



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates

July 4

Hot Dogs - Cruise to New Bern for Fireworks

July 9

BOD @ 9:30

July 9

Ken Gurganus Celebration @ 5:30

July 11 - 15

ETYSA Camp #4

July 16 - 17

Thistle Eastern Regional Championship

July 18 - 22

ETYSA Camp #5

July 23

NYRA Parrothead

July 25 - 29

ETYSA Camp #6



*From the Commodore:
Greetings Mates!*

We are certainly feeling the throes of Summer this month, with temperatures arising and storms a-forming!! Whew!!

By the time this is published, we will have celebrated the Big Bash weekend-long event commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Blackbeard. I am sure a great time will have been had by all who attended. Many thanks to Sandy and Bill Drechsler, and many others who organized this and other 50th Anniversary events this year!!

On a somber note, Ken Gurganus, Commodore for 7 straight years in the early Aughts, passed away several weeks ago. He was a major contributing member of the Club for many years, was very involved in the San Juan Fleet and racing organization, and, of course, club activities and management. A memorial service will be held on July 9 at the Club.

Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

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Also, on July 4, there will be a Hot Dog/Brat lunch at the Club, free for members. Pre-registration is required.

On July 16-17, the Thistle organization will be holding a dinghy racing event at the Club. Participation is expected to be high. ETYSA has begun Summer Camps, and all is going quite well.

Let's Go Sailing!! *Arch*

50th Anniversary Big Bash Review

by Bill Drechsler



Wow, what a weekend! The weather was perfect with moderate temperatures, plenty of sunshine and blue skies, gentle breezes and no bugs. The tent was a nice addition and provided additional seating for dinner and nice shade to get out of the sun. The many events were well attended and everyone seemed to have fun.

I want to first thank the caterers, food trucks and support services so you can use their services again in the future if you have a need:

- 🚚 The free water trailer was supplied by "Kinetico Water Systems" on Old Cherry Point Road in New Bern, NC.
- 🚚 The BBQ truck was from "Social Q Smokehouse" in Morehead City, NC. They also have a restaurant there if you are in the area.
- 🚚 The anniversary cakes came from Harris-Teeter on MLK in New Bern, NC, with the 50th club logo by Randy Schmidt, BSC member.
- 🚚 Donuts were supplied by "Fresh Donuts and Ice Cream" on Glenburnie Road in New Bern, NC.
- 🚚 The seafood truck came from "Sea and Soul Food" on Rt. 70 East in James City. They also have a restaurant there open for lunch and dinner.
- 🚚 "Bear Towne Tents" in New Bern, NC provided the 20' x 40' tent.
- 🚚 "Professional Pest Services" from Morehead City, NC sprayed the grassy areas around the Club property for bug control on the day before the BIG BASH.

I don't want to forget our fabulous steel drum band. "Sensory Expressions" are from Raleigh, NC. They have played together for about 20 years, and most members are from different Caribbean islands. It was unfortunate that we had an ongoing glitch with our electrical system in the picnic shelter while they performed, but they covered it pretty well.

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50th Anniversary Big Bash Review

by Bill Drechsler

Who was that sax player?

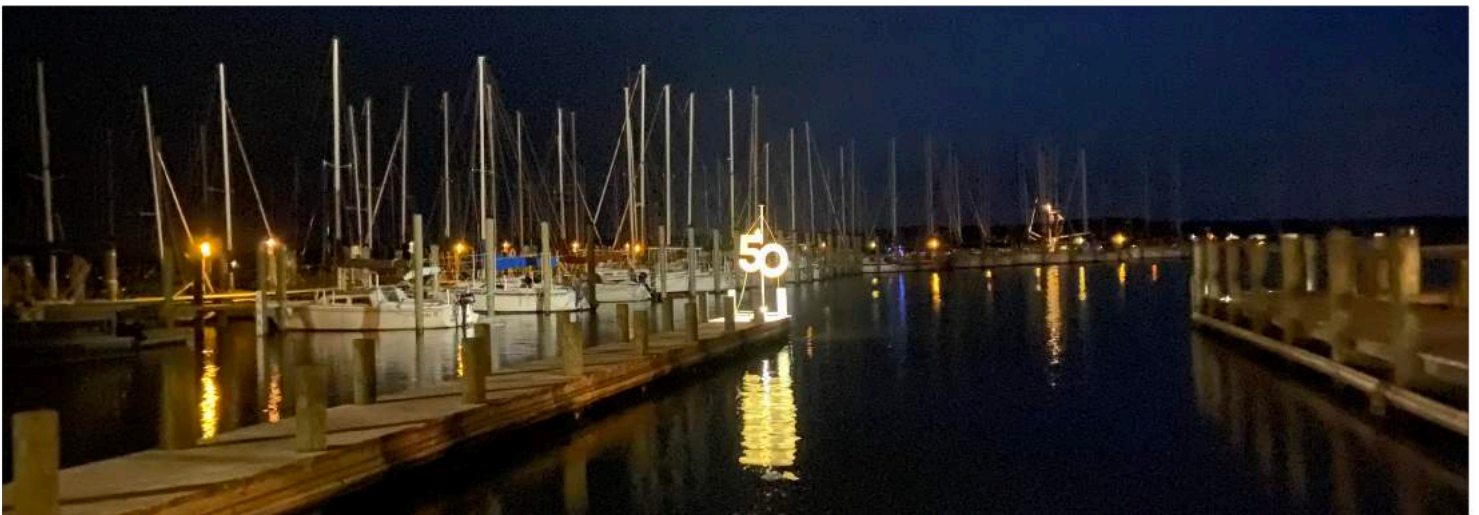
So many members helped that I can't find room in this article to name everyone. Members helped with parking, setting up tables and chairs, trash removal, checking on bathroom and kitchen supplies, picking up cakes and donuts, moving heavy picnic tables, blowing up balloons, running for supplies and so much more.

I especially want to thank Scott and Donna Wade for their sound system and "Popular Music from 1972". We may not have been able to recall all the artists, but we tried. Also, thanks to Chris Davies for organizing the fun games and blind dinghy race, lots of laughs for the kids and adults.

There is a group of very tired ladies who spent an entire week preparing, cooking, slicing, baking, and mixing for the Friday night prime rib sandwiches and sides dinner. Ann Hall, Sandy Drechsler, Sally Johnson, Susan McCrocklin, Janet Hikes and Tori Block did more work and preparation than you can imagine, and of course their spouses helped with all kinds of other jobs unrelated to kitchen activities.

So, in conclusion, I want to thank everyone who was there for this memorable event and who made it such a success. This BIG BASH was a special event that we all needed after 3 years of hurricanes, cancellations, and viruses. For those of you who were not able to attend, you missed a good one. Keep in mind, the 50th Anniversary year is only half over and there is more to come. Thank you.

50th Anniversary Steering Committee



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A Day of Games

by Chris Davies

The games were again a big hit. We had over 100 participants enjoying the fun.

First off, we held the always silly “3 Legged Race” with contestants wearing pillow slips over their inner legs, held up with their hands. 8 pairs took part in three heats with the results as follows:

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| Heat 1 | 1st | Lilly & Michelle | Heat 2 | 1st | Andrew B & Lilly V |
| | 2nd | Jenny & Jake | | 2nd | Paul & Christine |
| | 3rd | Brenda & Karl | | 3rd | Doug & Raye Lynn |

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| Final Standings | Gold | 1st | Andrew B & Lilly V |
| | Silver | 2nd | Lilly & Michelle |
| | Bronze | 3rd | Jenny & Jake |

The second game was the Water Balloon Toss. For this game we had 9 pairs participating.

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| 1st place | GOLD with a toss of 30' | Andrew B & Lilly V |
| 2nd place | SILVER with a toss of 25' | Mike Mc & Jake |
| 3rd place | BRONZE with a toss of 20' | Paul M & Joan |

The next game was the ever popular Water Balloon Sling Shot. For this game we had 13 pairs, a shooter and a goalie.

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| 1st place | GOLD as best shooter was Nancy Woods with 30 points |
| 2nd place | SILVER was Paul Mills with 25 points |
| 3rd place | BRONZE was Raye Lynn Longhini with 20 points |

GOLD as best Goalie (stopping the most shots) was Kirsten Montgomery with 4 saves for 20 points
SILVER and in second place was Doug Longhini with 3 saves for 15 points
BRONZE and in 3rd place was Joan Wilson with 2 saves for 10 points

While all this fun was taking place on the bathhouse grass, a five-board CORNHOLE/BEAN BAG TOSS competition was taking place in the infield. Six games were played with high scores moving on to the semifinals. Winners of the semifinals moved to the final. The team with highest point score, taking GOLD, was Chris Davies Jr & Kris Montgomery.

The team in second place, winning SILVER, was Charlie Batchelor & Scott Dougherty. Winning the BRONZE in third place, was Dan Ritter & Jody Fortuna.

Now for the big event on Sunday morning - the Blind Oarsman Dinghy race. For those of you who have not witnessed this event before, it is hilarious. This year, we had 3 identical 8' Walker Bay dinghies in each timed heat. Each had a blindfolded “Oarsman” on the center seat and a “Navigator” on the stern seat giving directions to the oarsman as to where to go to proceed down the course, round the mark, and return to the Start/Finish line in the fastest time overall. Needless to say, it was not straightforward sailing. Some contestants ran into each other, others got tangled in the slips, and still others just

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A Day of Games

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turned in circles and never reached the mark. It's not as simple as you might think to row a straight course while blindfolded, even with your sighted Navigator giving directions. Needless to say, this is a stressful event for couples, but at press time we had not heard of any breakups!

The races were timed and the boat with best time to finish won GOLD.

In first place, winning GOLD with the best time was Will Glenn (Oarsman) & Heather French (Navigator) in **2 minutes and 28 seconds**.

In second, winning SILVER was Paul Mills (Oarsman) & Debbie Mills (Navigator) with the time of **3 minutes and 12 seconds**. In third, winning BRONZE was Scott Huddle (Oarsman) & Nick Sebastian (Navigator) in the time of **3 minutes and 46 seconds**



Blind Oarsman Dinghy Crew & Contestants
Will, Heather, Debbie, Paul, Ed, Ev, Mallory and Chris (Game Warden)



Nancy Woods -
Sling Shot Winner



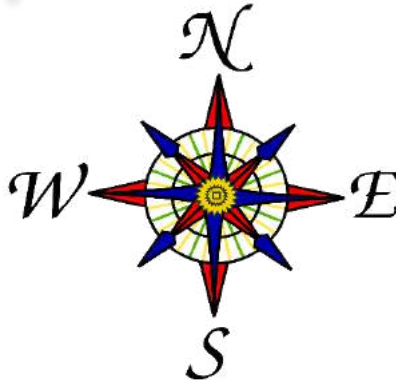
Longhinis - 3 Legged Bronze Winners



Corn Hole Winners
Jody, Dan, Chris Jr., Kris, Scott, Charlie

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Celebration of Life



Join us to celebrate the life

Of

Ken Gurganus

Where: Blackbeard Sailing Club, 1215 Barkentine Dr. New Bern, NC 28560

When: Saturday July 9, 2022 at 5:30 PM

What to Bring: Happy memories and stories to share. If you have pictures of Ken as a racer, Commodore or just hanging out at the Club, there will be a table to display them.

There will be a Pot-Luck supper so please bring a dish or dessert to share. Ice Tea and water will be provided.

Following the meal and sharing of memories, the family will be gathering around marker #2 at the entrance of Upper Broad Creek. Please feel free to bring your boat to join them. Don't forget to bring your horn to give Ken a great send off!

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Ken's memory to

ETYSA (Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association).

Please RSVP by July 5, 2022 to:

Joni and Jim Floyd

(919)-696-2213

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Grieving for Ken Gurganus

by Joni Floyd



For seven years, before and beyond, Ken Gurganus embodied the heart and soul of Blackbeard. Whether as a racer, innovative Commodore, or just around the Club, he did those things that no one else wanted to do, and he did them without fanfare.

As a retired “IBMer” Ken was able to spend many years following his heart as a sailor, and his heart was at Blackbeard Sailing Club. He would drive down from Greenville in his van, which became a common sight at the Club. In recent years, he was accompanied by Ray, his beloved cat. Ray was named after Ray Charles, and if you ever saw him, you would know why! Black? No, blind!

Seen bicycling on the docks in his ever-present plaid shirt, suspenders, long pants and, as always, a life preserver, Ken would often stop to offer help, advice or just “shoot the breeze.” He frequently reminded members to wear their life jackets, which led to at least one member’s Blunder Bucket award. His iconic one-liners kept a smile on everyone’s face.

Blunder Bucket? That is one of the most prestigious awards at our club, and Ken won it more than once.

Not only did he drop a motor on his toe, he did it twice! On the same toe!

An avid racer, Ken was a major figure in San Juan 21s, and long-time Secretary-Treasurer of the National San Juan organization. He collected more than his share of racing trophies and was honored many times by NYRA and other sailing organizations. He would travel almost anywhere to assist and to run regattas. He spent years on BSC’s mark boat, setting and resetting buoys to Bill Jarvis’ instructions, as in, “Bill, is that your right? Or my right?”

Wherever one looks, one can see the result of Ken’s leadership. The gate was a special project of his. Ken’s leadership led to the metering of electrical use. Ken was the reason BSC had dock insurance and was able to survive Hurricane Florence. He also provided assistance and advice to our Treasurer regarding banking transactions. He had his hands on almost everything at Blackbeard!

Finally, every member needs to know that Ken Gurganus’ leadership and presence at Blackbeard was monumental. He was loved. He will be missed.

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Blackbeard Nomination Process Starting for 2023 Officers and Board of Directors

by Doug Longhini

The 2022 year for BSC is almost half over and the recruiting for Officer and Director candidates for 2023 is starting. Elected offices include two Board of Director positions (2-year terms) as well as Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer. You can refer to the Club By-Laws and the Committee structure listed on the BSC website for the responsibilities of each of the positions. Realistically, the unwritten duties of the elected Board are to work with the membership to formulate the present and future direction of the Club.

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

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

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

Many Thanks.

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Jane Staveley, Member 919-961-0987 jstaveley@nc.rr.com

Doug King, Member 919-608-2437 douging888@yahoo.com

Charlie Batchelor, Member 919-345-6189 cbgatorman@yahoo.com



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Many Requests for Friday Night Salads

by Sandy Drechsler

BSC 50th Anniversary Cabbage Salad

This recipe is from my neighbor (Jan) in Bellefontaine, Ohio in 1974. Jan was a wonderful cook and fed my family often! I have several recipes of hers that I make frequently, and they are all "crowd pleasers".

Ingredients:

- 1 Head Cabbage – shredded
- 3 Celery Stalks – diced
- 2 Carrots – shredded
- 1 Green Pepper - diced
- 1 Small Onion – chopped

Mix and add to above Vegetables:

- $\frac{3}{4}$ Cup Oil
- $\frac{3}{4}$ Cup Vinegar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ Cup Sugar
- 1 tsp Salt
- Parsley

Refrigerate – Make Day Ahead for all flavors to combine. MAKES: 20 – $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Servings

BSC 50th Anniversary Romanian Potato Salad -

This recipe is from my Ohio State University Romanian Professor in 1977. She and her husband had fled Romania due to political issues. They were a delightful couple. We had a class picnic, and this is the dish she shared. This recipe has been a "crowd pleaser". I think of her every time I make it!

- ✿ 8 – 9 Russet Potatoes (5 pounds) – cook until well done and starting to fall apart (about 25 – 30 minutes)
- ✿ Peel and slice, thinly (it will take about 45 minutes for the potatoes to be cool enough to peel and slice)
- ✿ 1 – 2 Large Sweet Onions, sliced thinly – then quartered
- ✿ 1 Large Can of Pitted Black Olives or container of Greek Pitted Olives – sliced thinly
- ✿ Combine above in large bowl (larger than the bowl it will be stored in)
- ✿ **Dressing** – Combine the following and add to the Potatoes:
- ✿ Equal amounts of Canola Oil and Cider Vinegar.
(I use about 1 Cup each – oil and vinegar for this number of potatoes.)
- ✿ Salt to taste
- ✿ Stir well – breaking up the potatoes!

Make at least the day before serving.

Better if made 2 – 3 days before!! Continue to stir well every day.

Stir frequently – continue to break up potatoes

Refrigerate. MAKES: 25 – Generous $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup servings



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CRUISING FORWARD *photo by Charlie Batchelor*

by Bruce Woods

Cruisers NEVER sail to a schedule, They Sail on Good Weather!

This is a new section being created to list planned BSC cruising information. It will provide planned club cruise dates, set cruising expectation for all cruisers, and some Do's and Don'ts. It will also try to provide stories with photos from recent cruises and those cruising down south in warm waters.





The June 3-6 cruise became an excellent example of changing plans to suit the weather. There were high winds and thunderstorms predicted to hit the Beaufort Inlet at the time our group of 10 sailboats were due to arrive. We therefore decided to sail to South River the first day. We left open sailing to the Bay River after that. After a motor-sailing voyage, we found good anchorage near the cemetery, and after most boats arrived, we met on the Woods sailboat, Caper, for sundowners. Several people came in their own dinghies, and others shuttled over with friends.

With plans left open for June 4th, we got together on VHF radio and decided to go back up-river to Clubfoot Creek. It was a broad reach up the Neuse and several boats explored a bit downriver first. We gathered again on Caper, and this time, everyone outdid each other with food and drinks brought aboard in lieu of being able to gather ashore for dinner. The winds remained high through the night.

June 5th began with most of the boats deciding to head on back to BSC in the high winds. The early travelers called back with conditions and 3 boats decided to stay in Clubfoot after re-anchoring in more protected locations in the two creeks branching off Clubfoot.

June 6th was an uneventful trip back for two boats and the last boat headed on to Beaufort.

We have several remaining planned cruises with variations expected due to weather:

-  July 4th (Monday) After Hot Dog social. Sail to New Bern for fireworks and back to BSC. Some boats will elect to stay overnight and return in the am. Depart around 4pm. There are also several boats planning to try again for Cape Lookout prior to, and even after, the 4th of July social.
-  August 11th - 16th TBD Most likely Ocracoke or Little Washington.
-  September 10th Overnight after Shrimp-a-roo.
-  September 22 - 25th Cape Lookout. Same plan as June 3rd. Backup date is October 7 - 10th

Bruce Woods & Charlie Batchelor are BSC 2022 - 50TH ANNIVERSARY Cruising Committee.

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HURRICANE SEASON AHEAD PREPARE NOW!

Mates, as you know, our hurricane season is on the horizon. This is early on, but no time like the present to prepare your boat!

- Is your hurricane plan up-to-date?
- Is your hurricane buddy prepared to act on your behalf?
- Is your boat fully functional & able to operate under power?
- Are you prepared and able to evacuate the harbor once a Craven County warning is declared on a day's notice?
- If a trailer sailor, is your trailer ready to go & functional?
- If anchoring out, are your proper anchors and rode on board and at the ready?

Suggest all members review the dock policy on our website. The club is not responsible (nor able) to remove your boat from the harbor.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Ron Leo
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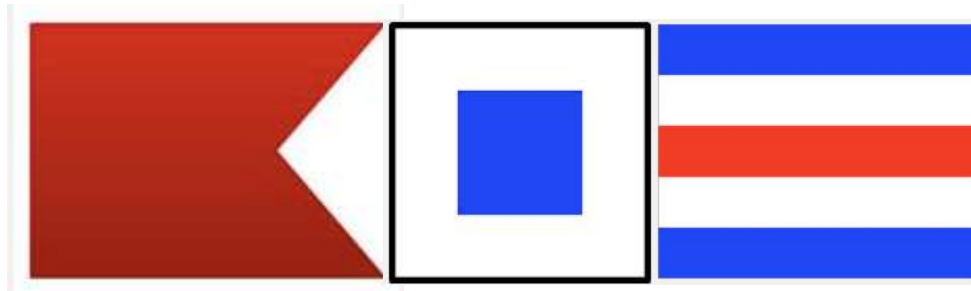


BSC 50th ANNIVERSARY CURRENTLY PLANNED EVENTS

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

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| 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 th 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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Cruising the Bahamas Observations from a First Timer

by Eddy Parker

These are my observations and thoughts on my first trip to the Bahamas. I hope you find them useful if you are thinking of going and remember, they are worth what you paid for them! There are other people in the Club with a lot more experience than I, but I wanted to share my thoughts to hopefully help someone better plan their own trip.

As most of you know by now, Jennifer and I made it back to BSC after spending five months sailing the Bahamas. There were many things that were as expected, and many unexpected experiences as well. I wanted to share my observations from a first-time visitor, to hopefully make someone else's trip more enjoyable. There are many books on places to go and what to do, so I won't rehash that other than to say Eleuthera is a wonderful island where you can meet and interact with many of the native Bahamians, especially in the southern end of the island. The Exumas were just spectacular and all the books on the clarity of the water and beautiful anchorages just can't do it justice.



Warderick Wells, Exuma Park

Firstly, the Abacos are cold in December and January, not like North Carolina, but you will definitely need a sweatshirt and some long pants. Also, it is just off Ft Pierce, so you can expect frequent cold fronts with winds shifting 180 degrees. There aren't a lot of all-weather harbors in the Abacos, other than Marsh Harbor and Hopetown on Elbow Cay. You have to pick up a mooring in Hopetown, and they fill up days before a storm rolls in, so you should plan ahead if you are going to ride a storm out there. The good news is that moorings are around \$100 a week, and there are a lot of nice places to walk on the island. Next time, I would go across to Bimini and make it as far south as possible; you can see the Abacos later in the season on your way back.



Lee Stocking Island

The sun is pretty low in December and January, so your solar panels might not put out as much power as you expect. Not a big deal, but just something to be aware of. If the winds don't have a northerly component to them, you will be beating to weather, and it can get a bit bouncy. That is true from the Abacos all the way to Georgetown. Make sure you are comfortable reefing and sailing in short, choppy waves as it is generally very shallow, unless you are making a passage between different chains.

The water is shallow in the sounds and very deep outside

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of them. You can go from 15 feet of water to water in the thousands in less than a mile.

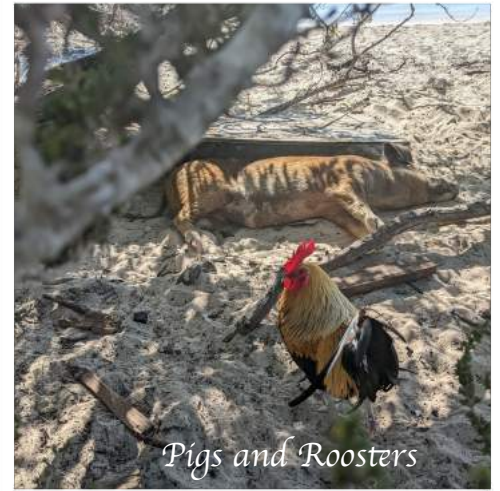
The coastline is not all palm trees and beautiful beaches. For the most part the islands are made of limestone, and it has worn in very ragged patterns. There is usually at least a small beach in most anchorages, but you need to have some sturdy shoes for walking ashore. There are a lot of holes and sharp-edged rocks on many of the paths. Jennifer's sister came to visit us and stepped in a hole and broke her foot within hours of arriving. Medical care is available and inexpensive, but it is pretty rudimentary. You should have a good first aid kit and plans on how you would get back to the US for anything serious.

Food is not nearly as expensive or hard to come by as I expected. Most stores are about the size of small gas station convenience stores but will generally have all the basics. You won't find a lot of gourmet bread, but a regular loaf of bread that would be \$3 in the US is \$5 in the Bahamas. They will generally have romaine lettuce, potatoes, onions, squash, cabbage, tomatoes, and broccoli, although you may need to time your shopping with the arrival of the mail boat. They also have frozen chicken, pork, and beef, although it is not of the highest quality a lot of the time. Beer is EXPENSIVE. A case of Sands, a Bahamian lager, is about \$50, and anything else is more expensive than that. Wine is not readily available. Most of the bigger islands have a liquor store.

I would highly recommend you have a water maker. It is an expensive investment that uses a lot of electricity, but it was really nice to take a shower whenever I wanted. Some islands have free water, but a lot of them charge, and unless you can pull up to the dock you will be schlepping it out to your boat in 5-gallon jugs. Also, you can never be sure of the quality of water you are getting. You are on the trip of the lifetime, invest in a water maker and enjoy it.

Fuel was relatively easy to get, a bit more expensive than in the US, but usually of good quality. I didn't have any issues with fuel for our entire trip. Many of the gas stations run out of fuel almost daily, so the fuel hasn't been sitting around for very long.

If you need any parts for your boat in the Bahamas, it can get very expensive. The duty on anything but parts essential to your engine can have a duty of 100%, and you will need to work with an import agent to make sure you get it to you. I had to get a gauge for my water maker that cost \$85, but by the time it got to me it was \$300 in shipping and duties.



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If you can install a cell phone booster on your spreader, signal will be pretty ubiquitous. Even without one, you can generally get data and cell signal, except in the park in the Exumas. If you don't have a booster, you can get a rechargeable wireless receiver that you can haul up the mast in a bag and get a signal most places. Conventional knowledge is that Aliv has better data plans, and BTC has a better voice plan. Just buy data and use WhatsApp for voice communications. Always try to buy these items from an official storefront of the provider. We talked to several people that got swindled in Bimini by trying to just go somewhere convenient.

You will notice pretty quickly that you are traveling at the same pace as a number of boats, and you will make many wonderful friends on the way. You are also more than likely to run into someone you know down there; it is a big area but there are a lot of boats. We regretted not having boat cards, so that may be something you want to invest a few dollars in so you can easily exchange contact information.

The only place I was not overly fond of was Georgetown. There are usually upward of 300 boats anchored in the harbor, and it is a bit like a floating trailer park. There isn't a pump-out within 100 miles, so as they say there; "when the sun goes down the water turns brown." I did not feel very comfortable swimming there, even though there is a good bit of tide running through the harbor. They do have a relatively well stocked store on days after the mail boat comes in, but it can get picked over pretty quickly.



Georgetown Anchorage



Typical Race Boat

The good part about the larger anchorages is that they generally have a "net" run by a boater where you can get information on happenings, ask for assistance, or spare parts, or arrange a gathering. We were able to locate a boot for Jennifer's sister and her broken foot on the net. People are very helpful and willing to share. There are also Facebook groups where you can get good information.

I had zero concerns about safety. For the most part, the islands are small and entirely dependent on tourist dollars, so they aren't going to do anything to jeopardize that. Most people don't lock their dinghies and leave their boat open when they go ashore.

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The crossing of the Gulf Stream is not a big deal, if you are able to read a weather forecast, and once you get there, the next anchorage is so close it isn't even worth setting your sails. Navigating was pretty straightforward, but there are almost no aids to navigation. I have a Garmin chart plotter with recent charts, but I found Navionics sonar charts to be more reliable. The app is free, and downloading charts is not expensive. It allows people to add comments on anchorages and routes, so read the reviews and you will be well prepared for what you have in store.



Sailing Race Viewing Stand

More 50th Celebrations on the way!

Save the Date

Saturday August 6, 2022

Summer Themed Pot-Luck Supper

Details: Coming Soon...Watch for E-Blasts!



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Welcome New Member

Dave & Janet Archer



I started sailing in my early 20s with my first vessel being a 23 ft Hunter. During that time I also owned and sailed a sunfish and an 18 ft Hobbie cat.

We purchased a 30 Hunter and sailed that for three years. We sold our home in Delaware and moved to Earleville, Maryland.

My wife wanted to continue boating but wanted to try motor boating. We spent the next 20 years searching for the elusive perfect motorboat. A dozen or so motorboats later I was able to convince Janet that sailing was the way to enjoy the water and we recently purchased a 23 ft North American which is currently docked at Fairfield Harbour.

I am a retired law enforcement officer and a military veteran. I have never been a member of a sailing club per se, but I was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Sailing Association referred to as The Baggy Wrinkles.

Paula & Ryan Turner

Paula and Ryan have lived in New Bern for approximately 4 1/2 years. Prior to that Ryan was sailing up and down the east coast from the Bahamas to Maine and Paula was finishing up her time in Indiana before moving to New Bern. Ryan lived in Chapel Hill, NC since 1982 when he moved there from his childhood home near San Francisco, CA to start a graduate program in geology. Paul grew up in Zionsville, IN.

Ryan is a retired geologist and Paula is a sales and marketing professional who has spent a large part of her career working in senior care and is currently part of the management team at Brookdale Senior Living in New Bern. Ryan focused on environmental hydrogeology during his working years and has worked on projects across the country from North Carolina to Maine, Alaska, California and Louisiana among others.

Ryan began sailing as a child on an El Toro that he built with his father but his true love for sailing started during a family vacation to St. John, USVI somewhere around 1995. Gazing out at all those cruisers anchored in the beautiful blue waters of the Caribbean was all it took. Since then Ryan has sailed up and down the east coast from Florida to Maine and into the Bahamas and Caribbean. Paula is fairly new to sailing but is picking it up quickly and is excited to go cruising wherever that adventure may lead. Ryan is a licensed USCG captain.



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Welcome New Member

John Keeton



Blackbeard Sailing Club,

Thank you for considering me as a candidate to join the BSC. Most people know me down around the area as JFK, because I was born the day JFK was assassinated. That is how I got my name John F-K Keeton. If you were around you know where you were when I was born. My mom's maiden name was Kennedy no relation to the family of Kennedy's in Washington that I know of although she was born in Washington. Julie is my wife of 27 years, she has been teaching 2nd grade for 31 years. We have 2 children, Will being the oldest at 21 years of age and my daughter Anna who is 17 years of age. I had planned to join BSC last year but I had a family emergency that backed me up a year.

I look forward to catching up with some of my fellow Pirates that I used to sail against and with on the Neuse. I know my way around a boat from Bow to Stern and I do not mind helping out around the facility on work days to help keep it looking presentable. I use to keep my 30' Pearson Flyer at Northwest Creek and assisted the dock master Bud to protect the docks and boat's when Hurricanes or northeaster showed up.

In the years past I always enjoyed hanging at Blackbeard Sailing Club before kids came along. I spent a great deal of time with them coaching soccer, baseball and basketball. I am now getting back into sailing; I have crewed with ED in the past on his J29 and late NY40 and with the rest of my old Pirate Friends on a J80, J22 and J24. I campaigned a 30-foot Pearson Flyer (Frequent Flyer) back in the late 80's and 90's. I have a Watkins 17 that I sail on Falls lake here in Durham when I can. I trailer it from the house to water in 20 minutes.

Currently I have a Island Packet 29 that is currently located in Belhaven. My plan is to move the boat around the end of June after a brief stop over in Oriental at Sailcraft then onto a slip at BSC. I look forward to meeting with everyone at Black Beards Sailing Club and seeing some old friends as well as making some new ones.

IP 29 specs: Draft 4'3" and beam 10' 11" for slip purposes.

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| Blind Oarsman Leader Board | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| PLACE | CONTESTANTS | TIME |
| 1 | WILL GLENN / HEATHER FRENCH | 2:38 |
| 2 | PAUL + DEB MILLS | 3:12 |
| 3 | SCOTT HUDDLE / NICK SEBASTIANI | 3:46 |
| 4 | ED + EVELYN THOMPSON | 4:15 |
| 5 | KARL + BRENDA WAGNER | 4:16 |
| 6 | STEVE YOUNSTON & CATHY EATON | 4:49 |
| 7 | CHESLEY SUGG & JOHN DAUGHERTY | 4:57 |
| 8 | DAN & DAWN RITTER | 5:00 |
| 8 | ARCH ALTMAN & JANE | 5:00 |
| 8 | CONNIE & NANCY WOODS | 5:00 |

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by Charlie Batchelor
& Chris Davies

Blackbeard Sailing Club is a 99% fix and do-it-ourself club. The only main exceptions are: the once a week cleaning service for clubhouse and bathhouse, the summer lawn service, and electrical service when required.

Did you know that when you are out cruising for more than an overnight, you should **leave your vehicle parked down near the bathhouse** or in the infield. This allows other members using the club closer access to the clubhouse.



Did you know that since we are not a fishing club, **leaving crab traps on docks or on the grounds is really a safety hazard**. This is especially true after dark. Additionally, any mess created on the docks from crabbing or fishing should be removed, since the mess will be tracked down the dock and on to sailboats .

Did you know that the **speed limit on the club grounds is 7 Kts and posted by the gate. 7Kts ... is 10MPH**. So please go slow and stay safe. We have people walking around everywhere and during the summer we have the ETYSA Sailing Camps happening!



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ICRC Calendar

2022 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

Rev 2

6/11/22

| Date | Day | Club | Event | PHRF | Ensign | SJ21 | Sunfish | Other | Location |
|---|-------|------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| More Races, Events and Contact Information are Listed on next page!! | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 12-14 | Fr-Su | ODC | Dragons Breath - * # P | X | ** | ** | | | Oriental |
| 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 | Mo | - | LABOR DAY | 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 1 | Sa | FHYC | Neuse River Regatta | X | ** | ** | | | New Bern |
| 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 | Th | - | THANKSGIVING | | | | | | - |
| 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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To date ETYSA has received **\$1,006.80**

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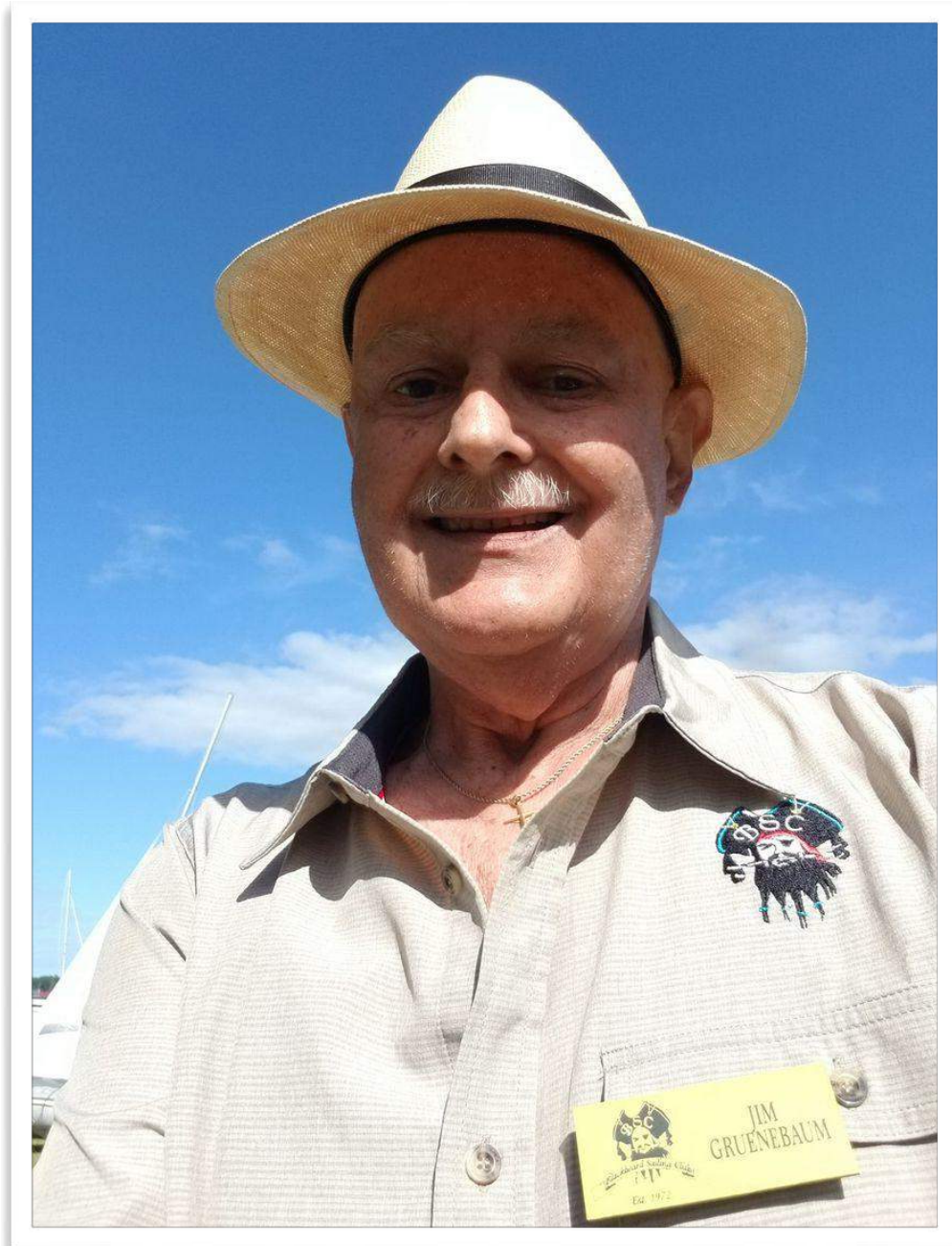
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| Additional Events of Interest | | | | | | | | | |
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| Ensign Fleet Races: Location: Neuse River near Fairfield Harbour & Blackbeard Sailing Club, New Bern, NC | | | | | | | | | |
| Fall Series - 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fairfield Harbour PHRF Fun Sails: 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. | | | | | | | | | |
| Blackbeard Sailing Club Open Sails: | | | | | | | | | |
| 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) | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunfish Racing: | | | | | | | | | |
| > 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous: | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | |

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Jim Gruenebaum

Celebrating the end of 6 months of Chemotherapy!



Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our sailing club, and the well wishes of some 160+ members as I celebrate the end of 6 months of chemotherapy today! I just feel so loved by so many people here at the Club today and elsewhere.

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And the Winner Is...

BSC Games Leader Board

3 legged race

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| 1st | ANDREW & LILLY V |
| 2nd | LILLY & MICHELLE |
| 3rd | JENNY & JAKE |

Balloon Toss

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| 1st | ANDREW & LILLY V |
| 2nd | MIKE JAKE & JENNY |
| 3rd | PAUL M & JOAN |

Cornhole

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| 1st | CHRIS D & CHRIS |
| 2nd | SCOTT & CHARLIE |
| 3rd | JODY & DAN |

Sling Shot

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| 1st | NANCY WOODS |
| 2nd | PAUL MILLS |
| 3rd | RAE LYNN L. |

Sling Goalie

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| 1st | KRISTEN |
| 2nd | DOUG |
| 3rd | JOAN |

Blind Dinghy

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| 1st | WILL GLEN + HEATHER FRENCH 11:00 2:30 |
| 2nd | PAUL & DEB MILLS 3:10 |
| 3rd | SCOTT HUDDLE + NICK SEBASTIAN 13:00 |

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Celebration was a Success!

by Chris Davies, JR



... and to all a great night!