

Broad Bay Banter

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Commodore's Corner

By Jim Williams

If you could pick a good time to miss a BBSA meeting, July was the one! Our scheduled speaker, Alicia Soloman (Development Director of the Schooner Virginia), had to cancel at the last minute. The good news is that we will have a representative from the organization at this month's meeting, and hopefully we will have a great turnout. Without a formal program, those in attendance had an opportunity to discuss BBSA operational topics amongst ourselves, and a lot of good ideas were offered. In addition, there was plenty of time for sea stories and just good fun. It served as a reminder that scheduling a program at every meeting is probably not the best approach, even though most folks seem to have enjoyed the ones we have had.

BBSA's racing program had a good month. Scott Almond has all the results elsewhere in this issue of the Banter, but I would like to add a little from my personal viewpoint. As you know, the Little Bay Challenge was held the weekend before the July meeting. In 2002, our first year of racing in Virginia, OPCYC won the team competition. Since then, BBSA's Willoughby Racers have taken a threeppeat, edging out HYC this year by a single point.

Our next race was the Cape Charles Cup, the brainchild of Bill Barnes. Only in its second year, this event is poised for spectacular growth as the word gets out. What a wonderful destination! It has to be one of the best-kept secrets on the bay. I was concerned about going aground in the channel to Bay Creek, but we didn't even bump our 6' 10" keel going in at nearly low tide. We are kicking around some improvements for next year, and it would not surprise me if participation doubles again. My hat is off to Bill and his team for running this event for the last two years. Be prepared – this event has grown to the point that we will likely need your help next year!

The most important thing that BBSA did since our last meeting was hosting the Little Creek Cup. Bill Mellen did another wonderful job in putting this regatta (his 11th) together in support of St. Jude's hospital and research facility. There wasn't a dry eye in the house when Pete Decker introduced a little Hampton Roads girl who is now cancer free after her treatment at St. Jude's for a brain tumor. Barbara and I were proud to be part of the race committee, and will be honored if Bill will have us back next year. I urge you to watch for the 2006 schedule, and plan to be a part of this event. If you race, enter and buy some seconds for the special fundraising handicap trophy. If it's not practical for you to race, serve on a committee. If there are enough volunteers for the race, help out at other parts of the event. If you can only get by the tents for a minute, bid on an auction item and buy a beverage. And regardless of how you participate, a check is always welcome and supports a great cause.

We are now getting revved up for Neptune's Atlantic Regatta, Mike Nestor's legacy race. This race supports local charities through the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival, a registered nonprofit organization. Mike and Eva are doing yeomen's work on this one. Between the two of them they know everyone who we need to know in order to pull this race off. I hope they keep good notes – we'll have to put it together without training wheels once they sail off on their big adventure aboard their new boat. We plan on sailing in this one. Last year we couldn't participate, but entered anyway just for all the goodies in the skippers' bag (and to support the charities).

That's about it until Tuesday. Hope to see you at the meeting!

Jim

August Meeting - Tuesday, August 16th

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16th 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. Most folks arrive around 6:30 for dinner, but you are welcome to dine before, during or after the official activities. Our guest speaker will be from the Pilot Schooner Virginia. This should be a terrific program, so put it on your calendar today!

Double Congratulations to Judy and Doug Rose

Judy writes:

"Doug and I will be in Maui on the 16th. We will be meeting our new Granddaughter Scout and celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary on the 17th. See you all next month."

Ship's Store

I will try to have a bag full of BBSA burgees at every meeting. So that way if you would like to look at one or buy, it will be easy. They are \$15. Bev Borberg, 460 1051

Racing News

Wow, what a month we've had! Racing action began on July 16th at the Little Bay Challenge where 46 boats spanning 5 fleets battled it out in light/fluky winds. The team trophy was successfully defended by Willoughby Racers. Portsmouth Boat Club did another outstanding job with the post-race party; thanks to Don Wade and his team! Top BBSA finishers in each fleet:

Red Fleet:

3rd Place - **Checks in the Mail** - Jim Williams (Willoughby Racers)

White Fleet:

1st Place - **Black Widow** - Leo Wardrup (Little Creek Sailing Association)

2nd Place - **Wolff Trap** - Scott Wolff (Willoughby Racers)

Blue Fleet:

1st Place - **Defiant** - Bill Derr (Willoughby Racers)

2nd Place - **Small Potato** - Butch Patterson (Little Creek Sailing Association)

3rd Place - **Crusader** - Ed Darling (Willoughby Racers)

Immediately following the Little Bay Challenge was the Screwpile Regatta from July 17-19th. BBSA had 3 members entered. Here's how they fared (overall) in the (once again) light winds:

Polar Express - Pam Burdett - 18th out of 22 boats in the J/105 class.

Glory Days - Mike Nestor - 12th out of 13 boats in PHRF 5

Bowmovement - Martin Casey - 6th out of 7 boats in the Catalina 27 class

The very next weekend, 33 boats raced to Cape Charles and back in the 2nd Annual Cape Charles Cup, BBSA's second CBYRA-sanctioned race of the summer. Special thanks to Bill Barnes and Co. for organizing a first-class event! The top overall BBSA finishers in each fleet:

PHRF B:

1st Place - **Checks in the Mail** - Jim Williams

PHRF N:

1st Place - **Black Widow** - Leo Wardrup

2nd Place - **Margarita** - Harry Tenney

3rd Place - **ToBayGo** - Sam Jesselson

Cruising:

1st Place - **Mariah** - Doug and Judy Rose

On August 5th-6th, BBSA hosted the Little Creek Cup, a charity race to benefit the St. Jude Children's Hospital. 31 racers enjoyed the weekend festivities while competing for a worthy cause. BBSA and Bill Mellen have been doing this race for about 11 years. Thanks, Bill, for another job well done! The top overall BBSA finishers in each fleet:

PHRF Spinnaker:

1st Place - **Quickie** - Mike Veraldi
2nd Place - **Glory Days** - Mike Nestor
3rd Place - **Black Widow** - Leo Wardrup

PHRF Non-Spinnaker:

1st Place - **Puff Card** - Walter Boatright
2nd Place - **Bay Dreamer** - John and Mary Bergman
3rd Place - **Mariah** - Doug and Judy Rose

Cruising:

2nd Place - **Life is Good** - Sergio Diehl

It's not too early to start thinking about BBSA's final CBYRA-sanctioned race of the year; the Neptune's Atlantic Regatta on October 1st. Details will follow in the next Banter.

Upcoming dates of which to be aware:

August 19 - Plantation Light Race - www.hamptonyc.com - CBYRA Race #418 (BBSA Distance Racing Series #4)
October 1 - Neptune's Atlantic Regatta - CBYRA Race #423 - (BBSA Distance Racing Series #5)

For information, notices of race, and/or questions regarding any of the above, please check our website (www.broadbaysailing.org) or contact me directly.

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Cruising News

by Bev and Jim Borberg

We have a great cruise schedule for the next few weeks and hopefully the weather will hold as good as it has been for our recent cruises. Remember, let the cruise leader know if you plan to make the cruise. Weather and other factors could cause a change in the destination. If the leader doesn't know you are going, you will not be informed about any changes and may end up by yourself.

Future Cruises

Salt Ponds Cruise August 20 –21 led by Jo and Bruce Clarke

This is a short cruise but a great destination. Ten slips have been tentatively reserved but you must call 850-4300 (\$1.25 per foot – group rate) to reserve your slip. The Buckroe Grill is available for dinner 850-6500. If you would like to eat with the group, let Jo or Bruce know by the middle of the week how many reservations to make and they will contact the restaurant. Channel depth at MLT is 7-8 ft. Tides on August 20 - - High 9:45 am, Low 4:20 pm (Back River). For more info, contact Bruce or Jo Clarke at 533-5133

Labor Day Cruise September 3,4, & 5 led by Judy and Doug Rose

Saturday Sept. 3 – we are going to York River Yacht Haven with dinner at Rivers Inn. Six slips have been set aside for us but this is a busy time for them and you must make your reservations ASAP 804-642-2156 but no later than August 24. Also after you make slip reservations let Doug or Judy know if you want reservations for dinner. On Sunday we will head up to anchor in the Ware River off Mobjack Bay. Monday its back home.

September 17/18 planned by Chris and Bill Beach

After this cruise we will have seen all of Mobjack Bay. On Saturday we will anchor in Black Water Creek off the North River. There is a marina nearby where you can get ice. Bill and Chris have a conflict on this date and they will not be able to go so let Bev or Jim Borberg know if you plan to make this cruise

Recent Cruises

Bennett Creek Cruise (July 16/17)

Talk of thunderstorms and hot weather didn't stop Jim and Bev Borberg (Dreamtime), and Art and Marie Quarnstrom (Q II) from going on Don and Jewell Snyder's (Marigot) cruise to Bennett Creek off the Poquoson River. There was some sailing going up with a 10 Knot SW breeze but then it went south and we motored part way. We three rafted together and late in the afternoon the rains came, no wind, and this was cooling for us...then Happy Hour, of course, and next Art ferried us to Owen's Restaurant. This is a plain restaurant with good food and a view of the creek. Back to our boats and a gorgeous rainbow appeared that was lovely to look at as we chatted before early bedtime. There was a little breeze most of the night so sleeping was comfortable. The sail back was great with a good 10 knot SW wind. A nice way to end another good cruise.

Warwick Yacht and Country Club Cruise (July 30/31) by Sancy Isham

Well, let's see, we had clouds, we had rain, we had a great time poolside, we had cool temps for cocktails aboard Windwalker, (thanks to Charlie and Kathy's graciousness), we had a wonderful dinner at the yacht club, and we were impressed with Doug the poolside waiter, whose refreshments were, well, generously concocted.

The hardy participants included Windwalker, Mariah, Marigot, Dreamtime and Rhumba. Rhumba's crew consisted of the owner and wife plus two able crewmates, Kaitlin Isham (8) and Emily Maxwell (6), whose enthusiasm for sailing, swimming, eating and generally having a good time was wonderful to observe.

Memorable events included watching the sky on Sunday while thunder boomed and black clouds roiled; watching the Sunday churchgoers on the James River Bridge get stacked up for a good 15 or 20 minutes while the sailing yacht Windwalker asked for a lift; listening to Don Snyder wonder aloud over the radio why Frits was able to zoom down river so fast when in fact it was local knowledge that gave Rhumba the shortcuts.

A good cruise all in all.

Membership News

We welcome

RICHARD and JOY STEELE who sail Ranger 26 "PETTO ROSSO" out of Willoughby Marina

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