



Blackbeard's Epitaph

All Events at
BSC are on hold
until further
notice...



Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

Greetings Mates,

We've passed the Summer Solstice with its heat and humidity and are on the way to Winter, at last!!!

Social restrictions remain in place as we continue to make every effort to mitigate the effects of Covid-19. I am glad that all of you are observing the guidelines when you come to the Club. With cases in the State increasing, I would just like to remind you to continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask, and avoid gatherings indoors, etc.

Sailing activity is up, even a bit more than in past years!! And it's a good way to practice social distancing.

While commending the Herculean effort by ETYSA to come up with a comprehensive operational plan

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for the Summer Camps, I felt that conditions in the State were deteriorating, and at an unsafe pace. Therefore, I determined that holding the ETYSA Summer Camps at this time was inadvisable so, they have been cancelled for this year. Hopefully, the safety conditions will have improved by next Summer.

In further news, Blackbeard has completed the purchase of the lot adjacent to our paved drive outside the gate. It currently has red flags marking the corners, courtesy of Chesley Sugg. This will be our high ground area during flooding events.

The Board has been conducting monthly meetings via Zoom. These meeting are open to all. If you want to attend, please contact me and I will be sure you receive an invitation.

Fair Winds and Smooth Seas!!

Arch

Trading a Prius for a 47ft Cat

by Eddy Parker

Many of you know that Jennifer and I want to go cruising and are interested in a catamaran for comfort. You probably also know I have a turn for more performance-oriented boats; therefore, we were looking at high performance cats like Catana and Outremer with daggerboards, which are not as common as some of the "cruisier" catamarans. We located a Phisa 42 in Canet-en-Roussillon, France. We made an offer on the boat and flew over to France for a survey/sea trial at the end of January, even though I had never sailed on a performance Cat. Because of "Coastal Event Gloria" we were unable to test sail the boat but were going to proceed with purchase as the owner agreed to sail with us when we took possession. The sale was delayed when the yard was closed due to Covid-19. Then, it became apparent we were not going to be able to cruise the Mediterranean this summer. We had all but written the final check for the boat when the whole world shut down, so we cancelled the purchase.

Did I mention that "Brown Eyed Girl" is for sale at a very attractive price?

Reset. Still interested in a performance Catamaran, we started networking on the Catana Owner's group and found a couple of Catana 42s coming up for sale in the US. Jennifer was concerned that I might be unhappy sailing one of these boats as we have been told they are very different from monohulls. I posted to the Catana Owner's list serve requesting an offer to sail. I was asked to help deliver *Carlotta's Promise*, a Catana 471, around Cape Hatteras to Annapolis as the boat's mast is too tall for ICW bridges. I had 3 concerns sailing offshore with a stranger: the safety of the boat, sailing ability of the owner, and how well we would get along. This was a great opportunity as Paulo, the owner, was an America's Cup sailor. That took care of the first 2 concerns, so I quickly agreed to crew. We were lucky the owners turned out to be wonderful people with great stories. There are a lot of people you don't want to be stuck on a boat with for 2.5 days.



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"BEG" has two 35-gallon water tanks, a 30-gallon black water tank, roller furling jib and autopilot for cruising.

We got a call on Wednesday morning saying they were in Wrightsville Beach heading out the following morning to Beaufort and asking, did we want to join them in Wrightsville Beach or Beaufort? We threw some clothes in a bag, drove to Wrightsville and swapped our 2005 Prius for a 1997 Catana 471. That is a very good trade. Paulo's wife, Charlotte, was going to drive the Prius to Annapolis to meet us as she recently had back surgery. We left Masonboro Inlet around 8:00 a.m. with 20 knot winds out of the SE. We put up a reefed main, unrolled the full genoa and it was off to the races. The winds built into the mid-20s with some gusts near 30 and a short interval 5-6 foot sea running with some higher trains. The

boat was romping along at 10-12 knots and we put in the second reef to take some strain off the rig without reducing speed once the gusts started building. When we rounded Lookout, it was more of a broad reach and the boat started to settle down. We cleared Lookout Shoal in 7 hours and Diamond Shoal 8 hours later, making for a quick run up the coast. Around 4 a.m. Friday morning the winds started getting light so we fired up the engines for the last segment to the Chesapeake Bay entrance. The boat was equipped with Sirius weather and we were watching numerous storms over the mainland west of us, and over the Bay to the north, but we stayed dry until around 8:00 a.m. Friday morning when we went through some light showers. By the time we entered the Bay at 2:00 pm Friday, it had cleared up and the winds were non-existent, so we motored along, staying out of the shipping channels.



Did I mention that "Brown Eyed Girl" has 200 watts of solar panels so no running the engine while anchored out with the fridge running!

The plan was to spend Saturday night in a marina on the Potomac River where some of the owner's friends had Catanas hauled out. When he came on watch at 11 p.m. as we were approaching the marina, we discussed the forecast for the next day (20 knots out of the N, not a good forecast for getting to Annapolis so we headed back out into the Bay and kept going). I was off watch, but at some point well after midnight it started getting pretty bouncy as the strong winds had come in. Instead of continuing to beat into a strong northerly, we ducked into Pautuxent River about 2:30 a.m. and anchored out to wait for things to improve. By 7:00 the next morning the wind had shifted to the E and dropped down to 18-20 knots so out we went for the final leg.

Designed by Bruce Farr, the First 36.7 is on the racer end of racer/cruiser, but with three double beds she makes for a great fast cruiser.

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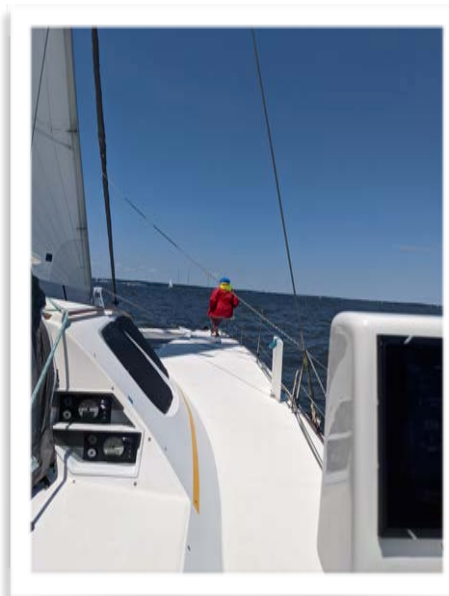
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We motored for the first 4 hours, then sailed the rest of the way. We set the full genoa and main and started beating into the wind. This is where a Catana really shines compared to other cats. With the 7 foot boards down about 2/3 of the way, we were able to tack through 100 degrees with an apparent wind angle of 35 degrees and boat speed of around 8-9 knots in 15 true. We sailed into Annapolis Harbor to the amazing sight of hundreds of boats sailing on the bay. We sailed past two Vipers like Granny's Hoe. It was a glorious end to a great trip.

"Brown Eyed Girl" has been well maintained and is ready to go. Please let me know if you are interested in looking at her.

Eddy



Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new members Mike & Teresa Williman, TJ Harrell & Andrea Carney, and Intermediate Member Emily Currier. Their pictures and copies of their bios follow.



Mike and Teresa Williman have applied for membership in BSC and have provided the following information:

Hello. We are Mike and Teresa Williman and we are happy to have this chance to introduce ourselves to you.

We moved to New Bern from Van Wert, Ohio just a couple weeks before the social isolation began.

We had visited New Bern last summer and ended up putting a bid on our house and purchasing it in the fall. We didn't expect to settle here but we loved the area, and everything just fell into place.

Between us, we have two daughters, one son, five granddaughters and a great grandson who was just born on May 25th.

Mike is a Project Manager for Waffle House Construction. I retired in November after 34+ years with Van Wert County Probate/Juvenile Court.

Our sailboat is a 23" Hunter which Mike is currently refurbishing. It is a labor of love for him. We purchased the boat 14 years ago and are the third owners. We have only sailed on Grand Lake St. Mary's but are looking forward to sailing the Neuse River.

We are hoping to meet you all soon and to become a part of the Blackbeard Sailing Club.

The Willimans are sponsored by Ron Leo and Bill Drechsler.

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Welcome New Members

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TJ Harrell and Andrea Carney have applied for membership in Blackbeard Sailing Club. TJ and Andrea supplied the following biographical information:

Hello, we are TJ and Andrea. We live in Fayetteville where TJ works as a General Surgeon at Cape Fear Valley Hospital and Andrea works remotely for Cell & Gene Therapy at Novartis Pharmaceuticals. We own a Corsair F24 Trimaran and a Hewes fishing boat. Both of us grew up in Fort Myers, Florida where we sailed Hobie Cats with our family. Andrea began sailing very young and has raced on a Hobie 16 and J/24. TJ has sailed Lasers and a Hobie 18. We recently inherited the F24 from our family and are excited to start sailing it on the coast of North Carolina.

Other than being on the boat, TJ and I enjoy a long list of other activities. We are both certified scuba divers and try to dive every few months. Although the shark populated shipwrecks of North Carolina are fun, we much prefer the Caribbean reefs. We also enjoy working on home projects together. TJ is very handy with just about any tool and Andrea enjoys decorating and creating crafts. Andrea is in the middle of sewing new cushions for the interior of the F24; while she also enjoys gardening and cooking. TJ's other hobbies include radio/electronics for which he is an avid collector and harvester of electronic bits to tinker with.

TJ concludes, "Since initially learning, I have only sailed on my own, so I'm very excited to join a community, to learn more, and to group sail."

In lieu of member sponsors, a background check was conducted to support TJ & Andrea's application.



Emily Currier has applied for Intermediate Membership in Blackbeard Sailing Club. She has been sailing for 9 years; with her grandparents Alan & Judy Hills and as an ETYSA camper. Emily was hoping to assist with the ETYSA camps this summer. Although Emily admits she was a little scared when she first started to sail, her Mom encouraged her to keep going. One day everything just clicked, and she has loved sailing ever since. Emily has a 420 she is hoping to keep at BSC.

Emily will be a high school junior in the fall. She is a good student and loves school. Although sailing is the "greatest", she also enjoys tennis and dance, especially jazz. Emily is very excited about becoming a BSC member.

Her sponsors are Alan Hills and Arch Altman.

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Blackbeard has an Oscar Winner!

Fairfield Harbour is proud of Oscar Winner, Jim Fortuna
By Ellen Pettigrew, Beacon Staff Writer

Fairfield Harbour resident Jim Fortuna has a unique "claim to fame." He has an Oscar - a real award from the Motion Picture Academy given to Eastman Kodak as a Scientific and Technical Award of Merit. Jim was a key contributor in the development of a method to stabilize color in motion pictures allowing reproduction of films with vibrant, lifelike color. This required taking an original negative and breaking it down into 32 different stable coated layers, each one a fraction of a human hair in thickness, and reproducing a reliable life-like "master." From that master, color motion pictures were made that were suitable for showing in theaters. Other uses for the technology were ultimately developed, allowing Eastman Kodak to obtain patents for its use in the biotech industry and medical fields, as well as many others. It is still in use today.

Jim's position on the team that developed this process came after years of schooling. He has a BS degree in chemical engineering from Iowa State University, an MS from Purdue in chemical engineering, and studied statistics and photographic theory at Rochester Institute of Technology. He did his Ph.D. research in chemical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and completed his course work at the University of Rochester. All of this training and experience secured his position at Eastman Kodak on the team that ultimately developed the award-winning Eastman EXR Color Intermediate Film 5244 process. Eastman Kodak was no newcomer to winning awards; the 1994 Academy Award was the sixth time that Eastman Kodak had won in that category. The night of the ceremony, representatives from the company accepted the Oscar. No scientists were among them; not many even were aware of the possibility of winning. That was just the way things were done there. Jim is proud of his contributions and of the recognition, but it clearly does not define him. After leaving Eastman Kodak, he traveled widely while working in challenging positions at Dupont Chemical and Rohm and Haas. Just prior to retirement, he taught at North Carolina State University on the Centennial Campus while doing research for Mead Paper.



Jim Fortuna, Oscar winning Harbourite

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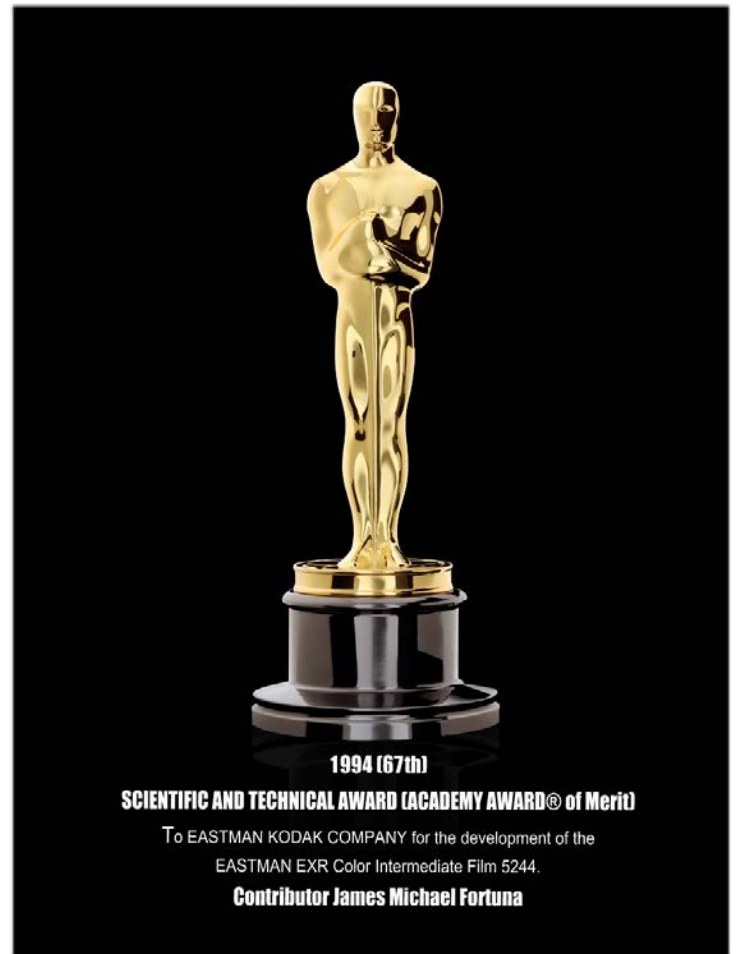
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While Jim and wife Jody were living in the Raleigh area, they found the perfect spot for their 43-foot Taswell sailboat at Blackbeard Sailing Club. Following retirement, they sailed the east coast of the U.S. for two years, enjoying the many stops they made. When time came for them to settle down again, they purchased a home in Fairfield Harbour. Jim currently owns a Class A motorhome which he and Jody enjoy traveling in. He also sails, plays guitar, and enjoys the company of friends. The Oscar is only one of many highlights in his career.

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This is the Oscar that was won by Fairfield Harbour resident Jim Fortuna.



Blast from the Past!

By Bill Green

If you've been following this series you'll know that, last month, we printed the *Epitaph* from October of 1976. While the archives don't contain copies of the newsletter for the remainder of 1976, we do have the first issue from 1977.

You may know that Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak founded Apple Computer, and that *Fantasy Island* premiered in January 1977. But do you know what was happening at Blackbeard Sailing Club 43½ years ago? You'll have to read the newsletter to get the complete picture, but here are a few things worth noting. BSC was still without a clubhouse and meetings were being held in New Bern. Although the club was anticipating a rosy future, it was facing a short-term cash crunch due mainly to the just-completed purchase of additional acreage. Then, as now, it was difficult to get the volunteers needed to take care of things around the club. Lastly, in an effort to save a few dollars, the *Epitaph* was being cut back to a quarterly publication schedule.

Please enjoy this old *Epitaph* from the first quarter of 1977.

Bill

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FIRST QUARTER 1977

WHO'S IN COMMAND ?

OFFICERS

Commodore Charles Marr
 Vice Commodore John Hodge
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Now, if you really want to get your money's worth out of BSC...and if you want to really feel like you belong...and if you really want a say so in what goes on, you'll tell one of the above mentioned people that you are interested in helping him or her with their respective committee. After all, what is a committee chairman without a committee to work with?

Charlie got volunteers for the above list of committee chairpeople. Now, it's up to you to volunteer to serve on whatever group interests you. Surely, you can find one that looks like fun!



GENERAL MEETINGS

BSC will hold its next general meeting at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at the Neuse Clinic.

The March meeting will be held Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 pm and will also be held at the Neuse Clinic.

After March, hopefully, it will be warm enough to hold our meetings at "home port" on the weekends designated as Race/Social weekends.

DUES ARE NOW OVERDUE

Dues were due and payable on the 1st of January. After 30 days, if you have not paid, you are delinquent. After 60 days...

Bills have been sent out to all BSC members. If you did not receive a bill, mail your dues to Box 303 anyway...to keep yourselves "in good standing".

Active Membership = \$75.00
 Associate Memb. = \$50.00
 Student Membership = \$12.50

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FROM THE HELM

January 1977

Dear BSC Member:

I would like to express my thanks to you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Commodore for the year 1977.

In reviewing the phenomenal growth of BSC since its beginning just five years ago, I would like to state my personal opinion of the original BSC philosophy: We, as a group, are associated to form a sailing club for the common purpose of family companionship and fellowship revolving around sailing, racing and cruising activities. In the process, we hoped to bring organized sailing activities to our local community.

This has been successfully accomplished without putting undue physical or financial strain on the sailing club as a whole, or any individual member. With this in mind, I would like to suggest you review the enclosed Treasurer's Statement prepared by Walt Erwin concerning our anticipated income and expenditures for 1977. As you can see, BSC must have a conservative program in terms of expenditures for this year if we are to remain financially stable.

The application submitted for a Permit to extend our pier was strongly objected to by several federal and state agencies, and a neighboring party. In view of this, we are in the process of performing a study to determine alternate solutions which would be mutually agreeable to all concerned parties.

Sincerely,

Charles Marr
Charles Marr,
Commodore

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Long Range financial picture could not look better!!! In 3½ years, we will have retired all our bonds. Also, our 5 year members will begin paying annual dues...

Our Short Range picture was accurately described by Walt Wood prior to our buying the additional acreage from Treasure Cove. Walt stated at that time that "We can make it but it'll be close."

Thanks to a monumental job by Audrey Jefferay, we have a very accurate picture of past expenditures and sources of income. This will allow us to draw up a plan for this year, keeping expenses in line with income.

ANTICIPATED INCOME FOR 1977, BASED ON CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF 107, IS \$16,328. The breakdown is as follows:

Dues.....	6,175
Pier.....	8,580
Dry Storage (Jan - June was collected last year, this reflects June - Dec of 1977)....	390
Rack storage	83
Mooring rental.....	1,100
	+
(anticipated income)	16,328

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES FOR 1977, BASED ON LAST YEAR, TOTALS \$18,922. The breakdown is as follows:

FIXED EXPENSES

Mortgage payment.....	7,200
Bond Retirement.....	4,800
Bond Interest.....	1,656
Insurance.....	1,440
Taxes.....	100
Sailors Gazette subscription.....	321
	+
	15,517

VARIABLE EXPENSES

Power boat operation.....	275
Pier maintenance	50
Restroom supplies & main.....	225
Grounds maintenance.....	120
Printing.....	250
Postage.....	275
Phone.....	370
Electricity.....	710
Parties.....	320
Office supplies.....	125
SAYRA dues.....	200
Licenses.....	50
Trophies.....	300
Misc. (flowers, bank charges, etc.)	115
Small boat program.....	20
	+
	3,405
	15,517
	3,405
	+
(anticipated expenses)	18,922

Obviously we have to do some amount of belt tightening in the amount of \$2,594. My personal recommendations are shown below. Basically, we must...budget all expenditures and place responsibility on specific members for spending. When expenses reach the amount budgeted, then no more spending.

- 1...budget \$100 for the power boat operation and its maintenance for a savings of \$175.00
- 2...budget \$100 for restroom and shelter maintenance and operation for a savings of \$125.
- 3...budget \$50 for grounds maintenance for a savings of \$70.00
- 4...budget \$100 for 4 Epitaph printings for a savings of \$150.00
- 5...budget \$100 for 4 Epitaph mailings, plus quarterly statements, ballots, etc. for a savings of \$175.00
- 6...budget \$320 for phone (\$300 is the fixed expense for pay phone, plus \$20 for club business) for a savings of \$50.00

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- 7...budget \$750 for electricity, anticipating a hike, adding an expense of \$40.00
- 8...eliminate beer for work parties and other events. Go the route of BYOB and "bring a casserole" for a savings of \$320.00
- 9...budget \$25 for office supplies for a savings of \$100
- 10..drop membership from SAYRA for a savings of \$200.00 (Those members desirous of continuing to receive the Sailors Gazette may pay \$2.50 with BSC continuing to pay \$3.00)
- 11..budget \$100 for trophies to include series and year-end service awards for a savings of \$200.00 (Regattas will continue to be self-supporting)

If followed, these recommendations will generate a savings over last years expenditures of \$1,525.00. We will still be approximately \$1,000 shy of breaking even for the year.

We have two alternatives:

- Furthur cuts in our Variable Expenses
- Increase our income

I would like to recommend the latter. By supporting our Membership Chairman in efforts to obtain 10 new active members, we can generate \$1,750.00. Last year, we welcomed 20 new members in all catagories...active, associate, and student.

In conclusion, if the modest budget cuts outlined above are approved and we all actively "sell" our club and if we have a successful regatta, we are essentially in great shape for the year...

Respectively,
Walt Erwin, Tres.



BALANCE IS BEAUTIFUL

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VICE COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By: John E. Hodge

Slip rental fees are considered overdue 30 days after the first day of the quarter. As you know, we are operating on a tight budget and a great deal of our operating expenses are covered by slip rental fees. Please send your payment promptly.

It is mandatory for anyone wishing to be placed on the slip or mooring waiting list to submit a dated, written request to the Vice Commodore. This will alleviate any confusion caused by verbal agreements.

RSC will not be employing gardeners and maids to maintain our beautiful property and buildings, therefore, we appeal to every member to please lend a hand in these tasks. Several solutions have been brought to my attention, with the fairest explained as follows:

A roster will be posted at RSC on the bulletin board under the shelter with the names of two members (families) per weekend to sweep out the shelter, sweep out the heads and wash sinks. This should not involve more than 30 minutes for the entire job. The roster is to be in alphabetical order after all wishing to volunteer have done so. For those few not wishing to help with these tasks, we would hope they would in some way reward those who do this job for them.

Thanks to a very few members, we have enjoyed clean restrooms, eating facilities and attractive grounds. It is time we stop depending on these few good souls and all pitch in and help.

In an effort to alleviate the distance some of our members are having to "lug" their necessary sailing paraphanelia, the five car parking area in front of the shelter will be used only as a loading/unloading area. Please use the remaining huge area to park your vehicle(s) after unloading.

All boat owners have the responsibility of protecting the Club's property (pier, docks, etc.) and adjacent boats. Please do not hesitate to ask fellow slip renters if you are unsure as to tying your boat up securely. Also, if added chafing gear is desired, there is an abundance to be found beside the Club's toilet facilities.

Most members will gladly help check fellow sailors' boats but hesitate to adjust lines as they feel it would be their responsibility if damage occurs. Those slip renting members living in the New Bern area should visit BSC at least once a week to check their boat and more often during heavy weather periods.

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RUN UP YOUR BURGEE AND
SEE WHO SALUTES IT...

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SCUTTLEBUTT

NSA announces that its annual Crew Clinic, to now be called the Sailing Clinic, is scheduled for March 11, 12 & 13. The emphasis is more on teaching sailing than on training crews, hence, the name change.

The Clinic will be divided into two separate courses; A & B - depending on your experience and ability. Both courses will have limited enrollment, as in the past and advance reservations are definitely a necessity. Rex Willis and Skip Crayton are in charge, and can provide any further information.

This event has always been well attended in the past, and NSA has stuck to its guns on limiting registration... to keep up the quality. So if you even think you'll be going, reserve a space in advance.

Morehead City Yacht Club, under the leadership of our own Shelby Freeman, is off to a busy, well organized sailing season. Their newsletter, "The Sailings", arrived with a special notice regarding their Salt Water Sea Breeze Regatta to be held at Camp Morehead August 20 & 21. This event will host San Juan 21's, Tanzer 16's, Scot's, Hobie's, 470's, Laser's, Force 5's and Sunfish. Put this one on your calendar early... it should be loads of fun!

For the cruising class, perhaps this would be an excellent weekend for a cruise down the Intercoastal...to view the races, enjoy the festivities, and maybe even take in the Cape.....

...run up your burgee and see who salutes it

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CRUISIN'

As indicated previously, Dave Novak is our 1977 Cruise Committee Chairman. Several excellent suggestions have been voiced for cruise destinations, however, to insure that all ideas have been passed along, please contact Dave, home phone, 633-2205, and share your good idea for BSC cruisin'.

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1977 RACE SCHEDULE

(SPRING SERIES)

March 19: Small Boats Race / Social / Race committee-Cruising Class
 20: Large Boats Race / / Race committee-470 Fleet

April 2 : Large Boats Race / / Race committee-Sunfish
 3 : Small Boats Race / / Race committee-San Juan 21 Fleet

April 16: Small Boats Race / / Race committee-Cruising Class
 17: Large Boats Race / / Race committee-Force Five Fleet

April 30: Large Boats Race / Social / Race committee- Handicap Fleet
 May 1: Small Boats Race / / Race committee-San Juan 21 Fleet

May 14: Small Boats Race / / Race committee-Cruising Class
 15: Large Boats Race / / Race committee-470 Fleet

May 28: Large Boats Race / Social / Race committee-Sunfish
 29: Small Boats Race / / Race committee- San Juan 21 Fleet

June 12: Small Boats Race / / R.C.- Small Boat Responsibility
 June 26: Small Boats Race / / R.C.- Small Boat Responsibility

(FALL SERIES)

July 9: Oriental Regatta
 10: Oriental Regatta

July 31: Small Boats Race / / R.C.-Small Boat Responsibility

Aug. 13: Large Boats Race / / Race committee-Force Five Fleet
 14: Small Boats Race / / Race committee-Cruising Class

Aug. 27: Small Boats Race / Social / Race committee-San Juan 21 Fleet
 28: Large Boats Race / / Race committee-Handicap Fleet

Sept. 10: Blackbeard Regatta
 11: Blackbeard Regatta

Sept. 24: Small Boats Race / / Race committee-Cruising Class
 25: Large Boats Race / / Race committee-470 Fleet

Oct. 8: Large Boats Race / / Race committee-Sunfish
 9: Small Boats Race / / Race committee-San Juan 21 Fleet

Oct. 22: Small Boats Race / Social / Race committee-Cruising Class
 23: Large Boats Race / / Race committee-Force Five Fleet

Nov. 1: Annual Meeting (Trophy Presentation)

SKIPPERS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 11:00 AM on SATURDAYS and 1:00 PM on SUNDAYS

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IN THE WIND

The Fall Series began in August and ended in November. The race results are as follows:

Cruising Class

1st...Calypso...Ranger 23
Walt Erwin

2nd...Excalibur. Ranger 23
Greg Wilkinson

3rd...Windance...Ranger 26
John Hodge

San Juan 21

1st.....John Harper

Force Five

1st.....Charles Marr

2nd.....Doug King

Sunfish

1stMarc Marr

2nd.....Bill Barfield, Jr

Handicap

1st..Banshee..Chris Wood

2nd..Banshee..Bob Bordeaux



Run up your burgee
and see who
salutes it.

SAOR HANDICAP NUMBERS

Paceship 23	18.9	Mike Beharry
San Juan 24	19.2	Geoff McLean
Ranger 23	19.3	Greg Wilkinson
Ranger 23	19.7	Walt Erwin
Pearson 26	21.2	Dave Novak
Pearson 26	21.4	Josh Mills
Coronado 27	21.9	Mark Rauch
Ranger 26	22.3	John Hodge
San Juan 30	24.0	Tom McKnight
Morgan 27	24.5	
Columbia 34	26.1	Walter Wood
Morgan 30/2	26.7	Drew Pledger
C & C 33	26.8	Jim Bryan

SAYINGS FROM THE STERN PULPIT

In spite of the extremely cold weather we have had a very good turnout. This has been an open series and BSC racers have been joined by NSA members out on the race course. The South Atlantic Offshore Rule (SAOR) has been used for this series and will be used in all Cruising Class races from now on. The San Juan's, however, will race as a class. The SAOR handicap number is calculated from your boat dimensions and sail inventory. If you are a new sailor and apprehensive about racing your boat, we strongly urge you to try racing. We really have a lot of fun out there, and it is the best way to learn to sail (how to increase your speed, etc.).

For building the home of BSC, we have exactly the right mixture of people in our membership. We have optimists who felt we could do anything and pessimists who felt we could do nothing. Then both groups worked together to build the only non-commercial sailing facility in the area.

A sailor visiting from a nearby town said, "This is a miracle!" His club, he indicated, has been organized ten years and they have no more now than when they started.

How great to be able to say, "This is our place!". No one can move us from our slips to make room for big

powerboats that bring more profit, no one can forbid our staying overnight on our boats or inviting other boaters for a regatta. Best of all, we have no bridges to go through to reach the "best sailing waters" on the east coast.

It's a distinct honor to be a BSC member, so run up your burgee and see who salutes it! (If you don't have one, buy one from the Blackbeard vendor; Jewel).

This summer we are planning a "Raft-Up Luau" near enough to BSC so every boat can attend, from "Sand Dollar" to Sunfish. We also plan a Challenge Party. Any other ideas are appreci-

EPITAPH BLAST FROM THE PAST

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BOTTOM PAINT TEST RESULTS

Last Spring, ten panels were submerged by the dock at BSC. Nine were painted with anti-fouling bottom paint that had been supplied by various well known manufacturers. The manufacturers had been given a description of the physical and chemical characteristics at BSC, and each submitted their product line that they felt would be the most effective for our particular area. The 10th panel was left blank, so we would be able to monitor the overall algae and barnacle growth during the test period.

Now, after 10 months, it seems that we have a winner ...International Paint's "Trilux"...color White. This is a vinyl paint, using tin as its toxic agent rather than copper. It is sometimes called "TBTF" (tributyltin fluoride); it requires a primer coat for application on an unsanded hull, is quite easily applied, dries overnight, can be sanded between coats, and has no strict rules as to how soon it must be launched following application.

Because barnacles, in the larva stage, have mobility, they are careful in selecting the place where they will attach themselves and spend eternity. Since they do not wish to endure a lifetime of competition with the algae for food, they seek a dark place for their final resting place. (The algae needs the sunlight) For this reason, it seems quite likely that the color White plays an important part in the effectiveness of the test panel.

PICK-OF-THE-CRICK

To pay for past and future improvements, we have to stay within our budget, so for our first party, we have challenges to provide refreshments or other necessities (paper products, fixtures, etc.)

Our Vice Commodore pledges a case of beer if his Personal Banker will go up the mast far enough to touch the spreaders. (Courage Paula!)

Randy Taylor pledges a shower mixing chamber (ours damaged in the freeze) if Josh Mills will climb to the top of his mast. (bosun's chair optional)

The Vendor pledges two bottles of wine to see a wrestling rematch between Greg Wilkinson and The Queen of the River. (Get in shape Greg!)

Debbie pledges light bulbs for the men's room if Walt Erwin will stay at the Club (with Carolyn) past the hour of 10:00 pm on a Saturday during a social.

If you have a challenge for your best (or worst) friend, call 638-3967.

Burgees are for sale at \$5.00 each, auto tags at \$2.00 each; there are a few BSC jackets left at \$5.50 & \$7.00 and patches at \$1.00 each.

If you have a new first mate, a new crew member of some other item of interest, call someone on the Epitaph crew.

Run up your burgee and see who salutes it!

Congratulations to Louis Foy on his new Cal 2/34. Line up girls for crew positions - this yacht has hot showers!

Welcome to all new BSC members. We are looking forward to seeing all of you this spring. We will have a new roster soon.

AWEIGH IN A RANGER....

Congratulations to Dave and Marcia Kingsley...the new proud parents of Peggy Louise. The Kingsley trio also are the proud new owners of the Ranger 23 named Pegasus.

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**RUN UP YOUR BURGEE
and SEE WHO
SALUTES IT !!**

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ICRC Race Schedule

2020 RACE SCHEDULE								Rev 1.1	3/252020
Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee									
Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
Jul 4	Sa	BTS	Croaker Fest Regatta				X	FJ/420/SF	Oriental
Jul 10-12	Fri-Su	HYC	HYC Regatta * # P	X	**	**			Cherry Pt
Jul 25	Sa	NYRA	Parrothead (to Oriental)	X	**	**			New Bern
Aug 8-9	Sa-Su	BTS	Bow & Stern Regatta	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	Oriental
Aug 8	Sa	FOM	Hoop Pole Regatta	High School or younger					Beaufort
Aug 29-30	Sa-Su	BSC	BSC OD & SF SE Regional P (OD)		X	X	X	X	New Bern
Sep 5-6	Sa-Su	NYRA	Beer Stein * # P (phrf)	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 7	Mo	-	LABOR DAY						-
Sep 19	Sa	BTS	Greens Creek Regatta				X	Under 20 ft	Oriental
Sep 19	Sa	NYRA	Fourth Saturday Fun Race (Pursuit)	X	**	**			New Bern
Oct 10	Sa	ODC	ODC SOLO Race P	X	**	**			Oriental
Oct 11	Su	ODC	ODC Double Handed Race	X	**	**			Oriental
Oct 16-18	Fr-Su	ODC	Oriental Cup # P	X	**	**			Oriental
Oct 31	Sa	BTS	Halloween Regatta - 1st Annual	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	Oriental
Oct 31	Sa	NYRA	Halloween / Winter Race 1 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Nov 14	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 2 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Nov 21	Sa	BSC	Flt 8 - Turkey Trot		X	X		X	New Bern
Nov 26	Th	-	THANKSGIVING						-
Dec 5	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 3 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Dec 19	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 4 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 1 '21	Fr	BSC	Fred Latham Regatta	X	X	X			New Bern
Jan 1 '21	Fr	ODC	Instead of Football Regatta	X	**	**			Oriental
Jan 9'21	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 23'21	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 6 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 24'21	Su	NYRA	Winter Race Makeup *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 20'21	Sa	NYRA	Commodores Ball Regatta *	X	**	**			New Bern

* NYRA Boat of the Year Race ** Ensigns & SJ-21's sail in PHRF fleets # ICRC Sailors of the Year Race (4 of 8) Perfect NC=Not Confirmed

**Due to COVID-19, Many events
have been postponed.
Please contact event organizers.**

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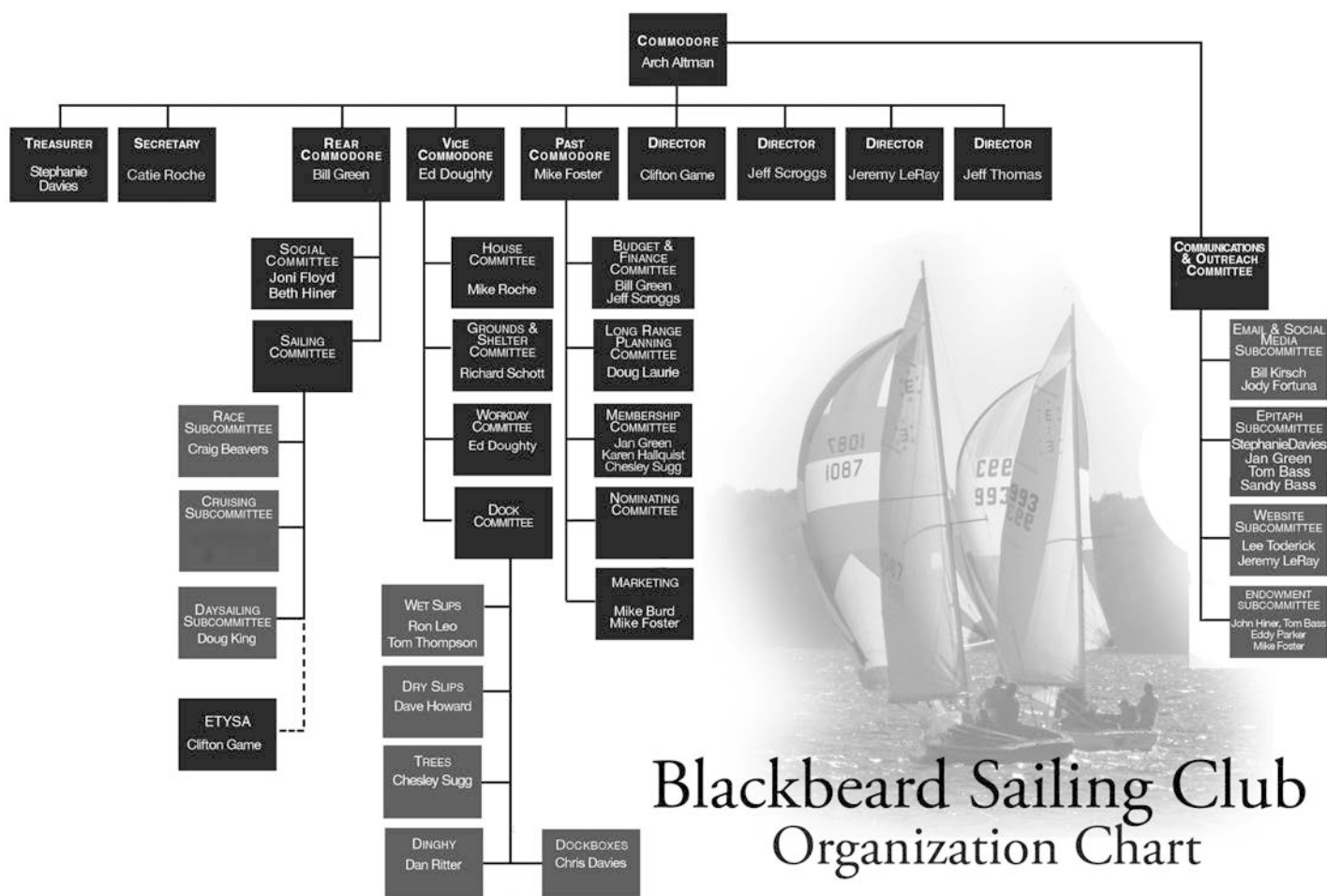
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Additional Events of Interest					
Ensign Fleet Races: Location: Neuse River near Fairfield Harbour & Blackbeard Sailing Club, New Bern, NC					
Spring Series - 7 Thursday Race Days: Mar 26, Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 7th; Awards party following on May 7th					
Fall Series - 7 Thursday Race Days: Sep 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Nov 5th; Awards party following on Nov 5th					
Normally 3 races per day -- Contact Bill Kirsch for information: kirsch986@gmail.com tel: 252-631-2403					
Fairfield Harbour PHRF Fun Races:					
Weekly Races are open to all sailors; NO Fees; No scoring; Post Start Format; Boat/Skipper Handout light finishes					
Holiday Series - 1/1, 2/10, 2/13, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/20, 7/4, 9/5, 11/1, 11/27, 1/1/2022					
Tuesday Evening Series - weekly races April through October, 5pm					
Winter Series - weekly races, first day of the week, 1pm					
To join the group contact: Peter Budzynkiemcz phudzy7385@aol.com - OR - Ed Thompson edthompson2@comcast.net					
Sunfish Racing:					
> FHYC Sunfish Races on Northwest Creek: On Northwest Creek north of NWC Marina & up the creek.					
Spring Series - 9 Sunday Race Days: Apr 5, 19, 26; May 3, 17, 31 & Jun 7, 14, 21					
Fall Series - 7 Sunday Race Days: Sep 13, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 18, 27; Awards party jointly with Ensigns on Nov 5th					
Normally 3 races per day -- Contact Jerry Rezab for information: geraldrezab@yahoo.com tel: 252-288-4124					
> Oriental Dinghy Club (ODC), Oriental, NC					
Year Series - 9 Days: Apr 11, May 16, 30; Jun 27, Aug 1, Sep 5, 19, Oct 24, Nov 21					
Contact Todd Cox for information: toddcoxvt@gmail.com tel: 802-999-7572					
> Hot Toddy - Sunfish Racing					
A Winter Series of racing, November or December thru March, into April, usually 2 weeks or more apart					
Contact Sonya Dean for information: sonyaafm@hotmail.com tel: 999-999-9999					
Miscellaneous:					
Sep 12-13	Sa	SAYRA	SAYRA Club Championship	CYC-SC	
Sep 25-27	Fr-Su	-	Oriental Boat Show	Rescheduled from April 17-19	Oriental
Oct 10-11	Sa-Su	-	Mumfest	New Bern	
TBD	Fr-Su	FLT 8	SJ-21 Eastern Nationals	TBD	
Jan 16, 2021	Sa	-	BSC Installation & Awards	BSC	

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Your 2020 Board of Directors and Committees



Blackbeard Sailing Club Organization Chart

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

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