



Blackbeard's Epitaph

**Ensign Winter Series
starting back up**



Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

Howdy Mates,

Although we had a hot summer, we eased into one of the 13 seasons of North Carolina with some delightful weather on Labor Day weekend. The Commodore and I took advantage, as did many others, to go sailing and anchor out for a great taste of "False Fall." Since then, it's heated back up and now has finally cooled off with more seasonal weather expected.

The Flying Scots had their Atlantic Coast Championship at Blackbeard. The event was quite successful, even though the COVID mask requirement was only partially observed. I sent out a blast addressing this. That information is republished in this issue and outlines firmer protocols on masking and use of the clubhouse.

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From the Commodore

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The election of Officers and Directors starts with voting in mid-October. Finalization of the ballot is complete. Results will be announced at the General Meeting in November. This meeting will be held via ZOOM. An invitation will be sent out in a timely manner. There is more on this topic later in this issue of the Epitaph.

Mark Hittner has returned from respite in the Great White North and has several projects related to the maintenance and beautification of our property that can be handled by small groups. Please contact him to participate and fulfill some of your responsibility as a member of your club.

In closing, the acquisition of the Wyndham property is still in process, but the final pieces are in place. I will inform you when it is a completed deal.

Thanks for your attention.

Smooth sailing and easy seas!!

Arch

Blackbeard Sailing Club

by Doug Longhini

Election of Officers and Directors for 2022

The Nominating Committee has been canvassing the membership and recruiting candidates for the upcoming election.

The candidates so far are listed below, and their bios appear later in this newsletter:

Commodore: Arch Altman Treasurer: Stephanie Davies

Vice Commodore: Mark Hittner Secretary: Karen Chandler

Rear Commodore: LuAnn Parins

Directors - 2 positions for 2 years. If the Commodore succeeds himself, the third highest vote receiver will be elected to a one-year term. Names appear in alphabetical order:

Tom Anderson Mike Foster

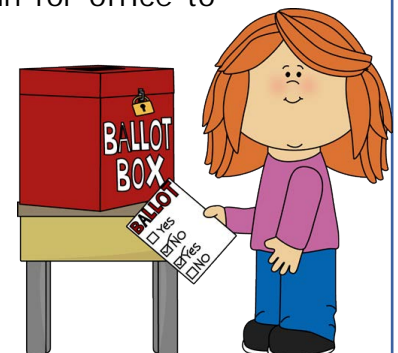
Rick Critser John Hiner

We appreciate the response, but heartily encourage anyone who wants to run for office to contact a member of the Nominating Committee. The more individuals involved in the club's operation, the stronger the organization. Nominations will close at midnight on October 1, so there is still time to throw your hat in the ring. You will receive a ballot by email (Election Buddy) in mid-October, and the results will be presented at the General Meeting in November.

Doug Longhini (Chair) - ncsailor47@yahoo.com

Jane Staveley - jstaveley@nc.rr.com

Doug King - douging888@yahoo.com



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Arch Altman for Commodore:



My name is Arch Altman and I am currently serving as Commodore of the Club. I am running for a third term to provide continuity to the initiatives that have been pursued before and since my first election as Commodore.

The responsibilities of the Commodore are enumerated in the By-Laws, but also include maintaining the health and welfare of the Club and its members.

Over the past nearly two years, much has occurred to challenge us as a Club---namely, Covid and its effects. This has been dealt with periodic review of the Covid mitigation rules at the Club. In addition, the rebuild of the Docks, post-Florence has been completed.

The Club has acquired about a half acre of land outside the Gate, on higher ground, to accommodate the storage of dry storage boats during a flooding scenario. We are also imminently purchasing about

24 acres of a land adjacent to the Club as future investment and, more immediately, to possibly develop more revenue producing Dry Storage. The purchase price for this land is quite reasonable and will insure a future expansion site for a new Clubhouse, or whatever. This is much higher ground than our current 2.5 acres.

In addition, we continue to repair and upgrade certain parts of our facilities that need attention under the guidance and leadership of the Vice Commodore, Mark Hittner.

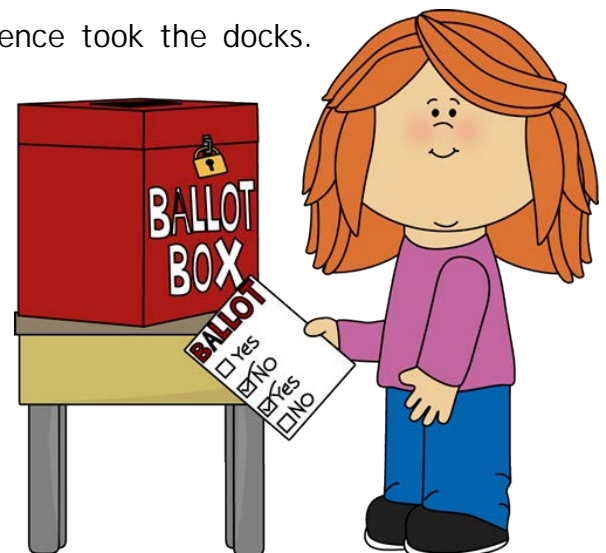
I have been fortunate to have had support from two great Board of Directors and Officers. With out the effort and sacrifice for the Club, we wouldn't be where we are---still enjoying the beauty of our facility and the camaraderie and fellowship the Club provides us all.

I hope that during my third term, if reelected, we will see that our Social programs will reawaken and thrive after Covid retreats.

Membership has been stable and growing slowly since Florence took the docks. (Docks have been masterfully rebuilt!!)

So...I ask for your vote. And I thank you for your participation.

Humbly, Arch Altman



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Mark Hittner for Vice-Commodore:

I am the current vice commodore and I am running for a second one year term. My background includes 30 years as a homebuilder and remodeler, 43 years of sailboat cruising and racing, and nine years as a BSC member.

With the help of many committees, the vice commodore oversees the maintenance and improvements of BSC's property. BSC was set back by Hurricane Florence and Covid 19 but the club has come back strong thanks to the hard work of many members and is in the best shape since I have been a member. But, there will always be more work to be done such as interior maintenance in the bath house, grading and drainage of the grounds, improvement of the dry slips along the fence line and completion of the deck maintenance until the deck is replaced. I hope to address these and other projects during the coming year.

My wife says I am a hard worker and that you should vote for me.



LuAnn Parins for Rear-Commodore:



My husband, Mark Weinheimer, and I joined Blackbeard Sailing club in 2016 after participating in racing events there since the early 1990's. We are currently active in San Juan 21 fleet 8.

I was introduced to recreational sailing in my late teens in Door County, Wisconsin but didn't "embrace" the sport until I met Mark in 1973. Since then it's been pretty much "full immersion". In 1975 we bought a very tired 1937 classic Alden cutter and restored her, living aboard and cruising her a bit until 1980. We then built a fiberglass 33 footer from a bare hull, intending to cruise her in the Caribbean. We launched "Pelican" in 1984. (She was at BSC for a number of years with a subsequent owner.) While we lived aboard the Alden and built our 2nd cruising boat I began racing as crew on MORC boats in Tampa Bay. I also did a few offshore deliveries and enjoyed "blue water" sailing.

In 1985 we had the opportunity to work as the team sailmakers for Dennis Conner's "Sail America" campaign and helped bring the Cup to San Diego in the 1987 America's Cup challenge. This changed the trajectory of our lives. Somehow, the dream of long term cruising faded. We were recruited by Randy Smyth and headed to California in 1988 to run his sail loft, where I was production manager and purchaser. In 1990 we decided to come back to the East Coast and researched areas for waterfront property. We found Oriental, moved back aboard Pelican and bought land on shallow "Button Gut" off of Broad Creek. By the next season we were sailing in the local PHRF fleet, either on the Moore 24, "Nevermoore", or other local boats. Being light and agile, I was usually the "point". I have been racing, in either the PHRF fleet or "one design" on San Juan 21's, since then.

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LuAnn Parins for Rear-Commodore:

I started as a sailmaker in Florida when we first moved there in 1974 and have been sewing things for boats ever since. When we came to Oriental I got a job at a highly regarded canvas shop and have focused on canvas work since then. In 1999 I joined Mark's sail loft full time, expanding his business to include dodgers, bimini tops, enclosures, and interiors. We sold our business in January of 2021 and are phasing out as the new owners get comfortable in their new community.

I was recruited for the Board position of Rear Commodore last year by Doug Longhini. I feel like I am getting the "hang" of the position and, with the help of my friends and mentors, I hope to continue to be useful and provide whatever service I can to promote the activities and assist in the management of the Club.

LuAnn Parins

Stephanie Davies for Treasurer:



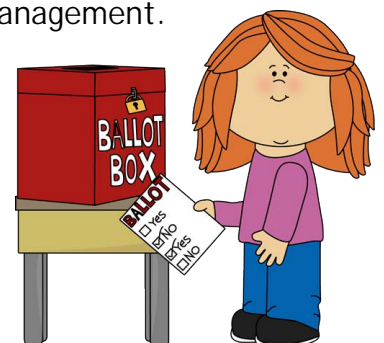
I have held the office of Treasurer at BSC since January 2016. During that time I have negotiated a new banking relationship which eliminated several ongoing fees. I manage and track CD's at various financial institutions to maximize the interest earned and to provide the ready cash for the various capital projects ongoing at the club. If elected for another term, I am happy to continue this important work.

For 11 years, prior to my retirement, I was the administrative assistant to the CFO of Toshiba America. In that position I was frequently involved in meetings with the corporate financial staff to prepare and review many presentations designed for the senior staff.

My husband and I have been members of BSC for over 10 years and have over 30 years of sailing experience, both on the Pacific coast in a heavy 38' cutter and now here in NC with our 30' center cockpit sloop, Jeanne Too. We have cruised in the Chesapeake and local waters. We are preparing to head south in the next year or so.

As well as fulfilling the duties of Treasurer, I assemble and edit the monthly BSC Epitaph, ably assisted by Tom & Sandy Bass, Karen Hallquist and Jan Green. I am an active member of the social, 50th Anniversary and membership committees. Also I am very active in race management.

I respectfully ask for your support as I seek reelection.



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Karen Chandler for Secretary:



Hello! My name is Karen Chandler & I would like to become BSC's next Secretary!

My husband Calvin and I joined the 1st of July and are grateful for all the club has to offer. Everyone has been so friendly, open, and helpful that I feel drawn to doing more. My background includes:

- Serving as the secretary and board member for a vocational theater in Atlanta
- Transcribing and word processing for accountants and lawyers in a high stress corporate setting
- Running my own successful small rock & mortar stores in Jacksonville, FL and Reidsville, NC

My business experience was curtailed as I served as "Dr. Mom" for our youngest son during a successful cancer battle. I am sure that many of you can appreciate the difficulties of being the primary patient advocate for family. The organization, focus and diplomacy are largely underestimated in this setting.

Our relocation to New Bern was driven by going to sea in a sailboat, establishing strong ties to a group such as BSC and giving back as much as possible. I am hopeful that you will allow me to serve you as your next Secretary! Thanks so much!

Tom Anderson for Director:

I tell my kids and grandkid: "See that styrofoam ice chest. I learned to sail on Wisconsin lakes in a boat made just like that. A boat my dad got with coupons from cigarette cartons. A Sea Snark with "KOOL" spelled in minty green on the sail. I learned a whole lot more about sailing when I was in the Cornell Sailing Club, and crewed with the racing fleet on Lake Cayuga. Over the years, my family moved from Sunfish to Tanzer 16 to Compac 16 to Spindrift 19 to Catalina 27 (with one of those classic Atom-ic 4 engines) to what we have at the club today – a 1981 Sabre 30. During all this time, we were active NC coastal cruisers, and also chartered boats in the Chesapeake, BVI, etc. My wife, Susan, and I joined BSC back around 1995, but we had a couple absentee periods, when my R&D job in the crop protection industry relocated us to Maryland, PA, NJ, and most recently, Washington DC. Now I'm retired and here to stay. I am happy to say that my family's sailing traditions have carried over to the next generation, as my daughter Gwynne, and her husband Trevor, in their Cheoy Lee 38 *Peregrine*, completed a circumnavigation in 2017 and are planning the next, this time with our grandson, Rhys!



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Tom Anderson for Director:

In the short term, our 2022 Board will face a post-COVID BSC that will renew the full social calendar, racing and cruising schedules, and other events. The 2022 Board must accomplish this with sensitivity to all members' needs, many whom are older, or have conditions that may continue to require some measures minimizing the spread of contagion. Other opportunities include the refit of B-Dock, following the successful upgrades to A and C docks. This will also require an assessment of the steel sea wall, which may require repairs and upgrades. The recent land purchase provides the 2022 Board with opportunities for long-term plans, space for additional dry slips, and expanded space for youth sailing programs. You may be aware of additional opportunities to improve club programs and infrastructure. Any BSC member with ideas is encouraged to contact the Board.

I offer management and organizational skills that I have acquired over a long career in private industry, managing global R&D programs for BASF and FMC Corps, and also my own company, Entoniche Consulting, LLC. I've organized international workshops, tours, and courses for the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service. I am active in volunteer work with our local church, Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Cary, the USAID President's Feed the Future Initiative, and the Barbershop Harmony Society.

I've always thought that BSC has a wonderful "Can Do! Let's All Chip In!" attitude, and is the Best Deal for sailors on the Whole East Coast. I am excited by this opportunity to offer my service to BSC as our club approaches its 50th Anniversary and faces exciting new opportunities and challenges in 2022.

Rick Critser for Director:

My name is Rick Critser. My wife, Darci, and I originally joined the club around 2015. The last year, serving on the board has been enlightening and made me appreciative of how much hard work goes into running the club, the planning and hosting of events, the maintenance of the facility and the docks...all of it by you. The membership, each of you, the volunteers that bring the skill set and attitude that meets each challenge. The knowledge the collective group brings to the table is staggering and makes us special.

For me, the year has zoomed by. Speaking of Zoom....it has been great to return to a somewhat normal state and enjoy each other's company. I hope it remains so. The freedom that I feel when I walk down the dock, feel the breeze, and look off into the distance, I know is shared with many, if not all, of you. That freedom, knowing that from here you can go anywhere, is to be cherished and defended.

I began sailing over 35 years ago on the mountain lakes of Idaho....Catalinas and Hunters....dreaming of someday cruising and of course, leaving it all behind.

In 1999, after a ten day vacation in the Sea of Cortez on a Wauquiez 33, we returned to wintry Idaho and sold everything to buy a boat and go cruising. I was 40. I owned a busy mortgage company. I had four young kids. I had little to no cruising experience. I didn't even know what I didn't know! It was foolhardy,



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crazy, dangerous, and absolutely the best thing our family ever did. It changed the lives of everyone.

So, we became the people that sold everything and homeschooled. We bought a 54 foot South African ketch that hadn't moved in years, turned green in the Portland rain and bought from a man I didn't know was dying and had missed his opportunity to cruise. We named her Tea Leaves....a gypsy had foretold our adventure in Boston five years before we ever thought of going. We refit her and in the process, I climbed a very steep learning curve.

In September of 2000, after a trip down the river, we cast off in Astoria, crossed the Columbia River Bar, the graveyard of the Pacific and turned left. Aboard was Darci, myself, four kids, two dogs and a cat.

We sailed down the Pacific coast, and spent years cruising in the Sea of Cortez and the Baja. We would begin and end in Guaymas, Sonora...hauling out in a shrimp yard in those days and drive back to Idaho for the summer. We learned to rehab houses....after you've worked on boats in exotic places long enough, remodeling houses is a piece of cake.

Every October, we'd journey back to Mexico. The kids grew up....went off to be captains and coasties and such...one even still lives on a boat... but importantly for this story....most ended up, at that time, on the east coast. We chased our kids.

In 2012, Darci and I left the northern Sea of Cortez and headed south...just us, one dog and two cats and headed for North Carolina via the Panama Canal. It was fantastic...all of it.

We took the Western Caribbean route once through the canal and came to Key West by Honduras and Isla Mujeres. I drew 8 feet in those days, so as you can imagine, I was aground often once I came back into the states. Eventually, I cried uncle and left Ft. Lauderdale for the gulfstream. We didn't come in again until the Cape Fear River.

There are twists and turns and stories galore to life, of course, but this story has to end for now. Suffice it to say that what does pertain is that somewhere along the way I became a 100 ton Master, and an ASA certified sailing instructor. I trained as a relief skipper on a tugboat, but mostly worked as a deck hand, and ran up and down the ICW and the Chesapeake for a bit.

We sold Tea Leaves in Wilmington and I said never again. But that didn't happen. There was another boat within a few months. And it continues even now. Next month, we are planning on bringing our new to us Fisher 37 down the Chesapeake to her new home.

During all of these adventures, we rehabbed houses. We own Carolina Fixers these days and buy sell and renovate single family homes. We live in Fairfield Harbour.

I believe the club offers an absolutely unique experience. It's everything a sailing club should be and frankly, I don't know enough yet to have all the answers. But I listen. After a year on the board I'm more convinced than ever that we have something to treasure and protect. The club turns 50 this year and I am hopeful that we can have more fun, more celebrations and competition and simply entertain and make more close friendships, than ever before.

If instead, we have a year where we must take care and be protective of each other...then sailing from our corner of the earth as a respite from the world might be, probably is, just as good.

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Rick Critser for Director:

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Thanks for the confidence you all showed in me last time...I hope I have a chance to serve you again.. Together we can treasure, maintain and yes, improve Blackbeard's for the next fifty years.

Our membership is growing, and new faces are seen on the docks, new boats in the slips. That is a good thing. Each of us is unique. We offer and have different experiences and talents. But, we all share in common an appreciation and love for these boats and what it means to be "out there". Let's make 50 the best year of all.

Mike Foster for Director:



Michael Foster, wife Diane, one son Joshua, in Boston. We have been members of Blackbeard Sailing Club since 1997, shortly after we moved here from Iowa. In Iowa we sailed, raced and cruised, starting with an O'Day Javelin, a Merit 22, and finally a Hunter 27 that we brought to NC. Since arriving Diane and I raced on a J-36 for a couple of years. She continued to recreational sail with me, and cruise. I continued racing as often as possible, on various boats including Beneteau 36.7's, C&C 36, San Juan 21's, Pearson Ensigns, Non-Such 30, Cape Dory 28 & 30, Lightning, Flying Scot, and others, ending with my Sunfish.

Professionally I spent 15 years in sales with Frito-Lay, 15 years raising money for Public Radio. In Iowa I served on several city Boards and Commissions, Including Adjustment and Appeals, Library Board, Civil Service Commission, and others, including a

term as Mayor of a city of 12,800 people. Once here, I served Fairfield Harbour on Adjustment and Appeals and Strategic Studies Committee, served BSC on the Board of Directors, and Dry Storage Captain before being elected Commodore for 2018, and 2019. During the BSC Commodore years we finished replacing outer A Dock, graveling the inner driveway, and then recovering from Hurricane Florence by rebuilding C Dock and B Dock. BSC members were wonderful during that period, volunteering continuously to return BSC to its natural state, and making it "Better Than Before".

My vision for serving as a BOD member is to listen to the Membership, support the Volunteer Members named in the Organizational Chart, and guide BSC into a shared future by planning our work, and working our plan.

Future goals to accomplish in the next year or two are redefining the Long Term and Short Term Capitol Improvement Projects for BCS. In conjunction writing a preliminary Master Plan for the recently/soon to be acquired Wyndham Property.

Thank you considering my candidacy for BSC Board of Directors, I would appreciate your vote. Thank you, Mike Foster.

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John Hiner for Director:

Hello Fellow Club Members,

I look forward to the opportunity to run for a position on the Board of Directors. My wife, Beth and I joined the club in 2016. I presently serve as quartermaster and as a member of the endowment committee. I have also volunteered on various committees over the years to benefit the club, such as work day, one design, social and cruising committees.

I am originally from Lynchburg, Virginia and Beth is from Endicott, New York. Our two sons and their wives live in Tampa, FL and Alexandria, Va. We moved to New Bern from Hershey, Pennsylvania. We chose to retire in the area because we have family here and looked forward to spending more time on the water, sailing.

I was first introduced to sailing when I served as a camp counselor at Camp Sea Gull during the summer from 1964-1968. During this time, I learned to sail Sunfish and Flying Scots. I also served as first mate on a deep sea fishing boat owned by the camp and docked in Morehead City.

Following college, I joined the U.S. Coast Guard serving from 1968 - 1972. I was stationed on board the USCGC Absecon, a high endurance cutter out of Norfolk. Later, I served at the USCGC Air Base in Elizabeth City. My experience with the Coast Guard allowed me to spend a lot of time on the water. I came away with a very healthy respect for the water and good seamanship.

Beth and I began our sailing adventure while living in Hershey, PA. We purchased a Catalina Capri 16.5 and sailed her at a state park lake about an hour away. When we made the move to New Bern, we knew we wanted something a little larger. We found "Carolina Girl", a Catalina 22 and joined the club soon after. The cruising bug bit us when we accompanied friends from the club on several short cruises. The search for a larger boat began. It ended when we purchased a Catalina 30 this past spring.

We are cruisers, but as a Director on the Board, I would look forward to becoming more involved in both the cruising and racing programs at the club.

My professional experience is in development in both the health care and higher education fields. I worked at several community hospitals overseeing marketing, public relations and development. This experience led to working at several major universities and a college. While at these institutions, I was involved in raising funds for student scholarships, medical research, buildings and other related endowments. Later in my career, I focused on planned giving, helping individuals make tax deductible gifts through their estates.

As a Director on the Board, I would look forward to using my background in creative ways to benefit new and existing programs and capital projects at the club. My vision for the club is to enhance opportunities for membership to participate in racing, cruising and social activities of the club.

Beth and I enjoy the wonderful friendships we have made at the club and are excited to see the club growing with so many new memberships. We both look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone in the months ahead.



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Loss of Long Time Member



William (Bill) Siegendorf, 79, of New Bern, NC passed away on September 26, 2021 from COVID-19.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at the Jewish Cemetery in New Bern N.C. Officiated by Lay Leader Carla Byrnes.

Bill was born on February 2, 1942 in Passaic, NJ. After graduating from Clifton High School he went on to earn a degree in Civil Engineering from New England College. Bill worked for several companies in the construction materials industry in both Columbia, SC and Lawrenceville, GA.

In 1967 he married Diane Katzman and they went on to raise two children, Staci and Jason, in Columbia. They established deep roots in the Columbia Jewish community. After retiring in 2008, Bill and Diane moved to New Bern, NC and quickly adopted to this community that they loved dearly, especially Temple B'Nai Sholem. Throughout his life Bill cultivated many deep friendships. They are his extended family.

Bill was passionate about sailing and loved sharing that passion with friends and family. Few things outside of family brought him greater joy.

Bill is survived by his wife Diane, his two children, Staci and Jason, and five grandchildren.

Family and friends are welcome to submit online condolences at www.mundenfuneralhome.net

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New Covid Protocol for Blackbeard Facilities

by Arch Altman, Commodore

As we all know, the presence of the Delta variant of Covid continues to interfere with our normal activities. Its higher level of transmissibility and contagion makes it more dangerous to all of us, including our extended families.

Addressing this situation, I insisted that the Flying Scot Regatta participants, a week and a half ago, be restricted to entry into our buildings and, if necessary to enter, that each person would wear a mask. They were fully informed of this restriction well before the weekend in their race documents, and by me at the Competitor's Meeting. I posted signs to that affect, and also provided masks at each entrance.

What I observed over the weekend was unsettling. A number of both visitors (the Scot folks) and our own members did not observe the masking requirement.

I fear that we have all become quite a bit relaxed in our vigilance towards this threat. We definitely are not over this pandemic. We need to tighten up in order to persevere through this ordeal.

I am asking that the number of people in the Clubhouse at any one time be limited to 6. Additionally, social activities in the Clubhouse continue to be restricted.

I realize that this is an unenforceable "edict". We have no "COVID" police. I am relying on good faith and consideration of all of you to honor this request.

I know that there are members who for one reason or other cannot, or will not, get the vaccine. I would ask that those folks respect the concerns of those who have, and wear a mask inside the Clubhouse and Bathhouse.

Thank you, all. Be safe and healthy.

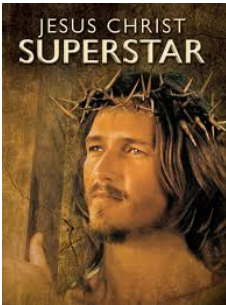


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Countdown to 50th Anniversary!

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 and help you out!

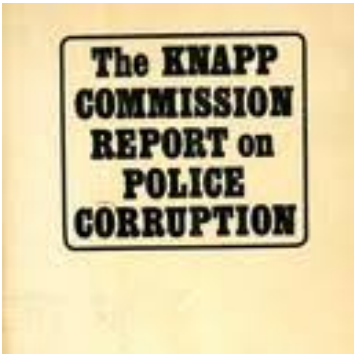
Picture it, October 1971...



premieres in NYC



In Vancouver Canada, Greenpeace is established.



Public hearings on police corruption are begun by the Knapp Commission in New York City.

- *Maggie May* by Rod Stewart was the top song.
- Billie Jean King was the first female athlete to win \$100,000 in prize money in one single year.
- The final edition of *Look* magazine was published.
- Walt Disney World opened in Orlando, Florida.
- Movie releases included *The Last Picture Show*, *Bedknobs & Broomsticks* and *The French Connection*.
- The Allman Brothers' Duane Allman died in a motorcycle accident at age 24.
- Northern Ireland Prime Minister Brian Faulkner met with British Prime Minister Edward Heath and they agreed to send an additional 1500 British Army troops to Northern Ireland.
- The USSR performed a nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitinisk.

And, during an interview on *Scene and Heard* John Lennon said,

"It's just natural, it's not a great disaster. People keep talking about it like it's The End of The Earth. It's only a rock group that split up, it's nothing important. You know, you have all the old records there if you want to reminisce."

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Labor Day Holiday Fun Race

Early Friday afternoon, the weather forecast said "very light winds". But by Friday dinnertime, when start times and the course were to be announced, the winds were forecast to be better. The temps were a little cooler on Saturday too - what a pleasurable sail those racers had! Until the wind died again!

The first boat and skipper to finish was Ed Doughty on *Badfish*. His silly prize was a package of Twizzlers. The after-party was held at Red Sail Park, with everyone BYOB and a snack to share. Second to finish was John Jackson on *Georgie Girl*, followed closely by Joan Wilson on *Latitude Adjustment*. Both *Bad Fish* and *Georgie Girl* flew spinnakers, so *Latitude Adjustment* was the first to finish without flying a spinnaker. Although 7 boats started, with the light wind, only 3 finished.

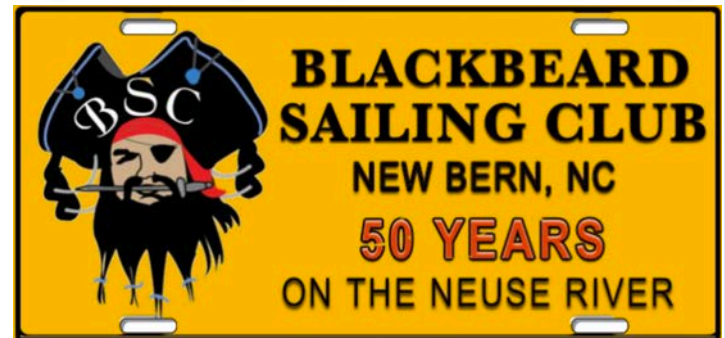
Two safety boats were also out to make sure the racers would be taken care of, if they had a problem. No problems arose, but thanks go to Ralph Azersky and Nelson & Darlene Defigueiredo for being on the water and available if necessary.



50th Anniversary License Plate Now On Sale!

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

Selling for \$6. All proceeds will go towards funding the big anniversary celebration to be held in June 2022.



Blast From the Past

by Tom Bass

The October 1978 Epitaph focused on a couple of interesting items. The big regatta held in October had a whopping 95 boats registered. Have we had that many boats in a regatta in recent times? The second big item in the Epitaph that year focused on the annual election of Officers and Board of Directors. It appears that the same challenges facing us today were in evidence way back then. Many people found excuses or "reasons" that they couldn't serve. However, Luigi categorized these people into the Un-reachables and Reachables, and gave a formula for success to overcome the volunteering problem. Looks like some things just never go away, do they?

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REGATTA A SUCCESS

The Blackbeard Regatta held Sept. 9 and 10 was a big success, thanks to many who helped with the planning and executing of the plans. Also thanks to all those who turned out to clean and prepare Home Port for the influx of sailors. We had 95 registered boats -- only the wind did not cooperate. A financial report will be made at a later date, when the Cruising Results are determined following an appeal on a protest. In the meantime, thanks again to all who helped even in the smallest way and let's plan now to do it again Sept. 8 and 9 1979.

Co-chairmen
Lee Wood
Jewel LeCicero

...and thanks from the club to Lee and Jewel for all their efforts.

CHAMBER POT REGATTA

On Saturday, October 21, what is now an annual Club event will be held. For those of you who did not participate last year (and for those participants who disclaim any memory for the race) the format is as follows. Skippers will race their own boats over a regular course. The winners in each class then race in Sunfish (or whatever is available) to compete for the privilege of receiving a suitably dignified trophy. As an added bonus, the overall winner, hereafter known as the CLUB CHAMPION, earns the right to a reserved parking space in front of the picnic shelter.

If you had been there last year, you would have seen:

Keith Bay, 470 sailor and eventual winner, nimbly rounding the marks in a borrowed Sunfish.

Fred Latham, SJ21 winner, trying to keep warm, dry and upright all at the same time.

Drew Pledger, keelboat sailor, attempting to master the intricacies of boardboat sailing while using the better part of a case of beer as ballast.

Join the fun and race with us. Beer will be on tap and an informal, bring-your-own-stuff cookout will be held following the races.

LUIGI SAYS

Well folks it's Election Time again. Morris and I have been sitting around the docks philosophizing about the future of the club and thinking about who would be willing to do the work needed to keep us a viable sailing club. We decided that people with reasons for not accepting nomination for office could be basically divided into the Reachables and the Unreachables.

Among the Unreachables we placed the following:

The Defeated Fatalist--"I've tried and it's no use."

The Assertive Decliner--"That's not my thing."

The Disenchanted or Impoverished Sailor--"I'm thinking of selling my boat."

The Reachables include:

The Second in Command--"I'm just a woman." or "It's his boat."

The Complaining but not defeated Fatalist--"If only they..."

The Insecure--"I don't know many people in the club" or "I can't even figure out how to attach my spinnaker."

The Rat-Racers of Life--"I'm too busy."

The Secure, Happy and Lazy--"Man, I just like to groove on my boat!"

If you find yourself described above as a Reachable, you might consider offering the skills and knowhow you use everyday in real life, to keep good old BSC alive and afloat. The Nominating Procedure is to check with the person nominated to see if he/she is Reachable and if so to inform a member of the Nominating Committee:

Dave Novak
Randy Taylor
Charles Skinner

Please note that nominations will close October 10 and ballots will be mailed out by October 19. The Election Meeting will be held at the Mental Health Center at 7:30 on Tuesday, November 7. A good turnout of voters is essential!

Happy Halloween,

Luigi

BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

ETYSA Junior Sailing

Eight junior sailors form two teams for Epiphany High School at Lake Norman. All are ETYSA students and current members. Overall, the teams scored well.



Rigging for day 2 racing.



BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

Your Race Committee

by Bill Jarvis

In the two weekends surrounding Labor Day, BSC had quite a number of visitors. That's not particularly unusual, but these visitors came from such places as Oklahoma, New York, Southern Florida, Central Illinois, and Maryland, as well as from all over our state, and surrounding states. And they all brought their own boats to sail. You might ask why?

Well, BSC has earned a reputation as a great place to sail, and one that is especially suited to boats that spend most of their time racing on inland lakes. The Neuse is a big body of water, where setting up a course with a windward length of a mile or more is possible with the wind in any direction. That does not happen on many lakes. BSC is also recognized as a very friendly club to visit with great facilities.

We are also very fortunate to have developed a group of people who volunteer their time to run races, and they run them very well. As a result, various classes of One Design boats ask if we can accommodate them for their District or Regional Championships. That's what these folks came for, first for the Blackbeard One Design Regatta, and then for the Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Championship. I can assure you that they were not disappointed.

You may not yet know that the Thistle Class has already asked the Club if we can host their Regional Championship next July. I have heard that this may be a forerunner of their National Championship one or two years later.

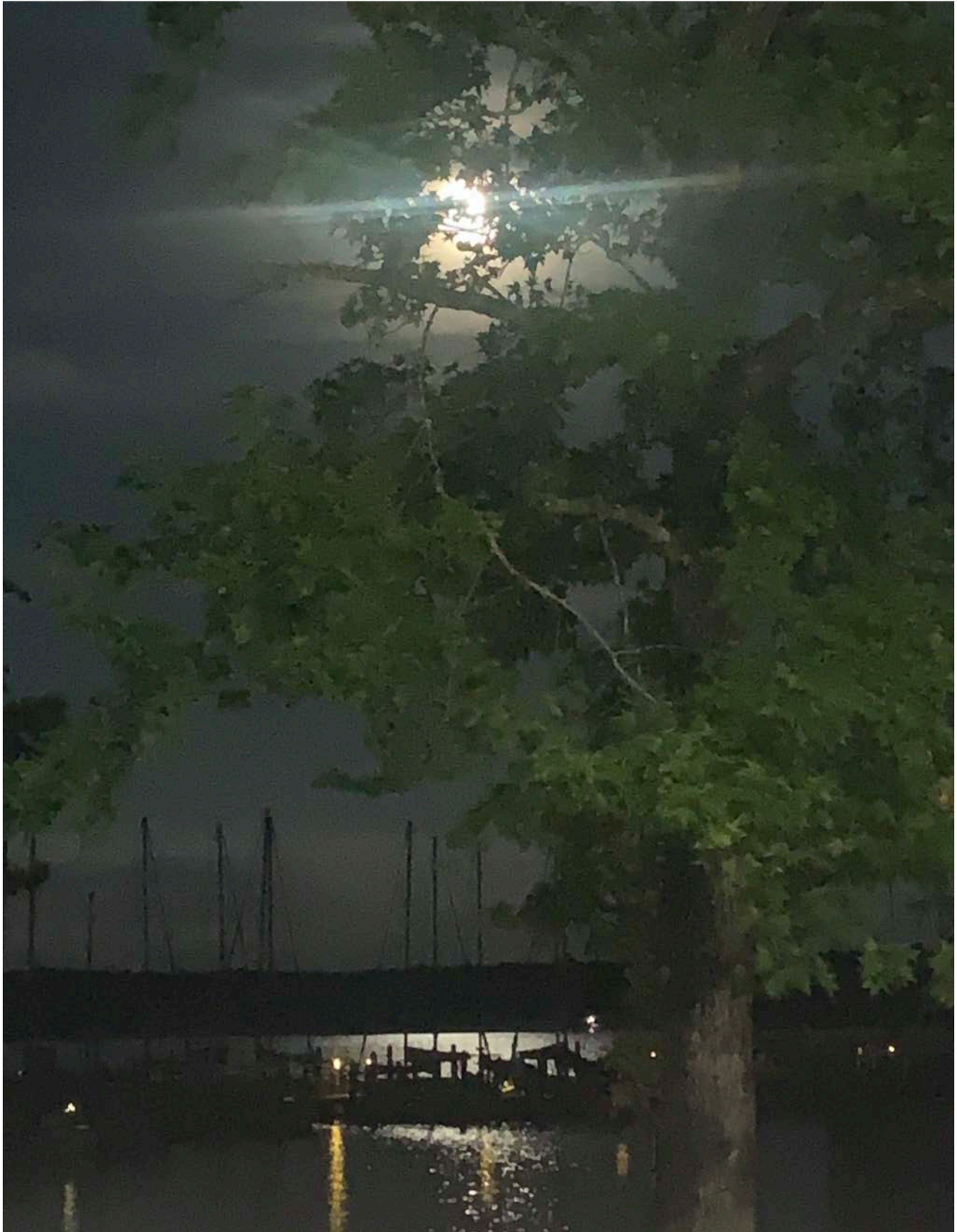
Believe me, that would be a great honor for BSC.



BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

Through the Trees

by Stephanie Davies



BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

ICRC Race Schedule

2021 RACE SCHEDULE

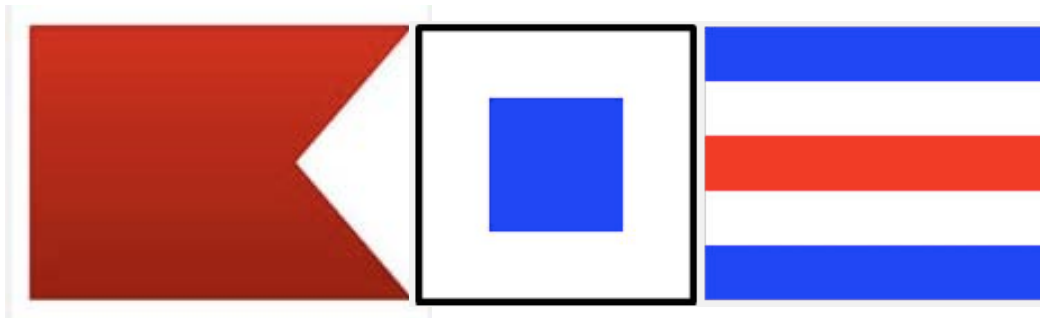
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Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
More Races, Events and Contact Information are Listed on next page!!									
Oct 15-17	Fr-Su	ODC	Oriental Cup # P	X	**	**			Oriental
Oct 30	Sa	BTS	Halloween Regatta	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	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	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

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:

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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