



# Blackbeard's Epitaph

## Blackbeard Sailing Club

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## From the Commodore

***Congrats to the newly elected BSC Board of Directors and Officers for 2020! Thank you for stepping forward; may your vision for the future of BSC truly be 2020!***

Workday was a very successful day at BSC. Thanks to Joanne Doughty and her crew from the LOTC! Thanks to Terry Hanchey, George Hall, Charlie Batchelor and Billie Starr for the tasty pork! Thanks to Doug & Holly Grintz and family for the great BBQ chicken! Thanks to Ed Doughty, Joe Gormley and Richard Schott for putting together the list of tasks, and to seeing them completed! Well done! BIG thanks to all the members that came and worked! You accomplished so much. Plus, thanks to those members that made the special effort to follow-up, requested a task and completed it. That is the spirit of Blackbeard Sailing Club!

### Save These Dates

November 2

BOD @ 1PM

November 2

Annual General Meeting @ 5PM

November 7

Ensign Winter Series #7 & Party

November 9

NYRA Winter Series #2

November 16

Turkey Trot

November 30

NYRA Winter Series #3

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## From the Commodore

Wi-fi is down currently on the docks. There is a plan to go wireless in the near future; more as this happens. The plumbing is still being completed, so we need to wait to repair the construction areas until it's finished. Much of the electrical is finished, although a few things remain, and we are adding some improvement projects to this list. Thanks.

I hate to have to say this but, if you eat at the table in the Clubhouse, wipe down the table! It's your responsibility, not the Monday morning cleaning crews.

Changes will be coming for the entrance gate to BSC. The entire system has now been replaced: the sensor under the road, new wires were pulled, a new touch pad and card reader installed. Your current card still works. In the near future, new cards will be ordered and distributed. It has been several years since we changed them. BIG thanks to Kenny Gurganus, Drew McCrocklin and Bill Green for their efforts on this project!

Please keep in mind the self-help nature of BSC. We have no paid staff. If you see something that needs attention, contact the appropriate Committee Chair or Commodore. It's always good to bring along a willingness to fix the issue, and some suggestions on when and how.

Keep the spirit of BSC strong! Best,

*Mike.*

## Boats Returning to "C" Dock



Captain Archer Returns!



*Recycle*

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Annual General Membership Meeting

Annual General Meeting This Saturday

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Blackbeard Sailing Club's  
Annual General Meeting &  
Potluck Social

Election results for your  
2020 Officers & Directors  
will be announced at the AGM  
Saturday, November 2 at 5:00

Social and potluck will follow immediately after.

Bring your favorite beverage, a dish to share  
and enjoy the camaraderie!

To ensure we set enough places,  
please RSVP to Jan Green at  
[jgreen3@suddenlink.net](mailto:jgreen3@suddenlink.net) or  
919-523-2575



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## 2019 Turkey Trot Regatta

by Doug Longhini

The annual event (missed last year because of Florence) to celebrate our stuffing ourselves with Turkey will be held on November 16 at BSC. This is just one day of racing for San Juan 21's in the creek. Normally there is a lot of action in the short race format. Come join Fleet 8 and watch the fun unfold. The notice of race and sailing instructions give you a pretty good idea of what to expect. Some of the San Juan Skippers may need crew so stay tuned.



## Blast from the Past!

by Bill Green

I'm sure you know the old memory aid, *spring ahead / fall back*, that tells us to move our clocks ahead by an hour in the Spring and back in the Fall. I'm also pretty sure it's Fall. I know that because it's getting cooler at night, and the Bradford Pear in our front yard has gone all rusty. What's strange this fall, is that I'm asking you to spring ahead six whole months, instead of falling back one measly hour. Not on your clocks of course, just mentally as you read this month's *Old Epitaph*.

Last month we published the May 1974 edition of *Blackbeard's Epitaph*. This month we skip ahead six months and check in on what was happening in December of 1974. What happened to the missing issues for June through November? It seems no one thought to save them or, if they did, they're keeping it top secret!

As you recall, in May of 1974, BSC was debating the acquisition of property on which to build a clubhouse, launch ramp, and docks and, most importantly, how to pay for all of that. To make a long story short, in December, property acquisition was still pending, although we had made a firm offer to purchase the first of three tracts that form the property we own today. Plans for financing were progressing too. To raise money, the club was offering long-term memberships: life for \$1,000, ten years for \$500, and five years for \$250. And we were negotiating a \$20,000, ten-year, bank loan at 9½% - with members co-signing the note. The plan was that wet and dry slip rentals would cover our monthly loan payments.

You can read all about this, and more, in the December 1974 *Epitaph*. Please enjoy, and stay tuned as more of BSC's rich history is revealed in coming editions of our newsletter.

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NEW BERN, N. C.

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy Sailing

*Edward Teach*

## \* MEETING NOTICE \*

date - December meeting  
cancelled due to  
time - Holiday Season.  
place - Regular January  
meeting scheduled.  
program -



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## ANNUAL DINNER BIG SUCCESS!

Our annual Installation of Officers/Christmas Dinner held at the New Bern Golf and Country Club November 30 was a big success. Almost 60 members and guests in attendance enjoyed a delightful evening of socializing and a delicious dinner. Many thanks to Bill Jefferay for the kind invitation for use of the Country Club and for making the arrangements. It's a pleasant change from our beer-drinking sailing socials to dress up a little and enjoy an "evening on the town!"

## 1975 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

It may sound as if we're rushing the season, but now is the time to renew your BSC membership. We are kicking off a campaign aimed at renewing the majority of our membership for the 1975 sailing season by December 31. In order to obtain the initial capital required for land purchase and ramp and dock construction, long-term memberships are being offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Five life-time memberships @ \$1,000, five 10-year @ \$500, and ten 5-year @ \$250 are available. Your early response will help to assure us a very successful and exciting 1975 sailing season. A Blackbeard Sailing Club membership would make a great Christmas gift for your spouse or the entire family. A membership renewal form is enclosed for your convenience.

## BIG JOB AHEAD FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The committee chairmen appointed for the forthcoming year are really the people who make the club go. Their job needs your help! Please volunteer your services in areas of your interest and respond enthusiastically to their requests for help! EVERY club member should be actively involved in at least one committee.

Membership	-- Bill Jefferay
Race	-- Nelson Hall
Cruise	-- Paul LoCicero
Program	-- Walt Erwin
Jr. Sailing	-- Charles Marr
Social	-- Mike Beharry

## EXCITING TENTATIVE RACING SCHEDULE

Nelson Hall has proposed a schedule in hopes of satisfying the majority of the membership. Each seasonal series will consist of a combination of race week-ends and alternate Sunday races. Socials and meetings will be planned to coincide with some of the races. Details as to throw-outs, trophies, scoring, start times, etc., are yet to be worked out. Get your comments to Nelson so he can firm up a schedule by mid-January.

### Spring Series

March 15  
March 29-30  
April 12  
April 26-27  
May 10  
May 24-25

Spring Ms. Stakes - May 31



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## Summer Series

June 14  
June 28-29  
July 12  
July 26-27  
Aug. 9  
Aug. 23-24

Summer Ms. Stakes - Aug. 30

Blackbeard Regatta - Sept. 6-7

## Fall Series

Sept. 13  
Sept. 27-28  
Oct. 11  
Oct. 25-26  
Nov. 8  
Nov. 22-23

Fall Ms. Stakes - Nov. 29

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## PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROMISING

The club voted unanimously at the November 5 Annual Corporate Meeting to proceed with the proposed land purchase. We have a firm offer (good until 1/31/75) with Dr. Flowers for property on Broad Creek measuring 150' x 400' for \$24,000. We presently have approximately \$2,500 in our treasury. Financing looks very promising with First Federal Savings and Loan -- 9½% loan for 10 years, on a \$20,000 note requiring co-signers. A preliminary feasibility analysis indicates we can support the necessary improvements (pier, ramp, well, septic tank, etc.) thru long-term memberships and meet our monthly mortgage obligations from

slips, mooring, and storage rentals. Land survey has been completed, septic tank plans approved, pier construction drawings are being made, and application is in progress with the Corps of Engineers for the necessary permits. Walt Erwin and Bill Jefferay have been the driving forces working to assure our long-term dream of property acquisition.

## THANKS, CAROLYN!

Next time you see Carolyn Erwin, thank her for the fine articles she authors which appear each Wednesday evening as the "Sailing Scene" in the Sun Journal. I'm sure she would welcome any co-authors. . . .

## MEETING SCHEDULES

Our monthly club meeting is scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month at Union Point at 7:30 p.m. We will not have a December meeting because of the holiday season.

The executive committee (officers and directors) is scheduled to meet monthly the Wednesday prior to the regular monthly club meeting. All meetings are open to interested club members.

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## BSC Fall Workday ...Big Success!

by Ed Doughty

Just wanted to say a huge thanks to all who came and participated in workday on October 19th. We accomplished all of the tasks that were planned, and then some. 150 boards were placed on B dock, the entrance to C dock was completed, a new drainage system was created in dry storage, 2 new picnic tables were built, all the loose limbs and brush were picked up, and we used the tractor wisely to move bricks and dirt around. Also, an industrious member used his weed trimmer for 4 hours. It was almost like a contest to see who could get the most done! If it was, everybody won!! Thanks to all the sleep-deprived cooks, and the ladies who coordinated the inside food. The pig, chicken and all the fixings were delicious!! There was great fellowship at BSC that day!





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Workday!





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## Nine Ensign Races... Six Different Winners

by Mark Brennesholtz

To paraphrase the late NFL Commissioner Pete Roselle, on any given Thursday, any Ensign is capable of beating any other one. In the races on October 24<sup>th</sup>, there were three different winners, and none of those was a series leader. In light and shifty air, *Mutiny*, *Raptor* and *Dark Side* all notched firsts. However, consistency is the name of the game, and *Red Stripe* with Drew McCrocklin, Paul Eckenroth, and crew leads the fall series with all firsts and seconds, except for a third that is now thrown out. *Blue Note* is in second place for the series.

Six more races are scheduled on October 31 and November 7, so more throw-outs could be decisive in several places. Races on October 3 were cancelled due to excessive heat index, and the ones on the 17<sup>th</sup> were called due to excessive wind.

November 7 is also the date of the Ensign Awards Party for both the Fall Series and the 2019 Annual Championship.



Four Ensigns going leeward. From Left, *Red Stripe*, *Zip*, *Blue Note* and *Raptor*. (Photo S. Davies)



*Raptor* cruises between races with Steve Youngson at the helm. *Raptor* won the first race on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Photo B. Green.



All six Ensigns round the leeward mark very close on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There were three different winners in the three races. (Photo S. Davies)



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## Warm Weather Sailing in the Winter Series

by Eddy Parker

The traditional kickoff of the NYRA Winter Series started out warm with light winds. With 12 boats racing, there was a good crowd out to enjoy the competition and the weather. The Race Committee delayed for a short period before racing could start as the winds were still filling in, but they settled in with a 7-12 knot shifty breeze for three great races. The Jib and Main class was the largest with 7 boats, and there were 5 boats in the Spinnaker class. I was racing with new club member, David Gillespie, on his Santana 20. It is a well-sorted boat, except the main halyard jumped the shiv with the sail about 2 inches shy of a full hoist. With some creative rigging we were able to get the sail to look OK, and were able to complete the three races.

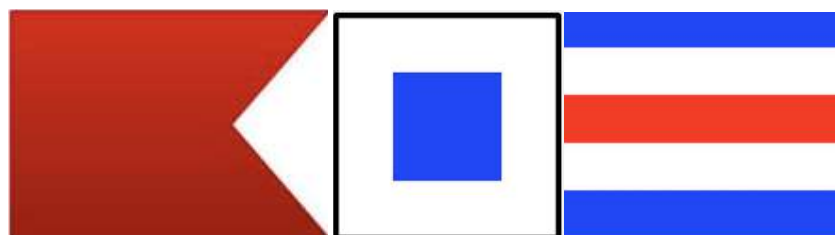
The saying goes that the two most feared things in Eastern NC are a man's wife and a tornado, because sooner or later one of the two is going to take the house. Well, we need to add hurricanes to that after Florence. The social this year was a trailer trash themed event at Eddy and Jennifer's new trailer, where the house once stood. We did a shrimp boil with 50-60 people at the party, and once again, Fulcher's came through for us. I got a call Friday morning that we shouldn't get there too early to pick up the shrimp, as the boat didn't get in until midnight on Thursday, and they were going to have to run over and pick up the shrimp off the boat. It just doesn't get any fresher than that! As of the writing of this article the results were not posted online, but first overall in the Jib and Main class was Tim Dillinger on his Holder 20, *Chasing Tail*, and the spinnaker class was won by the Hittners aboard *Blue Note*. The Parkers won the most important Halloween trophy, Best Costume, dressed like trailer trash to celebrate the new digs. God I hope there aren't pictures!

After the challenging year we have all faced recovering from Hurricane Florence, it was great to have a normal (as normal as this crowd can be) day on the water. With many people still displaced from their homes in New Bern, it has been tough to get sailors and race committee, but it all came together for a fantastic fall day.

The winter series is now in full swing, and it is not too late to [sign up](#). Each race is followed by a social hosted by local racers, includes some good eats and a not unlimited supply of beverages. I hope to see you out on the water!



Water Phantom & Bad Fish headed for the finish line. (Photo J. McDiarmid)





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## Warm Weather Sailing in the Winter Series



Tim Dillinger, skipper *Chasing Tail*. First place non-spin. (Photo C, Brock)



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Olwen Jarvis, accepting first place spin on behalf of Mark Hittner, & *Blue Note*. (Photo C. Brock)



Chris Davies, accepting second place non-spin on behalf of Mark Hallquist & *Mutiny*. (Photo C. Brock)



Ed Doughty, skipper *Bad Fish*. (Photo C. Brock)





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## Halloween Party story is told in photos

by Gay Whitney

It was great fun with excellent food and good cheer. Stephanie Davies and Gay Whitney chaired this social. Our excellent crew worked hard: Jenny Dark, Margie Dillinger, Kathy Gormley. Maggie Scroggs offered her help and there was plenty for all of us to do.

- 🚩 Margie Dillinger won most creative costume.
- 🚩 Jeff Scroggs won best male costume.
- 🚩 Peggy Daly won best female costume.
- 🚩 Jan Green won best hors d'oeuvre with "Meat Head"



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*Link to the complete photo album by Joe Gormley*

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/185224926@N02/48974850161/in/album-72157711536639487/>



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## 2019 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

10/1/19

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
Nov 9	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 2 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Nov 16	Sa	BSC	Flt 8 - Turkey Trot		X	X		X	New Bern
Nov 28	Th	-	THANKSGIVING						-
Nov 30	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 3 *	X	**	**			New Bern
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

### Ensign Fleet 19 Races:

Oct 31	Th	BSC	Ensign Fall Series R6		X			New Bern
Nov 7	Th	BSC	Ensign Fall Series R7 & Party		X			New Bern

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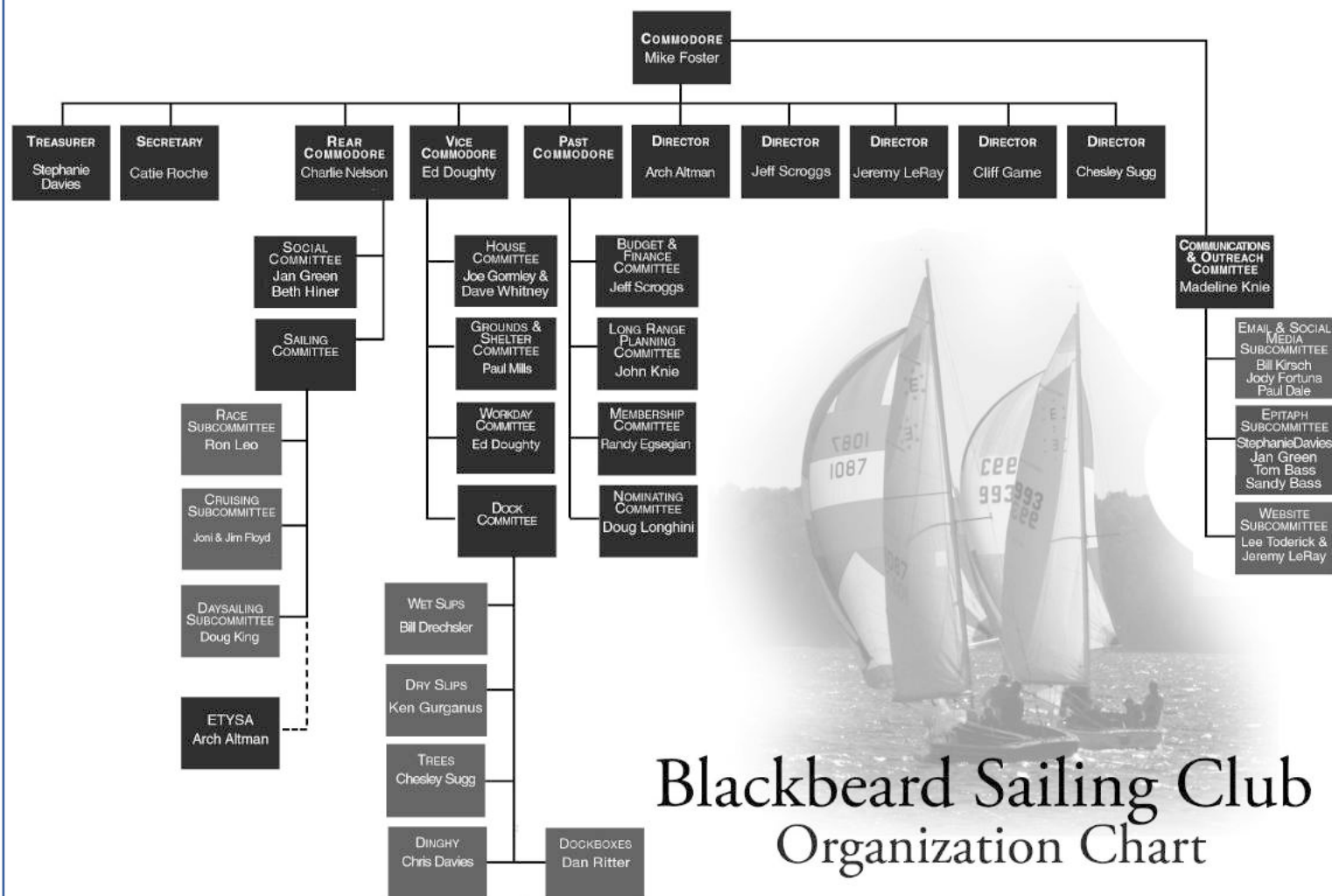


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## Your 2019 Board of Directors and Committees



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



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## Blackbeard Sailing Club

### Club Location

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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.

### Email to Epitaph Editors

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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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