

Crusin' Around



We have a number of cruising events fast approaching, including the first Friday Raft Up 4/17, the Shrimp Boil 5/2 and the Spring Cruise 5/16-25.

4/17 Friday Raft Up

This will be our first of four planned raft ups for the season. The concept is to make this a close-to-home destination to encourage participation. The first one will be in Rocky Bayou. I'll be sending further details about location, etc. via email that week, so stay tuned. We plan to set anchor around 4PM. This is a very informal event, so feel free to show up just for a few hours or stay the night. The main thing is to show up!

While this is billed as a "Friday Raft Up", I see this also as an opportunity to cruise the rest of the weekend for those interested. If so inclined, be prepared to do some sailing Saturday and do another raft up Saturday night.

In case of bad weather we can use Saturday 4/18.

5/2 Shrimp Boil

Look for an invitation to the Shrimp Boil with details elsewhere in the newsletter. The event will be held at Mickey and Pat Duvall's home on Nelson Pt., Rocky Bayou. This is a great location, and we're thrilled to be able to do this again at the Duvall's. Always a great time! Please make your reservation early so we have an accurate head count. Also, I will soon be reaching out to the membership for volunteers to help with setup, cooking, cleanup etc. so please lend a hand.

5/16-25 Spring Cruise

Here's some advance information on the Spring Cruise. Last year we went west, so we're heading east this time. This enables those with tall rigs to take part. Probable/potential overnight locations:

- 331 Bridge
- Shell Island
- Crooked Island
- St Joe Marina
- Bay Point Marina
- St Andrews Marina

First night will probably be just east of 331 bridge, as we've done before, to allow for a mid-day departure. I'm expecting a good turnout of regulars and newcomers. Please let me know if you're planning to go.

Look for more information on this in the next newsletter. In addition, we'll use the Cruising email list to contact cruisers for last minute updates, so please contact me if you want to be included, and haven't yet done so.

Cheers, Rear Commodore Pete Hodges



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Official Wednesday Night Racing started April 1. Clean point board. No prior season penalties applied this year.

Come One. Come All. See You On The Water.

Rules

- No protest committee
- Race Committee decisions final
- Turning mark to be rounded to Port unless sailing instructions dictate otherwise
- Official time will be GPS time
- BBSC "Performance 360" rule in effect

Performance 360 rule – Weekly posted participation and sailing instructions will be posted showing how many 360 each vessel be required to perform before rounding the turn mark or before finishing. New this year, "Mark Hunter" rule. If you get 3 first to the marks then you will be briefed to your delayed starting sequence.

Awards – 7:45 pm at Oyster Bar. Awards will be given to first to mark and first to finish and maybe something else as well.

Points

- Participation – 1 point
- Race Committee – 2 points
- 1st to Finish – 3 points
- 1st to turning mark – 4 points
- Style points (1 – 3 points): Up to race committee discretion

Communication – We will attempt to send out email recap / standings / and reminder every week. No guarantees.

As a reminder, every participating vessel should help out and volunteer for Race Committee. Please sign up for race committee with Brett.

BBSC SHRIMP BOIL REGISTRATION

Please Respond by April 27, 2015

Name: _____ **# of Adults (10+):** _____

Boat Name: _____ **Contact Phone:** _____

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