



# Blackbeard's Epitaph

Are you looking  
for summer fun?  
BSC could use  
you for the One  
Design Regatta.

BOD 9:30 August 21st



## From the Commodore:

Mates,

Whew, it's hot and sultry with precious little wind this week for the Junior sailors at the ETYSA Camps!! Even under these conditions participation has been high, and the kids are having fun while learning the fine art of wind-powered boating!! Thanks to all of you who make this possible.

Blackbeard had its first social with a celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, attended by 162 people. It was a big success - over 300 hot dogs and brats were cooked and served, along with a panoply (five varieties) of baked beans offered by members, in addition to the usual sides, and a chocolate fountain and ice cream. Thanks is due to Gay Whitney and the Social Committee for producing this wonderful effort to return to normal.

## Blackbeard Sailing Club

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In addition, this month the Antique Boat Club in New Bern showcased several wooden and classic boats at Blackbeard on Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was good and the showing of these vessels was exceptional!! This event was brought to the Club by Alan and Judy Hills. Thanks so much.

Just a short word about COVID here: the Delta variant and its growing intrusion in the country is a cause of concern now. Please be vigilant and take the precautions you deem necessary to stay healthy.

Elections for Board positions are fast approaching. If you are ready to serve your Club, please contact Doug Longhini, Jane Staveley, or Doug King.

Finally, a BSC member is selling his fine yacht, a 34' Catalina. For more information contact Ed Doughty at 910-485-4655.

When there's wind, Let's Go Sailing!!

## BSC One Design Regatta August 28 - 29, 2021

**Blackbeard's One Design Regatta for 2021 is being held on August 28-29. This is an event for One Design boats 21 ft or less . . . Flying Scots, San Juan 21, Wayfarer, Tanzer 16, Laser, Sunfish, Weta, Club 420, etc. More details & sign-up are located at [Regatta Network](#).**

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## Show Boating 2021 Style

by Judy & Alan Hills

The North Carolina Coastal and Piedmont Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society (ACBS) partnered with Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) and the Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association (ETYSA) to host a low-key boat show at the BSC facility on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 2 pm. It was a beautiful, sunny summer day for the show—albeit a hot one!

This is the ACBS chapter's first show since 2016, although they did have one scheduled for early October 2018, which was wiped out by the arrival of Hurricane Florence in late September. ACBS Chapter President Alan Hills and his wife Judy, who is the Chapter Secretary (both are BSC members) were the primary organizers with the assistance of New Bern chapter members Leif Eriksson (BSC Life Member) and Jim Hartman.

Only limited marketing was done for the show. A few posters were dotted around town, and advantage was taken of free notices on websites and newsletters. While there was not a crowd of people, there was a steady stream of lookers throughout the day—the organizers estimate about 100. As a side benefit of the exposure, ACBS has four or five potential new chapter members, and BSC has three potential new members. Two people are interested in ETYSA—one for youth sailing for a grandchild, and one for an adult sailing class.

All-in-all, 27 boats were registered, of which five were sailboats. Seven ACBS chapter members displayed their boats: Joe Peacos, Jim Alexander, Dan Bixler, Jim Dean, Jim Hartman, Dave Mahoney and John Tinney. Alan Hills and Kevin Leiner, two ACBS Chapter members who are also members of BSC, had boats in the show. Six BSC members displayed boats: Ted Clark, Dan Walker, Dieter Trautmann, Bob Petritsch and John Dougherty. Others who showed their boats included Julian Arrington, Abby Sirkin, Jeremy Taylor, Bill Ward, Mike Webber, Chris Stevens, Robert Toth and George Story. The Friends of the NC Maritime Museum's William Prentice showed a boat that the Friends are selling. Here are some details about the entrants:

- There were five sailboats: an 18-foot Cape Dory Typhoon (BSC-Ted Clark); a 15-foot Marshall Sandpiper (BSC-Rob Overman); a 24-foot Edey & Duff Crocker Stone Horse; a 14-foot homemade Penobscot (BSC-Kevin Leiner); and a 30-foot Chris Craft Capri (BSC-Dieter Trautmann). Yes, Chris Craft did make sailboats!
- There were eight Barbour boats (built in New Bern). Alan Hills' Silver Clipper was in the water. The rest were land displays with two belonging to Chapter member Joe Peacos, and two belonging to New Bern attorney Bill Ward.
- There were six Chris Craft boats ranging from 16 to 50 feet.
- ACBS member Jim Alexander brought his 14-foot aluminum Cadillac Custom.
- Others on display were: a Carolina Boat Company skiff, a Chesapeake/Mahone/Morristaud Bay Cruiser (BSC-Dan Walker), a Barnegat Bay Sneak Box duck hunting boat (BSC-Bob Petritsch), a Thompson Sea Coaster, a Wagemaker Wolverine BSC-John Dougherty), and a 14' Sears aluminum fishing boat (BSC-Ted Clark).



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- The Friends of the NC Maritime Museum brought a 1911 Fay & Bowen Launch that had been donated to them by ACBS chapter member Jim Moores. This gorgeous craft is for sale. In case you might be interested—contact the Friends of the Museum.
- We had three big boats that stayed on the docks overnight. There was a 33-foot Chris Craft Capitan owned by Chris Stevens from Palo Alto, CA. Chris and his wife received a BSC burgee (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition) for having come the farthest, courtesy of Jim Moores. Their boat had been in for renovations with Moores Marine. Rob Toth brought his 50-foot Chris Craft Constellation, which had also been in for work at Moores Marine. ACBS member John Tinney brought his 50-foot Elco up from Wilmington. These were each beautiful examples of their type. The owners graciously allowed visitors aboard.

We had three ACBS chapter members providing rides on their boats: Alan Hills (Barbour Silver Clipper), Jim Dean (Chris Craft Riviera), and Jim Hartman (Chris Craft Continental). There were a number of visitors who took advantage of that opportunity.

A really cool thing transpired beyond just the show. A while back, BSC member Ted Clark traded a Cape Dory Typhoon Daysailor to Chapter member Jim Dean for a Typhoon weekender. Ted's weekender was in the show. George Story, a New Bern local, was showing his Crocker Stone Horse sailboat and had it for sale. Ted fell in love with it and promptly traded George his Typhoon for it. Ted was seen at BSC on Sunday getting the Crocker Stone Horse ready for a sail!

ACBS member Joe Peacos did a fabulous job getting his friends with Barbour boats to participate. He has a wonderful display tent and does a marvelous job showing his own boats. If you have never taken the time to see his displays, we encourage you to do so—it is a real education.

The ACBS Chapter owes a debt of gratitude to Blackbeard Sailing Club for allowing us to use the facility. Having the show there permitted the ACBS Chapter to host the three large boats so they did not have to pay dockage at a marina. It also allowed for display of sailboats in the water. This show exceeded expectations! To see the photos, [click here](#).



Ted out for a sail on his new boat!

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## Countdown to the 50th Anniversary!

by Jan Green

It's hard to imagine, but next year Blackbeard Sailing Club will be celebrating 50 years of sailing on the Neuse! Do you remember what you were doing 50 years ago? Were you even born 50 years ago? Well, our monthly countdown to BSC's Anniversary will try to help you out!

Picture it, August 1971....

- Richard Petty becomes the first NASCAR driver to win a million dollars in career earnings.
- A 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents is announced by President Richard Nixon.
- *How Can You Mend a Broken Heart* by the Bee Gees tops the charts.
- The first million-dollar contract in NHL history was signed by Bobby Orr with the Boston Bruins.
- American tennis star Pete Sampras was born August 12<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC.
- 40,000 people attended the *Concert for Bangladesh* organized by former Beatle George Harrison and Indian sitar player Ravi Shankar in New York City.
- By one vote, legislation was approved in the US Senate for the government to guarantee one-quarter of a billion dollars in bank loans for financially ailing Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

And

- The Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 was signed into law, authorizing the US Coast Guard to issue specific regulations on the standards for boats operating in coastal waters.



## 50th Anniversary Burgee Now On Sale!



Newly designed 50th anniversary BSC burgees are on sale in the Ships's Store. Get yours now and fly it proudly to celebrate our 50th year on the Neuse.

**Selling for \$35.** All proceeds will go towards funding the big anniversary celebration to be held in June 2022.

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## Give the Bookkeeping Staff a Helping Hand

One of the conveniences in belonging to a club like Blackbeard, is the ability to charge items to your account. However, many of our members do not use their member ID numbers when purchasing ice or rope. This often causes a problem when a member's name can't be read, or if two members have the same last name. So, in the future, please memorize and use your member ID for purchases, instead of just jotting down your name. Thank you.

## Club Bookkeeper Needed

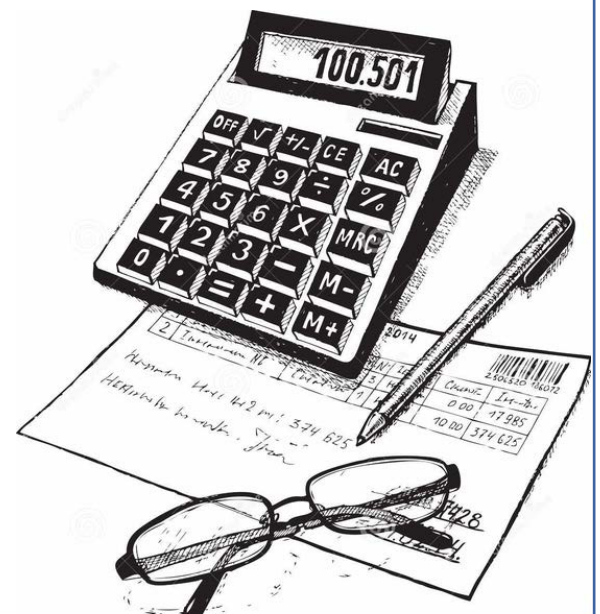
It is with great sadness that we must inform members that our new and highly valued bookkeeper, John Sumislaski, passed away suddenly while exercising at the Fairfield Harbour Gym a few weeks ago. John had just began his work for BSC as of the first of the year and was doing a marvelous job. He will be sorely missed.

Therefore, the Club is seeking a qualified candidate to fill the paid position of Bookkeeper. We are accepting applications immediately.

This person will work with the Club Treasurer to carry out the following functions using QuickBooks:

1. Accounts Receivable - Billing to members for dues, slip rental, electric, storage fees, socials, etc.
2. Accounts Payable - Pay club bills for utilities, contractors, material, supplies, etc.
3. Deposits - Deposit all funds received into proper financial institution accounts.
4. Reports - Monthly on financial status and as required by the Board.
5. Access control - Issue gate cards to members and contractor access at the direction of the Treasurer.
6. Other items - record keeping for submission to auditor, etc.

The skills needed are bookkeeping experience, a knowledge of the Quickbooks accounting program, and the ability to be bonded as a contractor for handling club receipts. Should you or someone you know have interest in the position contact Doug Longhini, Search Committee Chair at [ncsailor47@yahoo.com](mailto:ncsailor47@yahoo.com) for more information. We hope to fill this position by late Fall.



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## Summer Marine Growth Report

by Kirk Hathaway

Marine growth and electrical wear at BSC are coming into summer 2021, but the shift to suddenly heated waters in the last two weeks of July also brought on regular summer growth of barnacles and clustered river mussels in weak or unpainted areas.

Most vessels dived and cleaned during early summer were cleared of only muddy algae and a few scattered barnacles on the props and bottoms of the keels. But vessels with bottom paint just at the waterlines are exhibiting slimy, sticky algae compromising the boot stripe and sometimes taking on barnacles, if the stripe or hull glass is in the water. This seems to be the case with vessels which are listing and those with bow or stern dipped low.

For boaters considering bottom painting, it is highly suggested that if scattered barnacles are found or reported throughout the hull, now is a perfect time to consider hauling and painting for a couple of good reasons. It gets you out of the water during hurricane season, and eliminates that next costly cleaning when the paint has failed. It also gets you back in the water for prime sailing times, being only dusty with algae in months when growth would likely be harsh.

If you consider this, here are a few suggestions for painting and restricting growth for a longer period of time:

- 1) Scrape away all flaking paint and feather with a sander to eliminate all edging which may later break away the new paint.
- 2) Use a two- or three-inch brush and roller to first outline the vessel on all edges, at the waterline, rudder edges (bottom and top), around thru-hulls, and as far up each thru-hull as possible with a smaller artist brush. Too many boaters simply use the hull roller to roll around thru-hulls, but this creates poorly painted areas that take on growth almost as soon as splashed. Not painting up inside the thru-hulls creates an environment for obstructing barnacles and mussels.
- 3) If painting metal areas with bottom paint, apply one more coat than is on the hull, possibly two more coats. People who paint two coats on hull and then struts and running gear usually find barnacles growing on the prop, shaft, and strut the same season the vessel is splashed.
- 4) Make certain jack stands and blocking spots are painted the same number of, and thickness of coats painted on the hull. Two thick coats of the hard paint Petit Trinidad are considered the minimal essential covering for protection in the Neuse River region.
- 5) Paint the waterline three to four inches above where you see staining from its current position in the water. This may mean eliminating or thinning a boot stripe, but a clean side is a lot better than a muddy boot stripe that can never be recognized anyway. And don't forget to prep.
- 6) Paint your running gear and grates. Yes, it looks pretty to see bronze and brass on a freshly painted boat, but such beauty becomes ugly in weeks once in the water and will seriously affect propulsion with even a few barnacles on the prop. Prepped and properly coated running gear keeps dive costs down and you don't have to spend a fortune on Prop Speed. Lowes sells Rustoleum's Bright Galvanizing Paint that applied in 7-10 fine coatings will keep growth low a year or more.



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7) Put one zinc on your vessel in haul out. Leave space for and let the diver place the second zinc on at the first cleaning. This way your vessel is protected by staggered zincs, wearing at different percentages, so two don't fail on the same day. This often happens, leaving boat owners to be experiencing electrolysis without even knowing it.

## Electricity to Your Boat Slip

*by Alan & Judy Hills*

Was your BSC electric billing shockingly high for the quarter?

Was this your response?

If it was, you probably got in touch with the Commodore or Vice Commodore, who then got on the phone with the Dockmaster, who then got in touch with the meter reader, Alan Hills. In these situations, a meter re-read is done to verify that the reading is correct.

First, a little background. Meters at the dock are read 3 to 4 weeks before the bill is sent to you. The meter is read in the first week in December for the period of September, October and November; the first week of March for December, January and February; the first week in June for March, April, and May; and the first week in September for June, July, and August. So, when you examine your BSC electric bill, think about how you might have been using your electricity during the billing period. Electric heaters and air conditioners use a lot!

Since these meters are only read once a quarter, a problem might go on for some time, especially if you are not down at BSC very often to check. Let's look at some of the common factors that might cause an issue:

1. Yes, you might only have your battery charger hooked up, but if your battery isn't taking the charge, the charger will just keep on trying to charge it. This could run up quite a bill.
2. You forgot to turn off something electrical on the boat. This is especially true for something that cycles on and off, so you might not notice that you left it on.
3. Usage changes with the seasons. If you are on the boat at the dock more often, you may be using more electricity.
4. Working on your boat, using power tools or power washing the boat uses electricity.

While not very common, it could also be that someone else has been using your electric outlet.

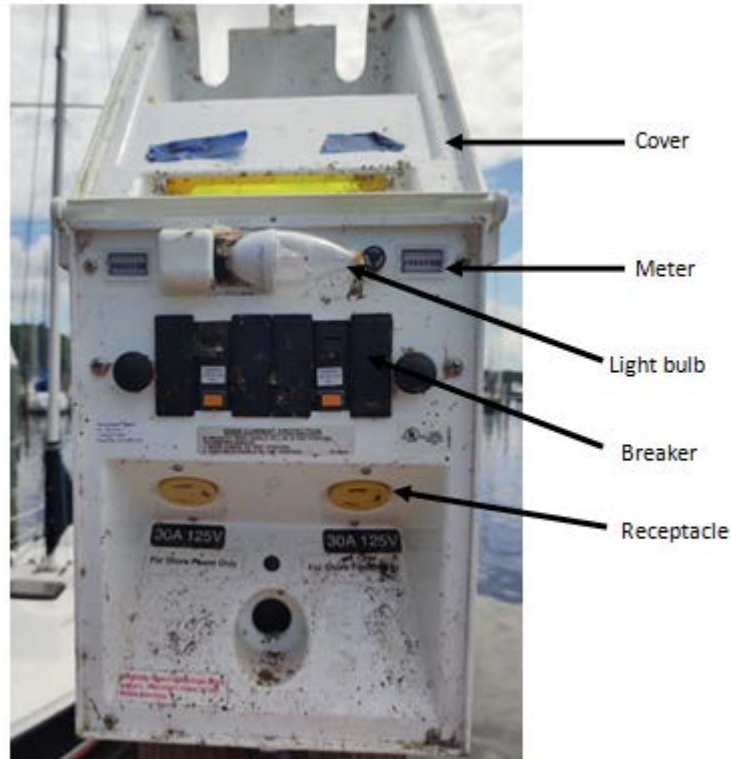
Below is a picture of a meter. We have identified the components for you.



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Below is a closer view of the meter. Alan only reads the whole numbers in white, not the fraction in red.



Now, let's talk about the electric box. When is the last time you opened the cover and peered into the box? You may notice several things right off the bat:

1. Wasps and hornets.
2. Spiders and spider webs.
3. Dirt daubers.
4. Other signs of insect activity.

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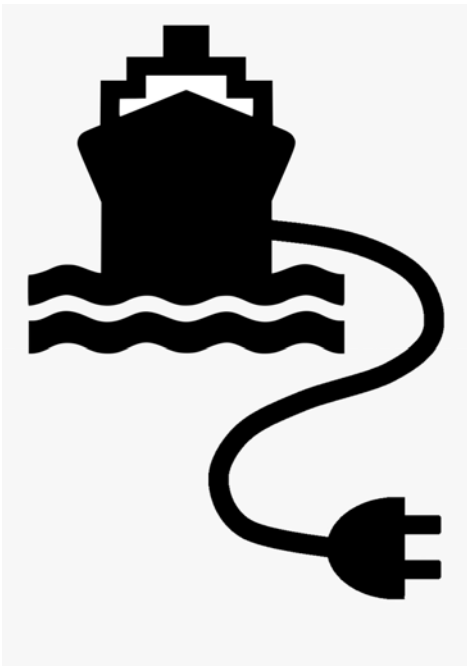
When Alan reads the meter, he uses a special stick to open the lid, and maintains his distance in case of wasps and hornets. Their bites are nasty, so be careful! It would be a big help if once a month, or whenever you are down at your boat, you would take a brush or cloth and clean the exterior and interior of the box. Alan does this periodically, but the boxes could use it more often. FYI, if you want to get rid of a wasp or hornet nest, do it in the evening when they are in the hive, and use a spray specifically designed for wasps and hornets. The next day you can remove the hive. If you are looking for a small project to help the Club, feel free to clean the boxes. Please alert the Dockmaster if you plan to do this.

The light bulbs are on a photocell, but they do occasionally need to be replaced. Since Alan checks the meters during the day, he would not know whether or not the bulb needed to be changed. You can help by checking yours in the evening. If the bulb is out, the replacement bulbs are on the shelf to the right in the tool room. Again, if you are looking for a way to help the Club, change out the burnt bulbs after alerting the Dockmaster.

If you suspect your bill is higher than what it should be, before you start shooting the messenger (the bookkeeper), troubleshoot the issue on your side of the equation. Contact the Dockmaster and ask for the meter readings for your slip for the last two or three billing cycles, and the dates the meter was read, while keeping in mind the period covered. Read your meter when you get this information and compare it to the current reading at your slip. If the current reading is lower than the last meter reading, that indicates there was an error made by the reader. If the current reading is higher, the reading was correct. Think about what power you might have used during that period, and equipment you may have been running. One way you can assure that the power is off when you leave the boat, is to switch the breaker to the off position.

Reminder: If you call the bookkeeper to complain about your charges for shore power, he or she is just going to refer you to the Dockmaster—so start there!

BSC is not responsible for your faulty equipment, or for you forgetting to turn something off. Remember, the meters are only read quarterly. Three months is a long time for a problem to continue. An ounce of prevention is worth not receiving a big, shocking quarterly electric bill from BSC! So, read your own meter frequently and you'll be able to tell if you are using more power than you think you should be. If you need help, contact the Dockmaster.



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## Blackbeard Nomination Process Starting for 2022 Officers and Board of Directors

by Doug Longhini

The 2021 year for BSC is half over, and the recruiting for Officer and Director candidates for 2022 has started. Elected offices include two Board of Director positions (2-year terms) as well as Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer. You can refer to the Club By-Laws, and the Committee structure listed in the Epitaph for the responsibilities of each position. Realistically, the unwritten duty of the elected Board is to work with the membership to formulate the present, and future direction of the Club.

Think of the services and facilities Blackbeard has provided to you and then ask, "Is it time for me to run? How can I best serve Blackbeard?" We are a self-help club and require a dedicated slate of officials to continue to operate in this manner. Many of the long-standing members have served now and in the past. It is time for newer members to step forward and contribute their time and effort to the success of our organization. The Nominating Committee has been/will be actively recruiting individuals for these open positions and would like to have a full slate of candidates by the beginning of September.

Will you serve? If not now, when? Organizations operate best when everyone takes a turn in leading.

Express your interest in running for any of the open positions to the Nominating Committee members listed below. If you have questions, please ask.

Many Thanks,

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## Welcome New Members!

### Peter & Suzanne Budzynkiewicz



We are both from New England with Suzanne growing up in Marblehead, Massachusetts, while Peter grew up in Western Massachusetts.

We have been sailing approximately 40 years with Sue originally teaching me to sail in Hunterdon, New Jersey where we were members of the Hunterdon Sailing Club. During this time I became Treasurer for the North Jersey Yacht Racing Association. When we moved up from dinghy sailing, we joined Richmond County Yacht Club on Staten Island, where we were members until we moved to Cape Cod. While living on Cape Cod we cruised the coast of Massachusetts and Rhode Island on our Catalina 30.

In 2015 we moved to NC and live in Fairfield Harbour where we are currently members of FHYC. I am on the board of directors, a member of the Regatta Committee and coordinate the Tuesday Fun Racing and Winter racing series.

### Vance & Janet Hikes

We met in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and married in July of 1979. Vance was employed by Mason Dixon Farms, a family business, where he designed and fabricated large farm machinery. Vance retired after 35 years of service. Janet worked for the Gettysburg Area School District for 27 years and served as a school social worker and elementary school counselor.

We raised two daughters who both reside in North Carolina, one in Raleigh and one in Asheville. We recently left Gettysburg and purchased a home in Fairfield Harbour to be closer to our children and to be near the water.

We enjoy boating and have spent winters on our trawler in Florida. Vance enjoys sailing and has many years experience sailing boats we have owned and chartered during sailing vacations. He hopes to pass the love of sailing on to our grandchildren. Janet enjoys painting with watercolors and acrylics. We also enjoy camping, biking and kayaking.



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## Chip & Honey Johnson

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Chip - Retired High-End Audio Specialist.

Living on a sailboat is 8000% Chip. He loves everything about it. He grew up in Belhaven, NC two houses from the Pungo River where he swam all day across the one mile wide water. As a kid he was enamored by the moored boats and would swim out to say hello and hold on to their anchor chain to inquire about their travels. He had a boat before he had a car and "ran crab pots" for pocket money. Moving to Chapel Hill for college took him away from the water and kept him in the Triangle area until he retired. He spent those years bartending, playing bass in

a college band called The Modern Pilgrims and ended up selling high end audio. Golfing was his main hobby. He pretty much gave that up when the kids asked for a boat. Chip investigated a purchase of one, found a MacGregor 25 with a swing keel and a trailer and off the family went to the lakes surrounding Raleigh.

Scheduling things and getting stuff done is one of Chip's strong suits. Chip scheduled time on the MacGregor 25 and the family grew to love it. They even took a week's vacation on it to New Bern, Oriental and Belhaven. The family of 5 living on the boat that week looked like a yard sale on steroids, but they did it. Then they decided they needed a bigger boat. Chip bought and sold a lot of boats until we found SoundWave. Chip entertains himself as a liveaboard through many hobbies: exercise, Krav Maga, playing guitar and drone piloting, just to name a few.

Honey - Retired small business owner of a Real Estate Staging company in Raleigh, NC.

Living on a sailboat is 8000% NOT Honey! This stat was lovingly provided by her oldest child, Mary Frances, who was making a prediction of how this adventure would go. Since this dire prediction was uttered, Honey has been working hard to bring down that number. Currently, she is in the 1000% range :) Things like sea sickness, creatures in the water and a love of air conditioning make living on a boat full-time seem crazy for Honey. Nevertheless, off she went because her favorite thing is quality time with her husband and what better way to get that than to sail off together into the sunset. Honey's other love is real estate staging. She loves all things about houses, gardens and design. Helping agents and sellers transform their properties to sell was her passion. She was blessed to use her God given talent in a way that made going to work each day a joy. When she moved onto SoundWave she took zero plants, zero lamps, zero furniture, but she did take a dozen throw pillows! The art of staging does come in to great use on a boat as it helps to keep the place looking neat and spacious at all times. There will be no clutter here! Her greatest earthly treasure is her three children who are in college in NC and her dog, Bishop.

Chip and Honey have cruised the East Coast over the last 2 years. During the stay-in-place orders in 2020 they "hid out" behind Long Island to stay out of Hurricane Season. The boat felt confining during those days and Chip came up with the idea to buy a condo in Fairfield Harbour when they headed south in the fall. It turned out to be a wonderful way to get off the boat and encounter new friends. They plan to cruise again in the future . . . maybe for 6 months at a time. New Bern is just too great of a place to leave for a very long time!

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## Farewell My Friend

by Archer Watkins

When Peter first started sailing, I was his unofficial mentor. He sailed a lot with me until he got his sea legs.

We got caught in a storm abeam River Dunes and he made several attempts to get the perfect photo. I framed the picture and think of him every time I see it.

CIEL BLEU Take 5.....!

Peace Be With You My Friend



*My Words for Peter's CIEL BLEU Storm Picture:*

Peter spent a lot of his time hanging out of helicopters taking pictures of New York, New York. My favorite picture is the one he took when we got caught in a storm while he was part of my crew. I call it the CIEL BLEU STORM picture. This is take number five. He wiped his lens between shots and was totally soaked by the time he finished. He had to get the perfect splash.

Miss you my friend, Peter!

Rest in Peace!



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## Remembering Peter Loppacher

by Kirk Hathaway

As you may have heard, Peter Loppacher, Blackbeard member and former editor of *The Epitaph*, passed away on May 30th from a fall in the Alps near the borders of Italy and Switzerland. As Darcy Hildreth expressed recently, we would like to imagine he was working on one of his great photos and perhaps lost footing. Any of us who knew Peter, knows he was actively engaged in life when it was sadly taken from him.

In tribute and memory, we will celebrate Peter's life in a memorial to be held for him at 11 am, August 21, 2021, at Two Rivers Church, 321 Neuse Blvd, New Bern. Along with his surviving sister, Renee, we ask that you attend to share and remember the life of our friend and sailor Peter Loppacher.

At the memorial there will be music and memories. You are invited to add to these by reviewing your communications with Peter, and sending any excerpts or passages which would best exemplify Peter's unique voice in sharing his humor and enthusiasm for this world we live in. Please send any memories or messages you would like to share from Peter to Kirk Hathaway at [khathaway@mac.com](mailto:khathaway@mac.com). Writings and photos (jokes, stories, images, captions) will be displayed at his memorial. After this memorial, the collection will be given to his sister, Renee, whose greater loss we will never be able to measure.

In case you were unaware, Peter was out for his last five-day photo shoot. He was anxious to return home to the United States, to see his sister in North Carolina, as well as visit with sailing community friends. He had plans to stay and play music in New Bern for a month before returning to New York City to continue professional photography, and to move his residency to Woodstock, where he intended to devote considerable time to his love of playing music.

Here is the obituary that was printed for Peter:

Peter Andrew Loppacher, 69, of Ridgefield, CT, a renowned photographer, embarked on his final journey on May 30, 2021, in Switzerland when he went hiking in a green reserve near the border of Italy. He fell to his death near a waterfall, as he maneuvered for yet another magnificent shot.

Peter was born May 20, 1952, in Philadelphia, PA to Edward John Loppacher and the late Heidi Luthy Loppacher. He was a devoted son, for the last years of his life tending to his father's failing health. He was a loving brother while dedicating his life to the arts, teaching, and ministry.

Peter graduated from Ridgefield High School in 1971 and from New England College in 1975. In 1977, he commenced a life-long study of photography, initially under the tutelage of architectural photographer Bencini in Florence, Italy. They collaborated on illustrating a book covering Florence's inspirational works of art and architecture. In 1979, he returned to New York City and became a professional architectural photographer. His work has been published in numerous magazines, books, articles, real estate and corporate profiles in New York City, Connecticut, Virginia, Maryland, and Europe. When asked why he loved photography, his reply was "to show the beauty of my eyes."

When not wielding the tools of his trade, Peter enjoyed all genres of music, playing guitar in praise at church. He also found satisfaction in cooking and volunteering as a layman minister. He lived life with a vibrant intensity and compassion for every creature and everyone he encountered.

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## Remembering Peter Loppacher

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Peter's love for animals, especially cats such as his own Palooka and Pepito, was unsurpassed. His disciplined and sophisticated eye combined in a demand that he always get "the perfect shot," whether walking in nature or hanging out a helicopter over Manhattan.

Peter is survived by his father, Edward John Loppacher of Switzerland, and his sister Renee Annette Harriett of North Carolina. His comedic charm and life-affirming spirit will live on forever in hearts and minds. Private celebration of Peter's life and works will follow in New Bern, North Carolina and Zizers, Switzerland.

In New Bern, NC a Celebration of Life will be held at Two Rivers Church on Saturday, August 21, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Peter's memory to "Cat Rescue of Maryland, Inc.", 6400 Baltimore National Pike, #305, Baltimore, MD 21228, PayPal [catrescueofmd@mindspring.com](mailto:catrescueofmd@mindspring.com)

Kirk Hathaway



## Last Call ..... ALL BSC Artists!

In 1972 a group of sailors got together, and Blackbeard Sailing Club was born!

To help honor our first 50 years, we're calling on all BSC artists to get creative and design an anniversary logo that could be printed on shirts, caps, mugs, etc. These items will be sold to members through the Ship's Store.

Any member can submit a design and the favorite will be chosen by the membership. The names of the designers will be kept secret until the logo has been chosen. A prize will be awarded to the winning artist.

So, get out your paints, pencils or crayons and let the juices flow! Help us celebrate 50 years of sailing on the Neuse!

Please submit all designs to Jan Green at [jangreen6202@gmail.com](mailto:jangreen6202@gmail.com). Contest closes August 31, 2021.

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## ICRC Race Schedule

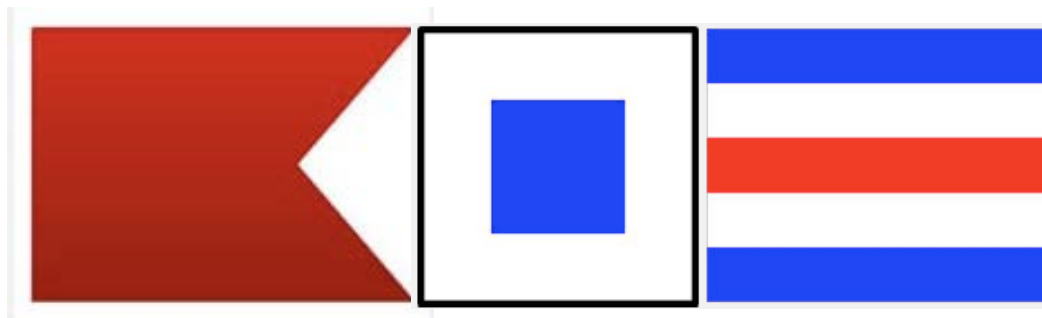
### 2021 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

Final Rev -1

4/29/21

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
<b>More Races, Events and Contact Information are Listed on next page!!</b>									
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	X	New Bern
Sep 4-5	Sa-Su	NYRA	Beer Stein * # P (phrf)	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 6	<b>Mo</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>LABOR DAY</b>	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 Trot		X	X		X	New Bern
Nov 25	<b>Th</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING</b>						-
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

**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

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: sonyaafm@hotmail.com

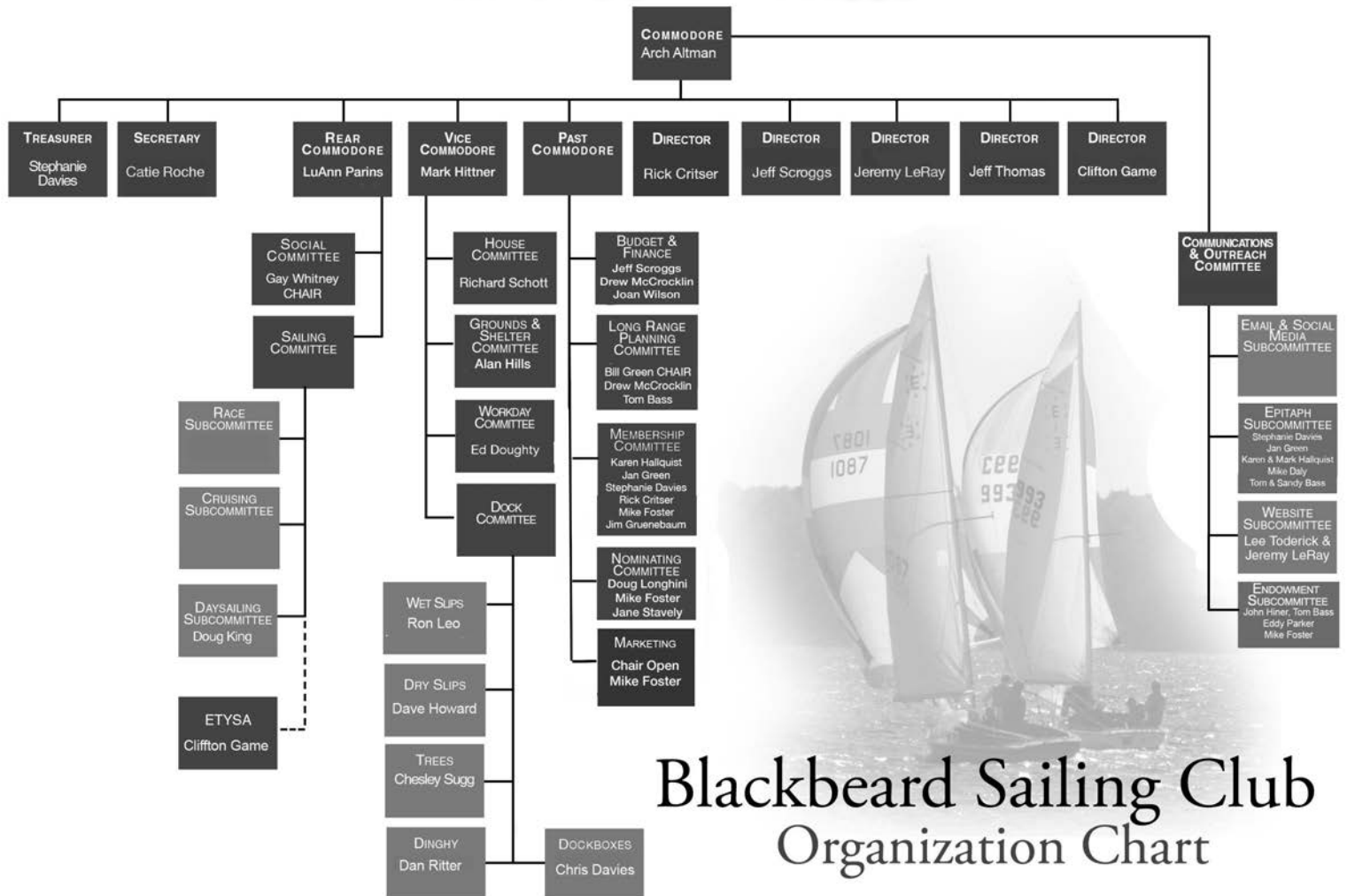
## Miscellaneous:

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	-	Mumfest	New Bern			
TBD	Fr-Su	FLT 8	SJ-21 Eastern Nationals	TBD			

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## Blackbeard Sailing Club

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### Mailing Address

PO Box 24  
Bridgeton, NC 28519

### Website

[blackbeardsailingclub.org](http://blackbeardsailingclub.org)

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

### Email to Epitaph Editors

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Karen & Mark Hallquist 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](mailto:bscepitaph@yahoo.com).



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