BBSA Banter

Commodore's Corner

Dear BBSA Sailors,

I hope you are looking forward to a wonderful and windy fall on the Chesapeake Bay! I think it is blowing 25 today but promises to lay down for the weekend warriors! I competed in the Labor Day regatta in Annapolis. We ended up second overall in the J/105 Fleet during CBYRA Race Week(end) on "Rum Puppy". Our crew was all star conspirators from the Farr37 "Conspiracy". Jack Biddle, Brian McCauley, Tami Erb, Leigh Patterson, Brent Allen and I worked together well under tough but light conditions! The sailing was brutal…no wind…while the Fishing Bay group had plenty…not fair!

This weekend I hope you do some **sailing**...either cruise to the Cement Ships with Art Quarnstrom , BBSA cruisers or you participate in the Dink Vail Regatta...we usually have a fair amount of members sailing! I will crew for Scott Bruesewitz, my fiancée, (yep, you heard me correctly...) on his Tartan Ten "Straight Jacket" in Lake Michigan for the Last Blast Regatta...will it really be their last blast of ... **warm air**? Yipes...I am taking fleece ware...no skirts worn at this regatta.

Sorry, if you missed Mr. Mullins, Potomac River Sail Makers, West Marine, and last month's speaker was informative! A couple ideas stuck with me... This fall when you winterize your boat, take all the sails off and check them or have them checked by your sail maker. Store the sails at home or in humidity controlled storage space. Our speaker made a good point about rips and tears: cotter pins your number one culprit! The speaker suggested that you silicon the cotter pins, file the corners and tape over the pins. In the springtime go up the mast and wipe the mast from top to bottom, check everything from your electronics on the top of the mast, shives, to the spreaders, to the boom gooseneck!

Next Tuesday evening bring your calendars! Tuesday evening will be our volunteer night! We have so many wonderful activities this fall, next Spring and Summer: Fall weekends Cruising the Chesapeake Bay, BBSA Pot Luck Dinner, LCSA Sunday Fall Series, HYC Fall Series, Willoughby Memorial Regatta, Old Dominion University Sailing Team Home Regattas and fundraising, The Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race, Willoughby Hot Buttered Rum Regatta, BBSA Annual Dinner and Change of Command and much more! We need you and your friends interested in making a difference!!! You will have an opportunity to find out about our events and if you chose you may participate! BBSA members make a huge impact on the Tidewater waterfront community!

See you on the water, **Debbie Koelliker**

NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2003**

FRED HUETTE CENTER
1000 BOTEOURT GARDENS
NORFOLK, VA
7:30 pm SOCIAL
8:00 pm MEETING

2003 Cruise Schedule

Date	Commodore	Destination
Sept 20-21 27-28	Phil and Ginger Harrison Open	York River Yacht Haven (see below)
Oct 4-5 11-12 18-19	John and Tuny Martin Annapolis Boat Show Schooner Race	TBA

The destination has been changed from East River to York River Yacht Haven. Their phone number is 804-642-2156. The Rivers Inn Restaurant is 804-642-9942. They serve from 1730 to 2100. Phil says they have lots of room at both places

One Design News

Dear One Design Sailors,

The Richard B. Johnston One Design Regatta this year went very well. We had good wind and a good turn out of boats. I would like to thank the folks at the ODU Sailing Center for allowing us to use their facility. It is a perfect place to hold our races. After the races we had barbeque sandwiches and the fixins inside in the A/C which felt great after being in the heat all day.

Doug Rose ran the race committee and Bill Mellen ran the crash boat. They did a wonderful job and we really appreciate their help. Jack Huenerberg designed the trophies and they were beautiful. Thank you Jack!

The results are as follows:

The Shark Fleet:
Jerry Pattenaude 1st
John Cobb 2nd
Tim Hund 3rd
Jonathon Hund 4th
Doug Nunnally 5th
Ken Putney 6th
Jim Shook 7th

Hamptons:

Keith Goodwin 1st Kevin Hannah 2nd Robert Harrell 3rd Charles McCoy 4th Bryant McGann 5th Gary Van Tassel 6th

Mobjacks:

Mark Arnold 1st Len Guenther 2nd Jerry Desvernine 3rd Meg Roberts 4th James Hawks 5th

Sincerely, Jean and Jerry Pattenaude

(Editor's note: my apologies, the above article was received one day after the Aug Banter went to press)

September/ODU Events

September 13th & 14th
Riley Cup/ODU
ODU Radial
Probably 18 teams for the Riley Cup and 15 women competing on Radials
I need grills, cooks and lots o'goodies

September 20th & 21st Hampton Bay Day, Hampton University ODU competing against Eight Teams in FJs off of Strawberry Banks I just need support and help feeding the crews

November 1st & 2nd Henry Luce Trophy minor event with only six teams competing-we may just bring some pre-cooked goodies

November 8th

Fundraiser and land cruise event!

I need donated items, I have a number of Mt. Gay hats and shirts bring your cabbage!

November 15th & 16th Atlantic Coast Women's Championships 16 to 18 teams of women competing....bring on the boys! lots of goodies for girls, we need to feed 'em!

Thank you for your support with ODU!

Debbie Koelliker BBSA Commodore

Racing News

Dear BBSA Sailors.

Just a reminder that this weekend (September 13th) is the Dink Vail Memorial Regatta at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. This is a wonderful event with spinnaker, one and two headsail non-spinnaker classes! The entry fee includes a buffet dinner for the Captain and a Mate...I heard very good things about this event! Please call Bill Wheary at 554-0235 (work) or 423-2820 (Home) if you need an are interested in participating in the regatta!

Thank you, Debbie Koelliker