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Commodore's Corner

Jim Williams

We had a great turnout for our ODU pot luck. There was plenty of wonderful food, and many of the Cape Henry Cup winners joined us to accept their trophies. Head Coach Mitch Brindley and Assistant Samantha Flicksman were extremely cordial to us, and I'm looking forward to our return visit in October.

Tom Stokes and TJ Elder from Norfolk Yacht and Country Club stopped by the pot luck to tell us about the 2005 Optimist National Championship regatta they are hosting on July 24 - 29. They are looking for race committee members, especially ones with experience with signal flags. If you would like to help them out, contact Ms. Elder at 373-6508. The regatta Web site is <http://www.2005optimistnationals.com>.

As folks were wrapping up their conversations and saying goodnight, Mike Miller, BBSA member and proprietor of Salty Dog Marine, stopped by to tell me that he is offering free swaging of materials purchased at Salty Dog for BBSA members for the rest of the season. Mike's equipment can currently handle up to 1/2" wire, and he plans to expand to larger sizes soon. If you haven't replaced your standing rigging or lifelines in a few years, you should jump on this generous offer. I read somewhere that sailing with standing rigging that is more than 10 years old is like driving on bald tires. And I had a lifeline break in the middle of the night while sailing under spinnaker from Old Plantation light to Wolf Trap light in 15 knots of wind. A crew sitting on the rail called out "captain, I just broke your lifeline." I thought that it must have just come unfastened somehow, but in the light of day I could see that corrosion at a tiny crack had eaten 1/2" through the head of the swivel, and that it took just a little pressure to break it completely. Had that lifeline failed while doing its job (or NOT doing its job), we would have most likely had a live man overboard drill – a real thrill while sailing fast at night with the chute up.

Mike's place is easy to find. It's in the East Beach Shopping Center (on the left after you drive northbound across Shore Drive's Pretty Lake bridge). Mary Moore's East Beach Trading Company is in the same center, and many of you will remember the BBSA meeting we held there.

My hat's off to Mike for making us this offer. If your business would like to make a special offer for BBSA members, let me know and I'll get the information into my monthly tome.

Elsewhere in this month's Banter Racing Fleet Captain Scott Almond provides all the details about BBSA members in the Black Seal Cup, aka Southern Bay Race Week. Scott crewed aboard Martin Casey's Bow Movement. (You may remember that Martin was last year's BBSA Racing Skipper of the Year winner.) They sailed well enough to trophy, getting third place in PHRF C. This was not easy, given the light wind and big currents that seemed to always be present. If Martin keeps receiving hardware with Scott aboard, he might have to change the boat's name to Almond Joy. But the big news was about BBSA's own Mike Veraldi. Mike won first place in the very competitive J-24 class, repeating his mastery of the same fleet in last year's Black Seal Cup. Quicky indeed!

Rear Commodore Mike Nestor and crew are sailing in the 473 mile Annapolis to Newport race. Weather for the noon, June 10, Friday, start called for 10 – 15 knots of wind, dropping to 5 -10 for Friday night and Saturday. I hope Mike got to the South Bay before it got too light.

I hope everyone has a great time at cruise week. Please take plenty of pictures – I would love to have someone share memories and pictures of the trip as the program for our August meeting. I am available to help should you need to scan conventional pictures or get digitals into a slide show.

Barbara and I will be "land cruising" in the Florida Keys. "Checks in the Mail" needs to be on the hard for about a month, so we'll day sail our Venture 21 "No Checks" around the Marathon area.

Barbara and I are going to the "Parade of Sail" at Waterside, so I'll close now. See you next month!

Jim

Next Meeting July 19th - No June Meeting

In keeping with BBSA tradition, there will not be a June membership meeting due to our annual Cruise Week. The July meeting will be held on the 19th at Pancho Villa's of New York, 1069 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach (just east of Bird Neck Road). The meeting will begin at 7:30 and the program at 8:00. You are welcome to dine before, during or after the official activities. Our guest speaker will be Alicia Solomon, Development Director for the Pilot Schooner *Virginia*. This should be a terrific program, so put it on your calendar today!

Cruising News Jim and Bev Borberg

Cruising up the Bay with BBSA started this Memorial Day. Phil Harrison planed a great week end. We started out Saturday with one burst of rain and then good weather (except not enough wind) for the rest of the days. Most arrived Saturday afternoon and we all relaxed until the official start of BBSA cruising with Happy Hour on Beach Magic (Bill and Chris Beach). Sunday, was dinghy time. Investigated Goodwin Island and then went to the York County Beach Park for picnicking. A couple more boats arrived in time for another good Happy Hour on Beach Magic. Dropping the anchor, visiting and cooking onboard made for a perfect start for the season. Those attending were Beach Magic (Bill and Chris Beach), Foxy Lady (Phil and Ginger Harrison), Mariah (Doug and Judy Rose), Windwalker (Charlie and Kathie Roberts), Graceful (Rob and Michelle Beck), Rhumba (Frits and Sancy Isham), Marigot (Don and Jewel Snyder), Bay Dreamer (John and Mary Bergman), and Dreamtime (Jim and Bev Borberg).

By the time you read this, the first week of Cruise Week should be well underway (June 4-11), but it's not too late to make the second week June 11-19. Come join the group and have some fun.

It's also time to start planning for the 4th of July Cruise to Mobjack Bay. July 2 we plan to be in the Severn River and July 3 in the East River. Because of weather or laziness, we don't always end up in the planned destination, so let me know if you are going and I'll try to let you know of any changes. gnsailn@yahoo.com

Don and Jewel Snyder's cruise has been changed from July 9/10 to July 16/17 and the destination will be changed since the water depth in Bennett's Creek is something under 6 feet. More on this in the July Banter.

Racing News

A quick wrap-up of the past few weeks in the local racing scene...

BBSA was well represented in our own Cape Henry Cup (15 members participating out of 27 total competitors) both in the race and on the award stand. Thanks to all that participated and special thanks to Dodge and Connie Hickman for the use of their catamaran as the Race Committee boat. Here are the BBSA members that placed:

PHRF A (7 competitors):

1st Place and Cape Henry Cup Winner - Pam Burdett - *POLAR EXPRESS*

PHRF B (3 competitors):

2nd Place - Graham Field - *INDEPENDENCE*

3rd Place - Dave Bettis - *BOO NASTY*

PHRF C (4 competitors):

2nd Place - Martin Casey - *BOWMOVEMENT*

PHRF N (11 competitors):

2nd Place - Leo Wardrup - *BLACK WIDOW*

3rd Place - M.D. Riley - *TURBO'S TUB*

Cruising (2 competitors):

1st Place - Doug Rose - *MARIAH*

2nd Place - Dave Willis - *UHURU*

Six BBSA members (Pam Burdett, Graham Field, Mike Veraldi, Martin Casey, Jim Williams, and Larry Bryant) entered their boats in the very competitive Southern Bay Race Week held during the first weekend in June. Congratulations go out to **Mike Veraldi - *QUICKY*** for finishing 1st Overall (6 competitors) in the J/24 One-Design fleet and **Martin Casey - *BOWMOVEMENT*** for finishing 3rd Overall (7 competitors) in PHRF C. Nice job, guys!

Some upcoming dates of which to be aware:

June 25th - Cock Island Race

July 16th - Little Bay Challenge

July 23-24 - Cape Charles Cup - CBYRA-Sanctioned Race #413

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please check our website (www.broadbaysailing.org) or contact me directly.

Scott Almond, Racing Fleet Captain
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One Design News

Jery Pattenaude

Broad Bay Regatta / Richard B. Johnston Memorial Regatta

The 2005 one design sailing season has begun and BBSA will be hosting our two traditional regattas.

The Broad Bay Regatta will be held on June 25 and will be sailed out of the ODU Sailing Center. For those of you that have not used this venue, you will find a spacious parking lot to set up, a hose to wash your boat if you desire and most importantly a large air conditioned room with shower facilities. The skippers meeting will be at 9:30; start of the 1st race at 11:00. There will be food and drinks served at the awards presentation.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the ODU Sailing Center staff for their support.

The Richard B, Johnston Memorial Regatta will be held on July 30th. Unfortunately the Elizabeth River will be busy that weekend with the Opti Nationals so we will be sailing at another venue, Broad Bay, where BBSA was born. The skippers meeting and start time will be the same.

The entry fee for these regattas is free for BBSA members. There will be a \$ 5.00 entry fee for all other participants.

Portsmouth Boat Club had a successful event over Memorial Day weekend. They sailed at Portsmouth City Park. BBSA member, Jim Shook, took 3rd sailing a Shark Catamaran in the open catamaran class. Mike Austin and Cliff Bateman were second and third in the Force 5 class. Congratulations!

For a few years Jean and I have been the One Design Fleet Captains.. It has been a pleasure, and we will continue to do so, but I think new blood is good for an organization and would like to see someone step up to the challenge. You will find that all the members are very supportive of our one design classes. If you feel you know someone who would be great for this prestigious position, but is too shy to step forward, please drop me their name at jpattenaude@cox.net.

I look forward to seeing you out on the water. Jerry

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Membership News

We welcome

WALLY BOATWRIGHT, a Willoughby Racer, who sails Tartan 37, "Puff-Card"

Here is the start of page 26 of your Roster of members

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