

Sept. 2023

Mainsheet

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***Labor Day weekend is here.
Weather looks warm and the wind forecast is decent.***

Well the final month of 2023 is upon us and while some of our members docked at Kent's can sail into October the end is still in site. SO what do you do, you get out there and enjoy the remaining days and the blessings of September sailing. Fewer power boats, generally better winds and cooler temperatures.



Commodore Bill Ralston

For this coming weekend the only event planned is taking place by the good graces and volunteer effort of Charter members Paul & Heide Hemker. Paul has hosted races the past two weekends and is planning on one this coming Labor Day Monday. Please come out and support our racing program. You can email Paul at hemkerpaul@gmail.com. with questions or to help with committee duty.

Calendar

Sept. 4th
Race Day

Sept 9th-10th
Pork Regatta
See details in newsletter.

Sept. 30th
Full Moon raft-up



Traditionally one of the clubs signature events has been the Pig Regatta. So named as when Mike Burd (at left) started the tradition in 2004 we actually roasted a whole pig. This started before dawn and ended by engaging numerous club members to help converting the roasted pig into manageable portions for serving. Needless to say, it tasted wonderful, but was also considerable work. I'm not sure exactly when we transitioned to a 'Pork' Regatta, but it has made managing the event far less work. We will always miss you Mike!



2006 Pig Regatta

Following from Paul and Heide Hemker:

We have the Pork Regatta coming up the weekend after Labor Day - September 9 and 10. Dan CaJacob is planning to run races Saturday and Skyp Harmon on Sunday. We are planning to have separate starts for FD (Flying Dutchman) on Saturday and Sunday. Heide and I are planning to have grilled ➡

chicken and sausages (so it's still a Pork Regatta) along with pretzels for Saturday evening and would like to have the BLSA group included for the after races dinner and hoping we can we count on sides from the BLSA membership? We're planning on racing Sunday morning for FD's and the BLSA fleet is welcome to join in as well. We'll have a Subway catered lunch after racing on Sunday. This is pretty much what we've done in past years and we plan to continue this year.

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So BLSA members, let's have a good turnout and support not only Paul, Heide and BLSA, but the Flying Dutchman sailors that are coming from other lakes to sail with us. This is always a fun event and these FD folks are some excellent sailors. Even if you don't race, its fun to go out and be near the course to watch the competition.

Social Calendar
Nicole Holtkamp — Social Director

We always need hosts or helpers for the social event days listed below. Nicole is the Social Director, but last I checked she only has two hands and needs volunteers for each event or the club will not be able to host them. We do have a club trailer with most everything needed in terms of tables, grills utensils etc. It's really just a matter of wanting to help support the club and jumping in. Nicole monitors the club email at blsa.news@gmail.com so let her know your availability to help run a great social event and any questions you may have.

Sept 9 th	End of Summer Pork Regatta	Oct 7 th	Chili Cook-off
Sept. 30 th	Full Moon raft-up	Nov 11 th	End of Season Celebration

Full Moon Raft-up on 8/26

We had a total of eight boats for last weekends raft-up that turned out to be a perfect night. Great temperatures, with a light breeze all night followed by a cool morning that made the coffee taste even better. The moon was about 3/4 full and added the perfect lighting for an enjoyable evening. Thanks to those attending, Holtkamp's, Webb's, Cajacob's, Harmon's, Fox's, Dallas Marable, Mike Riddle and Patty & I.
Next raft-up is Sept. 30th



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