



## BCYC PHRF RACING: Sunday, Feb 10, 2019

## SPRING / SUMMER SERIES Races 1 and 2 (Draft)

Race Format: PURSUIT

We finally got Races 1 and 2 of the Spring / Summer PHRF Series off, after 2 delays in January. A total of 7 boats came out on a beautiful sunny, warm and breezy day. The wind was out of the East at about 8 and increased with some gusts up to 13 -15 mph. We welcomed 2 new racers to our group (Joe and Leslie Duffy, Catalina 22) and (Sharon Grasmehr, Ericson 323).

The course was 4.7 nm and covered the entire Boca Ciega Bay. Starts commenced at 12:30 pm. A downwind running start was employed in both races.

One of the reaching legs utilized the ICW. Here is a quote from one of our sailors. "My body is reminding me that it has been about two months since I big boat raced at my club. We took first in the first race; despite jockeying for position, in the channel, with the 113 ft motor vessel (we are a 22 ft. Sail boat) Starlight Cruise Dinner Motor vessel. There is some great video that some of the passengers took of us... the second race was uneventful, and we did not finish last." There were 2 incidents in the ICW where racers was searched for and found shallow water. Since they were racing, they refused tows and got themselves going again. The Race chairman has made a promise not to utilize the ICW in future races.

Oder of finish for the **Race 1:**

1. Doug Fuller and crew on Seaduceme
2. Sharon Grasmehr and crew on Moonshine
3. Mark Fortune and crew on Echo

**Race 2:**

1. David Roberts and crew on Legacy
2. Mark Rother and crew on Godzilla
3. Sharon Grasmehr and crew on Moonshine

Photos coming soon. We are glad that everyone had a good time during the races and afterward.