



Blackbeard's Epitaph

All Social Events
suspended until
further notice...
Happy Holidays!



Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

Greetings Mates!!

Construction on A Dock has begun and, judging by the BSC Webcam shots I've viewed and photos from members, the project is rolling along quite nicely. Many thanks to the Dockmaster and others, along with the affected members, who competently got the slip reassignments worked out quite efficiently.

It has been noted to me we are continuing to observe/invoke the protocols for dealing with the COVID threat. Keep it up, and we'll succeed in keeping it from invading our bubble. COVID has affected some members and we need to be diligent!!

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From the Commodore

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Jan and Bill Green are leaving the Club in mid-December. They are returning to their native Canada. Jan and Bill have been quite generous in their contributions to the Club and its objectives for as long as I have been a member. Their leadership and participation in the health and evolution of the Club will be greatly missed. Please express your appreciation to them if you have an opportunity. It has been significant!!

On a small but necessary note — Members are expected to clean up dog messes when produced!!

Fair winds and smooth seas,

Arch

From the Dockmaster

by Ron Leo

Inner A Dock Progress

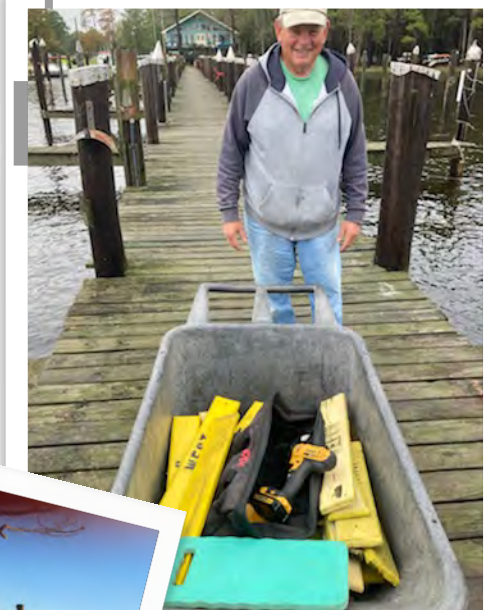
There has been plenty of progress on our Inner A dock. Cahoon completed the demo in 2 days - new inner pilings and structure are in place and ready for concrete. Weather permitting the project, including B dock repair and a few other dock upgrades, should be complete by the end of the year.

Thanks to all who have assisted!

Ron

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From the Dockmaster

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Blast from the Past!

By Bill Green

This month we have the *Epitaph* from February 1978. As you'll see, there was a strong winter racing program that year and plenty of social activities. [No COVID-19 in 1978!] And there was active discussion of a significant improvement to the Club's infrastructure - an extension of "the pier." Today, we know "the pier" as A Dock, but in February of 1978, it extended only to the turn. It's interesting that we are currently replacing that original section of A Dock. Nothing lasts forever, but 40+ years ain't bad for an old wooden dock!

This old *Epitaph* mentions something else that I find quite insightful. In 1978, BSC was planning to hold a general meeting of the membership to discuss the proposed extension to A Dock. The location was the Neuse Mental Health Center. I guess the counseling and therapy they received at the Mental Health Center wasn't all that helpful.

I hope you have enjoyed reading these blasts from the past. I believe it's important to know something of our history and hear about the many women and men who laid the foundation of the wonderful club we continue to build on today.

This is my last *Blast from the Past*. As many of you know, Jan and I are soon setting sail for distant (and colder) shores. We have many friends at BSC and we'll be back to visit - often we hope. I won't be doing these *Blasts from the Past*, but if you feel they're important to continue, then you may be the one to take this over. If so, speak with *Epitaph* editor Stephanie Davies.

Bill

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From the Commodore...

The first general meeting of the 1978-79 sailing season will be held February 15, 7:30 p.m., at the Neuse Mental Health Center. The primary item of business will be the proposed pier extension. The board of directors has voted unanimously to recommend that the pier extension be sought. The decision whether or not to extend the pier should reflect the opinions of the club as a whole. In order to insure that your opinion is expressed, make every effort to attend.

In order to allow our business meetings to be expedient and informative, it is strongly urged that any new business items to be placed on the agenda be brought to the commodore's attention no less than three days prior to the meeting date. This procedure will insure accuracy of discussion. No items proposed under these guidelines will be refused entry on the agenda. Your co-operation, as club members, in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Drew Fledger

EASTER CRUISE TO ORIENTAL

The first planned club cruise for 1978 will be to Oriental on Easter weekend!

Friday night all interested skippers and crew should plan to attend a "Chart Marking Party" at 7:30 at the shelter. We will attempt to find Oriental on chart number 11552 and to establish compass courses and to identify pertinent landmarks and navigational aids. Those not interested in navigation will be allowed to mark their charts with coffee and grog stains.

At Oriental most cruisers will be interested in a delicious seafood meal on Saturday night. (If you have extra room, invite another sailing family!) Sunday morning we will plan an early morning Easter service and egg hunt for the commodore and other children.

Departure for BSC will be dictated by each cruiser's obligations and/or the weather.

This cruise is a repeat of two years ago when the excellent turnout included several San Juan 21's, a day sailer and a host of cruising boats.

See you then for lots of sailing fun!

Darryl Davis
cruise chairperson

WHILE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CRUISING...

It's 7:00 p.m. and you still haven't made it to your anchorage for the night. The hamburgers you're trying to cook keep sliding off your non-gimballed stove. The crew has devoured all the sandwich fixings and are about to devour you, the cook, if you don't come up with some chow in a hurry. What do you do? You read the Epitaph, where cruising folks send in their favorite recipes for easy meals at sea. Prevent future keel haulings; contribute your recipes to the editors.

ADULT RELAXATION EXERCISE CLASSES

With sailing restricted by winter storms, some of you may be missing your best tension reliever. Adult relaxation exercise classes will be offered by the Neuse Mental Health Center for six weeks on Thursday nights starting February 16 at 7:30. Classes are designed to teach new ways to relax from everyday tensions. Cost is \$10 for the course and classes will be in Centenary Methodist Church. Preregister by calling 633-4171 and speaking to Roberta Lindau or Peggy Farmer.

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YES, WE'RE STILL RACING

The second Winter Series race was held on January 15, with 11 boats participating. This one was definitely more work than the first, with the winds a gusty 20-25 knots. The start was delayed because the committee boat (Fred Latham's SJ21) was having trouble making headway against the chop. The Neuse must be one of the few sailing areas where a boat can be on the crests of two waves simultaneously! Anyway, all made it back to port in the following order:

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Boat</u>
1	Corner	Columbia 8.7
2	Marr	Ranger 26
3	Moore	SJ21
4	Lawson	SJ21
5	Novak	Pearson 26
6	Mineo	Vindo 30
7	Foy	Gal 34
8	Williams	SJ23
9	Mills	Pearson 26
10	Latham	SJ21
11	Wilkinson	SJ21

Dear Blackbeard Sailors,

When I moved out to BSC in December, I expected a peaceful winter setting up a bachelor pad with Morris and perfecting my 21 foot trailerable cutter, Inspid. But there is really quite a bit of action both in and out of the water. Drew Pledger keeps working to build a better muffler with Strohs beer cans. His brother-in-law, Charles, is always describing fantastic new yacht designs while peeling fiberglass from between his toes. And then there was all the hub-bub surrounding the capture of Wild Roger's escaped boat. The devotion and energy which went into the rescue were marvelous. Looks like I picked a fine sailing club....

Morris and I had a grand time testing out the fine tuning on Inspid during the recent Sunday race. We were in hot pursuit of the lead boat, Charles Angel, when suddenly the Angel came to a screeching halt and Morris was almost lost in the quick maneuvering required to avoid a pile-up on the race course. I'd like to suggest to Charlie Marr that, in the future when he plans to stop short of the finish line, that the International Signal Book be consulted for the appropriate flag to hoist.

See you at the races!

Luigi



FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE TOOLBOX

We still lack many birthdays. We don't care how old you are (unless you're proud of it) but would like to help celebrate the date by publishing it in the monthly calendar. If the birthday thing is a good idea, call Josh Mills. If not, also call Josh.

Our 470 sailors are rough on boats--Tony Mineo and Keith Bay both have new 470's. Lawrence Lilly, former Force 5 man, has purchased Keith's 470. Make sure you get all the pieces, Lawrence!

The 1978 Christmas party will be held on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Harbor View (or whatever they call Treasure Cove these days).

Would anyone be interested in a Swap Shop for members' boats and gear? (Wives are not considered gear!) Contact Josh or one of the Epitaph editors.

Jerry Williams will be representing Blackbeard at the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Union meeting February 3-5 in Myrtle Beach.

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A Salute

By Doug Longhini

In 2002 Blackbeard acquired one of its most valuable assets. The husband and wife team of Bill and Jan Green was accepted for membership into the club. They came to us with a Catalina 34 which morphed into "Catatonic" a catamaran that changed into "Henery", a C-Hawk 25 foot powerboat. Over the years their skills became apparent just like the changes from one boat to another. Their single and joint talents of engineering, finance, computers, administration, photography, etc. were drawn on more and more by our club. They have held positions of Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Bookkeeper, Finance Committee, Membership Committee, Race Committee and too many other roles to mention.

The Sailing Community in general has benefited from these leadership skills. Both have served in positions in the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club and Neuse Yacht Racing Association.

I have had the privilege to know them not only in the capacity of sailing but also socially. One of those experiences was in Ballroom Dancing Classes (where Jan and Bill were one of the stars!) allowing us to exhibit our lack of coordination and ability to follow instructions. The lunches after the classes led to a number of interesting discussions on the diversity of our community.

BSC and the extended sailing community will miss them greatly as they return to Canada. Our best wishes to both of them as they embark on their next adventure.

I personally, along with other Racing Sailors, will miss their radio communication on the water:

"Weather Mark Boat On Station"

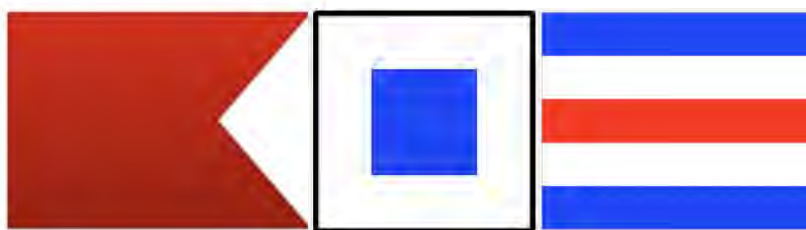
Bill and Jan

"Sail On"



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Deck View of A Dock Construction Day



Passing of Gordon LeGrand

Many of you knew Dr. Gordon LeGrand. He sailed with us for a number of years as crew and an owner of a SJ-21. Fantastic man and crew for Chuck Thompson (who he made look good on the race-course). He passed away this past Saturday after a long fight with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Doug Longhini

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Racing on the Neuse Resumes

By Mark Brennesholtz

Competitive sailing is crawling out of the lockdown. Fairfield Harbour YC started with weekday "Fun Races" in September, and they will continue through Thanksgiving. Format is pursuit starts at the entrance of Northwest Creek and rounding government marks for a single distance race per day. Pursuit starts are separated by handicap, so the handicap is applied at the beginning of the race rather than the end. Usually only one boat starts at a time, with the slower boats starting ahead of the faster ones. Very un-stressful. Eight to twelve boats have come out. No trophies, no parties, no fees - just say that you will be there. Many of the boats are both FHYC and BSC members. Crew is loosely limited to same family, or close to it.



Our commodore Arch Altman beats to windward in *Might Fine 2.0* on November 14. The air was spotty, but we did get two good races in (Photo - Cindy Richards)

spinnaker and the series lead by one point over *Blueprint*. My *Blue Note* took two firsts on a couple of lucky wind shifts and is now tied with *Turbulence* in non-spin. The big Hunter *Dutch Wind* again took first in the Fun class, followed by Joan Wilson in *Latitude Adjustment*. With five races in the books, the racing classes have one throw-out.

FHYC plans one final Fun Race on Black Friday. NYRA Winter Series continues on December 5 & 19, and January 9 & 23, weather permitting. If this fall is any indication, weather should certainly permit.

Neuse Yacht Racing Association (NYRA) began its Winter Series with the Halloween Race on (surprise!) Halloween. Twenty-one boats raced in Spinnaker, Non-spin and Fun classes on a very pretty day with light winds. PRO Jarvis got in three windward leeward races for spin and non, and one distance race for the Funs. Luke Spink in *Blueprint* led the four spinnakers by one point. Good to see *Blueprint* on the water again and doing well. Buddy Dillinger in *Turbulence* led the six non-spinnakers. Ed Thompson of FHYC won the Fun class in *Dutch Wind*. Sadly, the costumed Halloween Party, and all NYRA socials, are cancelled for the series.

The second Winter Series date, November 14, was equally beautiful but with spotty wind, including a 90-degree shift to the right and a major course change for the second race. Only two races were completed, with Ed Doughty's

Bad Fish taking two firsts in



Ed Doughty's J-29 *Bad Fish* rounds the leeward mark in the NYRA Winter Series race. After five races, *Bad Fish* leads the spinnaker class by one point over Luke Spink's *Blueprint* (Photo - Stephanie Davies)



Charlie Nelson's *Water Phantom* rounds the leeward mark in the NYRA Winter Series (Photo - Stephanie Davies)

BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

New Members

Welcome New Members: Ray & Jaime Redniss, Kim & Reid Serozi, and Emma & Luke Spink. (Bios and pictures of the new members follow.)

Ray & Jaime Redniss



If you've raced in Western Long Island Sound or at Block Island Race Week in the past 25 years or so, you've heard Ray Redniss on the VHF.

A Stamford YC member for 34 years, he's served as Race Committee Chairman, Fleet Captain, and on the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Nominating Committee. He continues to serve as PRO for the Vineyard and Stamford Denmark Friendship Races.

As a Storm Trysail Club member, Ray serves as Rear Commodore, on its Race Committee and Board of Governors, has been the Event Chair and PRO for the Block Island Race for 20+ years, a PRO at Block Island Race Week and for the LIS Championships, and on an RC crew at Key West Race Week for 10 years.

As a Regional Race Officer, he has also served as PRO for Ideal 18 N.A., Beneteau 36.7 N.A., Opti Team Trials, US Sailing's Women's Match Racing Championship, Leiter Cup, and Championship of Champions, and numerous Atlantic Coast and regional events.

Jaime thinks the article that appeared in Scuttlebutt told a more personal story, so here's a link to it:

<https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2017/12/07/ray-redniss-backbone-sport/>

Hello Blackbeard Sailors. We are Kim and Reid Serozi and we are happy to have this chance to introduce ourselves to you. We have two children, Jacob and Avery-Mae, who are 18 and 10 years old. We live in Raleigh, where Kim works as a social worker and Reid works for local government in science and technology.

We have owned a Boston Whaler Harpoon 5.2 for the last eight years here at Lake Wheeler in Raleigh. We have naturally outgrown this small city lake and are interested in joining a sailing club with a sense of community, better wind and a band of sailors willing to help others get better. Online, Reid has started a [Facebook group for almost 200 Boston Whaler Harpoon Sailboat owners](#) from across the country.

My (Reid's) father has influenced my love for boating and being on the water. We always had a boat in the family growing up from a Sea Ox powerboat, a Catalina 25, then a 21-foot GradyWhite powerboat, a Chesapeake daysailer and then a 1978 Bristol 29.9. I have fond memories of sailing and motor boating as a family in the Long Island Sound and Pamlico Sound. [My parents and their Bristol near Oriental NC were featured in a 2005 issue of Good Old Boat](#). In 1991, my father towed the family daysailer to Cape Cod Bay for a summer vacation, but lost the hinged mast base during Hurricane Bob. I remember my father asking me to dive to the bottom of the bay to look for the missing hardware as he tied a rope around my waist!

We look forward to spending time with everyone and applying our skills to support home port.

Kim & Reid Serozi



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New Members

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Emma & Luke Spink



Emma & Luke relocated from London, England, to Raleigh in 2018. Luke's job brought them to Raleigh because of being in the textile industry. Since their arrival they've had a couple of new additions. A baby girl, Lottie Spink, and a Chocolate Labrador puppy, Lexi. They were previous members of Hayling Island Sailing Club (HISC) and enjoyed being part of a social sailing club. Emma has done some dingy sailing, cruising and windsurfing. Luke has taken part in various regattas on the south coast of England along with pursuing his passion for windsurfing. They also recently purchased a Beneteau 36.7 and are looking forward to taking part in the NRYA winter Series.

Last Sunfish Race of the Season



BSC members Jerry Rezab, far left, Mike Foster in 76274, and Legacy Member Al Muenster in 76930. I believe Jerry finished in 3rd overall. Photo - John Jackson.



BSC sailors, left George Sechrist, right Eric Frank, who also finished the Spring and Fall Series in that order, George first, Eric second. Photo - John Jackson

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ICRC Race Schedule

2020 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

Rev 1.1

3/252020

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
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 Sailor of the Year Race (4 of 8) P Protect NC=Not Confirmed

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; Pursuit Format; Boat/Skipper Hdcp for tight finishes

Holiday Series - 1/1/2020, 2/15, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/20, 7/4, 9/5, 11/1, 11/27, 1/1/2021

Tuesday Evening Series - weekly races April through October, 5pm

Winter Series - weekly races, best day of the week, 1pm

To join the group contact: Peter Budzynkiewicz pbudzy7385@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: jeraldrezab@yahoo.com tel: 252-288-4124

> **Oriental Dinghy Club (ODC) Oriental, NC**

Year Series - 9 Days: Apr 11, May 16, 30, Jun 7, 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

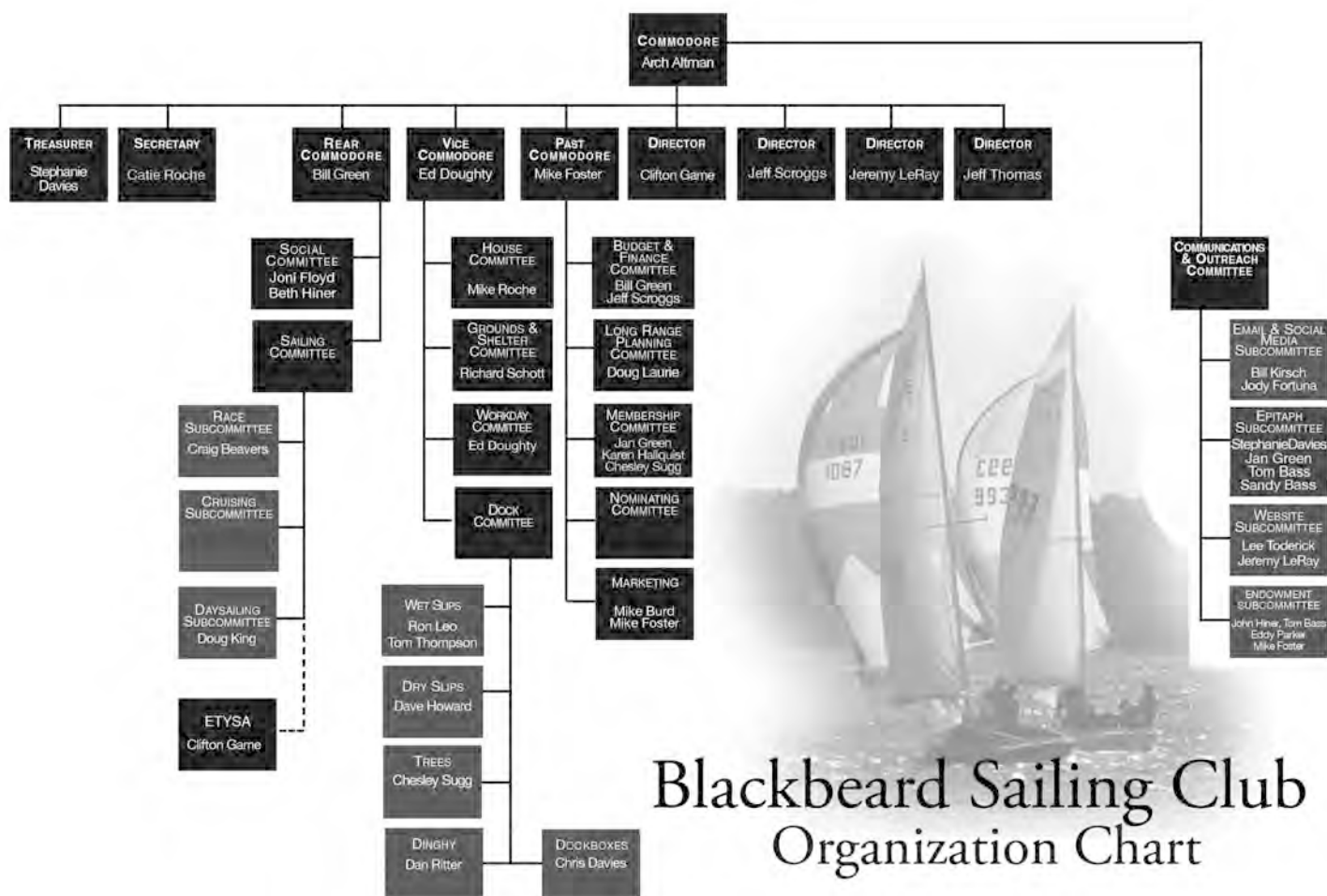
Contact Sonya Dean for information: sonyaam@hotmail.com tel: 999-999-9999

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

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

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To date ETYSA has received \$617.44 as of August 2020

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Blackbeard Sailing Club

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

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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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