

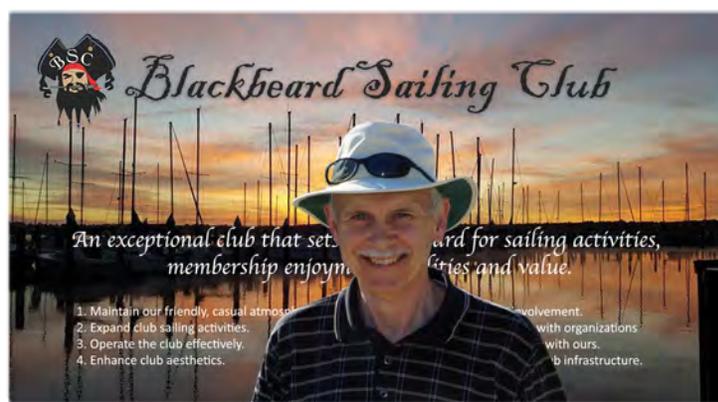


# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## Blackbeard Sailing Club

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## From the Commodore

Spring workday is behind us and I'd like to thank everyone who helped to plan and prepare for that important event. I also want to thank the near 180 members who turned out in the rain, or who made alternate arrangements to work a project in lieu of coming to workday. The old adage is true: *many hands do make light work*. Together we accomplished an amazing amount of work on the docks; around the grounds; on, under and in the clubhouse and bathhouse; and even in the picnic shelter where a wonderful lunch was prepared for all. We even had fun doing it! This is the essence of Blackbeard Sailing Club.

Of course, it takes more than workdays to sustain and move BSC forward. They represent the tip of the iceberg - the visible part of a self-help club like BSC. What's below the surface is just as important to our success - the committees that work mostly behind the scenes in various areas of endeavor.

In February's Epitaph, we had a look at our "infrastructure" committees that report to the Vice Commodore: Docks, Grounds, House and Workday Coordination. If you attended workday, then you saw their work first hand. Together, these committees keep our physical assets in tip-top shape and find ways to make them even better. Docks (led by Bill

### Save These Dates

- April 1  
BSC Board Meeting & Spring Social
- April 6  
Ensign Spring Race #3
- April 8  
Shakedown Cruise
- April 13  
Ensign Spring Race #4
- April 16  
Easter
- April 20  
Ensign Spring Race #5
- April 22  
Charleston Race Week Begins
- NYRA 4th Saturday Fun Race  
April 27
- Ensign Spring Race #6  
April 29

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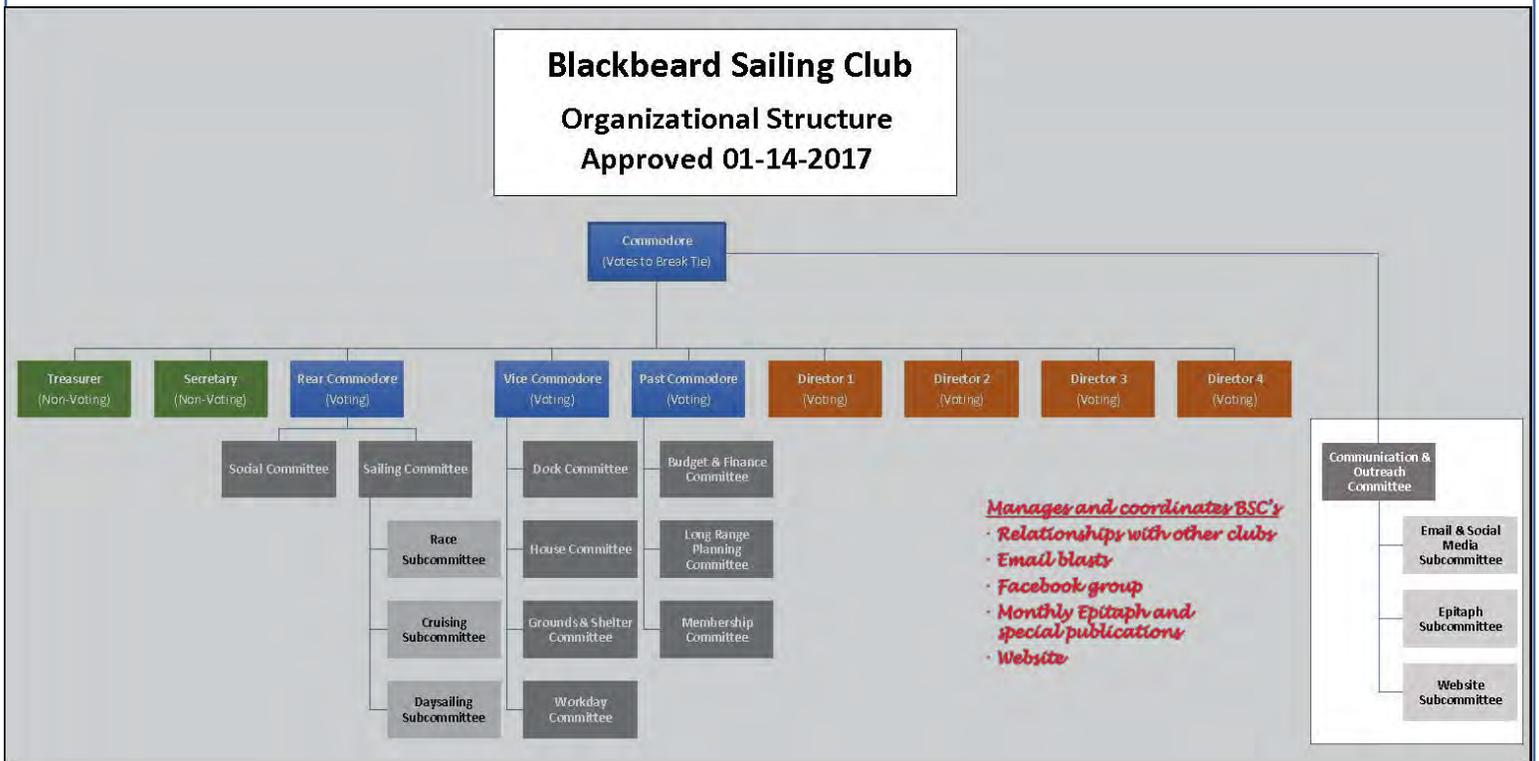
## From the Commodore

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Drechsler), Grounds (co-chaired by Paul Mills and Russ Robinson) and House (chaired by Joe Gormley with the assistance of Dave Brown) planned several projects that the membership helped to execute on workday. Member Drew McCrocklin stepped up to provide workday coordination, helping to allocate crews to each project. We're still looking for a member to take on that role as committee chair.

Last month, we took an in-depth look at the committees and subcommittees that support BSC's on-the-water activities: Race, Cruise, Day Sail and the umbrella Sailing Committee. The 2017 race season is already underway with many BSC members participating as racers and in support roles. Cruising has made great strides. Led by Jim & Joni Floyd with assistance from Andy & Sally Johnson and John & Beth Hiner, they've had organizing meetings; a social event and even have several cruises planned for 2017. You'll find more information on these plans elsewhere in this Epitaph. Day Sailing has not yet gained critical mass and I am looking for a volunteer who will chair that committee. We also need a chair for the umbrella Sailing Committee - someone who will make sure the on-the-water programs are coordinated and, most importantly, to make sure that cruisers, day sailors and racers each receive their fair share of the club's attention and resources.

This month, I'd like to dedicate a few paragraphs to the committees that provide communications in various forms to the BSC membership. These committees report to the Commodore and are shown to the far right on our org chart below. They include the Email/Social Media, Epitaph and Website subcommittees and the umbrella Communications & Outreach Committee. I know that you're familiar with many of the functions provided in these committees. After all, you're reading this Epitaph and if you attended workday, then you got the email blasts that led up to it, and you may have used the website to sign up for your workday project. What you may not be familiar with however, is the effort it takes to make those things happen. Communications is an area where BSC can do better and we need help.



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## From the Commodore

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One key element we're missing is *coordination* of the message. That is the function to be provided by the new Communications and Outreach Committee - an umbrella for Email, the Epitaph and the Website. Several issues are important. First, what is appropriate communication from the Club to the membership, from member to member and from BSC to the larger community? It's hard to define exactly what is appropriate, but most of us recognize inappropriate when we see it. We need to keep an eye on our official communications, making sure we get our message across and, at the same time, stay on the right side of appropriate. It's also obvious that some communications are time-sensitive and need to happen "now." Those communications should probably be handled in email blasts. Others are better suited to our monthly Epitaph. Today, email blasts and the Epitaph need to be better coordinated to make sure we use the most effective method. BSC maintains a Facebook group where we can put out timely messages in a medium that many members prefer. That medium is particularly interesting because it makes member-to-member communications very easy. These issues and more will be sorted out by the new Communications and Outreach committee, while the subcommittees focus on the mechanics of getting out timely and interesting email communications, the monthly Epitaph and maintaining and enhancing the website.

Let me add there's an added bonus to working on the communication committees. You don't have to be local to the club to contribute. You can work from home in your bunny slippers, or anywhere that you have a computer and internet connection. The only other thing you need is a desire to help. If that describes you, I'd like to hear from you today! I can be reached at [wgreen3@suddenlink.net](mailto:wgreen3@suddenlink.net) or 919-518-0752.

*Bill*

## Blackbeard WiFi Update

by Drew McCrocklin

We have been working to improve the WiFi infrastructure at BSC for the last few weeks. The networks Blackbeard 1 and Blackbeard 3 are aging but will continue to be used as long as they are effective. They have been augmented with the addition of Blackbeard 2 and Blackbeard 4. Blackbeard 2 supports all of the latest WiFi protocols and frequencies and has superior coverage of the clubhouse. Blackbeard 4 is a new Bullet with a 15db antenna positioned to cover the marina. It is mounted on the light pole next to the launch ramp and should provide higher performance than Blackbeard 3 throughout the dock area. WiFi signals are blocked to some extent by trees and leaves and, of course, sailboat masts and rigging. If you are having trouble receiving signal at a particular location in your boat, you may have to experiment with antenna location. Please let me know of any coverage issues, or other feedback you have by email at [andrew.mccrocklin@mac.com](mailto:andrew.mccrocklin@mac.com). Next in line is a network camera so you can view the marina remotely.



*Drew*

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Save these Dates

Come One, Come All  
Racers

April 29 - 30

ETYSA SoundBank Regatta  
Benefits ETYSA



2017 Steak Roast  
June 10th  
Seating is limited  
Reservations Required  
More Information Later



## Barnacle Bit

*Did you know that it is considered good sportsmanship to attend race awards ceremonies?*

*The camaraderie and assistance acknowledgements are at least as important as the awards themselves.*

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## Full Moon Cruising

The BSC Full Moon Cruising season is about to get underway. Please plan to join us for the first of many wonderful Full Moon events. This cruise will take place on Saturday, April 8 - Sunday, April 9, 2017. It will be considered our "shakedown" cruise and will give members a chance to check out their boat's equipment and their anchoring/docking skills. This will be a great way to prepare for the cruising season ahead. It will also give members a chance to get to know each other a little better and just enjoy being together. Whether you're cruising or not, all members are welcome to join us.



Cruisers should plan to depart at their leisure on Saturday and head for The New Bern Grand Marina. If you feel like an early afternoon ice cream treat, plan to meet fellow cruisers at The Cow Café, 319 Middle St. around 2 pm. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring downtown New Bern with its many wonderful shops and points of interest. Be sure to return to the marina by 5 pm when we will gather for happy hour dockside. It will be BYOB. Please bring a favorite appetizer to share. A group dinner reservation will be made at one of the local restaurants for 7 pm. A leisurely walk back to the marina just in time to see the full moon rise will be the perfect ending to a wonderful day.

After a good night's sleep, have breakfast on your boat or head into town for a delicious meal. Check-out time at the marina is noon. If the winds are with us, we'll have time to sail all afternoon before heading home.

### Important Information:

- Date: Saturday, April 8-Sunday, April 9, 2017
- Location: The New Bern Grand Marina- Please call the Marina to reserve your slip. Be sure to tell the Dock Master that you are with the BSC cruising group.  
Grand Marina Dock Master: Doug Walker (252-638-0318)
- Cost: \$1.50/ft., minimum 30 ft. charge; USBoat members \$1.25/ft., minimum 30 ft. charge. Electric hookup: \$4.00/day for 30 amp, \$6.00/day for 50 amp.
- Contact Dock Master (Doug Walker) at VHF channel 16 before entering Cunningham Bridge. He will advise slip number and location, and provide assistance if needed.
- To access the Trent River and The Grand Marina: Contact the Cunningham Bridge Tender on VHF channel 13.
- RSVP: no later than Tuesday, April 4, 2017 to John and Beth Hiner at [johnbeth4656@gmail.com](mailto:johnbeth4656@gmail.com) or 717-398-9214. We need to know if you plan to attend and if you would like to be included in the dinner reservations.

We look forward to cruising with you!

## Full Moon Cruising Dates & Tentative Destinations

March 11	Cruisers' Shoot Out - get-together at the clubhouse to meet each other
April 8-9	Shakedown #1 to New Bern and back
May 5-7	Shakedown #2 to Goose Creek, Clubfoot and back
June 9-11	TBD
July 7-9	TBD
August 4-6	TBD
September 1-4	Wilmington??
October 6-8	Ocracoke? Cape Lookout?
November 11	Cruisers wrap-up party at the clubhouse

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## The Blood on the Clubhouse Floor

by Andy Johnson

Gunslingers, recruited using a campaign of printed posters and flyers spread across many different counties and cities, journeyed from all points of the compass and gathered on 3/11/2017 at the OK Clubhouse. The villains were intent on looting an extraordinary accumulation of massive wealth in gold and silver that rightly belonged to helpless maidens, the poor in their hovels and shanties, desperate widows, churches, charities, and small ranchers and farmers barely scraping by to feed their families. The contemptible rogues rode hard, fast, and put their horses up wet when they reached the OK Clubhouse and stormed in demanding food and drink.

Amid these vicious and vile desperadoes were four brave and determined souls traveling incognito from their far-flung homes. These brave few with their unalterable dedication to the poor, the good, and to the righting of despicable wrongs withstood the hardships and perils of the journey to risk all that they held dear for truth, justice, and the "American Way". At the OK Clubhouse, these determined knights of legend braced themselves for the greatest challenge of their lives. They knew that their success depended on their coolness under fire, in the quickness of their draw, and in the accuracy of their six shooters.

The shootout began. Each of "the few" drew and fired valiantly as they moved from location to location. Yells and screams and evil laughter permeated throughout the OK Clubhouse as some shots hit and others missed. At intervals, loot was obtained by some shooters who gained temporary advantage as they fired and moved from place to place. As the Shootout progressed the precious four slowly began to reveal their true identities.

Swift Tami Swift relied on her quick draw to augment her accurate shooting as she blazed away at the evil doers. Mark and Mary Hittner suddenly appeared as the "Dynamic Duo" as they moved deftly about drawing and firing as they went. Big Bill Harwell remained cool and detached as he scored hit after hit and dodged the return fire. As suddenly as it began it was over. The four "Golden Knights" stood tall as they surveyed the OK Clubhouse and searched for more of the routed gang who had disappeared and could not be found.

A grateful community presented each of the living legends with lots of gold and silver, a genuine honest to goodness brand new Wyatt Earp hat and badge to replace their old hats and badges that were shot full of holes and dented from many hits. And most importantly, each hero received a real six gun to replace their previous weapons worn out by all the firing during the Shootout.

To celebrate, the group honored the "Fabulous Four" with a community picnic that was expansive, delicious, and truly filling.

A big time was had by all.



# The Blood on the Clubhouse Floor



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## Relaxing Invitational

by Mark Brennesholtz

The NYRA Invitational March 25 & 26 officially started the PHRF racing season in balmy airs. In a new format this year, one distance race was contested each day. Saturday's lap was 7.5 miles down the Neuse and back for a total of 15 miles. In 8-10 knots of wind, it was a reach in both directions. Going down toward Hancock Creek, several boats flew spinnakers at least part way, but the trip back to the finish marker #17 was a bit tighter. Chuck Thompson in SJ21 Packer Tacker took first in non-spin and Team Mark, Mark, Mary and Jerry raced *Blue Note* to first in the Spinnaker Class (35 seconds ahead of a SJ after 15 miles!). Sunny and 70s with that breeze was very pleasant.

Sunday the river was glassy and PRO Jarvis took a 30-minute postponement until a light breeze finally settled in. It was a much shorter course in the light stuff, and the "windward leg" did require some tacking to get to the mark. The faster boats rounded and followed the breeze to the finish under spinnaker, but the slower ones had a long downwind lull that kept them out of competition.



"Drew McCrocklin's *Team Elite* rounds the windward mark in Sunday racing at the NYRA Invitational. *Team Elite* beat *Boartaint* by 27 seconds and came in second for the regatta. (Photo by Green)



"Russell Robinson's beautiful Tartan 37 *Rampant Lion* maneuvers for the start of the NYRA Invitational. Ed Weber is on the bow directing traffic (Photo by Green)

Winners for the weekend were Tom McKnight in *Boartaint* for the spinnakers with Drew McCrocklin's *Team Elite* in second after aching the Sunday race. Chuck Thompson won Sunday's race, too, so he was winner of the Non-Spinnakers. John Y. Jackson collected a first in the Cruising Class in *Georgie Girl*.

The new format and location for the Invitational should be attracting more boats next year as it was fairly relaxed and in very temperate conditions.

*Mark*

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NYRA Invitational  
Photos by Davies

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## Ensigns Spring into Spring

Ensign Fleet 19 sprang into action Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> on opening day of the Spring Series. The day was chilly but sunny. The wind was very shifty, especially at the top of the race course. However, PRO Jarvis and crew provided three fine races which paid a premium for those who picked the lifts and headers well. Team Mark, Mark, Mary and Jerry sailed *Blue Note* to first, second and first to continue their win streak, at least for now. Paul Eckenroth in *Red Stripe* was second. Seven boats were on the line, picking up where we left off last fall.

Five Thursdays in a row from now on will complete the Spring Series. Lots of racing ahead.



"Fleet 19 Ensigns kicked off the Spring Series with seven on the starting line. Shifty winds resulted in some close competition and some breakaways.  
(Photo by Green)

## April, May & June Racing Events

by Mark Brennesholtz

April 22 is the NYRA "Fourth Saturday Fun Race" for PHRF boats, including SJ21s and Ensigns. This series was popular last year and is very low key with pursuit starts. Pursuit starts are popular because each boat starts based on his handicap, so there is no crowd at the starting line. And if you pass a boat, you are ahead of him in the race. Come out and try it. Contact Doug Longhini at [ncsailor47@yahoo.com](mailto:ncsailor47@yahoo.com) or 252-623-1166.

April 29 & 30 is the ETYSA SoundBank Regatta at Blackbeard for PHRF boats, including SJ21s and Ensigns. This regatta is an ICRC Championship event and a NYRA Boat of the Year regatta. The Edward Teach (aka Blackbeard) Youth Sailing Association at BSC benefits from this, one of the most important regattas on the Neuse. Contact Bill Jarvis at [bjarvis1@suddenlink.net](mailto:bjarvis1@suddenlink.net) or 252-637-7748.

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## April, May & June Racing Events (continued from page 8)

May 6 & 7 is the NYRA Cinco de Mayo Regatta for Ensigns, SJs and Sunfish on the upper Neuse. Contact Drew McCrocklin at [Andrew.mccrocklin@mac.com](mailto:Andrew.mccrocklin@mac.com) or 252-288-5043.

May 20 is the Fairfield Harbour YC's Oar Race from the Upper Neuse to Oriental. With a pursuit start and long point to point format, it is very cruiser friendly. This race was held formerly on Labor Day Weekend, but this new timing should ensure better breeze, more comfortable temps, and no hurricanes! If you do not have a formal NC-PHRF rating, one will be assigned at the skippers' meeting. You can register now at [www.regattanetwork.com/event/13892-home](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13892-home), or contact Paul Eckenroth at [pauleckenroth@aol.com](mailto:pauleckenroth@aol.com) or 252-288-5248.

May 21 is the Beer Stein Race (formerly Michelob Cup) from Oriental back to New Bern, organized by NYRA. After a good dinner and party Saturday night following the Oar Race, what better way to sail back to New Bern? Contact Doug Longhini.

May 27 is the second of the "Fourth Saturday Fun Races". See April 22 for details and contact Doug Longhini.

June 3 & 4 is the Dragon's Breath Regatta in Oriental. This is another shift away from traditional late summer dates to improve comfort and breeze, and avoid storms. Like the ETYSA, this is a big deal as an ICRC Championship and NYRA Boat of the Year event. Organized by Oriental Dinghy Club. Reduced price dockage in Oriental may be available. Contact Henry Frazer at [henry@orientalyachts.com](mailto:henry@orientalyachts.com) or 252-670-8237.

June 17 is Pamlico Sailing Club's Indian Island to Ocracoke Race. This is a fun 30-mile race from just above the ICW on the Pamlico River to Royal Shoals off Ocracoke. Always a nice party ashore following and good dinner available in Ocracoke. Contact Elbert Kennard at [ee Kennard@gmail.com](mailto:ee Kennard@gmail.com) or 252-714-1878.

June 24 is the third "Fourth Saturday Fun Race" in the Upper Neuse. See above for details.

## Ship's Store

Just in time for summer, the BSC Ship's Store has added three new items for the members. Two are double-walled stainless steel drink containers with a laser etched Blackbeard logo. One is a 20 oz hot or cold drinking tumbler, which really keeps cold drinks ice cold for 5-6 hours (if it lasts that long), and the other is a can coozie with the same properties. These items are priced well below even non-logo'd Yeti's similar items. Both are on sale for \$20.00 each. The other item is a soft, wide-brimmed hat with embroidered logo and a built-in neck shade (a la "Foreign Legion"). It's selling in the store for \$25.00.

Limited quantities, so get yours soon!



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## Marine Growth Report

by Kirk Hathaway

In the third week of March, water and air went cold again and marine growth slowed for a few more weeks. This followed the last week of February and first of March that brought water and air temperatures warm enough to produce layers of pollen on docks and decks and obvious gumming-up at the waterline. With new bottom paints, static-like attraction has vessels, no matter the color painted, a dingy yellow bow to stern. Of course, the pollen is of little concern to new paints, but if not cleared, algae grows over this, the caustic elements in paint kills, leaving a thick muddy mass on newly painted hulls. This in turn grows barnacles and, while these layers will peel off easily with wide scrapers and sponges, if not cleared, barnacles will eventually develop a resistance and boaters will find a new paint compromised long before it would be with regular cleaning.

For example, just upstream of BCS's C Dock, a boat owner had his power vessel cleaned for the first time since it had been repainted and splashed in spring of 2016. With Broad Creek's infestation of river mussels now unstoppable from June through October, especially at the waterlines, the vessel returned to her berth without any cleanings until March 2017. In three seasons, its new paint was compromised entirely by a four to six-inch ribbon of river mussels at the waterline's ablative bottom paint and just below. Beneath this obvious thick ribbon, a coating of scattered barnacles left last summer remained uncleared and developed resistance to the paint. When the ribbon was removed, barnacles too came away, but with a coat of paint attached to their bases, while also leaving residual barnacle casing at the vessel's waterline. The paint is now thinner and again vulnerable for shell growth in its second year. Her cleaning took over an hour of clearing with unpainted props and shafts full of large clusters of mussels and barnacles that took considerable effort to remove. Lower on the hull and central on the keel, the vessel had only mud so, if retained in a regular cleaning program, she would have been cleared easily without any compromising to her paint.

In contrast, vessels painted and remaining in a cleaning program are easily brushed down and show no signs of growth of shells. In March, many of the vessels which grew thick last summer and subsequently were painted, took only a few minutes of cleaning in the early warm waters. Many boat owners were even given free inspections when their vessels took less than three minutes to clear from Cape Carolina. Many of BSC's larger vessels took only 10 to 15 minutes of cleaning time; even the catamarans with two hulls and two drives have taken only 13 to 24 minutes of actual cleaning time.

On the other hand, as is always true with winter's electrical currents from heaters on board, a fair number of BSC vessels required new zincs, but there was no burning that was alarming at the marina. Also, on workday, now in a fourth year of clearing on the bottom around the docks, there was relatively little found besides dock lines and fire hoses, except maybe that rotted trash can and mountain bike covered with river mussels.

Are You a Racer?  
Would You Like to be?

The ETYSA SoundBank Regatta at BSC is April 29, 2017. Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions can be found on Regatta Network.

[www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com)



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## Spring Workday

Photos by Debbie Mills



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## Spring Workday

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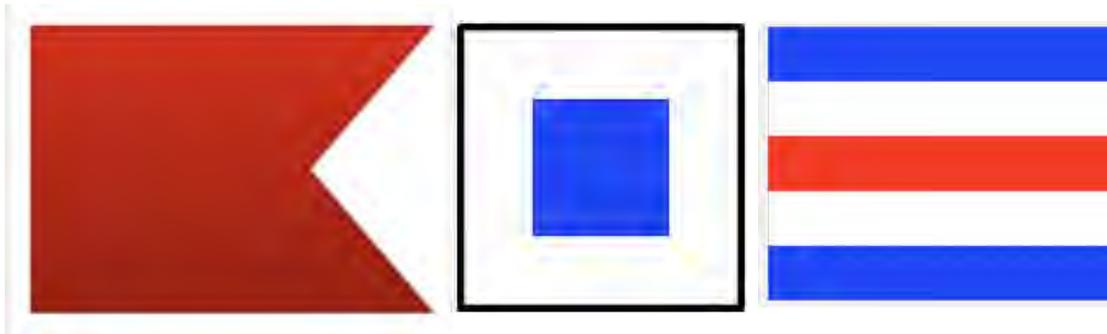
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## Race Calendar

2017 RACE SCHEDULE								Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee		4/1/2017
Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location	
Apr 1-2	Sa-Su	B&S	SailPack Inter-conf Collegiate Regatta					FJ	Oriental	
Apr 9	Su	FHYC	Wilkerson Race & Commissioning		**	**		Closed event	New Bern	
Apr 16	<b>Su</b>	-	<b>EASTER</b>						-	
Apr 20-23	Th-Su	-	Charleston Race Week	X					Charleston	
Apr 22-23	Sa-Su	B&S	SAISA Open High School Regatta					FJ	Oriental	
Apr 22	Sa	NYRA	Fourth Saturday Fun Race (Pursuit)	X	**	**			New Bern	
Apr 29-30	Sa-Su	BSC	ETYSA Soundbank - ICRC * ** #	X	**	**			New Bern	
May 6-7	Sa-Su	NYRA	Cinco de Mayo - One Design		X	X	X		New Bern	
May 14	<b>Su</b>	-	<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>						-	
May 20	Sa	FHYC	Oar Race (to Oriental) * # P (phrf)	X	**	**			New Bern	
May 21	Su	NYRA	Beer Stein * # (to NB) P (phrf)	X	**	**			Oriental	
May 27	Sa	NYRA	Fourth Saturday Fun Race (Pursuit)	X	**	**			New Bern	
Jun 3-4	Sa-Su	ODC	Dragons Breath - ICRC * # P	X	**	**			Oriental	
Jun 10	Sa	RD	Hope Clinic Charity Regatta	X	**	**			River Dunes	
Jun 17	Sa	PSC	Indian Island to Ocracoke #	X	**	**			Pamlico	
Jun 18	<b>Su</b>	-	<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>						-	
Jun 24	Sa	NYRA	Fourth Saturday Fun Race (Pursuit)	X	**	**			New Bern	
Jun 24	Sa	SCOO	Summer Solstice	X	**	**			Whortonsville	
Jul 1	Sa	ODC	Croaker Fest Regatta				X	Sunfish & Opt	Oriental	
Jul 8-9	Sa-Su	HYC	HYC Regatta * #	X	**	**			Cherry Pt	
Jul 15-16	Sa-Su	ETYSA	ETYSA Junior Regatta					One Design	New Bern	
Jul 22	Sa	NYRA	Parrothead (to Oriental)	X	**	**			New Bern	
Aug 12	Sa	B&S	Hoop Pole Regatta					Under 20 ft	Oriental	
Aug 12	Sa	PSC	Dog Days Regatta	X	**	**	X	Any Dinghy	Pamlico	
Aug 26-27	Sa-Su	BSC	Blackbeard One Design P (OD)		X	X	X	X	New Bern	
Sep 2-4	Sa-Mo	Flt 8	SJ-21 Eastern Nationals			X			Lake Norman	
Sep 2	Sa	ODC	Greens Creek Regatta				X	Under 20 ft	Oriental	
Sep 4	<b>Mo</b>	-	<b>LABOR DAY</b>						-	
Sep 16-17	Sa-Su	ODC	Oriental Cup # P	X	**	**			Oriental	
Sep 21-24	Th-Su	USODA	USODA Atlantic Coast Championship					Opti	Camp Seagull	
Sep 23	Sa	NYRA	Fourth Saturday Fun Race (Pursuit)	X	**	**			New Bern	
Sep 30	Sa	BSC	BSC Cup	X	**	**			New Bern	
Oct 7	Sa	ODC	ODC SOLO Race P	X	**	**			Oriental	
Oct 8	Su	ODC	ODC Double Handed Race	X	**	**			Oriental	
Oct 14-15	<b>Sa-Su</b>	-	<b>MUMFEST</b>						New Bern	
Oct 28	Sa	NYRA	Halloween / Winter Race 1 *	X	**	**			New Bern	
Nov 11	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 2 *	X	**	**			New Bern	
Nov 18	Sa	NYRA	Flt 8 - Turkey Trot		X	X			New Bern	
Nov 23	<b>Th</b>	-	<b>THANKSGIVING</b>						-	
Dec 9	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 3 *	X	**	**			New Bern	
Jan 1 '18	Mo	BSC	Fred Latham Regatta	X	**	**			New Bern	
Jan 1 '18	Mo	ODC	Instead of Football Regatta	X	**	**			Oriental	
Jan 6 '18	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 4 *	X	**	**			New Bern	
Jan 20 '18	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X	**	**			New Bern	
Feb 3 '18	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 6 *	X	**	**			New Bern	
Feb 24 '18	Sa	NYRA	Commodores Ball Regatta *	X	**	**			New Bern	

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Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
<b>Ensign Fleet 19 Races:</b>									
Apr 6	Th	FHYC	Ensign Spring Series R3		X				New Bern
Apr 13	Th	FHYC	Ensign Spring Series R4		X				New Bern
Apr 20	Th	FHYC	Ensign Spring Series R5		X				New Bern
Apr 27	Th	FHYC	Ensign Spring Series R6		X				New Bern
May 4	Th	FHYC	Ensign Spring Series R7 & Party		X				New Bern
May 6-7	Sa-Su	NYRA	Cinco de Mayo - One Design		X	X	X		New Bern
Sep 28	Th	FHYC	Ensign Fall Series Practice		X				New Bern
Oct 5	Th	FHYC	Ensign Fall Series R1		X				New Bern
Oct 12	Th	FHYC	Ensign Fall Series R2		X				New Bern
Oct 19	Th	FHYC	Ensign Fall Series R3		X				New Bern
Oct 26	Th	FHYC	Ensign Fall Series R4		X				New Bern
Nov 2	Th	FHYC	Ensign Fall Series R5		X				New Bern
Nov 9	Th	FHYC	Ensign Fall Series R6		X				New Bern
Nov 16	Th	FHYC	Ensign Fall Series R7 & Party		X				New Bern
Nov 18	Sa	BSC	Flt 8 - Turkey Trot		X	X			New Bern



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## Blackbeard Sailing Club

### Club Location

Upper Broad Creek on the Neuse River  
1215 Barkentine Drive  
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- how-to articles and other news
- committee reports
- racing news and reports
- photos in jpeg format
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