



The Buccan-News

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UPCOMING MEMBER ACTIVITIES - RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

For parties & group sails guests are welcome. Clinics are for members only – sorry, no guests.

THE GREAT EASTER “EGG-STRAVAGANZA” REGATTA! SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH 9:30AM-

4:30PM: We'll start the day by sailing over to the Oar House for lunch. Then we'll assign Captains and Crew and have our version of an “Easter Egg Hunt.” This is meant to be a silly race that tests your sailing skills, riddle-solving abilities, and sense of humor! There will be clues to find each mark of the race course, and the first one to finish wins!

SAILING WITH BRYCE! SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND 1:30PM-4:30PM:

We are adding these sails to our monthly calendar. This is designed for folks who need a little refreshing or just want a friendly face on board.

SPACE IS LIMITED FOR CLINICS, SO BE SURE CALL OR E-MAIL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT SOON!

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME FOR SOCIAL OUTINGS! (850) 432-3199

CLUB NEWS:



- **SAILING BUDDIES:** Looking to go sailing, but don't want to go solo? Well we thought we'd make it easier by creating **SATURDAY SAILING BUDDIES!** We've established a regular time when members can join each other and go sailing. We'll start with the **Saturday morning session (9am- 1pm)** and set aside one of the Capri 22's. Be sure to call by Friday to reserve your spot, since space will be limited to a maximum of 6 passengers. Looking to sail at a different time? As always, you can give another member a call. Phone lists are in the office, or give us a call & we'll help match you up.
- **T-SHIRTS & HATS:** We will soon be placing an order for more hats & shirts. We know you want to be stylin' when your sailing so let us know if you have any preferences (tanks, T-shirts, long sleeve T-shirts, etc.) Also let us know if you like the light blue or the aqua color for the shirts.
- **BATHROOM UP GRADES:** The marina is renovating the Men's and Women's showers at Palafox Pier to include private restroom facilities – yay!! The inner-bathroom/shower will be locked with a keypad for access by boaters and their guests ONLY. We are very excited for this upgrade as we expect you are too! However, this means the facilities will be unavailable for periods of time.

The MEN'S bathroom remodel will be completed Tuesday March 27. The restroom will remain open throughout construction (with an all-male crew working during the days).

The WOMEN'S bathroom will be begin on March 27th. Once work begins the bathroom will be unavailable entirely (toilets and shower) from 5am – 11am daily. The shower will be unavailable until complete. They expect the work to take about a week.

**Please note public restroom facilities are available daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Deluna's Chat & Chew in Plaza de Luna. (Facilities may be closed during severe weather conditions.)



THE CAPTAIN'S CORNER...OR "NAUTICAL NAULEDGE"

CAPTAIN -- the person who is responsible for the safety of the boat and crew at all times

As nicer weather approaches we have a few tips to may sure your sailing outings are fun & safe:

- 1. Stay hydrated.** Warmer weather is here, so make sure you have water or other hydrating drinks. You get dehydrated more quickly on salt water so you want to make sure you and your crew have enough water.
- 2. Protect your skin.** Sunscreen is very important, especially on ears and knees. A lot of us have that fresh flesh that hasn't seen the sun since last year, so make sure to put it on before going out on the water.
- 3. Let weather be your guide.** Always get a forecast before going sailing. If storms are predicted, wait for a better day. You want to look not only for a chance of storms, but also the wind speed & direction. If it's over 20 mph winds, the 22's don't go out. If it's over 25mph, the 25's don't go out. The direction of the wind will affect the seas. Southwest winds tend to give much bigger waves, since they are traveling the whole bay. The marina entrance can be quite sporty! Make sure to get out to the markers to raise & lower sails. Keep more weight at the stern so the motor doesn't bounce out of the water.
- 4. Reefed sails are happy sails.** If winds are higher (anything over 12 to 15 mph) make sure to put in a reef at the dock. When you take the reef out, make sure that ALL lines are free, especially the middle ties. If not sure, ask and we will be happy to assist.
- 5. The "iron genny"** Sometimes you may need to motor in order to get back, so you want to make sure you have enough fuel if necessary. Check the level when you get aboard & if a fuel tank is below half full, please let us know.
- 6. Keep an eye on the time.** When you are late, you either take time away from other Club members or keep staff late after a long day. You should plan on being in the slip at least ½ an hour before you are supposed to be done, so you have time to put the boat away & wash it up. There are times when you have flexibility on the ending time, but please be aware of what your ending time is and be courteous to other folks.
- 7. Always take a cell phone & keep it handy.** That way you can touch base with the office if you have any questions, plus we can contact you if we need to.
- 8. Cleaning up.** When you are leaving the boat, check below & clean up any dirt, water, or trash. Clean the deck of dirt, food, etc. Please make sure you and your crew always wear non-marking soled shoes (to save you from extra scrubbing!) If you get aboard a boat & it is messy or needs other attention, please let us know.

THANKS FOR FOLLOWING THESE TIPS & HAVE A HAPPY SPRING!

