

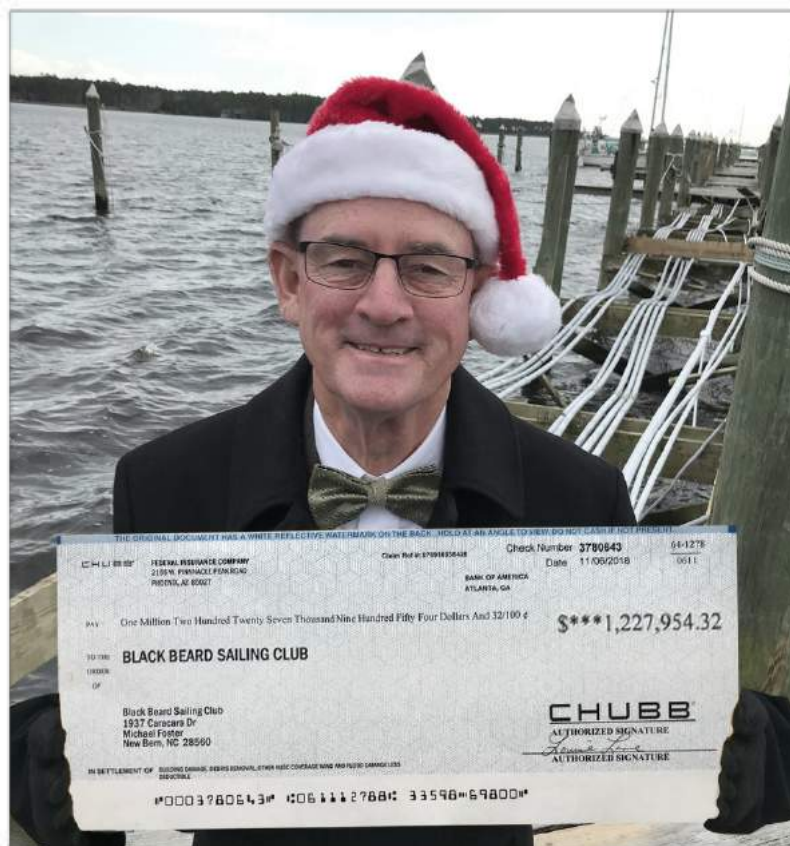


Blackbeard's Epitaph

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Save These Dates

December 1

NYRA Race #3

December 8

BOD Meeting @ 9:30AM

December 8

Dinner in a Bowl Christmas Social @ 5:30

December 15

NYRA Race #4

December 25

Merry Christmas

December 31

New Years Eve

January 1

Fred Latham Regatta

*"It's beginning to look
a lot like Christmas"*

From the Commodore

There are so many positive things to talk about! I will try to keep this short and to the point.

Success of Mini Workdays!

A BIG thank-you to all the volunteers who answered the call over these last 8+ weeks. The Mini Workdays were a huge success - all because you contributed! THANK YOU! To restoration master planner Dan Ritter, you did an awesome job Dan! A special thanks to the Ladies of BSC for feeding us all. Thank you Dawn, Joanne, Diane, Jan, Susan and their cast of helpers!

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From the Commodore

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As you can see from the picture above, BSC received full payment on our insurance claim from Chubb, **\$1,227,954.32!** Special thanks go to Treasurer Stephanie Davies, Bill Green, Doug Longhini and Bill Drechsler for their strong assistance in making this happen - from securing the policy, communications, insurance inspector visits, through negotiations - nice job!

The Docks and Finance Committees held two meetings for the current and incoming BOD to review the ongoing Dock Replacement Plan. The BOD then passed a motion to seek a bid from Cahoon Construction to fully replace C Dock in the same materials as used for A Dock. That is in process now. Once the bid is received, BSC will make a deposit and Cahoon will assign us a construction schedule. If we attempted to rehash this already approved plan, it would only delay our repairs, and could jeopardize replacement for who knows how long - perhaps mid-summer or longer. I think we can agree that long of a delay is unacceptable.

We have a plumbing bid in hand. Bill Drechsler has possibly found a local electrician who is experienced in marine installation. More about this as it develops. A pump-out station will be included in the C Dock construction. This will fulfill a commitment the BOD made to CAMA. Ken Gurganus, Ed Doughty, Ron Leo and others have repaired most of the fencing. Ken has just received the new gate closing equipment. Once electricity is operational, it will be installed.

For the first time ever, as provided for in the Slip Policy Guidelines, the BOD called for a Damage Assessment Committee to be formed. As Commodore, I requested members to serve; Jane Stavely, Mark Weinheimer, Ken Gurganus and Ron Leo consented. BIG thank you! The DAC reviewed the list of nine members identified as potentially having caused damage to BSC property. Each case was reviewed separately, and assigned a damage assessment based on the Chubb Insurance settlement document. In three cases, the DAC agreed cause could not reasonably be determined. Once damage assessment was assigned, the DAC took into consideration that members' insurance companies stated they would not pay claims to members because the damages to BSC were caused by "an act of God," and were not covered under members' liability. Further, the Guidelines state the assessments needed to be "fair and equitable." Considering those members had been paying for the Club's Dock Insurance Policy, and BSC received full payment to repair all the docks, the DAC agreed "fair and equitable" called for the assessments to be forgiven, in this instance. I applaud the careful consideration and decision made by the DAC. Thank you to the Committee for your thoughtful deliberations and conclusions.

The FH Ensign Fleet held awards at BSC the evening of November 15. We had lights from generators provided by Drew McCrocklin and Bill Green. Thanks, guys! It was amazing to see the Clubhouse lit again! It is time for BSC to return to normalcy, as much as possible. A BIG part of that is returning a Social Life to our Club. A large thank-you to Jan Green for organizing a Chili/Soup Bowl Social on December 8th! I hope to see the BSC Clubhouse full of members!

As we become an even better sailing club...Happy Holidays! *Mike.*

Notice to Wet Slip Holders: Freezing Weather Ahead!



As you are undoubtedly aware, restoring our electric power to the clubhouse and docks continues to be a dilemma. At this time, we are continuing our search to find a qualified electrical contractor who will at least quote prices and commit to an acceptable starting date for our project. We have had some limited success in restoring temporary power to the clubhouse.

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The docks however, are a more difficult issue because of the extent of damage to our entire electrical system as a result of Hurricane Florence. Therefore, members in wet slips should be prepared for freezing conditions for this entire winter season.

The BoatUS "Winterizing Checklist" below may be a handy reminder for preparing your boat for this winter. Looking forward, I am not positive that we will have power restored to the docks in the near term. If that changes, you will be informed of any updates as work progresses.

Bill Drechsler



WINTERIZING CHECKLIST

Boat's Name: _____ Length: _____ Model: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ENGINE ROOM

ENGINE(S)

- ☐ Fill fuel tanks and add stabilizer to gasoline
- ☐ Change oil and filter
- ☐ Change fuel filters/separators in engine(s)
- ☐ Check coolant level in freshwater-cooling system and add coolant if necessary
- ☐ Run antifreeze through raw-water-cooling system
- ☐ Make sure water strainers are filled with antifreeze
- ☐ Fog cylinders in gasoline engines
- ☐ Top up battery electrolyte level and put batteries on marine charger

INSTALLED GENERATOR

- ☐ Change oil and filter
- ☐ Change fuel filters/separators
- ☐ Check coolant level in freshwater-cooling system and add coolant if necessary
- ☐ Run antifreeze through raw-water-cooling system
- ☐ Make sure water strainers are filled with antifreeze

OTHER SYSTEMS

- ☐ Flush and fill air conditioning system with antifreeze
- ☐ Run antifreeze through watermaker and pickle as per owner's manual

OUTBOARDS

- ☐ Fill installed fuel tanks and add stabilizer
- ☐ Turn off fuel supply and fog while running
- ☐ Drain gear case and add fresh lubricant
- ☐ Flush engine with muffs and fresh water
- ☐ Store unit in lowest position
- ☐ Inspect/replace anodes
- ☐ Empty fuel from portable tanks into car tank and take them home for storage

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Weather Unkind to Ensigns

By Mark Brennesholtz

Our gal Florence caused cancellation of the first two Fall Ensign race dates and just plain nasty weather caused cancellation of the last three. The two dates in the middle were very nice however, and a break from cleanup and reconstruction. Five Ensigns made it to the line, three of them for all six races plus *Raptor* and *Iduna* for one day each.

At the end of six races (the whole Fall season) there was a three-way tie for first. Bill Kirsch in *Zip*, Drew McCrocklin in *Red Stripe*, and Mark, Mark, Mary and Jerry in *Blue Note* all finished with two firsts, two seconds and two thirds! It's a lousy way to end the season and the year, but on the second tie-breaker, *Blue Note* won the Fall Series by taking first in the last race. *Zip* was second, and *Red Stripe* was third. To top it off, *Blue Note* was also the 2018 Fleet 19 champion by virtue of winning the Spring Series by two points in the last race. The Ensign fleet is really competitive.

Susan and Drew McCrocklin hosted the awards social for 40 sailors in the Blackbeard clubhouse with beer, wine and (mostly cold - no power yet) heavy munchies. Awards were presented (including to George Sechrist for top Sunfish). The intrepid RC work of Bill (PRO) and Jan Green, Jackie Moniak, Sue McCrocklin and Doug Longhini made the Fall races possible (sorry I don't have a complete list).

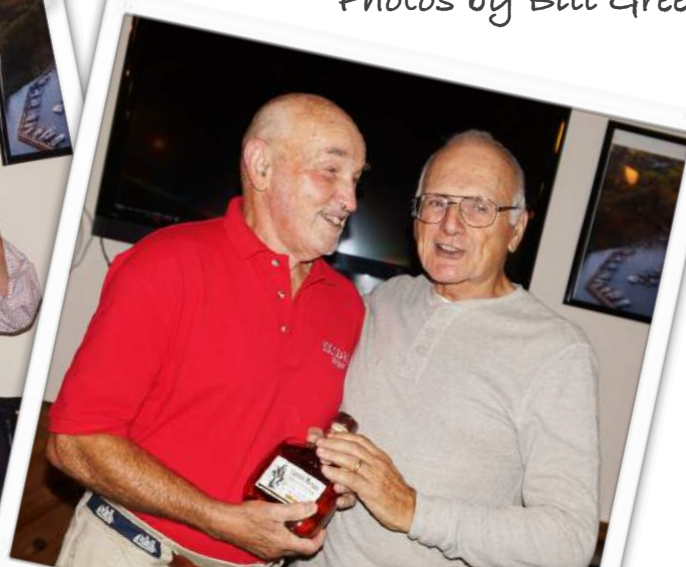
Ensign Fleet 19 promises no hurricanes for the Spring Series 2019 beginning in late March. Let's get back to at least seven on the water!



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Weather Unkind to Ensigns

Photos by Bill Green



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Please Join Us

Saturday, December 8 for

Blackbeard's Potluck Social

"Dinner in a Bowl"

Bring Your Favorite Soup, Chili,
Stew or.....to Share

BSC will provide bread/rolls, butter
and dessert!

Please bring your own beverage

Social 5:30 - Dinner at 6:00

To ensure we set up enough tables, please
RSVP to Jan Green

jgreen3@suddenlink.net

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New Dock Boxes

By Jim & Joni Floyd

As has been rumored, the Board has authorized an order for new dock boxes. SunCast will be the provider, as the Board has been pleased with the quality of their products. Even though the vast majority of our boxes came apart, they were re-assembled fairly easily.

Under consideration at this time are a 99 and a 127-gallon capacity box, with prices ranging from \$100 to \$150. If you are interested, visit Sun-cast.com to see the particulars.

If you want to order a new dock box, please respond to Jim/Joni Floyd using the contact information below. Be sure to indicate your preference for either the 99 or 127-gallon type. Once we have a headcount, we will contact SunCast to negotiate a price. Then, the members who have expressed interest will be contacted and asked to confirm their order. At the time of ordering, the member's BSC account will be charged - but not until confirmation has been received.

Please call if you have any questions! By the way, we were able to reassemble our box and are happy with the result!

Jim & Joni Floyd

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BSC Insurance Note to Members

In talking with Progressive Insurance about my boat and what they would cover, I learned some interesting things.

When I purchased my insurance I gave my agent a copy of the Dock Policy and told him I needed a minimum of \$300,000 in liability coverage. I thought we had that covered with Progressive.

After Florence, when I contacted Progressive about my claim, the representative told me that they would cover damage to my boat but any other damage would not be covered because the hurricane was a natural disaster and no one's fault.

I encourage you to read your policy carefully to be sure you understand your coverage, and make adjustments if needed.

Janet Harrison

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BSC Email Google Group - Join Now!

Currently, Blackbeard Google Group users have the ability to reach out to more than 100 club members using just one email address - Blackbeard-sailing-club-email@googlegroups.com.

Initial invitations were sent out in July to the email addresses of more than 300 members. At that time, about 60 people chose to opt-in. We have reissued the invitation twice since then and almost doubled that number. Currently 115 members have opted in.

The more members we include in this group, the more effective it will become as a communication tool for BSC.

If you're looking to buy or sell a sailing item, from a boat to a batten, you can reach the Blackbeard audience with one email address.

Because power to the docks will be unavailable for the next several months, I recently created a Discussion Thread about installing solar panels. You can visit this Discussion to learn more about solar power, or to ask your own questions at our Google Group Forum online at <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/blackbeard-sailing-club-email>

There are any number of uses for this new service, and as we grow closer to including all of Blackbeard's membership, it will prove to be even more valuable. Until that time, please remember that a **Blackbeard Email Blast** is the best way to reach the entire club membership.

If you haven't opted in yet, please do so now. After this is published, I will send out a new round of invitations. Those invitations automatically expire after 14 days. Please search your spam filter if you don't find one in your Inbox. Or, you can email pdale45@gmail.com and request to be included.

No, you don't have to have a Gmail address to use this service but you must have a **Google account to post messages**. To create a new Google account and use your existing email address, please click [here](#).

So, if you haven't joined us yet, get with the program! You'll be glad you did.

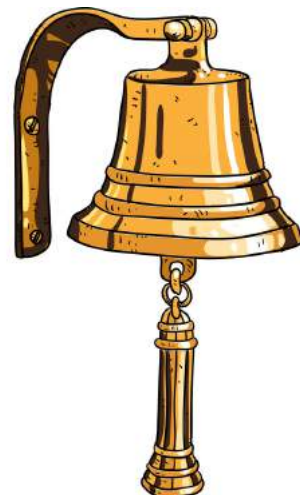
Paul Dale

BSC Google Group Admin



Memorial

Blackbeard Sailing Club has a rich tradition of remembering the past and present members who passed away during the year. Their names are inscribed on the Memorial Plaque hung near the other awards. The Committee works in fear of forgetting someone. If you know of someone who died in 2018, who was a member, please let a BSC board member, know so members can be remembered. Thank you!



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Progress at BSC



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Blunder Bucket!

It's that time of year again! No, not Christmas. It's time to start thinking about your nominees for Blackbeard Sailing Club's most prestigious award - the infamous Blunder Bucket!

Please send your nominees to Commodore Mike Foster, or any member of the Board. And, feel free to include pictures!



Race Calendar

2018 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

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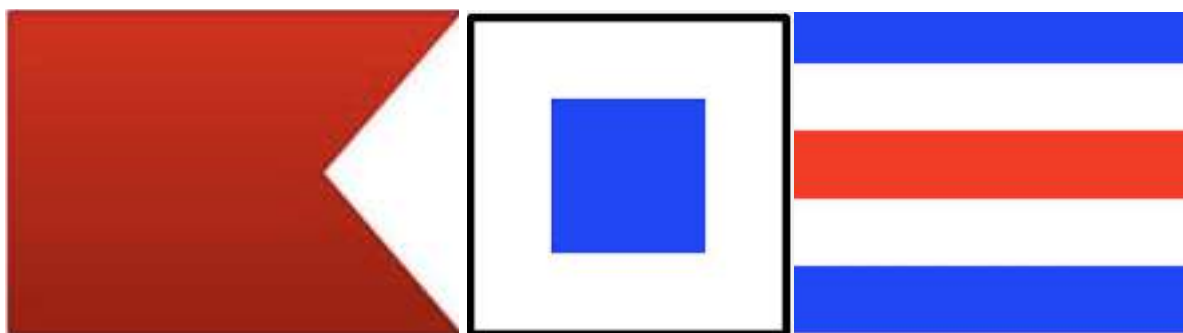
Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
Dec 1	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 3 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Dec 15	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 4 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 1 '19	Tu	BSC	Fred Latham Regatta	X		X			New Bern
Jan 1 '19	Tu	ODC	Instead of Football Regatta	X	**	**			Oriental
Jan 5 '19	Sa	NYRA	Winter 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)

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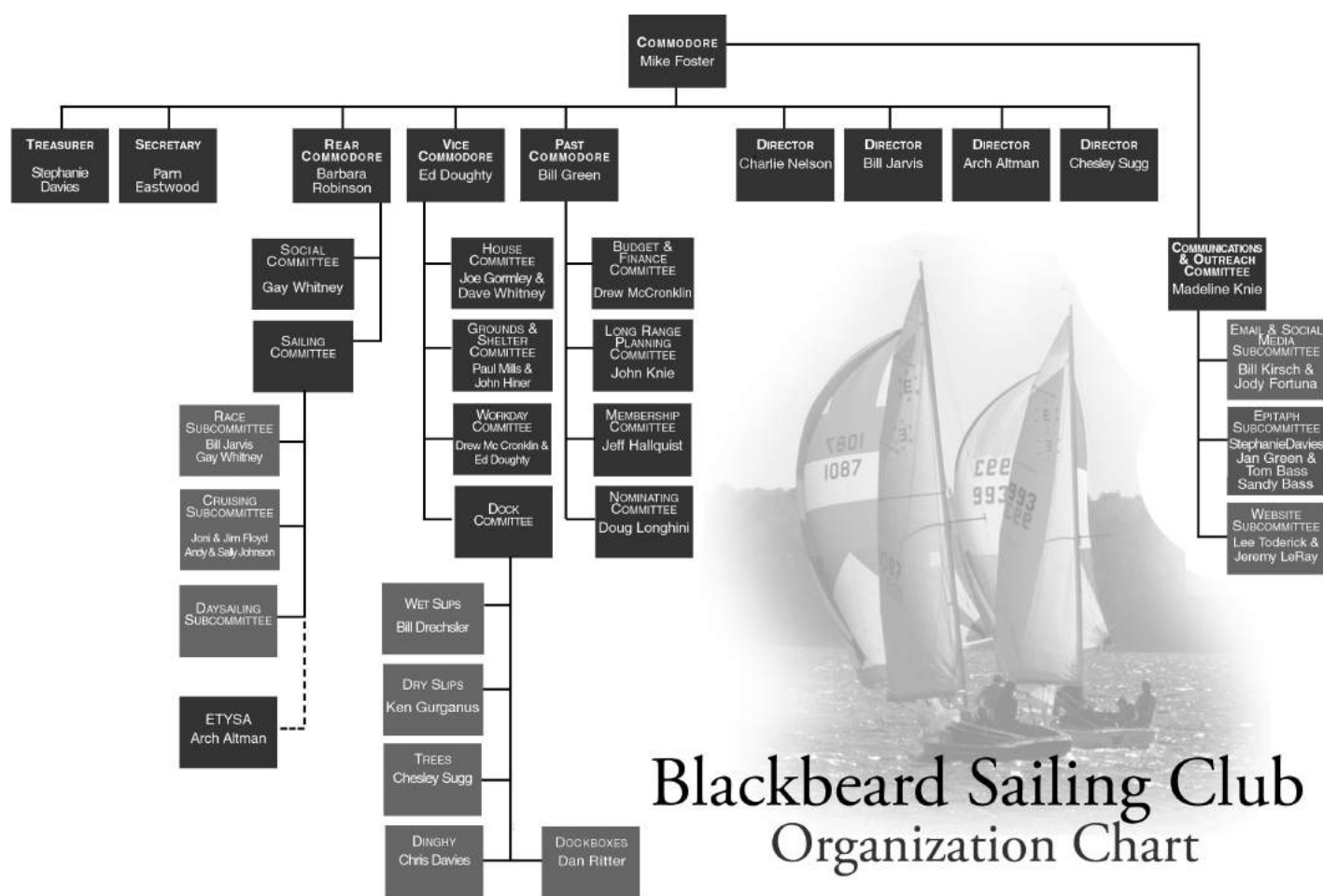


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Your 2018 Board of Directors and Committees



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

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Tom & Sandy Bass, Jan Green and
Stephanie Davies

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 bscepitaph@yahoo.com.

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