



Blackbeard's Epitaph

All Social Events
suspended until
further notice...
Happy New Year!



Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

Season's Greetings All!!!! At the time of this writing, we are still pre-Holiday. I wish all of you the best this holiday season, considering our current pandemic predicament.

Last weekend, we had a fresh water supply issue- no flow! Through the efforts of several members, including the appropriate committee heads, the issue was resolved. The supply line that feeds our Club had been shut off, not by anyone at BSC, but by the Fairfield folks. It turns out both of our supply valves are in the same location. Fairfield had a leak in a facility on the golf course and shut off the wrong valve. After a bit of frustration and detective work by members, and the plumber, the problem was found and corrected. Thanks to all for the effort!!

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From the Commodore

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The construction of A Dock continues at a very efficient pace. It should be mostly completed by mid-January. Ron Leo, our Dockmaster, has done a mighty fine job in coordinating and supervising the contractors on the job. The contract has been expanded to include some upgrades to existing docks, a repair of the attenuator on the outer corner of B Dock, reworking of some slips to accommodate large catamarans, facing and bracing of A Dock, and the addition of two dinghy docks on each side of A Dock.

Social restrictions continue as the pandemic continues its rampage. Please continue to observe the protocols - Masks, Distancing, Avoiding Large Groups.

The Installation Dinner and awards presentation, typically held in mid-January, will be postponed to a later date.

The arrival of a vaccine is great news, but it will take awhile before we can again feel comfortable to cavort as we have previously. We'll have a big party celebrating when the time comes!!

Happy New Year - Bye-Bye 2020!

Arch



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From the Dockmaster Inner A Dock Progress

by Ron Leo

Our Inner A dock project continues and is ahead of schedule. Work by Cahoon is nearly complete. Additionally, repair of B dock, batter boards and reinforcing of A & C - T docks are in progress. Tide slides and hand rails will follow.

Pilings have been removed to accommodate catamarans on the split of A. Defective pilings will be replaced on outer B dock. Fire suppression has been tested and has passed, then reconnection will follow.

Electricians are currently at work on wire pulls and re-installing powerheads.

Soon, those who have been relocated will be able to return to their new "better than before" slips...so stay tuned, a blast on that will follow.

Thanks to all for your patience during this project!

Ron

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Blast from the Past!

By Chris Davies

This month we return to March of 1978. As noted in last month's Epitaph, it was voted to extend the main pier by adding 25 new slips. The general membership approved an expenditure of \$25,000 for the task, and in the spirit of volunteerism, it was to be built by members.

The decision to extend the dock was not without controversy, as one camp felt that moorings would be a better solution to adding more "slips." But, in the end, the pier extension went forward.

That dock (the inner part of A) lasted, with annual workday repairs, from 1978 until 2020 - a total of 42 years!!! It is hoped that the new A Dock, professionally built at a cost of 10X that \$25,000, will last as long, and will require almost no annual maintenance.

EPITAPH BLAST FROM THE PAST

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HOME PORT TO GET PIER EXTENSION

Blackbeard's sailors voted unanimously at the February 15 meeting to extend our present pier, increasing the docking capacity by 25 slips. Estimated date of completion is mid-June.

Commodore Drew Pledger indicated that the total cost would be in the neighborhood of \$25,000, with funding coming from the purchase of 9% bonds by club members. Based upon conservative occupancy rates, the new pier should pay for itself in five years. The Board will solicit bids on the project and will decide between another "do it ourselves" pier, a turnkey contract for a fully completed structure or something in between. Members wishing to purchase bonds should contact Drew for more details.

Flash! ! Epitaph has just learned from Drew Pledger that construction will start the week of 1 March.

RACE RESULTS

Keeping warm and avoiding falls on icy decks were additional tasks required of the eight boat loads of hardy racers who braved the elements on Jan 29. Winds were in the 15-20 mph range and the chill factor was in the low 20's. There is something about cold, blustery weather that encourages even frostbiters to finish races quickly.

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Corrected Time</u>
1	Novak	PSN 26	45.00
2	Proctor	R 23	45.61
3	McClure	SJ 21	47.25
4	Balogh	SJ 21	47.38
5	Lawthorn	SJ 21	47.58
6	Williams	SJ 23	49.35
7	Mineo	Vindo	50.92
8	Foy	Cal 34	57.15

EPITAPH BLAST FROM THE PAST

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"SPRING" RACE WEEKEND

For those of you who have spent the Winter Series warming your feet and backsides in front of the fire instead of freezing them out on the mighty Neuse (backsides are particularly vulnerable), here's your big chance! The first race of the Spring Series will be held on 11 and 12 March.

The club has joined the U.S. Performance Handicap Association, and all boats over 20 feet in length will be rated under that system. Information on this handicapping procedure will be given at the skipper's meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Classes A and B will be divided by boat size. A C class will be formed consisting of those skippers who own boats more specifically geared to cruising rather than racing (that does not include SJ 24's!). SJ 21's can compete as a separate class if that is the wish of these skippers.

Interest in small-boat racing is apparently lagging, as there are none entered at present in the Spring Series. Any small boat skippers who wish to race should contact Bob Clark or Drew Pledger so that race committee preparations can be made.

In case some of the participants are still having trouble making the transition from those warm hearths, a bonfire will be provided Saturday night along with a social. Bring your own hotdogs. A club meeting will be held at BSC at 7:00 p.m. following the cookout.

WILL THE REAL SKIPPER OF THE " OSPREY " PLEASE SIT DOWN!



TO PIER OR NOT TO PIER

The great "Purists versus Pragmatists" controversy is raging at Blackbeard. It centers on the building of the new pier. The purist faction is led by Jamie King spurred on by Morris. Jamie believes that boats are safer on moorings than in slips (right, Josh?) and that we should do away with piers, turn in our motors and develop the ability to walk on water to get to the moored boats. Morris doesn't care about moorings, motors, or much of anything except maintaining Blackbeard as a giant sandbox for him.

The Pragmatist faction is led by Lea Wood who believes in more and better piers, hot coffee for everyone and an insulated jumpsuit in every locker. Snuggles is Goodness. She and Walt are incorporating themselves as "Piers without Peers." If you want special color-coordinated mooring lines or beer on tap in your slip, see them.

As for Jamie and Morris, it looks like Pragmatism will triumph. As a concession however we have decided to reserve a special natural area in which Jamie, his cat boat, and Morris can roam free.

FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE TOOLBOX

Roberta Lindau's Relaxation Class is now underway. Interest has been so great that a second class is being planned to accommodate the additional requests. Contact Roberta at 633-4171 for details.

Where are those recipes? Cruising weather is almost upon us, so please be thinking about what you'd like to contribute, including favorite drink recipes. Maybe we can even come up with a Blackbeard cookbook.

On March 4 and 5, the Neuse Sailing Association is sponsoring its annual crew clinic. This is a good opportunity to improve your racing skills.

Don't forget the Easter Weekend Cruise to Oriental March 25 and 26. A "chart party" will be held at BSC that Friday night at 7:30. Come early and grill steaks if you like.

EPITAPH BLAST FROM THE PAST

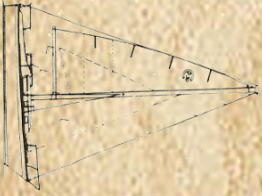
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5 NSA CREW CLINIC	6	7	8 <i>8:00 am</i>	9 <i>11:00 am</i>	10	11 BSC Spring Series Shipyard Meeting 10:00 A.M. Club Meeting @ Bonnie 7:30 P.M.
12 BSC Spring Series Shipyard Meeting 1:00 P.M.	13 <i>pc</i>	14	15	16	17	18 NSA Race No. 1 Oriental
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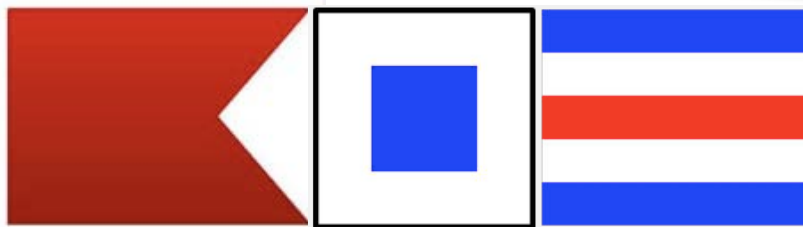
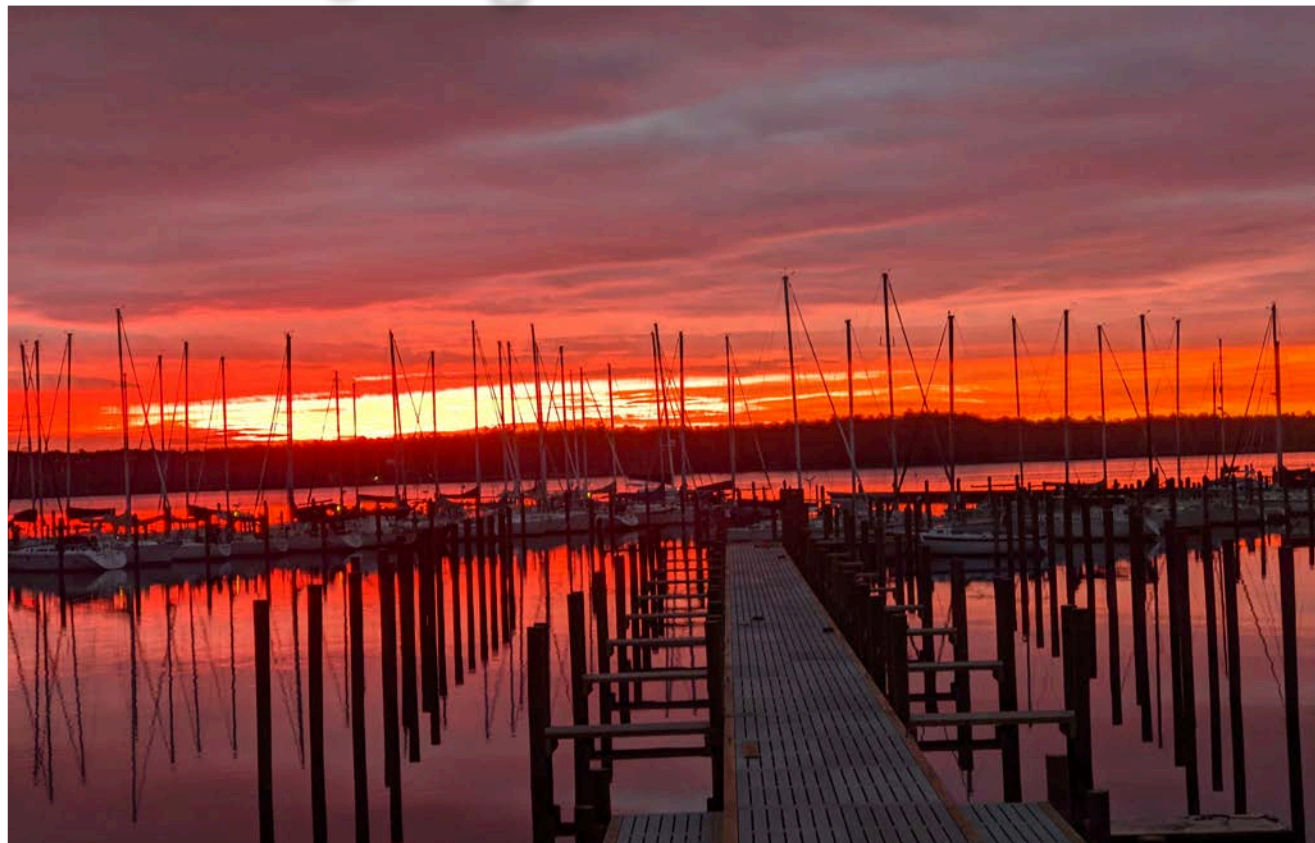
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Red Morning Sky Over A Dock

Photo By Eddy Parker



Blackbeard Elections 2020

By Jane Staveley

Officer and Board elections were held via electronic voting ending November 6, 2020. Congratulations to those elected, or re-elected, to leadership positions in BSC!

Arch Altman will serve again as Commodore. Mark Hittner was elected as Vice Commodore, and LuAnn Parins was elected as Rear Commodore. Stephanie Davies was re-elected as Treasurer, and Catie Roche was re-elected as Secretary. Rick Critser was newly elected to the Board of Directors. Jeremy LeRay and Jeff Scroggs were re-elected to the Board. Jeff Thomas and Clifton Game will continue to serve on the Board in the coming year. Welcome to those newly elected, and thanks in advance for your willingness to serve!

Many, many thanks to outgoing members - Past Commodore Mike Foster, Vice Commodore Ed Doughty, and Rear Commodore Bill Green.

Jane Staveley, on behalf of the Nominations Commit

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ICRC Race Schedule

2021 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

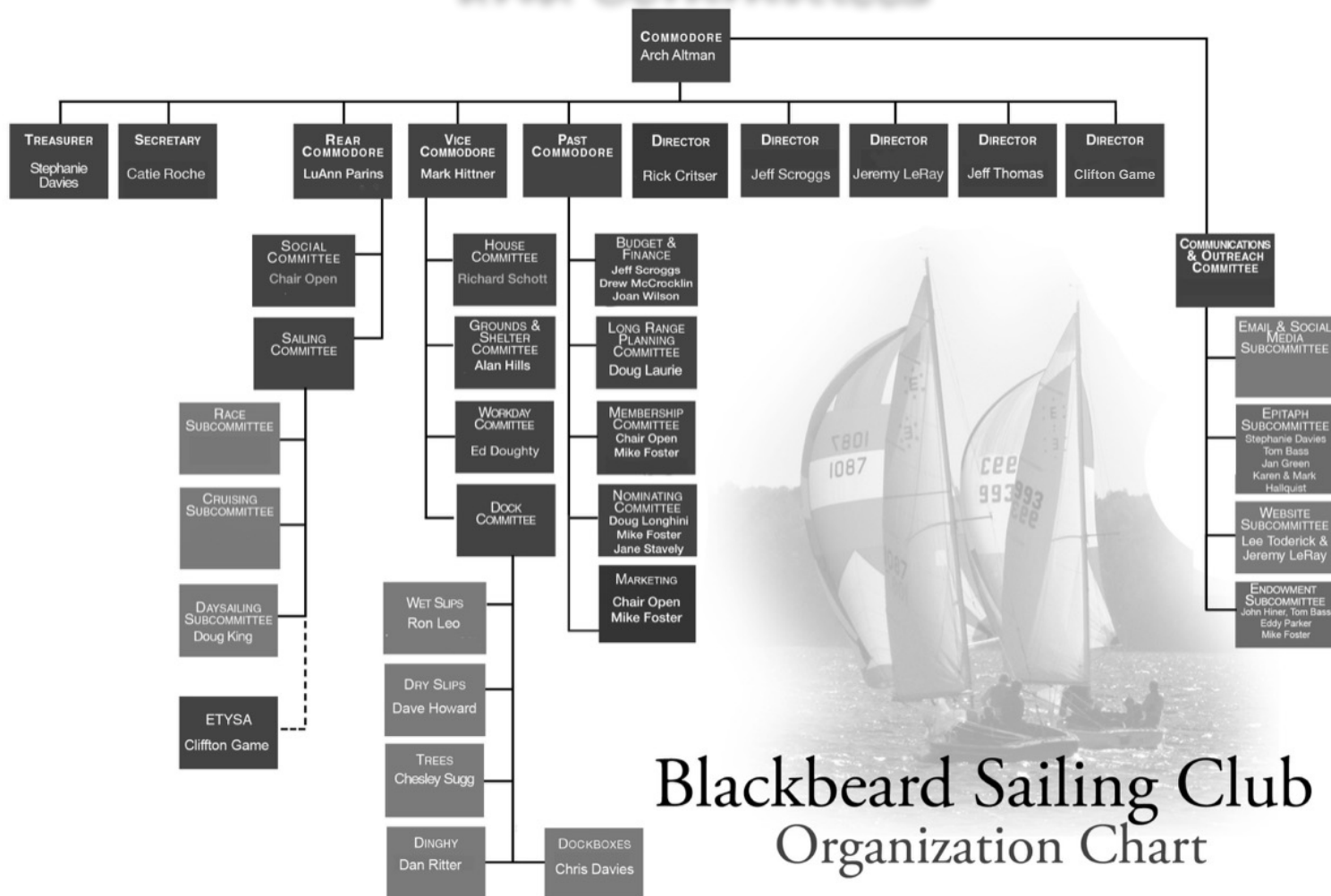
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Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
Jan 1 '21	Fr	BSC	Fred Latham Regatta	X	X	X			New Bern
Jan 1 '21	Fr	ODC	Instead of Football Regatta	X	**	**			Oriental
Jan 9 '21	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 23 '21	Sa	NYRA	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
Mar 13	Sa	BSC	US Sailing Race Mgmt Seminar						Blackbeard
Mar 27-28	Sa-Su	NYRA	NYRA Invitational * #	X	**	**			New Bern
Apr 4	Su	-	EASTER						-
Apr 17-18	Sa-Su	BTS	NCSU Collegiate Regatta					FJ	Oriental
Apr 24	Sa	FHYC	Wilkerson Race	X	**	**		Local boats only	New Bern
Apr 24	Sa	NYRA	Fourth Saturday Fun Race (Pursuit)	X	**	**			New Bern
May 1	Sa	NYRA	Cinco de Mayo - One Design		X	X	X		New Bern
May 9	Su	-	MOTHER'S DAY						-
May 14-16	Fr-Su	RPYC	Pirates on the Pungo	X	X	X	X	X	Belhaven
May 15	Sa	FHYC	Star Race * # P (phrf)	X	**	**			New Bern
May 21	Fr	NYRA	Fourth Saturday Fun Race (Pursuit)	X	**	**			New Bern
May 22-23	Sa-Su	ODC	Dragons Breath - * # P	X	**	**			Oriental
May 29-30	Sa-Su	BSC	ETYSA Soundbank - * ** # P	X	**	**			New Bern
Jun 19	Sa	NYRA	Fourth Saturday Fun Race (Pursuit)	X	**	**			New Bern
Jun 19	Sa	PSC	Indian Island to Ocracoke #	X	**	**			Pamlico
Jun 19	Sa	SCOO	Summer Solstice	X	**	**			Oriental
Jun 20	Su	-	FATHER'S DAY						-
Jul 3	Sa	BTS	Croaker Fest Regatta				X	FJ/420/SF	Oriental
Jul 9-11	Fri-Su	HYC	HYC Regatta * # P	X	**	**			Cherry Pt
Jul 24	Sa	NYRA	Parrothead (to Oriental)	X	**	**			New Bern
Aug 7-8	Sa-Su	BTS	Bow & Stern Regatta	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	Oriental
Aug 7	Sa	FOM	Hoop Pole Regatta					High School or younger	Beaufort
Aug 28-29	Sa-Su	BSC	BSC OD & SF SE Regional P (OD)	X	X	X	X	X	New Bern
Sep 4-5	Sa-Su	NYRA	Beer Stein * # P (phrf)	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 6	Mo	-	LABOR DAY						-
Sep 18	Sa	BTS	Green Creek Regatta				X	In or 20 ft	Oriental
Sep 18	Sa	NYRA	Fourth Saturday Fun Race (Pursuit)	X	**	**			New Bern
Oct 9	Sa	ODC	ODC SOLO Race	X	**	**			Oriental
Oct 10	Su	ODC	ODC Double Harred Race		**	**			Oriental
Oct 11	Fr-Su	ODC	Oriental Cup # P	X	**	**			Oriental
Oct 30	Sa	BTS	Halloween Regatta - 1st Annual	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	Oriental
Oct 30	Sa	NYRA	Halloween Winter Race 1 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Nov 13	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 2 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Nov 20	Sa	BSC	Flt 8 - Turkey Trot		X	X		X	New Bern
Nov 21	Su	-	THANKSGIVING						-
Dec 4	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 3 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Dec 18	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 4 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 1 '22	Sa	BSC	Fred Latham Regatta	X	X	X			New Bern
Jan 1 '22	Sa	ODC	Instead of Football Regatta	X	**	**			Oriental
Jan 8 '22	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 22 '22	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 6 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 23 '22	Su	NYRA	Winter Race Makeup *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 19 '22	Sa	NYRA	Commodores Ball Regatta *	X	**	**			New Bern

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Your 2021 Board of Directors and Committees



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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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