



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

Happy Holidays! What a special time of friends, family and food. I hope you all are enjoying the season!

Just a few things to report: The fire suppression system is finished, and so is the pump-out station! Another thanks to Bill Drechsler for staying on this project to the end. Well done. Going forward, we have plans to spread fill dirt over the area that was dug up, smooth it off, and then let Mother Nature bring back the natural forest floor covering. Some pine needles may be needed, but we'll see. The harbor dredge material will be used, and Ed is arranging an end loader rental for this purpose. We also have permission to use some of the piles of sand material the FFH POA has near our entrance. Thanks to Bill D, Ron Leo and Tom Thompson for connecting and testing the pump-out station. As usual, there is a story...we're just glad it works!

Save These Dates

December 1

Deck the Halls @ 2PM

December 7

BOD @ 9:30AM

December 7

Christmas Pot Luck @ 5PM

December 14

NYRA Winter Series #4

January 1

48th Annual Fred Latham Regatta

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From the Commodore

The card reader at the gate has been returned to service. Thanks to Drew and Bill G for staying with this rather obstinate project. The code you were given is working. Also, Drew has the Wi-Fi to both C and B Docks up and running. Excellent! We now have total wireless service across the harbor!

Winterization of the pump room was completed by Dan Ritter. Foam sections were cut and fitted over the vents we installed. The heater should keep things from freezing during cold nights. Big thanks, Dan!

Change of Command: This is my final Epitaph message as Commodore. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Commodore of Blackbeard Sailing Club. Thank you all for your support and willingness to step forward to chair committees, projects, and for volunteering your time to make BSC...

Better Than Before! Huzzah!

Mike.

Manatee at BSC

I was walking down A Dock when Bob Petritsch was returning in his duck boat. I thought I'd go over and see if I could help him retrieve it. Bob was waving, animated and calling to me while pointing into the water. Then I heard him say, "Manatee!" I saw some movement in the water and walked out on the launching dock. There it was! I quickly produced my phone camera and started recording. Bob called Drew and Bill G who were working at the gate to come see this. Tom Thompson came off his boat.



Bill Green clapping his hands to attract the manatee. Who knew Bill was a Manatee Whisperer!



Link to Video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/5nn6qup7etefqf4/manatee.mov?dl=0>

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Orphan's Thanksgiving

By Jan Green

Several years ago when Bill and I wanted a traditional Thanksgiving feast but didn't have any family close by to share the holiday with, we decided to invite members of our Blackbeard family in the same situation to join us, and thus Orphan's Thanksgiving was born! In the last few years, we have also had young marines from Camp LeJeune join in our celebration.

Thank you to Bob Petritsch and Walt Meyer for taking the marines fishing and for a tour of our local waters. And thank you to all the Blackbeard members who made this a special day again this year!



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Mark Your Calendar!



Blackbeard Sailing Club

Cordially Invites You to Our

HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY

December 7, 2019

Libations begin at 5:00

For your last-minute gift buying, The Ship's Store will be open
Members with gift items for sale are invited to bring their wares
So bring your wallet!

Dinner at 6:00

Festive attire is encouraged!

Attendance is limited to 85 people
RSVP by December 5 to Shirley Thobe

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Some Traditional Sailor's Tattoos

Anchor: Originally indicated a mariner who had crossed the Atlantic. In the present day, an anchor in one form or another may be the first nautical tattoo a young Sailor acquires (often during his or her first liberty from boot camp) and is essentially an initiation rite into the naval service.

Braided rope/line: Usually placed around left wrist; it indicates a deck division seaman.

Chinese/Asian dragon: Symbolizes luck and strength—originated in the pre-World War II Asiatic Fleet and usually indicated service in China. Much later, dragons came to symbolize WESTPAC service in general (also worn embroidered or as patches inside jumper cuffs and on cruise jackets).

Compass rose or nautical star: Worn so that a Sailor will always find his/her way back to port.

Crossed anchors: Often placed on the web between left thumb and forefinger; it indicates a boatswain's mate or boatswain (U.S. Navy rating badge).

Crossed ship's cannon or guns: Signify naval vice-merchant service; sometimes in combination with a U.S. Navy-specific or patriotic motif.

Crosses: In many variations—worn as a sign of faith or talisman. When placed on the soles of the feet, crosses were thought to repel sharks.

Dagger piercing a heart: Often combined with the motto "Death Before Dishonor"—symbolizes the end of a relationship due to unfaithfulness.

Full-rigged ship: In commemoration of rounding Cape Horn (antiquated).

Golden Dragon: Indicated crossing the International Dateline into the "realm of the golden dragon" (Asia).

"Hold Fast" or "Shipmate": Tattooed across knuckles of both hands so that the phrases can be read from left to right by someone standing opposite. Originally it was thought to give a seaman a firm grip on a ship's rigging.

Hula girl and/or palm tree: On occasion, hula girls would be rendered in a risqué fashion; both tattoos indicated service in Hawaii.

Pig and rooster: This combination—pig on top of the left foot, rooster on top of the right—was thought to prevent drowning. The superstition likely hearkens back to the age of sail, when livestock was carried onboard ship. If a ship was lost, pigs and roosters—in or on their crates—floated free.

Shellback turtle: Indicates that a Sailor has crossed the equator. "Crossing the line" is also indicated by a variety of other themes, such as fancifully rendered geo-coordinates, King Neptune, mermaids, etc.

Ships' propellers (screws): A more extreme form of Sailors' body art: One large propeller is tattooed on each buttock ("twin screws") to keep the bearer afloat and propel him or her back to home and loved ones.

Sombrero: Often shown worn by a girl. May have indicated service on ships homeported in San Pedro (Terminal Island, Los Angeles) or San Diego prior to World War II, a liberty taken in Tijuana, or participation in interwar Central and South American cruises.

Swallow: Each rendition originally symbolized 5,000 nautical miles underway; swallows were and still are displayed in various poses, often in combination with a U.S. Navy-specific motif or sweetheart's/spouse's name.

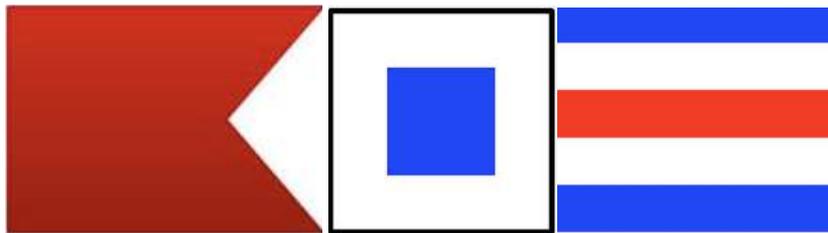
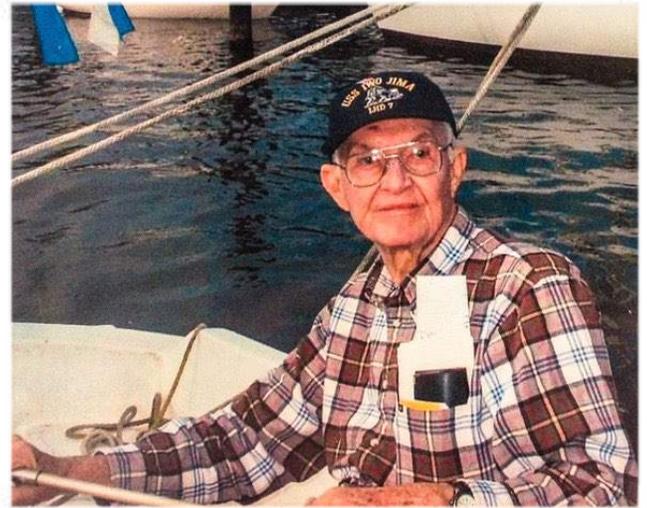


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48th Fred Latham Memorial Regatta

by Doug Longhini

Blackbeard Sailing Club and San Juan 21 Fleet 8 cordially invites all San Juan 21 and cruising sailboats to attend the 2020 Fred Latham (Memorial) Regatta. This would have been Fred's 48th year of San Juan 21 "Mad Mama" sailing (part of which is on display at BSC) on each and every New Year's day from 1973 to 2020. This is also the 50th anniversary of the SJ 21 making its debut at the Seattle Washington Boat Show. Come join us in celebrating New Year's Day, and annual rededicating of the "Mad Mama" transom. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are now available on line at the BSC website. Please register early so plans can be made. Volunteers for shore side or on the water are always welcome. Contact Doug Longhini at ncsailor47@yahoo.com with any questions.



Blast from the Past!

by Bill Green

We're all familiar with well-worn clichés about the passage of time: *time marches on*; *tempus fugit* (that one's for Latin geeks, all of whom read the *Epitaph* for its classical, editorial style); and *time flies when you're having fun*. My favorite is, *You can't leave footprints in the sands of time if you're sitting on your butt - and who wants to leave butt prints in the sands of time?*

Last month we published an old *Epitaph*, from December 1974. We learned from it that BSC had made a firm offer to purchase land on which to build a clubhouse, docks and a launch ramp, and that plans were being developed to finance the project with a combination of long-term memberships and a bank loan. This month we're jumping ahead eleven months to November 1975. Had our Club made progress? Or were we sitting around making butt prints between December '74 and November '75?

When you read the *Epitaph* from November 1975, you'll clearly see that BSC was making footprints, not butt prints! Although there's no straightforward "here's what we accomplished" article, I invite you to read between the lines. You'll find phrases like, "due to tremendous growth in membership ... include additional parking and storage," "wire has been pulled to the pier for additional lights" and "quarterly slip fees are due on 12-1-75." Yes, Blackbeard Sailing Club had purchased its first parcel of land and built its first dock! I'd say those were footprints, wouldn't you?

I hope you enjoy.

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NEW BERN, N.C.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Annual meetings, elections, and trophy presentations have been dominating the sailing scene lately. Blackbeard Sailing Club, Ltd., held its meeting last week, and new officers were introduced. Walter Wood will be filling the post of Commodore, with Mike Beharry serving as Vice-Commodore; Paula Hodge as Secretary, and Audrey Jefferay as Treasurer for the coming year. The Installation Dinner will be held at the New Bern Golf and Country Club on Saturday evening, December 6th. Outgoing Commodore, Jerry Williams, summarized the past year's activities and presented an update on plans to expand the present club site. Due to a tremendous growth in membership over the past year, future aspirations include additional parking and storage facilities.

SAN JUAN FLEET

All area San Juan owners are invited to join Fleet No. 8 at the annual San Juan 21 meeting being held at Treasure Cove on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a dinner meeting, and reservations may be made through Greg Wilkinson. The San Juan fleet has enjoyed a busy year and much credit for the success of local "one-design" racing goes to those who skipper the SJ21's.

ANNUAL BANQUET

Mark your calander for our annual banquet scheduled Dec. 6th. at the New Bern Golf and Country Club.

This event is always a highlight of the year featuring awards and installation of officers. There will be a charge of \$10.00 per person. You may plan on paying at the door. Please make your reservations by Dec. 2nd. by calling Lee Wood at 637-5925.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Wire has now been pulled into the pier for additional lights which should be connected shortly.

QUARTERLY SLIP RENTALS ARE DUE ON 12-1-75.

Left on the Dock- 70'- $\frac{1}{2}$ " nylon line; one boat fender; If found please return to Jerry Holt at 527-4817.

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RACING NEWS

The final race weekend for the fall series was held Nov. 1st. and 2nd. coinciding with the San Juan class championships. Weather for the races was clear skys and very light to non-existant winds.

The cruising class saw Walt Wood in his Columbia 34 take first place for the weekend and Al Howard in his Erikson 27 taking second.

In the swing keel class Vi Nolan in her Venture 24 took first place with Dave Kingsley in his Catalina 22 taking second and Mark Rauch finishing in third place in his Venture of Newport.

In the San Juan championships Nelson Hall finished first, Fred Latham second and Tom Ipock third. Final results of the fall series are listed below (skippers sailing 50% of the races).

FORCE 5

Mike Beharry	31½
Charles Marr	34
Doug King	48-3/4
Jim Tingle	83

SUNFISH

Mark Marr	11½
Bill Barfield Jr.	37
Chris Wood	44
Randy Francie	86
Mark Wood	86

SAN JUAN A

Fred Latham	6
Hal Loveless	15-3/4
Bill McClure	23

SAN JUAN B

Tom Ipock	16½
Nelson Hall	20¼
Greg Wilkson	20½
John Harper	27-3/4
Shelby Freeman	37¼
Jerry Williams	39-3/4
Bill Jefferay	44
Mel Lawson	50½
Jerry Holt	54
Bob Hern	59

CRUISING

Walt Wood
Al Howard

There are no results for the Swing-keel or the HANDICAP at this time. Trophys for the fall series will be awarded at the Christmas dinner. The Frost-bite Series races will be on the Sunday afternoons of Nov.16, Dec. 4, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15 starting at 1:00 from a starting line off the club pier. Instructions will be given at the starting line. Two divisions will race; a large boat handicap fleet, and a small boat handicap fleet. Both fleets will sail under the Portsmouth numbers handicap system.



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NOVEMBER 29 *SAVE THE DAY*

The club will have a bar-be-que dinner November 29 (the Saturday after Thanksgiving). A pig has been donated by David Millns for the event and will be cooked at the club. We feel sure that each family has a favorite dish or two that they would like to bring and share with the other members. Let's plan to eat at 2 P.M. Our club has had an extremely productive and bountiful year, so let's make this our own Thanksgiving celebration.

The pig will be cooked open pit style at the club starting Friday night. This will give all members a chance to come by and join in the fun. If you can play guitar, harmonica or hi-fi, sing a song tell a tall tale or tilt a jug then come around and do your thing; an audience is guaranteed as the cook or the pig can't leave.

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YACHT SHOP

1972 COLUMBIA 26- Fully race equiped. 9.8 Mercury. \$12,000. Steve Clary at 638-6201.

OLYMPIC SUNFISH- 1974 model. Excellent condition. \$500. Drew Pledger at 633-4171.

SJ21- 130% GENOA- \$150. SJ21 wisker spinnaker pole- \$40.00 Both new condition. Dave Kingsley at 919-292-4231.

FORCE FIVE- with Fleet Cap'n trailer. #880- \$900.00 or best offer. Allen Stiles at 919-734-8715.

SJ21- '74, trailer, 4hp. Merc., genoa generously equiped, \$5,000 or best offer. B. Daniels, 787-8729

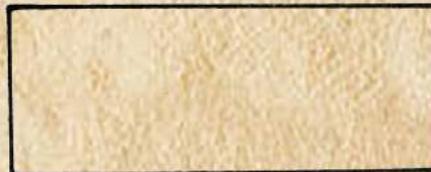
SUNFISH and FORCE FIVE- 1974-both in excellent condition. Charles Marr at 638-2846.

MORGAN 22- Excellent condition. Can be seen at BSC. Charles Sharpe at 477-1360. (Durham)

VENTURE 23- Newport classic, well equiped cruising boat. One yr. old. Mark Rauch at 637-6021.

WORK DINGY- \$25.00. Call Jerry 633-1574

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NC-PHRF Handicap Committee

by Mark Brennesholtz



Many of you probably wonder how different types of boats can compete against each other on a “level playing field.” The answer, as in golf, is a handicap system. Unlike golf however, handicaps are based upon the boat and equipment, not the skipper and crew.

The US Sailing Association in Newport, RI, formally recognizes some 30 committees around the nation to rate boats. They have slightly different ratings in many areas due to prevalent racing conditions. Boats in North Carolina race in similar conditions as the Chesapeake Bay, but very different from windy San Francisco Bay.

PHRF stands for Performance Handicap Racing Fleet, and is the most commonly used system in the US. NC-PHRF is administered by a committee of eight representatives of nine sailing clubs in eastern North Carolina extending to Lake Norman and the Virginia and South Carolina borders. I am Blackbeard Sailing Club’s representative on that committee and have been since 2001.

The NC-PHRF Committee has a huge amount of national data to analyze when assigning race ratings. In addition, we can and do assign allowances for smaller sails than “normal,” fixed propellers and roller furling gear. Hulls are assumed to be clean and sails in good condition. Some oversized sails are penalized.

In addition, we receive and hear rating appeals from boats that can provide justification to have their ratings (or other ratings) changed. Our objective is to be fair, and to promote fair racing.

NC-PHRF has a good website at www.ncphrf.com that has the base ratings of all 600 or so boat types we have rated over nearly 30 years, plus ratings of current members. It also has the names and contact information of Committee members, our meeting minutes and rules. We encourage local regattas to require NC-PHRF rating certificates for their events. At \$15 for one year and \$40 for three, the cost is minimal. The simple application form is available on the website.

As your representative on the committee, you should forward your applications and questions to me to submit to the group. My email is markbrenn@ec.rr.com and phone is 252-354-5853.

I hope to see you out on the race course. Remember, racing improves your sailing and cruising skills.



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Ensign Fall Season is a Wrap

by Mark Brennesholtz

Despite losing four out of seven race dates this fall, Ensign Fleet 19 still got in nine quality races in the fall series. *Red Stripe* should change her name to *Ms Consistency* since she scored only firsts and seconds after a throwout of a third! We in *Blue Note* were hoping for at least one race on November 7th so we could dump a low score and keep up, but the day was glassy. After drifting for a couple of hours (at anchor because of the current), PRO Jarvis called it a day.

The awards dinner was at the clubhouse that evening and we all enjoyed a wonderful spread. Dave Whitney, as Fleet Captain, kept the awards ceremony blissfully brief. *Red Stripe* took the trophy bottle of rum home...or did they? *Blue Note*, by means of a big lead in the Spring Series, took the slightly tarnished perpetual silver bowl home again when series scores were combined.

Even though *Stripe* and *Blue* were leaders at the end, it should be noted that there were six different winners in the nine fall races. Interested in joining an active and competitive one design fleet? Contact Dave Whitney, me, or any Ensign sailor. Spring and Fall Series races are held on Thursday afternoons, and some of us also race in PHRF races on weekends.



"*Red Stripe* crew Bob Petritsch, Drew McCrocklin, Paul Eckenroth, and Buddy Dillinger receiving from Dave the "trophy" for winning the Ensign Fall Series. *Stripe* scored no finish lower than second! (B. Green photo)"



"*Blue Note* crew Mark and Mary Hittner, Jerry Rezab and Mark Brennesholtz reclaim the silver bowl for the annual combined score championship of Ensign Fleet 19. Dave Whitney does the honors (B. Green photo)"



"Stephanie Davies receives an award (possibly an intoxicating beverage?) for her serious efforts to recruit crews for the Ensign Spring and Fall Series (B. Green photo)"

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Dock WiFi Upgrade & Camera 3

by Drew McCrocklin

The new wireless bridges are now functional to two locations in the marina, the power pier on C Dock and the power pier on B Dock. The stations have been renamed by request to reflect their new location. They are now called BSC C Dock WiFi and BSC B Dock WiFi. You may need to select the stations on your device the first time you access them. The stations do not need a password as before. Simple testing indicates that you should be able to receive both throughout the marina though distance and local obstructions will likely make one station faster for you than the other. Feel free to use whichever has the best signal for you. As always, let me know if you have issues or problems using the WiFi system.

As part of the dock WiFi upgrade, I have added a third camera viewing the grounds and docks. It starts where the camera covering C Dock leaves off and continues around to cover the picnic shelter and the docks and fairways in between. It has a wider angle lens so it covers more, but at a further distance. The three cameras now cover most of the actively used grounds at the club. Let me know if you have any issues accessing the jpeg snapshots it stores on dropbox. Please use the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/edhknu2d3wtu0pa/BSC3.jpg?dl=0>



B Dock



C Dock

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2019 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

12/1/19

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
Dec 14	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 4 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 1 '20	We	BSC	Fred Latham Regatta	X	X	X			New Bern
Jan 1 '20	We	ODC	Instead of Football Regatta	X	**	**			Oriental
Jan 4'20	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 18'20	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 6 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 19'20	Su	NYRA	Winter Race Makeup *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 22'20	Sa	NYRA	Commodores Ball Regatta *	X	**	**			New Bern

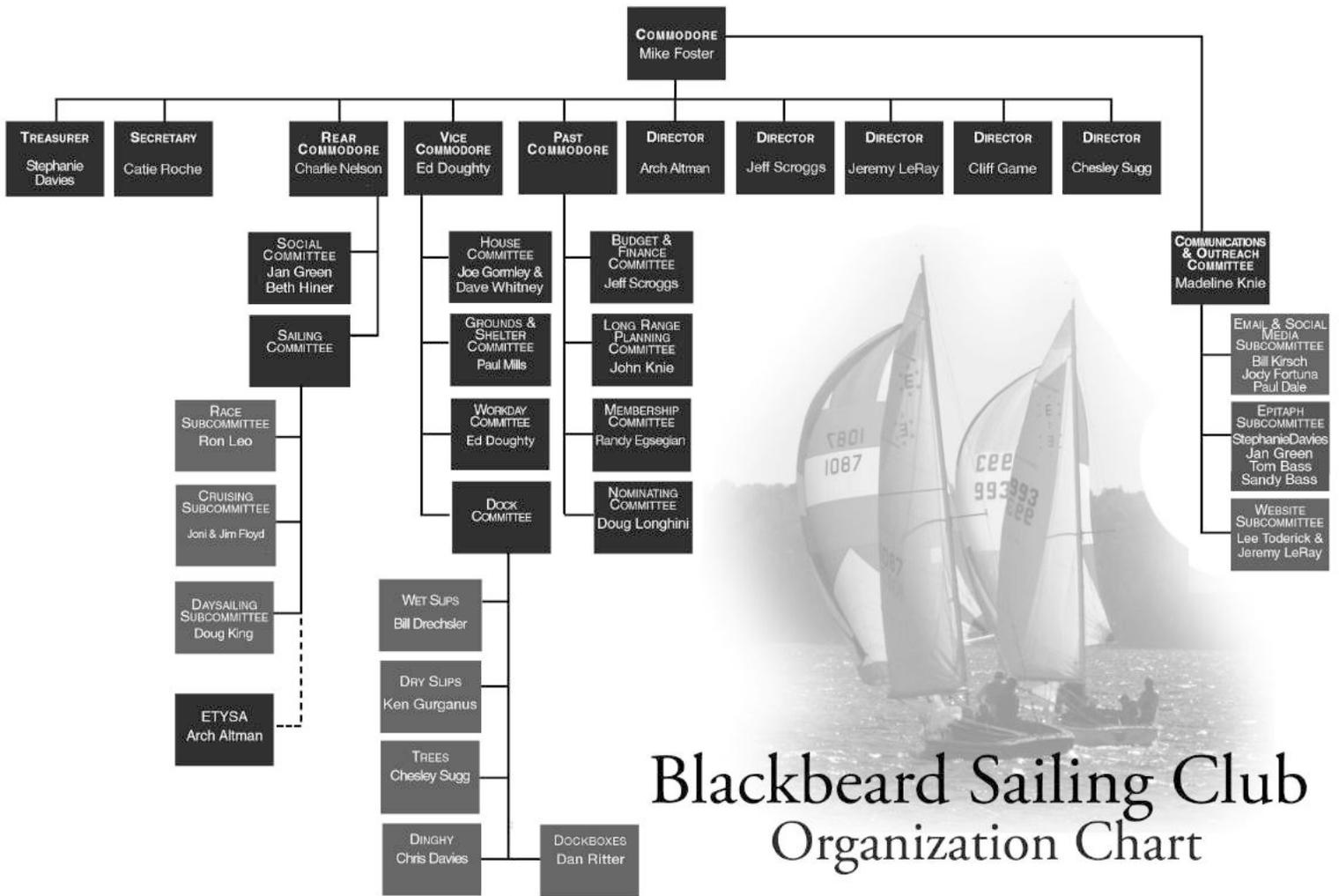
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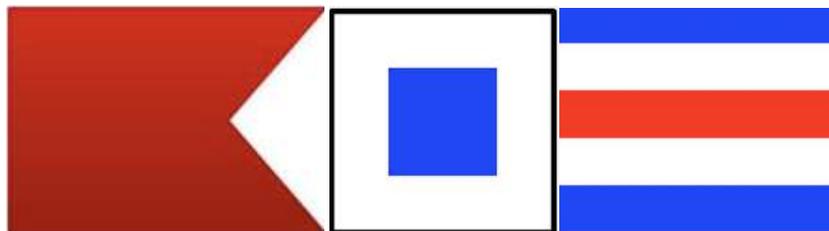
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Your 2019 Board of Directors and Committees



Blackbeard Sailing Club Organization Chart



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

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Tom & Sandy Bass, Jan Green and
Stephanie Davies

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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



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