



# The Mainsheet



## From The Helm

By Bill Beglin Beneteau 323 ~ Past Behavin' Slip D-31 at Kent's Harbor Marina



Commodore Beglin

## Calendar

The next board meeting is January 5th.

Stay tuned!!

Ah winter, that wonderful time of year that helps us appreciate spring, warm summer breezes, anchor outs, social events, racing and in 2013 a new dock arrangement at Hanna Creek. Over the past several years a number of BLSA board members and several association volunteers have worked with the IDNR to somehow mitigate the effects of the ongoing silting issue in the Hanna Creek marina area. While the current solution was not our first choice, it should provide more open access and potentially allow a more open path for the silt to continue to flow out into deeper water. The outer docks have been moved with the final new dock section installation along with electric and water service

connections scheduled for completion in the spring. Speaking of spring, your new board will be meeting in early January to begin planning the 2013 season. We will review the past years programs and begin the process of combining our traditionally popular events with new and creative ideas for social and racing activities. One of the activities from last year that we should all take pride in was the entire Puddle Duck process. Beginning last spring the project, championed by Paul Hemker started with parents and their children building these boats from scratch. The skills and creativity of our members was put on display during our first annual Puddle Duck Regatta.

I first became a member of BLSA in 1979 and have never been more proud of our organization. These two projects alone speak volumes about the dedication and commitment of our members in support of each other and our organization. During the coming months, we will again be looking to our membership for volunteers to help social director (Bill Ralston) and race director (Scott Webb) lead another great year of BLSA activities. Coordinating all of the work that needs to take place to have successful events is traditionally one of the most challenging tasks for the board. So please consider volunteering right now by contacting either of these

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gentleman to offer your time and assistance to make 2013 our best year ever.

On behalf of your board I want to wish all of you and your families the very best during this holiday season.  
Bill

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**DO YOU SEE ANYONE YOU RECOGNIZE?**

“Sailing: the fine art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense”.

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## The 2012 BLSA Awards Banquet

The 2012 sailing season has come and gone. Even though the weather did not cooperate most of the summer it is the members of BLSA that make what I do so worth it.

What a way to end the season, the 2012 Annual meeting and Awards Banquet. This past dinner was held at the lodge at Heuston Woods state park. The food and service were great. Some of the members in attendance took advantage of the lodge and stayed the night. Mike Chrisman and I got a small cabin and spent the weekend.

The Lodge brought back a lot of fond memories for me. As a child my family would rent a few cabins and spend Thanksgiving weekend at the park. Mike and I were able to bring along our dog. Honey, as most of you know can be a bit of a handful. I think she had more fun than we did, Spending the day walking the trails and running with some new friends in the dog park. We will definitely be going back soon.

2013 is just around the corner and I have some new things planed as well as some good old favorites starting with a winter get together some time in February.

watch for details.

I want to wish all of you a very Happy New Year and a wonderful summer of sailing.

Bill Ralston





## NOW THAT'S A MOTLEY CREW



**Congratulations also to our racing winners for 2012.**

- Series - Club Champion : Mike Connolly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, John and Ashli Slawter. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Scott Webb and Annie Martinez. And the J-24 Dan CaJacob.
- *A special Thank You to Ashli for the past 3 years as racing director*

**A few miscellaneous notes from the Banquet:**

Congratulations to Bill Beglin for winning the puddle duck boat raffle. Bill has generously donated the boat back to the club. At the banquet everyone got a look at their new board members. Bill Beglin was announced as commodore, Jeff Houk as harbor master, Scott Webb as racing director & Kim Price (yours truly) as communications director.

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