



# Blackbeard's Epitaph

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BSC, Thankful for All Our Blessings!

### Save These Dates

November 1

Ensign Race #5

November 3

BOD Meeting @ 9:30AM and AGM @ 12:30

November 8

Ensign Race #6

November 10

NYRA Race #2

November 15

Ensign Race #7 and Party

November 17

NYRA Fleet 8 Turkey Trot

November 22

Happy Thanksgiving

## From the Commodore BSC - State of the Club!

BSC Members, here's an update on activity you may not see happening. Electrical - when will it return? Ray Brown Electric has been out to the Club and ordered replacement parts for the Clubhouse and Bathhouse, plus the main panels that went underwater. The county requires any wire that went to a flooded outlet be replaced, due to saltwater being wicked up inside the covering. (We have asked that these repairs be done "time and materials" so we can get the work started ASAP.) However, the needs of residential customers, medical offices and large commercial customers are pushing our sailing club lower on the food chain. Understandable, please be patient. When we know more we will

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## From the Commodore

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state it and give you an estimate of the date for normal power returning to BSC. In the meantime, Paul Mills and Bill Green have a temporary solution for short events. Nice work guys. Thanks!

In conjunction, the A/C units on both buildings have been inspected. The Clubhouse unit will need to be replaced; the Bathhouse may be salvaged - not sure. You can see the work being done on the Bathhouse. The lower walls were cut to pull out the wet insulation, dry it out, treat it for mold, then be repaired and repainted. BIG thanks to the team working on this!

The Lift Station - When will the toilets work again? We had some of the waste pumped out of the station, so some usage is possible. We have a temporary solution to pump out going forward. Five minute cold water Navy showers are available at this time. Water is back in the kitchen, bathhouse, and at the shelter house. Please use the Porta-potties as a first choice. Enough said. BTW, the restrooms were thoroughly cleaned by Dawn Ritter and Gay Whitney after the storm. Please thank them.

The control panel to the Lift Station went underwater and we are waiting for our contractor to come and inspect it, and repair or replace as needed. They are about the only service company in ENC so again, our needs are lower on the food chain. In the meantime, some of our inventive members are considering the use of a generator to power the pumps in the lift station. DONE! The electrical connection is DONE. Electricians stepped forward. Thanks Paul Mills! Also a big thanks to Doug Longhini and Bill Green. Guys, help if I missed someone.

Hope this info helps with members planning to pitch in at our Mini-Workdays. Day tripping may be the norm and feel welcome to stay on your boats as you wish. I am already hearing generators out there. Use with Caution.

Docks and Slips - We have gotten an estimate back from Cahoon for dock repairs in "like kind" material that is covered by our insurance. We are waiting for estimates from Scott Plumbing on water lines, etc, and from Ray Brown for all the electrical. As soon as we get these figures they go to our insurance agent Gowrie and to Chubb, the carrier. Chubb has been on-site for an inspection, and they sent their consultant on-site for an inspection. We will be ready to receive their claim settlement and negotiate numbers after the estimates are delivered. Once the claim is agreed upon, the BSC Finance Committee will work the numbers and see just what options are feasible for dock repairs. Recommendations will be made then. You will see them all.

As a possible assist in financing the repair work, the BSC BOD authorized an application to the SBA for a low interest loan. It is way too early to consider executing at this time, just a prudent option to have available. It needs to be remembered that BSC is financially sound and we have considerable funds on hand. The goal is to repair our infrastructure with the result of making BSC even better than it was before Florence.

Thank you to Gay Whitney for her service as a BSC Director. Following Gay's resignation, Charlie Nelson was appointed to fulfill the remainder of Gay's term on the Board. Thanks also to Dan Walker, our Dry Storage Master. Ken Gurganus has stepped up to fulfill that spot after Dan's resignation. Thank you to all members for your efforts and your patience! BSC has much to be thankful for, especially the spirit of BSC members and their willingness to work for the betterment of the Club!

*Best, Mike*

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## What Hurricane? Ensigns Back to Racing!

After a two-week postponement, the Ensign Fall Series began last Thursday on a perfect sailing day. Four storm survivors came out (*Zip*, *Red Stripe*, *Raptor* and *Blue Note*) and we expect *Induna* to join for the second date. *Mutiny* was a little scratched up when she decided to sail off the trailer into the corner of the BSC Gate. *Darkside's* crew is a little pre-occupied right now.

Bill Green and crew, with assistance from Doug Longhini and Ed Doughty in the safety boat, set the normal 2-mile course in a fresh NNE breeze and got the first sequence going. As we were jockeying for the start, it became obvious that the signal boat was dragging anchor. "Sail On," said Captain Green, even though the line had changed almost 90 degrees from square. Sail on we did. *Blue Note* and *Stripe* tacked over and started together on port, with *Blue Note* slightly ahead. She never lost the lead and ended up legging out on a wind shift near the windward mark.

The second race (with the signal boat firmly anchored this time) had *Red Stripe* in the lead at the start, and she never surrendered it. She took advantage of a strong wind change just before the gun. The third race saw *Blue Note* in the lead until the leeward mark, inside *Zip* and *Red Stripe*. An awkward spinnaker drop and lighter air, together with a helming error caused *BN* to touch the mark. Both *Stripe* and *Zip* passed while we were doing our 360 and finished ahead. *Raptor* was close a few times on the day and is getting better with every race.

The Ensign Fall Series continues every Thursday at 1300 through November 15. One-design racing is a hoot, and it was good to get out on the water after dreary weeks of cleanup.



Race #2 of the Ensign Fall Series. *Red Stripe* leads *Blue Note*. *Stripe* finished 2-1-1 in the three races and leads the series.

Article by Mark Brennesholtz  
Photos by Ritchie Thomson



Ensign Fall Series finally begins October 18 with four boats on the line. At the first start, *Blue Note* has a slight lead over *Zip* and *Red Stripe* (hidden behind). *Blue Note* won this race.

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## What Happened to all of Our Boats? By Bill Drechsler

Some unscientific facts, observations, and damage results for our boats assigned to wet slips during Hurricane Florence are presented here.

This is somewhat of an incomplete review of what happened to our boats, because we just could not keep track of where everyone went, but here is the information that we do have.

There were nine boats that **remained in their wet slips**. Three were sunk; three washed ashore; one was totaled at the dock; one had minor damage at the dock; and one was ok. The conclusion is that this group did not fare very well as 89% were damaged or sunk.

There were forty-eight boats **anchored out**; however, five washed ashore. Several have not yet been recovered. The result is that 11% did not remain anchored in their original locations. Boats that **anchored out** with adequate anchor(s), chain, room to swing, and chafing gear did very well compared to the other two groups. The conclusion could be that this group had a far better survival rate than the others.

There were twelve boats, that we are aware of, **hailed out or moved to other marinas**. Because three of them were damaged and one more was totaled, 33% of that group had insurance claims.

This information applies only to boats that were assigned to wet slips. Many smaller trailerable boats from wet slips were hauled out and stored outside of our gate and results from that group are not included here. Every hurricane has different characteristics, so you must be prepared for all conditions - such as high water, storm surge and wind speed from every direction. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments to add to this review.



## Bear Story

By Eddy Parker

The only thing I can contribute is depressing stories about finding my stuff in Brian's yard - across the river from me! This bear's head came out of my neighbor's house and ended up in Brian's front yard. He lives just up river from Johnson Point on the south side of the river.



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## Results, Mini-Workday - October 27th

By Dan Ritter

Another big thanks to all the members who came out to help bring our club back to an even better condition than before Florence.

Thanks to those task masters that cleaned the gutters, placed the water vents for the tool room, pulled flat tires off the carts, cleaned the woods of all kinds of debris, put lunch together for us and, of course, put dock boxes together and moved them back to their pre-hurricane location.

Great job ladies and gents!



Currently this area is well organized and neat. It has taken a lot of hard work by many of volunteers... Lets keep it that way!

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## Mini-Workday Photos

Bill Drechsler & Bill Green



Mark West & Charlie Batchelor



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## Mini-Workday

Alan Hills with his Classic Boat Club volunteers from Raleigh. Thank you, Alan!



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## Attention All Cruisers!

Unfortunately, we have not been able to put together the cruises that we wanted this year. Due to uninvited guests Florence and her date, Michael, we have decided to suspend cruising for the season. This decision was not reached lightly and is partly because we have received alerts to high bacterial counts in the Neuse and beyond, and were warned to "stay out of the water!" Likewise, we have decided NOT to hold the wrap-up party on November 10, as previously scheduled, as the club and clubhouse and facilities are not yet back together.

BUT stay tuned for next spring! Let's all go sailing! The current cruising committee will schedule an organizational meeting after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and notify all cruisers. Please think about a cruise you would like to lead so that you can talk about it at the meeting. Also think about how you might manage the cruising program if you were the Cruising Program leaders. See you at the organizational meeting at the beginning of the year.

Keep an eye on the Epitaph for cruising news early next year! See you on the water!!

Joni/Jim Floyd  
*Salty*

Andy/Sally Johnson  
*Encore*

Beth/John Hiner  
*Carolina Girl*



## New Members Howard & Margo

Howard Gutzeit and his wife Margo Fesperman have recently sold their house on Lake Norman and have moved to the New Bern area. They are not quite settled into their home, but they have a couple of sailboats and they are interested in joining the festivities at Blackbeard. They own an Island Packet 32, which is docked at Bridgepointe Marina, and a S-2 6.9 that is on a trailer. Howard is interested in a dry slip for the S-2.

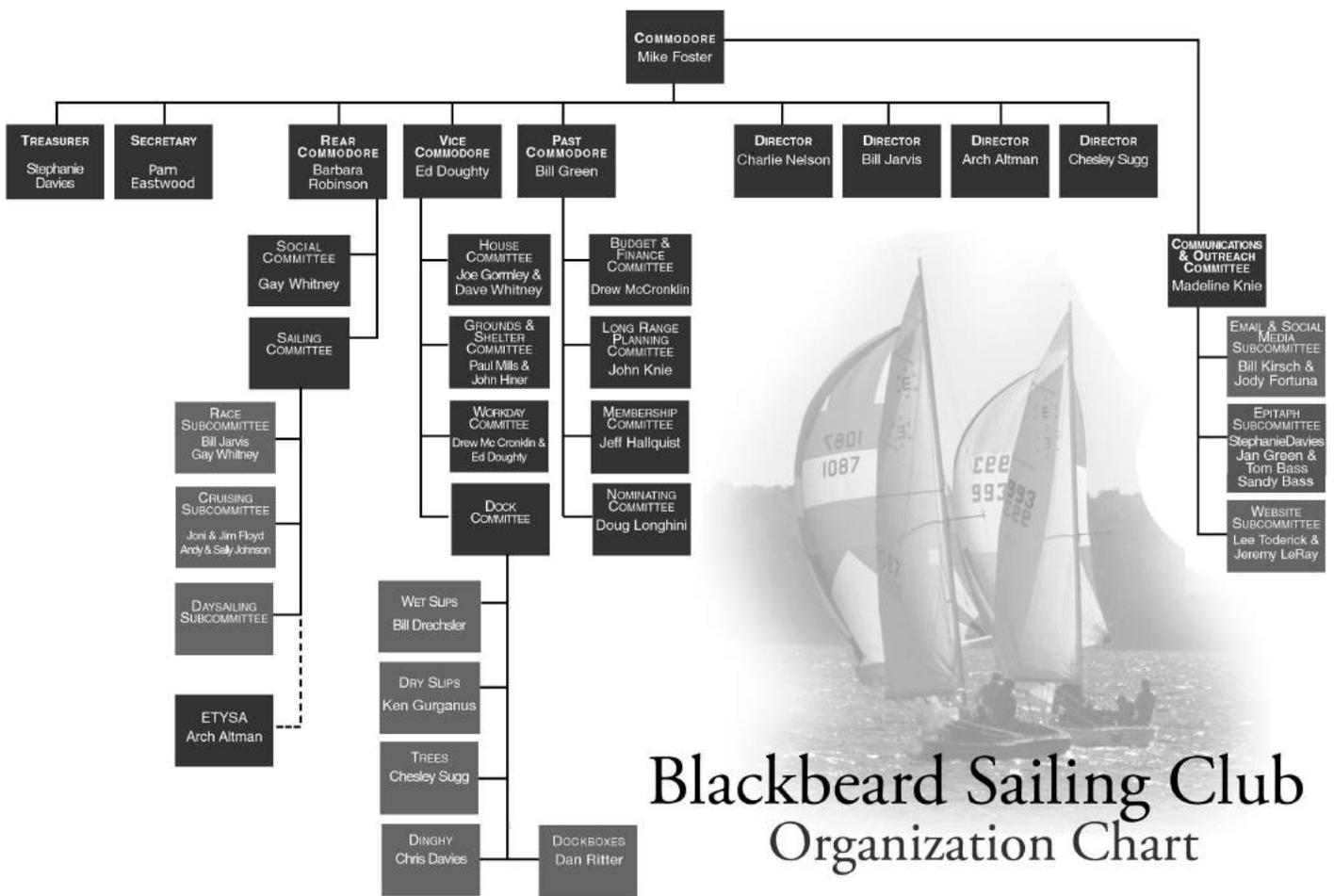
Howard grew up in Queens, NY and graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree from Brooklyn Polytechnic, which later merged with NYU. He owns his own business, Universal Tool & Gauge, where he designs tooling for race teams. Howard has been sailing for over 40 years and has recently returned from Nova Scotia where he and Margo sailed with friends for 3 weeks. They plan to participate in all aspects of sailing and the related activities at Blackbeard.

Howard's sponsors are Glenn Sikes and Dave Whitney.



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## Your 2018 Board of Directors and Committees



## Blackbeard Sailing Club Organization Chart

An enlarged copy of this chart has been placed in the Club House

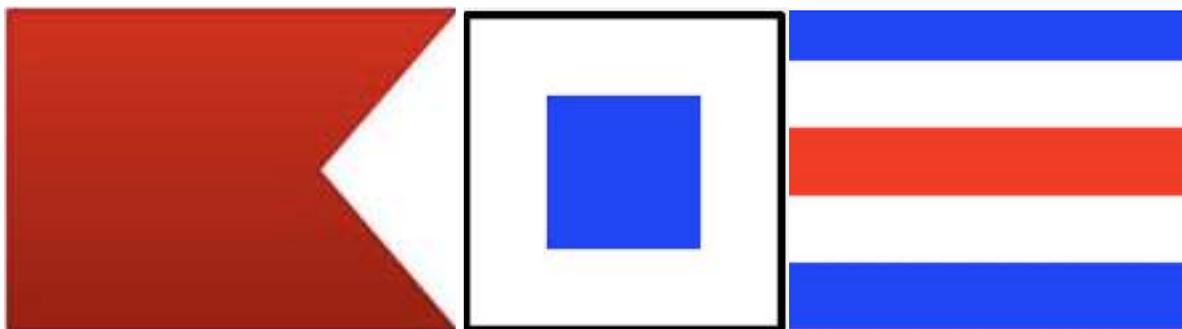
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## Race Calendar

2018 RACE SCHEDULE								Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee		8/1/18
Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location	
Nov 10	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 2 *	X	**	**			New Bern	
Nov 17	Sa	NYRA	FIt 8 - Turkey Trot		X	X			New Bern	
Nov 22	Th	-	THANKSGIVING						-	
Dec 1	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 3 *	X	**	**			New Bern	
Dec 15	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 4 *	X	**	**			New Bern	
Jan 1 '19	Tu	BSC	Fred Latham Regatta	X		X			New Bern	
Jan 1 '19	Tu	ODC	Instead of Football Regatta	X	**	**			Oriental	
Jan 5'19	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X	**	**			New Bern	
Jan 19	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 6 *	X	**	**			New Bern	
Jan 20	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race Makeup *	X	**	**			New Bern	
Feb 23	Sa	NYRA	Commodores Ball Regatta *	X	**	**			New Bern	

\* NYRA Boat of the Year Race    \*\* Ensigns and SJ-21's sail in PHRF Fleets    # ICRC Sailor of the Year Race (4 of 8)    P Protect

Ensign Fleet 19 Races:										
Sep 27	Th	FHYC	Ensign Fall Series Practice		X					New Bern
Nov 1	Th	FHYC	Ensign Fall Series R5		X					New Bern
Nov 8	Th	FHYC	Ensign Fall Series R6		X					New Bern
Nov 15	Th	FHYC	Ensign Fall Series R7 & Party		X					New Bern



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Be sure to visit the BSC website which is loaded with official information, current news, membership directory, slip information and much more.

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### Epitaph Submission Guideline

Submissions to the Epitaph are due by the 23rd of each month for the following month's publication. We welcome the membership's input including:

- stories and cruising articles
- how-to articles and other news
- committee reports
- racing news and reports
- photos in jpeg format
- event announcements and calendars

Please send all material to the Epitaph's editors at [bsceptaph@yahoo.com](mailto:bsceptaph@yahoo.com).

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