

Broad Bay Banter

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Jim Williams

I think that my favorite BBSA meetings are the two that we hold every year at the Sailing Center at ODU. We are treated so well and the surroundings are so exquisite that it would be a wonderful experience even if all we had to eat were hot dogs and potato chips. But this year we didn't have shaved spuds and weenies - the attendees outdid themselves with plenty of delicious food for the buffets. Last month's fare was even better than the pot luck we had in May, as hard as that is to believe. In addition to the opportunity to gorge ourselves and do a lot of socializing, ODU Sailing Team's Assistant Coach Samantha Ficksman gave us a great rundown on what the Monarchs have been up to and what's coming up. Sam gave us more than just a review of the schedule - she talked about which parts of the team were at the top of their game, and from which portions we can expect to see even better performance. To top it off, Vice Commodore Judy Rose provided a wide variety of tasty Australian wines for a mere \$1.00 per glass, and for a change we ran out of neither beer nor wine. The Australian selection was triggered by Judy's return two days earlier from her trip down under.

In last month's Commodore's Corner I lamented that we were going to miss Key West's Fantasy Fest for the first time since 2001. Thanks to Hurricane Wilma, we have a second chance. The annual party has been rescheduled from December 7th through December 11th. It's still kind of doubtful that we will be able to attend, but I hope you can make it.

We have been having some great sailing weather for so late in the year. The Hot Buttered Rum race and the (rescheduled) Memorial Regatta were attended by people mostly attired in short pants and tee shirts. Not a bad way to end a wonderful season of BBSA racing. On a personal racing note, the HYC Frostbite Series is dealing a much-deserved dose of humility as my boat partner Will Roberts and I attempt to learn to sail our Hobie 33 "Treaty of Ghent". Don't expect too much from us in 2006, but look out in 2007!

Our final membership meeting of the year is at hand. I think that it especially fitting that one of our own, Mike Miller, will share his expertise at this gathering. Our association has an amazing range of experience and expertise, and it is always fun to listen to someone from inside the club.

See you at the meeting!

Jim

NOVEMBER MEETING - TUESDAY THE 15th

Hear Mike Miller on rigging – and how to avoid rigging catastrophes

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15th 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. BBSA member and proprietor of Salty Dog Marine Mike Miller will discuss rigging and how to avoid rigging catastrophes. Don't miss this one - it could possibly save your boat, or even your life!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER AND CHANGE OF COMMAND

The 47th Annual BBSA Dinner will be held on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 27th**, at the Princess Anne Country Club at the Oceanfront. Our sponsors for the evening will be Maury and Barbara Jackson.

Look for the details in the December Banter.

PORTSMOUTH BOAT CLUB OYSTER ROAST

Portsmouth Boat Club is having an Oyster Roast
20 Elm Ave. Portsmouth, VA
Nov. 12, 2005
1:00 pm

There will be no charge to PBC, BBSA, NBC and TPYC members, however a covered dish is requested.

Other guest \$15.00

Each club will furnish enough beer and soda for their members.

There will be a Chowder Cook Off!!!
Please check out the rules at: PORTSMOUTHBOATCLUB.ORG

Contact Don Wade for more information: 484-3655