



# Blackbeard's Epitaph

## Save These Dates

April 8  
 BOD @ 7PM  
April 9  
 Workday  
 First Cruise of the Year  
April 23  
 FHYC & BSC & NYRA  
 Neuse River Regatta  
April 30  
 NYRA Cinco de Mayo Regatta  
May 7  
 New Member Reception  
May 21 & 22  
 BSC Springtime One Design Regatta  
June 24 - 26  
 50th Anniversary Celebration



From the Commodore:  
*"I could while away the hours, drinking whiskey sours...if I only had a brain!!!"*  
 F. Parker.

The "Commodorable" and I send greetings from the BVIs, where we have had some *Mighty Fine* weather, meaning 18-22 kts, temps 80+ and great anchorages.

Our membership continues to swell and we have nearly reached our capacity of 200. This is a wonderful recovery from Flo and other disturbances in our past. The Club has purchased two lots, and we have just started clearing of the most recent acquisition to provide more dry storage in the shorter term, and sites for a new clubhouse, etc. in the more distant future.

Saturday, April 2, we will be having our **SOLD OUT** first Installation Dinner since early 2020, welcoming the newest members of the Board of Directors and

## Blackbeard Sailing Club

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## From the Commodore

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Officers. This is our big, fancy event of the year. Help to honor our leaders and past leaders (Commodores) and celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Events are scheduled throughout the year with a big summer weekend planned in late June with food, games, a steel band, etc. Be on the lookout for notifications. Events are posted on the website calendar.

Till we meet again,

Fair winds and smooth seas,

*Arch*

## Your Club needs you!!!

To celebrate our amazing 50th year we have many exciting events scheduled, but we need more members to pitch in and help with planning and set up. The BSC Social Steering Committee would also like to add a few more members to help plan social events at the club throughout the year. The LOTC (Ladies of the Club) have managed these events for several years, but we need to have the guys join in too! We'd love to have you participate. Come on in. The water's fine, and fun too!

There is a social calendar posted on the wall in the clubhouse ready for you to sign up.

Please contact Beth or Nancy and we'll talk with you about how you can contribute.

Beth Hiner ([johnbeth4656@gmail.com](mailto:johnbeth4656@gmail.com) or 717-919-9550) or

Nancy Woods ([nbpollack@yahoo.com](mailto:nbpollack@yahoo.com) or (252-241-1941)





## WE NEED YOU



## Things are neat and tidy in the kitchen!



The kitchen has been cleaned head to toe, and everything has been relabeled. Please do your part to keep it clean and tidy by following these suggestions:

-  Wash and put whatever you used back where you found it!
-  Don't leave things in the dish drainer for someone else to put away!
-  Don't leave dirty dishes in the dishwasher. They could sit for days and get very ugly.
-  Always wash down the counters!

If you have any complaints about how someone doesn't do his/her job, write a note and put it in the slot in the office door. The proper people will be notified.



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Workday!!!!

BSC Workday, Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 8am

Don't forget to check-in under the clubhouse. During check-in, members will choose or be assigned a project if they haven't already signed up for one. We will work through the morning and then be served lunch by our newest members. After lunch is cleaned up, members are considered "off duty."

For yard work, brush clearing and ditch cleaning please bring RUBBER BOOTS, leather gloves (if you have them) and insect repellent. If you drive a truck, please bring rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows.



For work on the picnic shelter, dinghy racks, deck and docks bring a cordless drill/driver, circular saw and basic hand tools.

A project list was (will be) sent out March 31 and the website will also have the project list posted.

As I write this notice there are NO COVID CASES in the New Bern Hospital.

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL NEUSE RIVER REGATTA

**FAIRFIELD HARBOUR YACHT CLUB, BLACKBEARD  
SAILING CLUB AND NYRA INVITE YOU TO COME SAIL  
WITH US ON APRIL 23**

THIS EVENT IS **OPEN TO ALL SAILORS** WITH A NC-PHRF  
RATING.

THERE WILL BE THREE CLASSES: SPIN, NON-SPIN AND CRUISING.  
AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT FOR OVERALL WINNER AND 1ST THREE  
IN EACH CLASS. THE COURSE WILL BE 10-14 MILES IN LENGTH.

FOLLOWING THE RACE THERE WILL BE A DINNER CATERED BY  
SMITHFIELD HELD AT THE BLACKBEARD CLUBHOUSE. THE DINNER IS  
TO HONOR A PERSON WHO HAS HAD A GREAT IMPACT ON SAILING UP  
AND DOWN THE EASTERN CAROLINA COAST.

THE REGISTRATION FORM AND NoR WILL BE POSTED  
ON [fhyc.us](http://fhyc.us), [blackbeardsailingclub.org](http://blackbeardsailingclub.org) and [nyra.org](http://nyra.org). FOR MORE  
INFORMATION, CONTACT BARB ROBINSON AT  
[ribaldness@gmail.com](mailto:ribaldness@gmail.com) or 715-781-7737

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Where are they now?



Fifty years ago, June 1972, Blackbeard Sailing Club came into being. To help us celebrate our first 50 years, we would like to have the original BSC members join us if they can. Some of those Charter Members are still active on the Neuse, while others we know have passed or left the area.

We have reached out to those whom we were able to find and are asking current club members if they can help us out with contact information for the others. Below is a complete list of BSC's Charter Members. If you have addresses, telephone numbers or emails for any of them, or know if they have passed, please send this information to Ann Griffin-Hall at [annghall77@gmail.com](mailto:annghall77@gmail.com)

Barfield, Bill & Judy  
 Beharry, Mike & Jeannie  
 Bennett, Pete & Rachel  
 Blanchard, Harold & Peggy  
 Clark, Bob & Coral  
 Clayton, Randy & Laurie  
 Davidson, Dr. Alan & Anne  
 Eriksson, Leif & Shirley  
 Erwin, Walt & Carolyn  
 Evans, CB & Lois  
 Graef, Al & Connie  
 Hall, Nelson & Karen  
 Herlihy, James  
 Hughes, Sam & JoAnne  
 Jamison, Bob & Penny  
 Johnson, Paul & Mary

Kanavel, Doris  
 Latham, Fred & Muriel  
 Locicero, Paul & Jewel  
 Love, Steve & Lydia  
 Loveless, Hal & Jane  
 Marr, Charles & Bobbie  
 Matthews, Cam & Jessie  
 McKnight, Tom & Carol  
 Monsees, Claude & Marie  
 Monte, Bob & Mary  
 Ray, Don & Elizabeth  
 Wells, James  
 Williams, Jerry & Marion  
 Wood, Walter & Lee  
 Woodruff, Fred & Florence

Thanks for your help!

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## BSC 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CURRENTLY PLANNED EVENTS

(S=social R=race C=cruise O=overnight)

March 19 (S)	St. Patty's Day Jiggs Dinner.
April 2 (S)	Installation Dinner w/ Past Commodores.
April 9 (R,C,O)	Cruise to New Bern or Clubfoot Creek with optional pursuit start race to our destination, anchor out overnight. Smaller boat and first-time cruisers are encouraged.
May 7 (S)	New Members Reception to recognize all new members since Hurricane Florence.
May 14 (R)	Long Distance Race (to be determined).
June 3-6 (C,O)	Cape Lookout Cruise for fast boats or South River or Cedar Creek for slower boats.
June 24-26 (S)	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Big Bash w/ ice cream truck, BBQ dinner, games, blind dinghy race, light up the boats, steel drum band, and more.
July 4 (S,R,C,O)	Traditional hot dog lunch, then race or cruise to New Bern for fireworks and optional anchor out overnight. Former members are invited for lunch.
Aug. 5-6 (S)	Guest speaker and former '08 Olympic Gold Medal winner Anna Tunnicliffe, featuring ETYSA and Epiphany School sailing club kids.
Aug. 11-16 (C,O)	Cruise to Ocracoke or little Washington.
Sept. 10 (S,C,O)	Shrimp-a-roo on Broad Creek and then anchor out overnight in Goose Creek.
Sept. 22-25 (C,O)	Cape Lookout cruise.
Oct. 29 (S)	Halloween Party with costume contest and DJ.
Nov. 24 (S)	Thanksgiving dinner with the Marines.
Dec 10 (S)	End of the 50 <sup>th</sup> Year Celebration" with "Boat Progressive Dinner" and light up the boats contest.

Look for more details to follow in future Epitaphs and blasts. Dates for on the water activities may be changed due to adverse weather conditions. Posted March 9, 2022.

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## *Save the Dates!*

*June 24-26, 2022*

## *Blackbeard Sailing Club is Turning 50!*

*Join us for a weekend of food and fun,  
including a Steel Drum Band  
on Saturday night!*

*(For a band preview, go to [SensoryExpressions.com](http://SensoryExpressions.com))*

*You don't want to miss this one if you like  
Caribbean Island Music!*

*Mark your calendars and  
stay tuned for more info  
in the coming months!*



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## CRUISING FORWARD

For the upcoming April 9-10th cruise, please do not let BSC work-day conflict with your plans to prepare your boat for a 1 pm departure on Saturday and cruise this weekend with club members. The number of cruisers will determine direction and destination. You can always make up your workday at a later date...cruise and have fun!

You are asked to let Bruce or Charlie know by April 8<sup>th</sup> by email if you plan to sail overnight with the group. Include sailboat make/length, name and contact cell number. Charlie's email is [cbgatorman@yahoo.com](mailto:cbgatorman@yahoo.com) and Bruce's is [bruce\\_woods@yahoo.com](mailto:bruce_woods@yahoo.com). A cruise float plan with cruisers and destination will be prepared.

One special note: Paul Mills [paulmillsemail@gmail.com](mailto:paulmillsemail@gmail.com) has volunteered to work the BSC pump-out station for returning cruisers needing head pump-out. This will include disposing of porta-potty contents. Contact info will be provided.

Paul Mills, Charlie and Bruce are also available to answer any questions. Please remember the next cruise after April is in June to Cape Lookout.

### Planned Cruising Dates for 2022:

*We would like to have a volunteer Cruise Leader for each cruise.*



April 9th – This overnight cruise is approximately 15 miles away (New Bern or Club Foot Creek).

Backup date is May 14<sup>th</sup>. This cruise is targeted to first time small boat cruisers. All sailboat sizes are welcome.



June 3-6th – Cape Lookout cruise is approximately 9 - 10 hrs @ 6 mph. Backup date is June 10-13th.

The trip out is split into two stages with first night at Adams Creek # Green 9 (aka Cedar Creek). If weather is bad off-shore, but good on the Neuse, plan on South River. This can be an excellent split opportunity if smaller boats want to go to South River and larger boats continue to the Cape.



July 4th – The Monday after the hot dog social, we will sail to New Bern for fireworks and back to BSC. Some boats will elect to stay overnight and return in the am. Depart around 4 pm.



August 11-16th – TBD. We will most likely sail to Ocracoke or Little Washington.



September 10th – We will have an overnight sail after Shrimp-a-roo.



September 22-25th – Cape Lookout is scheduled using same plan as June 3rd cruise. Backup date is October 7-10th.



October dates and destinations are TBD.



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## Call for Support

## For 2022 Regatta "SHORESIDE" Meals

We are in the process of assembling the Shore-side Support Teams for BSC's 2022 Regattas. WE NEED YOUR HELP with three Regattas. (No experience necessary.)

These Regattas have historically been well attended, with boats coming from all over NC and beyond. Racers come to experience the hospitality of Blackbeard Sailing Club, enjoy great racing on the Neuse River, and because it's a fun event. The number of attendees for each race will vary and some races may "fill the house".

Each of these three events needs a Support team of at least 8 to cover its weekend meals, but more will lighten the load for all.

If you are interested in organizing the SEPTEMBER ETYSA Shore-side event, I will partner with you. Please call me ASAP (315-351-9979) so we can plan the dinner menu early.

Each Regatta is a two-day event:

-  5/21 & 22: One Design Regatta
-  8/27 & 28: Blackbeard Sailing Club Regatta
-  9/17 & 18: ETYSA Regatta



Meal Schedule for all three races:

Saturday Morning: Coffee Bar. Requires only two or three for set up.

Saturday Evening Dinner: Usually catered. Requires full crew of 8 or more (set-up and decorate, serve, and clean up.)

Sunday Morning: Self-serve continental breakfast. Requires 4 to set-up and clean-up, followed by lunch set-up, serve and final clean up.

New Member?

This is a great way to get to know other BSC members, and we would like to get to know you better, too!

There will be a sign-up sheet at BSC on Workday.

You may call earlier or fill in a slot for any of the above dates to help.

**Debra Burrington Shore Side Chair, 2022 Regattas 315-351-9979 (call or text)**

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## Welcome New Members Susan & Robert Cole

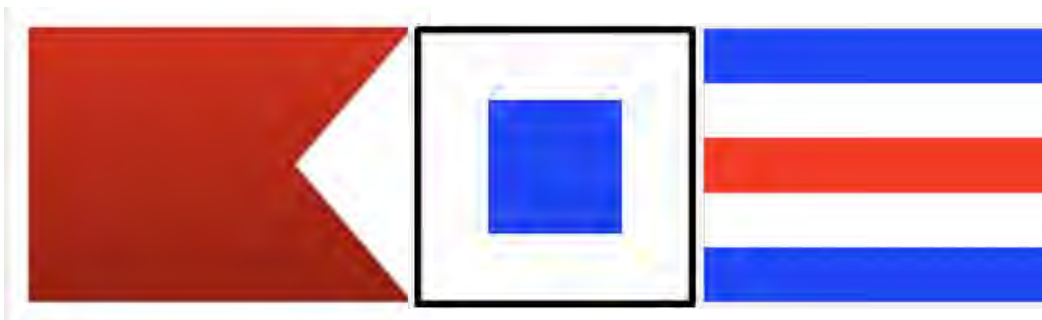


Susan and I grew up in Kansas City, MO. We met in college and have been married for 36 years. Our first sailboat was a 16-foot Dolphin. After sailing this boat for a couple years, we moved up to a 31-foot Hunter and joined the Smithville Yacht club. The Yacht club offered racing and social activities. In 2002 we purchased our current boat a Beneteau 361 named Suzyq with the dream of taking it on an extended cruise in the future. We sailed the boat on Stockton Lake for the next nine years and were very active in the Stockton Lake Yacht Club. Robert served on the board and actively crewed on several race boats. Stockton Lake Yacht Club had an active social and racing program. The Club sponsored the Leukemia Cup several years as well as several other fund raisers. In addition to sailing our own boat we chartered several boats in the Bahamas, Caribbean and Pacific Northwest to gain experience for our dream trip.

Susan retired from the Post Office in 2011 and Robert took a work sabbatical to fulfill our lifelong dream of an extended sailing trip. We moved Suzyq from Stockton MO to Charleston SC. From Charleston we sailed up to the Chesapeake stopping in Myrtle Beach to pick up a new crew member named Abbey. Abbey is a Boykin Spaniel and has been sailing with us for the past 10 years. From the Chesapeake we took the ICW south to the Florida Keys. From

the Florida Keys we sailed up the west coast of Florida to Punta Gorda FL. We purchased a condo in Punta Gorda where we have lived and worked for the past ten years. We have recently sold our condo and purchased a house in Fairfield Harbor and look forward to sailing and racing on local waters.

We would enjoy the opportunity to meet fellow sailors and explore new harbors and be active members of the club. We have lifelong friends that we have met from the sailing community and we think that is one of the best aspects of this sport.





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## "When Irish Eyes are Smiling..."

And they were smiling at the St. Patrick's Day celebration, March 19th, our first social in over 2 years! With about 80 folks dressed in green and ready to visit, we celebrated, with Irish tunes in the background and voices mingling with each other.

We had nibbles and libations at 5:30, and at 6:15 our own Emcee, Doug Longhini, greeted us. He introduced the host team composed of George and Ann Hall, Ed and Joanne Doughty, Mike and Diane Foster, Dick and Pam Gaskill, Doug and Raye Lynn Longhini, and Jim Powers. He then introduced our newest members: Brian Bolt and his family/crew members, Dennis and Gerry Cray, Chris and Angela Humphries and daughter Heather, Kevin French and daughter, Jill Fidgeon and guest, Joan Boenig and guests, and soon-to-be member Cliff Lennox.

Next Bill Drechsler, our 50th Anniversary committee chair, gave us previews of some of the year's upcoming events and celebrations. He highlighted the big bash scheduled for Friday, June 24 through Sunday, June 26, including an authentic steel drum band that will perform Saturday evening. Bring your dancing shoes!

At 6:15 Joanne Doughty blessed us with an Irish blessing, and Doug led us table by table to enjoy the Irish (and other) foods on the buffet. First it appeared there would be a lot of food left over. Not! This crowd was hungry as well as friendly.

Of course, we had a costume contest. Our two outstanding winners, Chris Davies and Calvin Chandler, were dressed head to toe in Irish green. Rather than split the prize of a six pack of Guinness, Calvin generously let Chris have it as he had a special Irish whiskey in hand.

Who can we thank for the wonderful Irish coffee?

Since it was such a beautiful night, many folks ended the evening chatting on our deck overlooking our marina, and our own Neuse River.

BSC is back!



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## Welcome New Members

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### David Crawford

I grew up in New Bern & have lived here all of my life. I graduated from New Bern High School in 1978.

I worked with the city of New Bern for about one year before I took a job with Hatteras Yachts in New Bern. I worked there until 1991 working in the canvas shop.

I then started my own canvas shop in early 1991 "Custom Canvas Inc". I make boat canvas & boat cushions. I continue to do this even now.

I was married for 17 years to my late wife Barbara, she passed away 10 years ago. I bought a house in Fairfield Harbour where I still live now.

I also have a storage yard on Broad Creek Rd where I store boats & RV's.

I have two grown boys who will run my business when I retire. I have worked on boats for over 30 years now & it has been a blessing in my life.

I have not done a lot of sailing so I'm excited about this new chapter in my life.



### Ben Davis



My first name is "John" but I go by my middle name "Ben." I've been an NC resident via Tennessee since 1997, currently living in the Durham area. I'm a software engineer by trade, musician, pilot of remotely controlled aircrafts, guitar builder among other hobbies.

I am the third owner of a 1979 Pearson 30' that I bought about a year ago, currently in Matthews Point (now Bishop's Marina). It is my second boat, the first being a Cat 25 that I kept in Virginia. I once came in 3rd place in a regatta with that boat. I'm a novice sailor at best and inexperienced, but I have an aptitude for it and learn quickly.

I'm not married and have no children, work for LexisNexis Legal and Professional division as a Senior DevOps Engineer. I've played in a lot of bands in the Raleigh area and even played for a regatta at BSC in 2015. Maybe I'll get to play another one in 2022?



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## Save the Date Saturday, May 7

### Blackbeard Sailing Club

Meet and Greet our Newest Members!

- Time: 5:30 pm - ?
- What to Bring: Appetizer or Dessert to share  
(New members will be our guests!)
- All: BYOB (Bring what you like to drink)

Many new members have joined Blackbeard Sailing Club since September 2018. However, due to Hurricane Florence and its aftermath, and the cancellation of all social events due to COVID, we have not been able to properly welcome and get to know these members.

Please join us on May 7<sup>th</sup> for a meet and greet. Let's make them feel welcome, and right at home at Blackbeard Sailing Club.

Remember to wear your name tag!

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## Welcome New Members

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### Chris & Angela Humphries

We're the Humphries family! Christopher, Angela, Izzy, and Edmund(RT). We moved to New Bern from Wake County, NC in the fall of 2021 (crazy market!) with the goals to live closer to the water and to enjoy our first sailboat, "Covenant." We now have flood insurance, however, our waterview did not come with the depth needed to store our vessel.

Angela and Izzy are complete novices as far as sailing goes, although we all spent a lot of time doing boat repairs the heat of summer 2021. We posted some of the repairs on the Covenant facebook page. Fun times!

Chris works full time as a software engineer. Angela has been learning watercolor painting techniques and hopes to sell impactful art someday. Izzy joined the Tryon Palace Drum and Fife Corps and was recently fitted for the costume. Her first performance will be in New Bern's Mardi Gras Parade, followed by the Battle at Moore's Creek Celebration. You may know Chris, as he has been helping with the NYRA races on the pin boat and hopes to help crew in some of the races going forward.

We hope to meet everyone soon!



### Clifford Lenox



Growing up spent summers on the back bays & inlets of Long Island Sound around Madison, Clinton, Westbrook CT. The Clinton /Westbrook shoals & reefs are renowned for its abundance of Stripper Blues. Family had multiple boats from small skiffs, power & sail.

After spending a season skiing in VT, I befriended a group that sailed out of the Milford CT Yacht Club, and was involved with sailing Star Boats on fleet races and larger boats around LIS. This evolved to forming a company that repaired /rebuilt/ constructed various sailing dinghies, larger vessels and crew shells. The company dissolved after one of the employees brought legal suit over design rights.

Landed in the commercial building industry for 36 years and ran through the ranks to be VP of Operations for a med sized Design Build organization, where I was responsible for the day-to-day operations of preconstruction, designer recruitment, construction and close out, responsible for 35-70 personnel and vendors. During this period never lost the desire to be on the water. Sailed LIS & BVI coastal cruised via owned or chartered vessels ranging in size from 20'-45'.

I moved to New Bern FT in Aug of 2021, made the association with Blake Sohn of Long Shot and Joan Wilson of Latitude Adjustment for the winter 2021/2022 "More Fun Race Series".

At present I have been invited to participate with the 2022 Ensign Fleet Races as crew for Long Shot.



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## Wild NYRA Invitational

by Mark Brennescholtz

The NYRA Invite had only nine registered boats, and by the second race there were only two left competing. The winds were very strong and gusty on top. The peak gust was shown to be 31 knots (36 mph for land lubbers). Whitecaps and steep chop were the rule. Since the forecast for Sunday racing was even stronger winds, a vote cancelled day #2.

The four boats in the Spinnaker Class never raised a chute in two races. Ensign *Blue Note* won the first race but did not start race two. Even with a newly devised reef in the main and the smallest jib deployed, we were beat up and wet. Tom McKnight in *Anathema* beat Ed Doughty in *Bad Fish* both races, so won the regatta. Mark Weinheimer in the SJ21 *Deuces Wild* also dropped out after the first race.

Margaret Alexander in *Orion* was the lone Non-Spin boat on the water and completed the first race before retiring. Dave Whitney registered *Silent Pursuit* but wisely observed from shore.

Of the boats in Cruising, Ed Thompson in *Dutch Wind* was the only starter for the distance race, and he dropped out with short-handed crew issues.

March came in like a lamb but is going out like a lion!



Ensign *Blue Note* rounding the leeward mark on the way to winning the first race of the NYRA Invitational. The race was short, but we were cold and wet, and with the wind rising still, we retired before the second race (Stephanie Davies photo)



Mark Weinheimer in SJ 21 *Deuces Wild* flew a reefed main with no jib in the NYRA Invitational (Stephanie Davies photo)

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## Upcoming Race Events

Ensign Spring Series begins March 31 (weather permitting). The series continues every Thursday until May 12. Contact Mark Hallquist at [mdhallquist@hotmail.com](mailto:mdhallquist@hotmail.com) or 832-794-3566.

The new Neuse River Regatta, is a tri-club event sponsored jointly by Fairfield Harbor YC, BSC and NYRA. Watch for a BSC Blast with the NOR and registration info. Starts will be pursuit.

Tuesday Fun races begin April 5 and last through mid-May. Free middle distance races with pursuit starts at marker 1N (entrance to Northwest Creek). 4 pm starts will change to 5 pm as announced.

Cinco de Mayo is a NYRA one-design regatta for SJ 21s, Ensigns, and Sunfish, and any other class with several entrants. Contact Clare Brock at 252-671-7462 or [clbrock@embargmail.com](mailto:clbrock@embargmail.com).

Before the start, *Latitude Adjustment*, Joan Wilson's big Hunter, heels sharply despite a deep reef in the main at the NYRA Invitational. *Seein' Double* is also deep reefed but did not start (Stephanie Davies photo).



Anathema with Tom McKnight and crew is deep reefed with small jib. They crossed Ed Doughty in Bad Fish. Both boats competed in both races, with Anathema coming in ahead in them to take first place in the Spinnaker division. (Chris Davies photo)



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## NYRA Invitational Photo Album - Anathema

At the start

Clare Brock presenting Tom McKnight the 1st place award for Spin Class in the Invitational





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## NYRA Invitational Photo Album - BadFish

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**BadFish... winner of the Spin Class for the Winter Series**





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## NYRA Invitational Photo Album -Jackets

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**BadFish crew & their ladies**



**BadFish Jackets**





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## NYRA Invitational Photo Album - BlueNote

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Blue Note... winner of Spin C Class for the Winter Series





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## NYRA Invitational Photo Album - SJ21

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**LuAnn Parins & Margaret Alexander - Orion - Winner of the Invitational in Non-Spin Class**



**It was a rough day on the water for the San Juan 21s**



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## Winter Series Photo Album

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**Dave Whitney - Silent Pursuit - Winner Non-Spin Winter Series**

**Ed Thompson & Joan Wilson - Dutch Wind - Winner of the Fun Class Winter Series**





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## NYRA Invitational Photo Album - Signal

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**Windy Wake**

**Bill J with chocolate on his face**



Proof that it was windy for the NYRA Invitational on March 26. 31 knots was the peak gust. (Stephanie Davies photo)

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## Welcome New Members

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### Nick & Sara Placentra

Sara and Nick Placentra are currently residents of Boone, NC with a second home in Fairfield Harbor. They plan on spending increasing time here as their plans evolve. Nick just semi retired from private practice as a family doctor, and Sara was the office manager.

Sara's first passion is horses and competing in dressage. But she is a very happy participant in Nick's passion, which of course is sailing. They have had boats on the Chesapeake Bay and on Lake Norman near Charlotte. Their current ride is a Corsair Sprint 750 trailerable folding trimaran, that they plan on keeping at BSC. They also enjoy chartering with family and friends, often in fairly large groups. The Florida Keys, the Bahamas, Saint Martin, and the BVI's are where they have been so far, but hope to expand that resume.

Sara and Nick look forward to meeting the members of BSC, and becoming a part of the club.



### Phil Truitt



After a tour in Vietnam with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, ending in the fall of '69 and exiting the Army the following May and after a bit of time to regroup, I went back to school (College). I met my wife Kaylene there and we married in 1972.

We went to California for my time in Dental school and while there I was introduced to sailing. On graduation we went to northern Minnesota, and while there I bought my first sailboat, a Hobie 14. A few years later and back in California, I was introduced to cruising in the waters off So. Cal. and was hooked. I've owned a few boats and sailed on others either with friends, on charters or in classes. I did my training with the American Sailing Assoc. through coastal navigation and bareboat prep., but did so after logging quite a few miles in the Channel Islands.

I practiced dentistry for 39 years, retired in 2016, we have three children and five grandchildren. The boat I currently sail is a Sanibel 18 which I sailed off the west coast for 8 yrs. and brought with me to Fairfield Harbour. I hope to learn a great deal about the creeks and anchorages along the Neuse and Trent rivers and maybe get down as far as Beaufort.



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## Welcome New Members

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## Patrick & Inglis Walsh

My wife Inglis and I have lived on the "other side" of the Neuse since 1998 just south of marker 19. Our daughter, Carolista is 16, and so far, so good... I'm a practicing Urologist and was raised on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and later Annapolis, Fells Point, Corolla, Nags Head, Greenville, Chapel Hill and Durham before New Bern. Inglis is a drug dealer, I mean Pharmaceutical Rep from Chapel Hill and Nags Head.

I've sailed many small crafts from skateboards to windsurfers to ice boats, Hobies, Log Canoes, sunfish, etc. I raced most of them, sometimes poorly except for windsurfing which was my real passion. I was sponsored for 4 years and qualified for the Olympics in the 80's at the same time I got accepted into Medical school. Although a blast, I wasn't a trust fundy, I was broke and I chose Med school.

Sea N Double, my 27 Stiletto is fun and challenging to sail but, if it's blowing and my schedule permits then I'm usually wave sailing or foiling on my windsurfer at the beach. I love the Neuse river and doing anything on or in it. Blackbeard and the members I've met is a good fit for me and I would look forward to being a member.



## Cinco de Mayo

'ay, chihuahua'... don't forget to sign up for the Cinco de Mayo Regatta.... on April 30th.



# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## Project "PirateNet"

by Reid Serozi

Saturday, March 26, we had a successful first workday to upgrade the club Wi-Fi - "Project PirateNet". The changes included a new Wi-Fi access point installed on Dock A (midway) and upgrading the Wi-Fi in the clubhouse.

A lot of hard work and creativity by our club members: Lee Toderick, Mark West, Ian Prince and Drew McCrocklin took place over the last month to make the first workday a reality. We see internet access as a valuable service for our members, and the goal is to continue to build on the success Drew McCrocklin has engineered over the last several years. I also want to recognize our Commodore for being such an awesome lighthouse during this process, and a thank you to the Board for approving the funds for this first upgrade. Big thank you to Paul Mills for providing his electrician gifts or we would not have power!

What's next?

Keep your eyes open for communication to help you switch your phones and laptops over to the new network names. TBA, we will be adding another Wi-Fi access point at the end of Dock A to help with complete coverage.





# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## 2022 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

FINAL

1/21/22

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
<b>More Races, Events and Contact Information are Listed on next page!!</b>									
Apr 17	<b>Su</b>	-	<b>EASTER</b>						-
Apr 23	Sa	BTS	NCSU Collegiate Regatta					FJ	Oriental
Apr 23	Sa	FHYC	Neuse River Regatta	X	**	**			New Bern
Apr 30	Sa	NYRA	Cinco de Mayo - One Design		X	X	X		New Bern
May 8	<b>Su</b>	-	<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>						-
May 13-15	Fr-Su	ODC	Dragons Breath - * # P	X	**	**			Oriental
May 21-22	Sa-Su	BSC	Springtime One Design Regatta		X	X	X	X	New Bern
May 21	Sa	FHYC	Oar Race * # (phrf)	X	**	**			New Bern
Jun 18	Sa	PSC	Indian Island to Ocracoke #	X	**	**			Pamlico
Jun 18	Sa	SCOO	Summer Solstice	X	**	**			Oriental
Jun 19	<b>Su</b>	-	<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>						-
Jul 2	Sa	BTS	Flounder Fest Regatta				X	FJ/420/SF	Oriental
Jul 16-17	Sa-Su	BSC	Thistle Eastern Regional					Thistle	New Bern
Jul 23	Sa	NYRA	Parrothead (to Oriental)	X	**	**			New Bern
Aug 6-7	Sa-Su	BTS	Bow & Stern Regatta	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	Oriental
Aug 12	Fri	FOM	Hoop Pole Regatta	High School or younger					Beaufort
Aug 27-28	Sa-Su	BSC	BSC One Design & ETYSA Youth Sailing		X	X	X	X	New Bern
Sep 3-4	Sa-Su	NYRA	Beer Stein * # P (phrf)	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 5	<b>Mo</b>	-	<b>LABOR DAY</b>	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 17-18	Sa-Su	BSC	Blackbeard Regatta *	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 17	Sa	BTS	Greens Creek Regatta				X	Under 20 ft	Oriental
Oct 14-16	Fr-Su	ODC	Oriental Cup # P	X	**	**			Oriental
Oct 29	Sa	BTS	Halloween Regatta	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	Oriental
Oct 29	Sa	NYRA	Halloween / Winter Race 1 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Nov 12	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 2 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Nov 19	Sa	BSC	Flt 8 - Turkey Trot		X	X		X	New Bern
Nov 24	<b>Th</b>	-	<b>THANKSGIVING</b>						-
Dec 3	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 3 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Dec 17	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 4 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 1 '23	Su	BSC	Fred Latham Regatta	X	X	X			New Bern
Jan 1 '23	Su	ODC	Instead of Football Regatta	X	**	**			Oriental
Jan 7'23	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 21'23	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 6 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 4'23	Sa	NYRA	Winter Race 7 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 18'23	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									
<b>Ensign Fleet Races:</b> Location: Neuse River near Fairfield Harbour & Blackbeard Sailing Club, New Bern, NC									
Spring Series - 7 Thurs Race Days: Mar 31, Apr 7,14,21,28, May 5,12									
Fall Series - 7 Thurs Race Days: Sep 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10th; Awards party following on Nov 10th									
Normally 3 races per day -- Contact: Mark Hallquist (832)794-2566 for info									
<b>Fairfield Harbour PHRF Fun Sails:</b> Weekly sails open to all sailors; No Fees; No scoring; Pursuit Format.									
Holiday Series - 2/12 Valentine's, 3/19 St Pat's, 4/16 Easter, 5/7 Mother's Day, 6/18 Father's Day,									
7/2 Independence day, 9/3 Labor Day, 11/26 Thanksgiving, 1/1/23 New Years									
Tuesday Series - weekly April 12th through October 11th, 4 or 5pm as provided by email									
Winter Occasional Fun Sails - Mid Oct through early Apr (except 1 Dec-1 Jan), best weather day of the week, time via email									
Send email to: Russ Robinson (R.Rubarb@gmail.com) for race updates & your PHRF based pursuit start time.									
<b>Blackbeard Sailing Club Open Sails:</b>									
Weekly sails are open to everyone - best weather day of the week, notifications by email.									
Additional sails to be announced									
To join the group contact: Ed Thompson (edthompson2@comcast.net) or Joan Wilson (sail_kitty@hotmail.com)									
<b>Sunfish Racing:</b>									
> FHYC Sunfish Races: Near the boat ramp of the Fairfield Harbour inner harbour									
Spring Series – 9 Sunday Race Days: Apr 3, 24; May 1, 15, 22 29; Jun 5, 12, 26									
Fall Series – 9 Sunday Race Days: Sep 4,11, 18, 25; Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30									
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: Bob Slook for information: bslook@gmail.com tel: 732-740-5591									
> Hot Toddy at Blackbeard Sailing Club									
A Winter Series of racing, November or December thru March, into April, usually 2 weeks or more apart									
2022 Schedule: 1/9; 1/22; 2/6; 2/19; 3/6; 3/19; 4/3 -- Contact: Sonya Dean for information: sonyaafm@hotmail.com									
> Harkers Island Regatta									
July 9th - Contact: Sonya Dean for information: sonyaafm@hotmail.com 919-271-9899									
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>									
April 8-10	Fri-Su	-	Oriental Boat Show	Oriental					
Apr 28-May 1	Th-Su	-	Charleston Race Week	Charleston					
May 27 - 6/12	Fr-Su	-	Spoletto, Charleston, SC	Charleston					
6/6 thru 7/1	Mo-Fr	BSC	ETYSA Youth Sailing Event/Camp	BSC-New Bern					
Jul 9	Sa		Harkers Island Regatta	Sonya Dean 919-271-9899					
7/11 thru 7/30	Mo-Fr	BSC	ETYSA Youth Sailing Event/Camp	BSC-New Bern					
Sep 29-10/2	Th-Su	FLT 8	SJ-21 Eastern Nationals	Lake Monroe, FL					
Oct 8-9	Sa-Su	-	Mumfest	New Bern					

# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## Low Tide

by Susan McCrocklin



Look closely and you will see Vice Commodore Mark Hittner in his mucking boots taking advantage of the low tide to clean out the launch ramp.

