



Blackbeard's Epitaph

All Social Events
suspended until
further notice...

**Happy
Valentines Day!**

Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

Hello Mates,

As of this writing, January is nearly over; many things have changed, and many things remain the same.

A Dock's rebuild should be complete by now. There is new guidance in the political realm. A vaccine for the pandemic is available.

The threat from Covid remains, and even with vaccination, we must continue to act and behave prudently and safely. Political problems will continue to be difficult to solve, and Blackbeard Sailing Club remains a solid mainstay in our lives.

The completion of A Dock closes our current plan for dock rebuilding. We will continue to rehab B Dock, with its replacement coming about 5 years down the line.

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From the Commodore

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In this vein, as has been done in the past, we are in the process of gathering a plan for Long Term Capital Improvements. If you have any ideas or contributions to add to this endeavor, feel free to direct them to me (raleighwoodcab@aol.com) or Jeff Scroggs (jsscroggs@gmail.com), our Finance Committee Chairman. (A swimming pool will NOT be seriously considered!)

In the past, we have considered expansion and replacement of the Clubhouse deck, modernizing and expanding the kitchen, adding a lift for those of us dealing with reduced mobility, etc.

Social events will hopefully return later this year. I expect a large party, perhaps in warm weather, with music, food and revived camaraderie galore!!

Fair Winds and Smooth Seas,

Arch

BSC Has a New Bookkeeper

By Doug Longhini



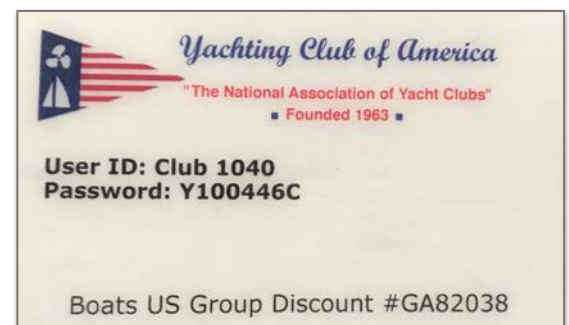
John Sumislaski

You will be seeing a new face around the Club. John Sumislaski has been recently hired to replace Jan Green (who moved to Canada) as the BSC Bookkeeper. John is a retired Fairfield Harbour resident and comes to us with extensive experience in Accounting and Finance. Over the years he has worked for major corporations and volunteered as treasurer and board member on a number of non-profit organizations. He will be working closely with our Treasurer, Stephanie Davies, in our day-to-day financial operations.

Give him a warm welcome when you see him around the Club.

New Gate Keys at BSC

By now you should have received your new gate keys and code. They will be officially changed on February 15, 2021. The new membership card shows that BSC is an accredited member of Yachting Club of America, and grants reciprocal privileges to you as a member of BSC. Take it with you as you travel and visit other reciprocal clubs. You can use the ID and PASSWORD online to see what other clubs are associated. The password is all lower case.



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ETYSA Begins Planning for 2021 Summer Camps

By Doug Longhini



At this time, the Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association is optimistically, yet cautiously, moving forward to develop plans and precautions in order to hold our June/July/August sailing camps for 2021. These plans include adjusted class sizes, and safety measures to ensure the cleanest possible camp environment. We expect to continue the social distancing efforts you as parents have created with your children.





As we all watch and wait to see what the next couple of months will bring, we will keep you updated.

The camps are held at Blackbeard Sailing Club, New Bern, NC.

ETYSA annual Family Membership of \$50 is required.

ETYSA summer camps are \$175 per weekly session. We hope to open registration in early April.

June 28 - July 1 Junior Instructor Week- This week is an orientation for preparing equipment for camp weeks.

-  July 12-16 Camp 1 Beginners/Intermediate
-  July 19-23 Camp 2 Beginners/Intermediate
-  July 26-30 Camp 3 Beginners/Intermediate
-  August 23-27 Camp 4 Race Camp



Have your 8-16 year old participate in ETYSA Sailing Camp this summer to learn to sail with quality instructors at Blackbeard Sailing Club. Sailing Instructors are Level 1 certified and will be supported by a team of local sailing volunteers. Attendees will be trained to sail on the Neuse River. The ETYSA fleet consists of **Opti**, **Topaz** and **420** sailboats.

For Information Contact:

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Doug Longhini - Board Member ncsailor47@yahoo.com



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Winter Series Races End, but Racing on the Neuse Continues

by Mark Brennesholtz

From Halloween through January 23, nineteen boats raced at least one race in the NYRA Winter Series, including nine Blackbeard members. A new format for cruising boats - the Fun Class - set a more comfortable distance race rather than round-the-marks. This class has proved popular, with nine boats competing - most short-handed.

After nine races for PHRF boats (two race dates were called due to weather) Ed Doughty took first in the Spinnaker Class in his J29 *Bad Fish*, with only one second after throwouts! Luke Spink was second in *Blueprint*. Charlie Nelson in *Water Phantom* was first in Non-Spin, followed by yours truly in the Ensign *Blue Note* in second.

The Fun Class raced four distance races and was won by Ed Thompson in the big Hunter *Dutch Wind* from Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club. Joan Wilson in the Hunter 36 *Latitude Adjustment* was second.

Committee last week was provided by Mary (PRO) and Mark Hittner, Chris and Stephanie Davies (pin boat) and Scott Lilly and Ray Redness (mark boat).

Until the final race, light winds prevailed. As the photos show, January 23 was a blustery day.



Heavily reefed, *Bad Fish* beats to windward on January 23rd.
(Stephanie Davies photo)



Bad Fish finishes downwind but without spinnaker. Ed Doughty won the spinnaker class in the NYRA Winter Series. Mary and Mark Hittner served as race committee on *Baggywrinkle* (Stephanie Davies photo)



Ed Doughty's *Bad Fish* rounds the leeward mark behind Charlie Nelson's *Water Phantom*. Note both boats were heavily reefed on a clear but blustery January 23.
(Mary Hittner photo)

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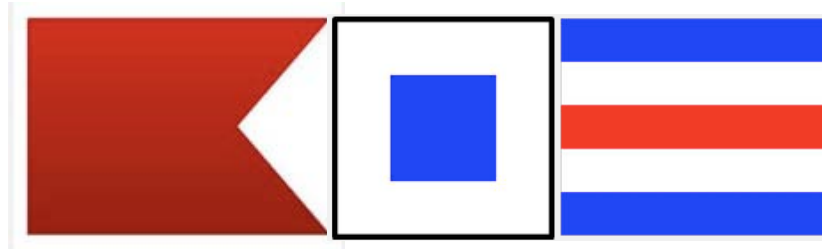
FHYC Fun Races

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For those of us of a certain employment status, Fairfield has been running races on any day at short notice if the forecast looks nice. Eight to ten boats have been showing up for the single distance race each day, usually beginning at 1300 with a pursuit start. Rules during the pandemic are that to be counted officially, the boats can only be crewed by folks in the same household or single-handed. However, if you are inclined to get out on a nice day, contact Ed Thompson at edthompson2@com-cast.net or 609-685-4732. No fees, no parties, no trophies, just fun on the water.



Ed Thompson (FHYC) raced his Hunter 45 *Dutch Wind* in the popular Fun Class, probably single handed with shortened sail. In the NYRA Winter Series this class normally races a distance course. Ed also runs the FHYC weekly fun races. (Stephanie Davies photo)



Blast from the Past!

by Chris Davies

Last month we remembered the building of the extension to A pier.

A lot was accomplished with our volunteer workforce, and this month the call went out for a crew to finish off the decking. Note, "bring your own food" and "bandages" It seems that way back when, our members were more into the "volunteer" mode than they seem to be at present.

At that time, the Club also seemed to inspire more members to venture out on weekend cruises and brave strong winds and nasty weather. Perhaps the opportunity for a group cruise was still a novelty.

The racing too was well attended, with 16 boats taking part in the opening of the Spring series. Wow, 16! 6 SJ's and 10 in two classes of cruising.

Notice too, that a call is made for a junior sailing program...Good idea!

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NEW PIER ALMOST COMPLETE

On April 15 and 16, a good turnout of workers will be necessary to put down the decking. Bring hammers, old work clothes and work gloves. The bathhouse needs some painting, so bring old brushes. Building chairperson Walt Wood will coordinate our efforts.

The work goes quickly when there is lots of help, so let's see everyone show up at 9:00 on Saturday morning. Bring your own food, drinks and bandages. An informal cookout is planned for Saturday night.

EASTER CRUISE A SUCCESS

Ten boatloads of BSC sailors set off early Saturday morning in 20kt winds for Oriental, the destination of the Club's first cruise of the season. In spite of the rain and blustery winds, all enjoyed the trip, especially Commodore Pledger, who found two six-packs of beer at the Easter egg hunt Sunday morning.

Many other members joined the cruisers for dinner Saturday night at the Oriental Restaurant.

Following a sunrise service conducted by Judy Barfield and the egg hunt, the cruisers departed in a group for the wild return ride to BSC. Special recognition is extended to the three courageous SJ 21 skippers who made the trip.

SPRING SERIES RACING

Light and perversely variable winds were the order of the day on Saturday, March 11, for the first Spring race weekend. Sunday's winds were strong and gusty by comparison. Cruising boats sailed two races; the SJ 21's sailed three.

SJ 21		Cruising A		Cruising B	
<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Finishes</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Finishes</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Finishes</u>
Freeman	1,1,1	Marr	1,3	Wilkinson	1,2
Lawson	2,2,2	Novak	2,2	Proctor	2,5
Wilkinson	3,4,-	Foy	3,4	Williams	5,4
Balogh	4,3,4	Pledger	-,1	Hodge	3,3
Osborne	5,5,-			Latham	6,1
McClure	-, -,3			McClure	4,-

Dear BSC,

My friend Morris was an eager participant in the cruise to Oriental and has been bubbling with enthusiasm all week. He plies me with stories, hides old Easter eggs all over Inspid and wakes me at day break begging for just one more sunrise service.

highlights of the trip according to Morris...

...the great turnout--10 boats and 50 at dinner

...Carol Balogh breaking through her rain gear

...Bud Foy travelling off through the fog under power

One question we all have is about the origin of the small child aboard Roger's boat. Cloning, perhaps?

See you at the races!

Luigi

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...and from the Race Committee Chairman...

SPRING SERIES OPENED

Blessed by good weather and the help of LoCiceros and Woods as committee boats, the season got off to a great start.

Post race discussion centered on the best and most fair method of assigning the race boat job. Obviously those who race must take their turn. So...

1. Skippers who are R.C. will throw out the race for which they drew the duty.
2. Those skippers not drawn for R.C. will throw out their second best race for the series.
3. Fall and Winter Series will be drawn from Skippers who have not previously served.
4. If you cannot serve when assigned, it is your responsibility to trade the dates with another skipper and notify the Race Committee Chairman.
5. When acting as Committee Boat for his assigned race the skipper shall not allow his boat to be raced.
6. Well in advance of the race date, skippers drawn should contact Bob Clark, Drew Pledger, Lee Woods or Jewell LoCicero for scoring methods. It really is very simple.

Drawing results For: April 8...J. Proctor
April 9...G. Wilkinson
May 6...Fred Latham
May 7...J. Hodge

Respectfully,
Bob Clark, R.C.

A progress series will be held for those who have not won a trophy this year on June 10, 11, 17 and 18. Trophies will be awarded following each race--details later. Bob Clark

SWAP SHOP

The "Knockers" crew are going their separate ways, and the boat, a Ranger 23, is for sale. Contact Ed Bailey at the Shipyard for details.

FROM THE CHEF

Thanks to Lee Wood for these yummy suggestions:

Did you ever wish you had a bowl of chilli, hot soup or stew while at anchor on a chilly night? A crock pot (slow cooker) if heated on high the last 30 minutes of cooking, then sealed with silver tape, will keep dinner hot from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Just think of

the one-dish meals that can go sailing with you. Crock pot can be secured in a corner of a locker with a walled area the size of the pot with shock cords placed to accommodate the pot.

If water and tea are frozen prior to placing on board, ice will last longer.

FROM THE JUNIOR'S CORNER

To the members of Blackbeard Sailing Club -- Adults and Juniors: In order to set up and run a junior program there is some information I need to obtain. I would appreciate your filling out the following questionnaire and returning it to me. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. How many juniors in your family? _____
 2. Age(s) of junior(s)? _____
 3. Do you have a small boat (sunfish type) for use in a junior program? _____
If yes, what type? _____
- And for you juniors: What would you like to do in your own program? _____

Please return this questionnaire to:
Langdon Chamberlain
P.O. Box 523
Bridgeton, N. C. 28519

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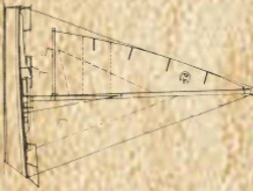
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 Blackbeards Spring Series Race 1600 am. Social 6:00 pm. NSA RACE Trojan Yachts / Montego Sailboats
2	3	4 Happy Birthday Carol Brough	5 Board Meeting	6 Happy Birthday John Hodge	7	8 Blackbeards Spring Series Race 1600 am. Social 6:00 pm. NSA RACE Trojan Yachts / Montego Sailboats
						15 Work Weekend 9:00 am.
9 Blackbeards Spring Series Race Skippers Meeting 1:00 pm. NSA RACE ORIENTAL	10	11	12	13 Happy Birthday Darryl Evans	14	15 Work Weekend 9:00 am.
16 Work Weekend	17	18	19	20 Happy Birthday Darryl Evans	21	22 San Juan 21 Foot Cruise Oriental to South River Contact Miki Larsson
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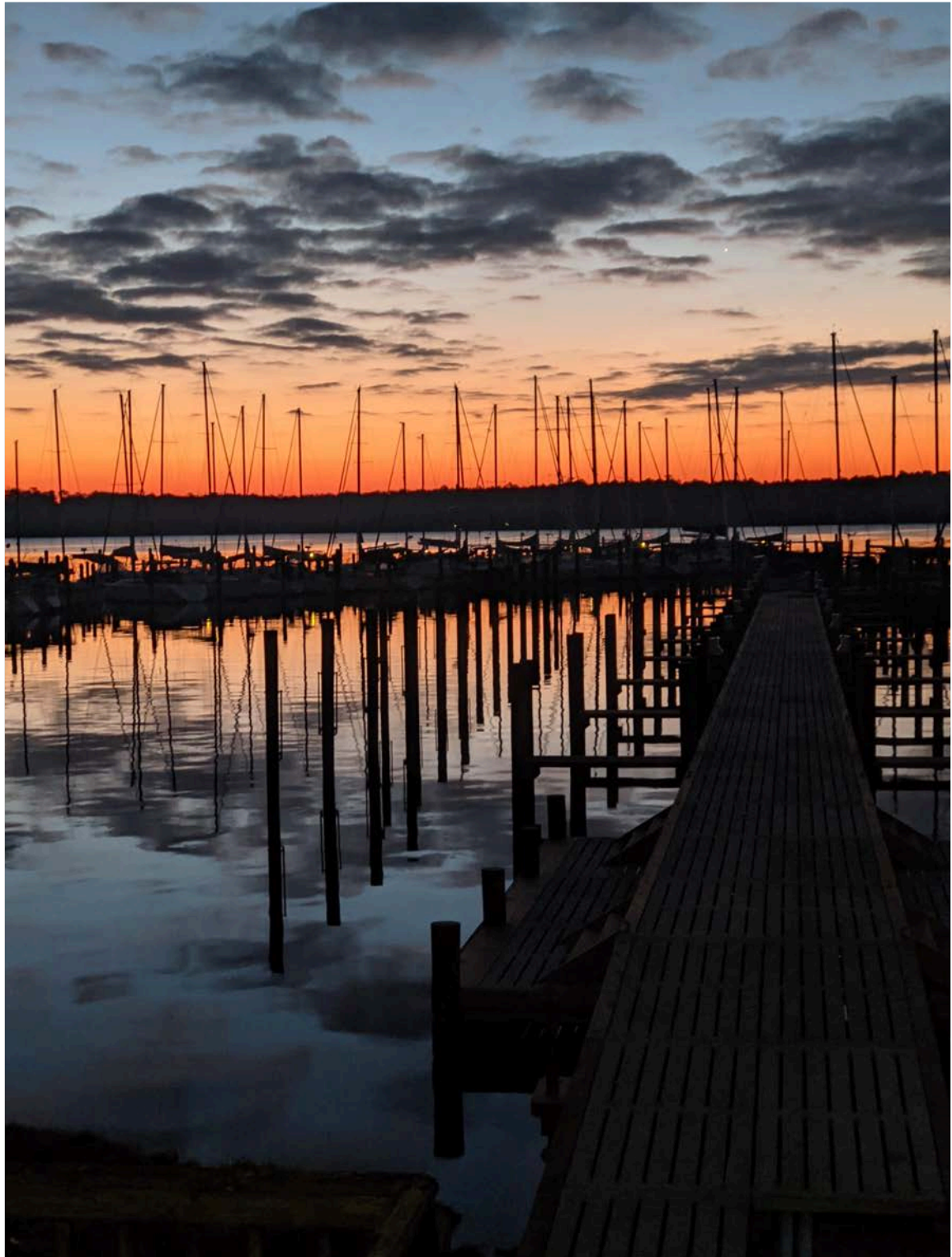
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Morning is the Best Time of Day!

Photo By Eddy Parker

For those who sleep in, morning is the best time of day. The hits just keep coming this winter!



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ICRC Race Schedule

2021 RACE SCHEDULE								Final-v1	1/29/21
Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee									
Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
More Races, Events and Contact Information are Listed on next page!!									
Feb 20'21	Sa	NYRA	Commodores Ball Regatta *	X	**	**			New Bern
Mar 27-28	Sa-Su	NYRA	NYRA Invitational * #	X	**	**			New Bern
Apr 4	Su	-	EASTER						-
Apr 11	Su	FHYC	Wilkerson Race	X	**	**		Local boats only	New Bern
Apr 17-18	Sa-Su	BTS	NCSU Collegiate Regatta					FJ	Oriental
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	Fr	NYRA	Fourth (on Friday) Fun Race (Pursuit)	X	**	**			New Bern
May 22	Sa	FHYC	Oar Race * # (phrf)	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	PSC	Indian Island to Ocracoke #	X	**	**			Pamlico
Jun 19	Sa	SCOO	Summer Solstice	X	**	**			Oriental
Jun 20	Su	-	FATHER'S DAY						-
Jun 26	Sa	NYRA	Fourth Saturday Fun Race (Pursuit)	X	**	**			New Bern
Jul 3	Sa	BTS	Croaker Fest Regatta				X	FJ/420/SF	Oriental
Jul 24	Sa	NYRA	Parrothead (to Oriental)	X	**	**			New Bern
Jul 25	Sa	ODC	ODC SOLO & Dbl Handed Race P	X	**	**			Oriental
Aug 7-8	Sa-Su	BTS	Bow & Stern Regatta	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	Oriental
Aug 13	Fri	FOM	Hoop Pole Regatta		High School or younger				Beaufort
Aug 28-29	Sa-Su	BSC	BSC One Design & ETYSA Youth Sailing		X	X	X		New Bern
Sep 4-5	Sa-Su	NYRA	Beer Stein * # P (phrf)	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 6	Mo	-	LABOR DAY	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 18	Sa	BTS	Greens Creek Regatta				X	Under 20 ft	Oriental
Sep 18-19	Sa-Su	BSC	Blackbeard Regatta	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 25	Sa	NYRA	Fourth Saturday Fun Race (Pursuit)	X	**	**			New Bern
Oct 15-17	Fr-Su	ODC	Oriental Cup # P	X	**	*			Oriental
Oct 30	Sa	BTS	Halloween Regatta	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 Tail		X	X		X	New Bern
Nov 25	Th	-	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
Feb 5'22	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 7 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 19'22	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 6) P Protect									

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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 Thurs Race Days: Normally starting Last Thurs in March - Postponed for 2021 due to Covid

Fall Series - 7 Thurs Race Days: Sep 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11th; Awards party following on Nov 11th

Normally 3 races per day -- **Contact:** Gordon Osborne (443)350-4877 or Steve Youngson (630)240-2171 for info

Fairfield Harbour PHRF Fun Races:

Weekly Races are open to all sailors; NO Fees; No scoring; Pursuit Format

Holiday Series - 1/1/2021, 2/13, 3/13, 4/3, 5/8, 6/19, 7/4, 9/4, 10/30, 11/26, 1/1/2022

Tuesday Evening Series - weekly races April 1st through October 12th, 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:** Near the boat ramp of the Fairfield Harbour inner harbour

Spring Series – 9 Sunday Race Days: Apr 18, 25; May 2, 16, 23 & Jun 6, 13, 20, 27

Fall Series – 8 Sunday Race Days: Sep 12, 19, 26; Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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 – *To Be Determined*

Contact: Todd Cox for information: toddcoxvt@gmail.com tel: 802-999-7572

> **Hot Toddy at Blackbeard Sailing Club**

A Winter Series of racing, November or December thru March, into April, usually 2 weeks or more apart

2021 Schedule: 1/23; 2/20; 3/20; 4/17 -- **Contact:** Sonya Dean for information: sonyaam@hotmail.com

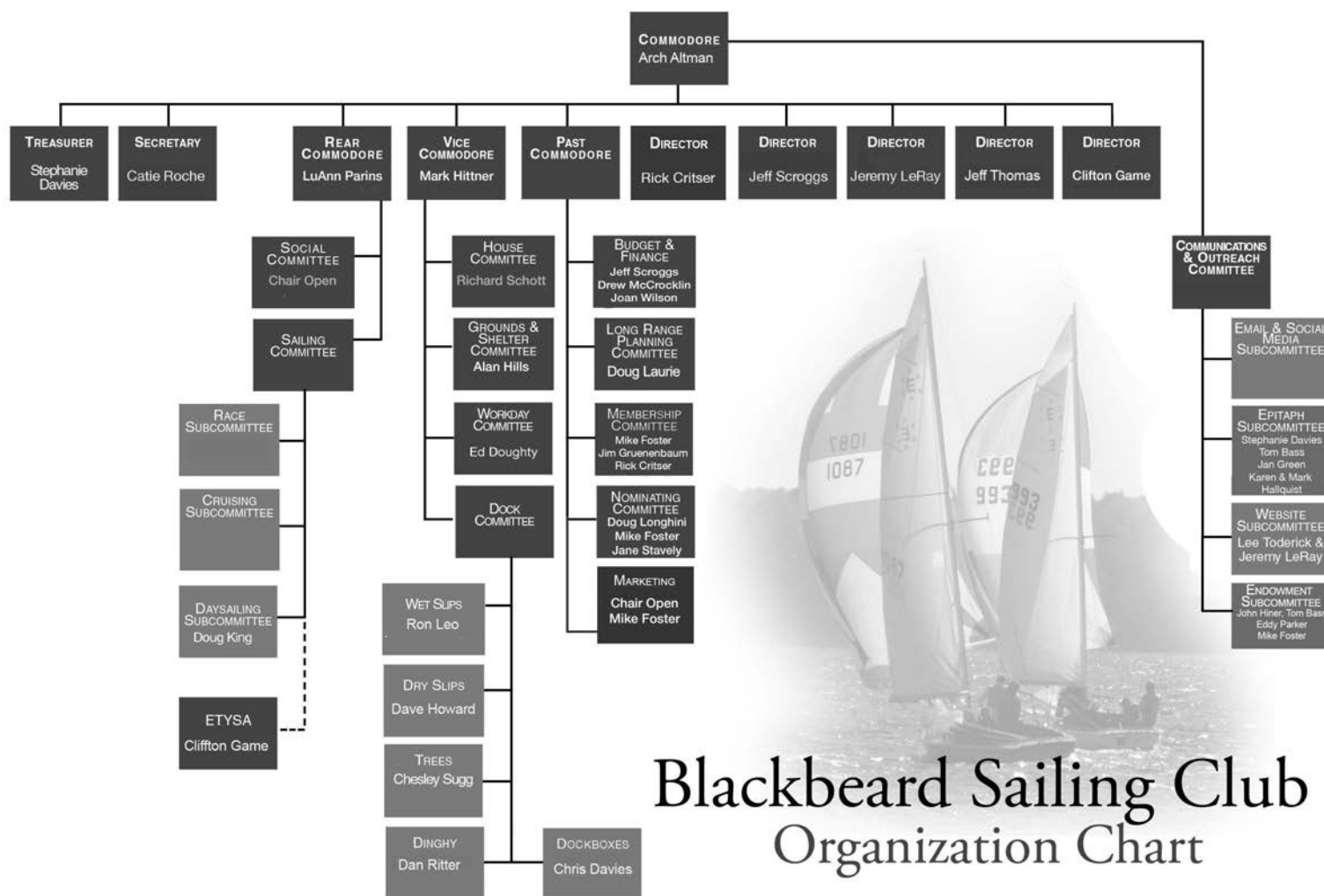
Miscellaneous:

Apr 8-11	Th-Su	-	Charleston Race Week	Charleston
May 28 - 6/13	Fr-Su	-	Spoletto, Charleston, SC	Charleston
July-August	Mo-Fr	BSC	ETYSA Youth Sailing Event/Camp	BSC-New Bern
TBD	Sa	SAYRA	SAYRA Club Championship	CYC-SC
Sep 24-26	Fr-Su	-	Oriental Boat Show	Oriental
Oct 9-10	Sa-Su	-	Mumfries	New Bern
TBD	Fr-Su	FLT 8	SC-2 Eastern Nationals	TBD

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Your 2021 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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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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