



Blackbeard's Epitaph

**Race Committee
could use your
help. Support
boats needed for
Flying Scot
Atlantic Championship**
September BOD via Zoom



Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

Howdy Mates,

We have survived the Dog Days once again!! August was hot!!

ETYSA, our Junior Sailing affiliate, successfully completed a limited schedule of sailing training camps in early August. Campers then competed in sailing regattas in Manteo and Oriental. It turns out that our kids have learned well — they finished first and second in both events!!

Many thanks to the BSC members and others, who have given a great deal of time and energy to build this program into what it is today. Special thanks to Will Glenn, Camp Director and Coach. Next year promises a more complete schedule of training camps and regattas!

As I write this, we are preparing for the Blackbeard One Design Regatta. This is the second racing event since the COVID intrusion. Good luck to all!!

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September brings the heart of the Hurricane Season. Please take the time to review your Hurricane Plan and make preparations, if necessary.

We are currently looking for folks to serve on the Board. We have several members who have agreed to run, but the position of Secretary has not drawn any takers. This is an important job for the Club. If you are at all interested, please contact Doug Longhini, Jane Staveley, or Doug King.

Let's go sailing!!

Arch

BSC Board Candidate Update

by Doug Longhini

The Nominating Committee is happy to report the list of current nominations for BSC Officer and Director positions for 2022. The slate is not full, so we are still seeking nominations. The process will remain open until October 1. If you wish to nominate someone, or yourself, please let us know ASAP. Please have your bio information ready to send to the Epitaph for publication in the October issue. The Epitaph deadline is usually the 23rd of the month, so time is of the essence.

Here's the list of candidates:

Commodore - Arch Altman

Treasurer - Stephanie Davies

Secretary - Position is open

Vice Commodore - Mark Hittner

Rear Commodore - LuAnn Parins

Board of Director (two positions open) - Tom Anderson, Rick Critser, Mike Foster, John Hiner

When the current Commodore succeeds himself, there is no Past Commodore position. An additional BOD position, elected for a one-year term, is filled by the third highest vote getter.

If you wish to join this list of candidates, please contact a Nominating Committee member ASAP!

Nominations will close October 1. The election starts soon after and runs to the day before the BSC Annual Meeting.

Thank You!

Doug Longhini, Chair, ncsailor47@yahoo.com

Jane Staveley, Member, jstaveley@nc.rr.com

Doug King, Member, douging888@yahoo.com

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Reporting from the 50th Anniversary Steering Committee

Planning for the 50th has begun as our year of celebration of BSC will start on January 1, 2022. Thirteen members have volunteered to help with the Steering Committee so far. We all got together on August 6th for an initial meeting to gather ideas for what the 50th should be. Numerous ideas were considered, but the most compelling was that racers, cruisers, day sailors, and social attendees should be part of each event during the year. What that might look like is a Friday night social, a short race to a local creek Saturday morning, anchoring out Saturday night, and returning to BSC on Sunday. That's just one of many ideas which were suggested. Monthly events early in the year will focus on getting members geared up for the June 24-26 celebration bash on the anniversary of our official founding date.

We should also include the ETYSA kids and sail camp participants, their parents and grandparents, surviving original founding members and past members in our planning. 50th anniversary burgees and a small quantity of tee-shirts are now available for sale. Additional ideas for apparel are being considered. The design competition for the anniversary logo ended on August 31st.

The following members of the Steering Committee were either drafted or volunteered to chair these sub-committees and will be the contact person for the various functions:

Racers - Tinka Talbert and Joan Wilson

Cruisers and Day Sailors - Charlie Batchelor and Bruce Woods

Socials - Gay Whitney and Stephanie Davies

History - Ann Hall (charter and past members)

Publicity - Jan Green

Merchandise and Apparel - Karen Hallquist

Coordinator of events for the kids as needed - Nancy Woods

Going forward, if any member is interested in helping out on the Steering Committee, please contact me or the Commodore. New ideas are always helpful and welcome.

"Where were you in '72?"

Bill Drechsler

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50th Anniversary Bugee 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 \$35. All proceeds will go towards funding the big anniversary celebration to be held in June 2022.



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ETYSA Summer Camp 2021

by Joan Boenig

ETYSA had another successful season of summer camp, holding four week-long camps with 96 sailors. The last week of camp focused on youth with more sailing experience. This group had a strong showing in two regattas. The first was the Roanoke Island Maritime Museum One-Design Regatta in Manteo on July 31st. ETYSA campers Graham Foster and Aiden Hansen took first place, and ETYSA campers Emma French and Jonathon Clubbs took second place, both in the 420 class.

The second Regatta was the One-Design at Bow-to-Stern in Oriental on August 7th and 8th. ETYSA campers Tucker Newton and Jonathon Clubbs took first place, and ETYSA campers Howard May and Chase Fidgeon took second place, again both in the 420 class.

Thank you to all the coaches, junior instructors, junior instructors in training, volunteers and parents who helped make this season a success. We look forward to another successful season in 2022.



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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, September 1971...

McMillan & Wife debuts on NBC-TV along with the first broadcast of *Columbo* starring Peter Falk.

OPEC directs members to negotiate price increases to offset the devaluation of the US dollar.

Momofuku Ando markets the first Cup Noodle, packaging it in a waterproof polystyrene container.

Teenage debutants Chris Evert & Jimmy Connors win their first matches at the US Open Tennis Championships at Forest Hills.

The UK passes the Misuse of Drugs Act, banning the medicinal use of cannabis.

1,000 convicts riot and seize Attica, NY prison resulting in the death of 11 guards and 31 prisoners.

Top songs in September include *Go Away Little Girl* by Donny Osmond, *Maggie May* by Rod Stewart and *Uncle Albert/Admiral Halsey* by Paul and Linda McCartney.

John Lennon released his *Imagine* album.

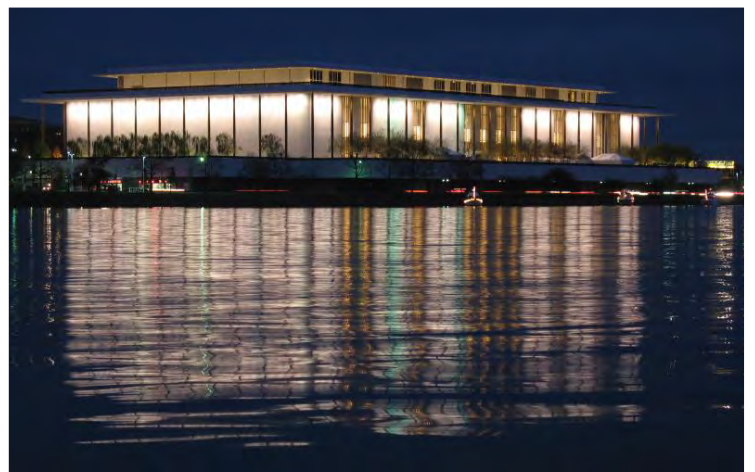
The Irish Republican Army set off a series of bombs across Northern Ireland injuring a number of people.

And

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts opens in Washington, D.C.

"The poet, the artist, the musician, continues the quiet work of centuries, building bridges of experience between peoples, reminding man of the universality of his feelings, desires and despairs, and reminding him that the forces that unite are deeper than those that divide."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

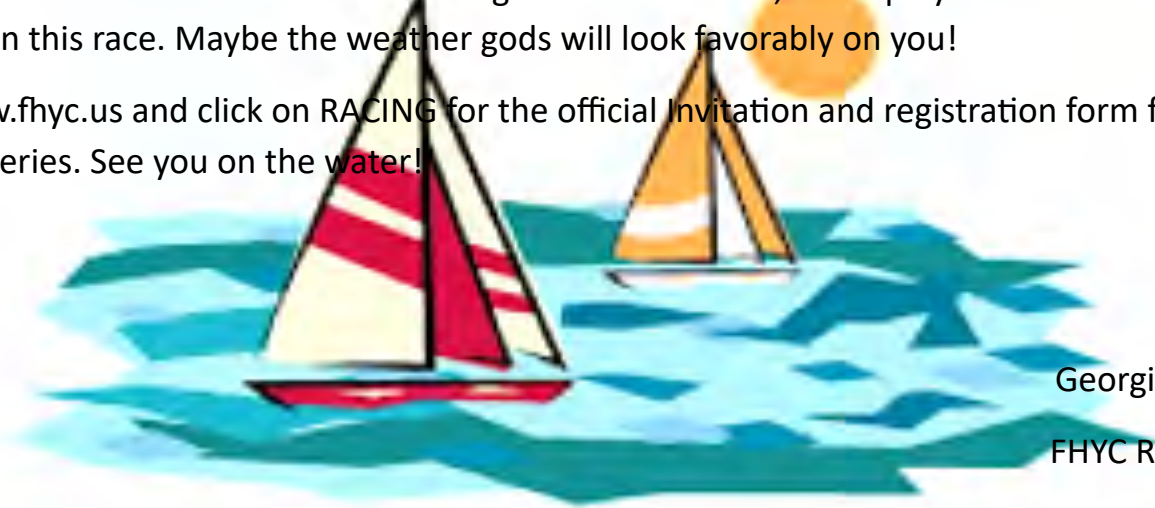


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It's Labor Day Weekend Racing Time!

On Saturday of Labor Day Weekend, September 4th, there will a Holiday Fun Race starting out at N1 on the Neuse. As we celebrate hard-working men and women, we hope you won't have to work TOO hard in this race. Maybe the weather gods will look favorably on you!

Go to www.fhyc.us and click on RACING for the official invitation and registration form for the Holiday Race Series. See you on the water!



Georgie Jackson,
FHYC Regatta Chair

Sunfish Racing Returns to the Inner Harbour

On September 12th, the Sunfish racers will return to Pelican Park (formerly the Shoreline) along the Inner Harbour of Fairfield Harbour for the Fall Series of Sunfish Racing. The mullets may be jumping, but our racers will be ready and raring to go. Anyone who keeps his/her Sunfish along the Neuse River is invited to join us. Go to fhyc.us, click on "racing" and download Sunfish and Dinghy NOR and Sunfish and Dinghy Instructions for more information.

The Fairfield Harbour community is always invited to come watch some, or all the races, each Sunday starting September 12 until October 31. The races start at 2:00 pm and are usually done by 4:00 pm.

Bring a lawn chair, your beverage of choice, a sun hat, and be prepared to meet and greet old friends and new neighbors.

If you are interested in joining the team, contact Jerry Rezab by phone (288-4124) or by email (geraldrezab@yahoo.com) for more information. If you'd like to buy or sell a Sunfish, contact Jerry too!



Georgie Jackson, FHYC Regatta Chair

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Welcome New Member!



Blake Sohn

Blake Sohn is a new transplant from Minnesota, as of April 2021. He currently resides in West Winds Townhomes in Fairfield Harbour and plans on retiring here in the next few years. He is a business owner of Brands Plus Marketing ([LINK](#)) that offers marketing consulting and design services to Minnesota and North Carolina businesses. He is also starting a new business where he will be creating and selling fine art watercolor paintings. (www.aquamarineartanddesign.com)

Blake owns a 1969 Pearson Ensign, *Long Shot*, and has been her skipper since 2012 and crew on her since 2006. He has sailed on Lake Minnetonka since he was 16 when he

worked at one of the largest marinas in Minnesota and learned to sail on his days off. He is working toward his Six-pack Captains License and hopes to enjoy some retirement in the BVI.

Blake's home club, Wayzata Yacht Club, was founded in the Spring of 1965 by 15 sailors. WYC is approximately 75% one design racing, with many one-design fleets (S2 7.9, Ensign, J22, J24, J70, Capri 25, & Sonar) plus handicap racing fleets using PHRF and MORC rules. There are over 600 members of various classes of memberships.

Blake and his *Long Shot* crew has frequently placed in the top 3 boats with several 1st series wins over the past few years (fleet of 5-7 Ensigns). He averaged between 25-30 races annually during the short Minnesota season. Results are available on the WYC website... www.wyc.org/home.

Long Shot will be acquiring a crew for the 2021 season and hopes to sail the fall season with Blackbeard. Until then, he hopes to join other crews to learn the river, winds and club specific sailing etiquette. He looks forward to the social and volunteer activities with the club in this season and moving forward in future years on the Neuse.

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Caper is for sale!

FOR SAIL

1983 SABRE 28 Mk III (Hull #546)

Ready to sail? This well-maintained boat boasts exceptional performance, stability, and comfort. This late-model Sabre has a new Stack Pack housing its mainsail, and also comes with roller furling 135% and 155% genoas. Cabin and cockpit cushions are in excellent condition. "Caper" is located in Slip A17 at Blackbeard Sailing Club.

For more information, please contact:

Bruce Woods, 919-413-7447



Cruise to Bahamas

Nancy and I are making plans to cruise to the Bahama Islands, departing sometime between mid-October and early November. If you and your Sailing Vessel would like to consider joining us on the full trip, or just part-way, please let us know. Richard Houyoux, rhouyoux233@gmail.com, 484-433-4941.

Blast from the Past

The big news in the Epitaph from August 43 years ago, was the completion of the new pier, which included water lines. Apparently, the Club used members, instead of professionals for the installation, much like we do today. Regattas were alive and well, and promoted with enthusiasm among all the Club members.

One item of note was the announcement of the Annual Meeting, to be held at the mental health center. Apparently we haven't progressed very far - we just now call it the Blackbeard Sailing clubhouse.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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NEW PIER FINALLY COMPLETE

On Saturday August 19, a small but enthusiastic crowd turned out to finish plumbing on the new pier and to make major improvements in the bathhouse. Tenants of the pier can now wash their boat boats without having to scrounge 200 feet of hose. The "plumbers," although working in the cool shade under the pier, were perched precariously in canoes--not the most stable platform, as Lou Balogh and Bill Barfield found out (the hard way). Occasional curses and mutterings of, "Shoulda put a chain through all the bow pulpits" were heard from the plumbers as several club members walked overhead on their way to go sailing.

The bathhouse now is insulated and has enclosed eaves. This should save on broken pipes this winter. It also makes it harder for the wasps to get out of the building.

JOIN THE POWER SQUADRON

Do you know all you need to about boat handling and navigation? This year, the local Power Squadron will be offering a series of courses ranging from basic seamanship to celestial navigation, according to Education Officer Dr. Ray Miller. A few Blackbeard members already belong, and have found the courses very helpful. If you wish to learn more about the Power Squadron, contact Jerry Williams.

BLACKBEARD REGATTA

Now that all the club grounds are all spruced up, including improvements to the road, we should have a good setting for the Blackbeard Regatta on September 9 and 10. Several boats from out of town are expected to stay over from the Michelob Cup race, so there should be some new faces and good competition. Lee Wood and Jewell LoCicero will be doing their usual efficient job of organizing the activities. If you don't plan to race, at least come down for supper and socializing.

FROM THE COMMODORE

There will be a general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 26, at the Neuse Mental Health Center. If the front doors are locked, come around to the side of the building.

HOW TO WIN IN THE REGATTA

To promote solidarity among BSC members and drag ourselves out of the summer doldrums, I'd like to offer a few tips to enhance a good showing by BSC sailors in the upcoming regatta.

First of all having your boat in tip top shape is essential, if for no other reason than to prevent suspicion of some of the other tactics which follow. If your epoxy is in order, people assume you know what you're doing.

Second, if genuine skill fails, try fear and intimidation. You might make casual reference to the frequency of flash hurricanes in the area. Open discussion of the merits of the new anti-hurricane frequency on the RDF should incapacitate a few contenders.

Third, a spiel about kindness and love during racing should dull the cutthroat urge necessary for competitive racing.

And last of all if nothing else looks likely to work, try befuddlement. Odd references to disappearing lifelines, ziplock baggies and stowaway detectors will deflect some of your opponent's energy from their task of winning.

Good luck to all and may the best (and most manipulative) sailor win and may the losers enjoy the barbecue.

See you at the races,
Luigi

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BSC One Design 2021

by Eddy Parker

There is hot, and then there is the hot we experienced at the BSC One Design Regatta. In a testament to the tenacity of One Design sailors, 33 boats in four classes showed up to compete for the event: San Juan 21, Wayfarer, Sunfish and an open class. There was a separate race run for the junior sailors in 420s to prepare them for an upcoming regatta at Lake Norman. With boats from as far away as Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Illinois, the club showed our guests as good a time as could be had in these conditions.

The forecast was for hot and humid conditions with light winds for both days, and it was spot on for this two-day event. The race committee had its work cut out for it on Saturday with winds shifting 40 degrees, and a maximum of 6 knots of breeze, although for the most part it was well below that level. The first race for the San Juans started, only to have a general recall after the wind shifted so much tacking was not required to get to the weather mark. The second start was better, and the wind held for the first leg of the race. During the second leg, the wind was so light that when competitors got to the windward mark, the current matched the boat speed so that getting around the mark was all but impossible. Racing was so tight in the San Juan class, that all the boats finishing couldn't fit across the line at the same time, causing all six boats to touch as they finished. During the third race, my crew had a melt-down and we retired from the Regatta. As a result, I can't tell you much about the sailing after that point, but the race committee got two more races in on Sunday to complete the Regatta.

The meal was catered by Moore's Olde Thyme BBQ, and they included ribs this year which was a welcome surprise. In the time of Covid, the logistics were a bit more complicated than a normal regatta, with all activities being held outdoors despite the heat. Mask requirements were in place when you did need to enter the facilities, but everything went off without a hitch. I would list all the volunteers who made this event possible, but I would inevitably miss someone so I will just say thank you to all who volunteered. If you have never put on a race like this, you would not know the hard work and planning that goes into pulling something like this off. When you have great people doing it, it looks easy, but I know it is not, so thanks again.

Winning a regatta is not about winning a race, it is about consistent results across all races, and that was true for this regatta as well. With first place finishes spread throughout the fleet for all classes, it was the boat with the most consistent sailing that won their class in very challenging conditions. Just finishing this regatta was a testament to the skill of the competitors so, congratulations to all who competed.

Complete results can be found at [Blackbeard One Design Regatta : Blackbeard Sailing Club \(regattanet-work.com\)](https://regattanet-work.com)

Here is the link: <https://orienteer.smugmug.com/BSC-One-Design-28Aug2021/> The downloads are free (download arrow on bar on left) although SmugMug will try to sell you finished photos. If you so choose, you could make a donation to the Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association: <https://etysa.org/donate/>



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One Design Gallery

Photos by Judy Hills



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ICRC Race Schedule

2021 RACE SCHEDULE

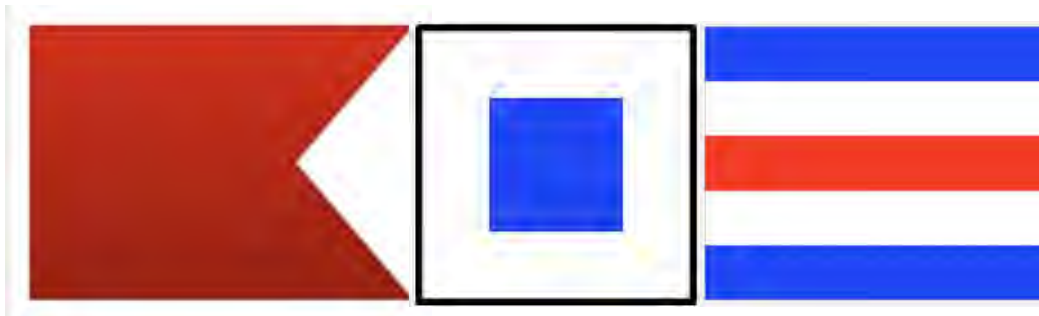
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4/29/21

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
More Races, Events and Contact Information are Listed on next page!!									
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 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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