patty Deming

Location: Shipstore at Bluewater Bay Marina



calendar is available online. He reviewed the year's schedule mentioning Sailfest on May 9th is a large club event. He then discussed the two Round the Bay events — one to east and one to west — covering the entire bay. Pat thanked Fred Reichstetter for providing the idea for the second Round the Bay. Mark mentioned that the annual Challenge Cup will be held at the Fort Walton Yacht Club, as they won the event last year. Last race discussed was the Race to the Park which will be held on the 50th anniversary date of the first race held by the club. Mark then introduced John Farris.

John Farris (representing Craig Wilusz and GYA): John's presentation was made for GYA's current commodore, Craig Wilusz. He provided overview of the Viper & K-6 demo day that will occur on Saturday, March 26. He stated the WOW and Wet Hens have already tried sailing Vipers and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. John had flyers available for the Viper event. He stated that the GYA commodore chooses the location for the opening regatta. As GYA commodore, Craig Wilusz, member of both FWYC and BBSC, has arranged to hold the regatta at FWYC. It will be an open Portsmouth regatta held on May 1. Previous opening regattas have had over 90 boats on the starting line. Craig is hoping for a fleet of 100 boats. There will also be a second fleet of student racers following the first fleet. John also mentioned updates and remodeling at the FWYC and stated that BBSC members are welcomed at their facility. Announced the Choctawhatchee Bay Rendezvous on August 8 & 9. Hamburgers and hot dogs on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. BBSC members can always visit FWYC as guests of the FWYC fleet captain. John turned the floor back to Mark.

Mark entertained questions from the floor. First question dealt with the overall JAM scoring. Mark explained that there will be fleet awards and he will break the fleet in multiple classes based on the overall participation level. The next question revolved around the scoring for

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Call to Order: 6:02 pm

Commodore Pat Ballasch called the meeting to order and welcomed. Thanked Pete for the arrangements. Discussed the busy year ahead "should have something for you" Noted that 2015 is the club's 50th anniversary and will have a commemorative t-shirt available at some time in the year.

Treasurer's Report — Marilyn Ostrominski: Announced the current back balance and the current membership of 48 families. Members were reminded that BBSC is a cooperating group with US Boat and members can receive US Boat discounts. Mike Phillips iterated that US Boat insurance includes towing and is a great deal for members.

PHRF Fleet Captain Report — Mark Hunter: Announced an active schedule and that he is looking for volunteers for race committee. "At the end of the day, we need volunteers. He provided a sign up sheet. The JAM, "Jib & Main", serie was reviewed. Mark is looking for feedback on this "new, low-key racing" format. Remind everyone that JAM #4 is be held on the following day and entrance for the race is \$5, which is the standard rate for JAM only races. At the end of the year there will be an overall award for the JAM races. The next race after the JAM #4 will be the Kick-off Regatta, which will also follow the JAM format, but will be \$30. This race will include beer and meal tickets. The race standings will be included in the overall JAM standings and also be scored as an individual race. The Kick-off Regatta has been held in conjunction with the Eglin Yacht Club, but this year EYC was unable to participate. BBSC will host instead. Mark reminded the members that the