



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates

May 7

BOD @ 9:30 AM - New Member Reception @5PM

May 14

Overnight Cruise to New Bern

May 21 & 22

BSC Springtime One Design Regatta

June 24 - 26

50th Anniversary Celebration

June 3 - 6

Cruise to Cape Lookout

July 4

Hot Dogs - Cruise to New Bern for Fireworks

August 5-6

Guest speaker - Anna Tunnicliff

August 11

Cruise to Ocracoke



From the Commodore:

Howdy Mates!

April has been a very busy month with the robust renewal of social activities, and the resumption of the semi-annual workday event. On the 2nd of April, Jane and I hosted the (delayed) Installation Dinner with a full house. Past Commodores were in attendance, election results were announced, and new Board members were welcomed. In addition, it commemorated the Club's 50th Anniversary.

The event was our first Installation Dinner since early 2020 and was SOLD OUT!

The room was full, the food was really good, and the band was outstanding. The MC kept his comments on point, mostly. The event's organization was wonderfully handled by Beth Heiner and Nancy Woods, along with many others. Thanks so much!!!

Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

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On the 9th, Workday was attended by 145 people (as determined by the number of plates used serving the BBQ, ably offered up by George, Scott, Clay, Steve, Tom and others). Great job! Bravo Zulu to all who contributed to the upkeep of the Club's property. Volunteer participation is what makes the Club a very special place!! Mark Hittner reports that about 95% of what he desired to accomplish was achieved.

On a side note, Mark Hittner has been quite ably guiding our Road and Grounds contractor in fashioning an internal road/ramp to the Annex. Further information on the Annex will follow later this month.

I plan to present to the membership a survey showing some ideas on capital investment over the coming years. There are many things to consider, and I look forward to receiving feedback from each of you. Please plan to participate.

In May, we continue with increased activity at the Club. Since Florence and Covid, we have added many new members. On May 7, there will be a New Members' Reception at the Clubhouse. Notices have been sent out to all members. Please come for heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Wear your name tags!!

On May 21-22, Blackbeard will be presenting, for the first time, the Springtime One Design Regatta. This is a dinghy event. Details are available at www.regattanetwork.com/24430.

Check the calendar for scheduled events.

Fair winds and smooth sailing!!

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 or 717-919-9550) or

Nancy Woods (nbpollack@yahoo.com or (252-241-1941)

WE NEED YOU



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Water Level Monitor

by Chris Davies

There is a new tool on the docks. It is a WATER LEVEL MONITOR/MEASURER. It is installed at the beginning of A dock and consists of a white vertical board, with marking indicating water level in 1 foot increments, and a float attached to highlight the water level. The board is touching the bottom and indicates the level/depth at that point. The measurements span from 1 foot to 7-8 feet.

The tool is positioned to allow the Dock A & B BSC web cam to see it. By magnifying the camera's image on your computer, you can easily see whether the water level is normal, high or low from the comfort of your home. Normal water level at the monitor is 4.5 feet.



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Dock Lines - Tide Slide Rings!!!

by Ron Leo

By now, y'all know of our dock line protocol from the redundant email blasts you have received (2 lines each corner plus spring lines). Here's a new twist, and a critical one, to help keep your boat secured properly on tide slides.

There are 2 tide slides (pipes) on the outer pilings on A & C docks, one inner, one outer. There are 2 rings on each tide slide, 2 inner and 2 outer.

Only ONE line should be attached to each ring, and each boat at each corner should be attached to one inner and one outer ring.

Your neighboring boat does likewise. Thus, there are 4 rings, 4 lines, (one inner, one outer) by each corner of each boat. The purpose of this protocol is to balance the load of 2 boats tied to one piling.

In the past two significant blows, we had a situation where all 4 lines (of 2 boats) were tied to inner rings only. The result was that the load was doubled on the inner slide; the tide slide through rod failed; and the boat(s) were left unsecured.

There has been some concern of line chafe on lines tied to rings, outer rings particularly, by the piling. The solution is to provide some chafe protection on said lines, move the boat a bit outward to help avoid chafe on the piling, and monitor the condition of your lines. You may also explore Jim Floyd's unique solution, a simple thimble and shackle which he sourced from Adams Marine in MHC for \$15 each, pictured below:



Please adjust accordingly, for the safety of your boat as well as your neighbor's boat. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter!

Ron Leo

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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

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 50th BASH MEMBERS ONLY WEEKEND

June 24TH, 25TH & 26TH





Reservations have begun for ALL EVENTS!!

The 50th Bash Crew has a fun-filled weekend planned!! Reservations are required (ASAP) to ensure the Crew is ready with enough food, seating, giveaways etc. for the "Crowd".





Friday - June 24th

-  5:30 - 6:30 Bash Crew prepared Prime Rib Sandwich plus two sides
\$12.00/Person (charged to member account, **ticket required**)
-  6:00 - 8:00 Simply Natural Ice Cream Truck
FREE Ice Cream Cones (**ticket required**)

Saturday - June 25th

-  11:00 - 2:00 Games for ALL Ages!
-  Around 3:00 A Surprise Event! (still in the planning process)
-  5:30 - 7:00 BBQ catered by Social Q. Smokehouse
Pork, Chicken, Potato Salad, Dirty Rice, Macaroni & Cheese
\$22.00/Person (charged to member account, **ticket required**)
-  7:00 - 10:00 Dessert
"Sensory Expressions" Steel Drum Band
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND DANCING SHOES!!

Sunday - June 26th

-  9:00 Donuts & Coffee
-  Around 10:00 Back by Popular Demand - Blind Dinghy Race (It's a Blast!)
-  12:00 Sea and Soul Food Truck
-  3:00 CRASH! After a wonderful weekend celebration!

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL as soon as possible:

Sandy Drechsler 814-450-0857 or Bill Drechsler 252-639-0316

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Marine Growth Report: April to May

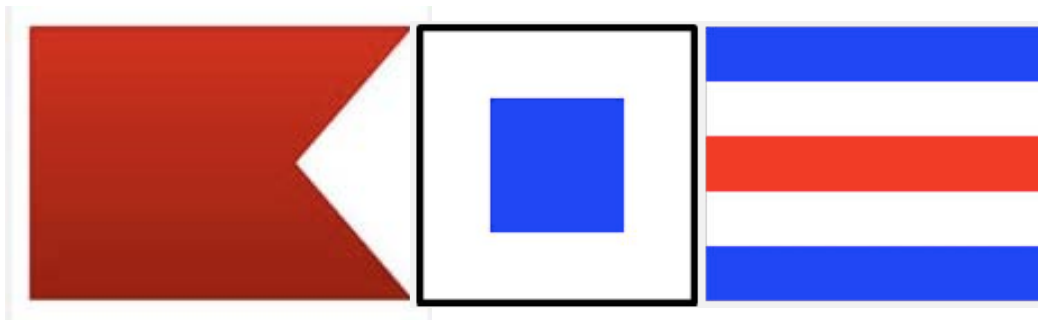
by Kirk Hathaway

The Marine Growth Report has been on a long hiatus, but that's not suggesting marine growth has been on any hiatus at all. A mild winter without extremely cold waters has invited an early bloom of river mussel and barnacles in the Neuse. Above Minnesott, river mussel clusters have seeded early—some not even weakened from last year. These now pin-head sized mussels are coating props, shafts, rudders, and all edges or areas weak-hulls. At low water- and bottoms of keels, blooming, and basically susceptible. Below Min-Pamlico region, barna- same manner and that are not painted or



The bottom line for a ing Club, as well as area is, if river mussels other than on unpainted dealing with weakening edges of bow, keel, and rudder, you might see it as either insufficient coats painted on edges (should be one more than the number on the hull) or a healthy use of your boat that is starting to show wear on the edges. In this case, effective cleaning would take you beyond this year. If your vessel is showing clusters of river mussels or barnacles throughout the belly of the hull and/or keel sides, you are seeing paint that is failing. If it is only river mussels peeling off, these same areas will show scattered barnacles this summer, which may be serviceable for cleaning for the rest of the year, but the paint is weakening. If your vessel is coated in small barnacles in various hull areas right now, the paint has completely failed. Once waters warm, even if cleared off now, the vessel will become covered in quickly-growing barnacles that could make a salvage and recovery job out of your vessel every month in heated waters.

The harsh and advanced bloom this spring is our warning that growth will be bad this year. Use your vessel frequently - "Moss don't grow on a rolling stone." Keep it moving, keep it clean, and keep yourself happily boating.



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BSC 50th ANNIVERSARY CURRENTLY PLANNED EVENTS

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

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| 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 th 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 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 FORWARD *by Charlie Batchelor*

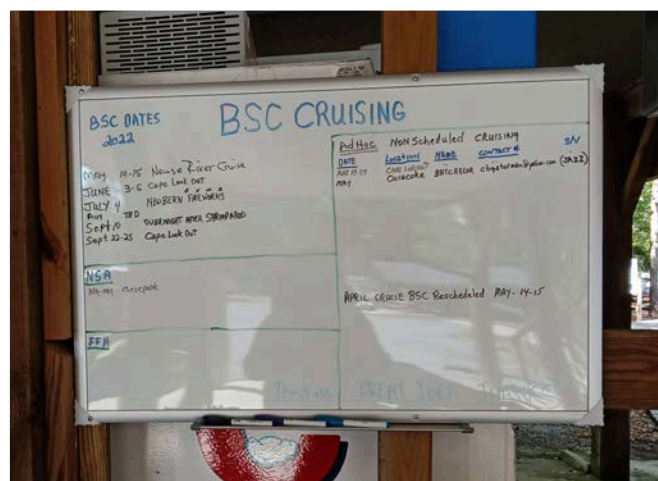
The April cruise scheduled for April 9th has been rescheduled to May 14-15th to New Bern. There were 18 Sailboats (from 23' to 42') signed up to sail for an overnight to New Bern. It was unfortunate that mother nature (wind and low temps) forced us to cancel the event.

If you plan to sail on the May cruise, please let Bruce or Charlie know. We need to know Name(s), Sailboat Name, Length, and Manufacturer. If you had signed up for the April cruise, we only need your name.

Also new, below the clubhouse next to the bagged ice box, is a Cruising white board with names and dates. If you know you are going cruising on a non-scheduled date, add it to the right side of the board.








The dates scheduled for the rest of 2022 remain unchanged.

Fair winds and calm waters.
Charlie & Bruce



Planned Cruising Dates for 2022:

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

-  May 14th – This overnight cruise is approximately 15 miles away (New Bern or Club Foot Creek). 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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Welcome New Members Mike & Vicki Meginnis



Both originally from Maryland, Mike and Vicki met in Maine in 2008, and married two years later. Mike has three sons, ages 31, 33, 34, that all still reside in Maine. Vicki has a 36 year old daughter (hard to believe, since she looks 36 herself), and 31 year old son, with 4 grandchildren, from ages 1 to 18. They too all reside in various parts of Maine.

Recently, we purchased an 28' Islander sailboat (formerly Bob Petritch's boat) that we are excited to cruise (and occasionally race) in the waters of NC (and perhaps beyond). We are looking forward to meeting the club members and participating in the various activities the club offers, and are hoping to acquire a wet slip for the boat.

Mike Meginnis:

I grew up in Maryland sailing the Chesapeake Bay on various boats that our family owned, including boats my Grandfather built himself, or had custom built, and my parents boat, a Cal 28. My siblings, cousins, and I learned to swim, row boats, and sail a homemade Sailfish, and later Sunfish, as well as the first power boat I ever learned to drive, our 1969 13ft Boston Whaler (that I still have). We

were just a cruising family and didn't really race at all, although I crewed on my cousin's race boat a couple times. As an adult, I owned a 21' Grady White, and a Morgan 38 Yawl. Professionally, I lived and worked in the Baltimore area from 1980 until 1999, as a CAD Designer for three different engineering consultants. In 1999, I moved to Maine and worked for a handful of boat builders including Brooklin Boat Yard, Morris Yachts, Hodgdon Yachts, and Hinckley Yachts. In 2019, tiring of the cold weather we headed to NC where we briefly lived in the Outer Banks, before landing in New Bern. I currently work remotely for Hinckley Yachts doing custom electrical design.

Vicki Meginnis:

Vicki grew up in the country of Western Maryland, and West Virginia, raising chickens, and sheep, with horses as her true passion. As an adult she has lived in Florida, Iceland, British Columbia, and Maine over the last 25 years. Vicki is excited, to learn to sail, and experience the coastal and sailing lifestyle. She also likes gardening, kayaking, biking, hiking and observing nature.

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Call for Support

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 to be part of such a fun time. 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 the 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 to 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 and meal service 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.

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 Connie Kerns

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"Biographies are challenging! They make us reflect on who we are."



From a young age, I found myself drawn to nature, spending hours every day in the 200 acres adjacent to my childhood home in rural Pennsylvania. It wasn't long before my family came to expect two things—pockets full of rocks and other collected items from treks through the woods, and an occasional injured animal that I would bring home to nurse back to health.

When I was 12 my Dad bought his first sailboat, a Catalina 22, and the combination of being onboard, wind in my hair, and under the sun provided just the catalyst I needed for a romance with the water. A few tacks taken too fast, a couple times having the mast towed out of the mud of the Great Lakes...good times!

I'm notorious for daytrips to the beach and still feel home most when I'm in nature. The '72 Columbia 30 that I call my second home gives me the privilege to find the special kinds of peace that only being on the water brings. This old girl has been in my family for 30 of her 50 years, and with Dad's advancing age it has become my time to be her tour guide....or for her to be mine. I'm working on shaking the rust out of my sailing skills, and hope by summer to take a few weeks on the hook—before adulting takes over again. My goal is to make my first journey to the Bahamas next year and enjoy the crystal clear waters for a month or two!

My penchant for helping heal hurt critters grew into a love of helping people and I've been involved in holistic healing for the past 24 years. After relocating to NC seven years ago, I spent three years at Womack Army Medical Center as a provider and then opened a clinic in the community. Currently, when I'm not traveling, I spend three days a week in my clinic in Fayetteville, and two days a week working on board practicing mental health counseling through telehealth. The remaining two days are usually on-board, exploring, and taking care of the little details of life.

In my spare time, I run a non-profit that offers medical care and education to the community, do my best to keep up with my daughter's busy life, immersive reading and researching, pass on knowledge through educational programs, and generally have fun with life. It's not unusual to find me sporting UNC colors on my nails, Birkenstocks even in winter, driving with the top down while singing badly a little too loud. Generally loving life!!!

I'm looking forward to becoming part of the community at Blackbeard's and getting a chance to meet y'all (see, not a Northerner anymore!)."

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RETURN OF BSC WORKDAYS A GREAT SUCCESS

On April 9th some 130 or more members joined in to get our club in great condition.

A few snapshots show a small sampling of the activities:



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SPIFFYING UP THE PICNIC SHELTER



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RETURN OF BSC WORKDAYS A GREAT SUCCESS



Early Mornin'
sausage and camp
biscuits



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Workday!

In the past, chaotic workdays were not my favorite events at BSC, and I was not looking forward to being in charge on April 9th this year. Surprise! We had our normal chaos and I enjoyed it.

The club had a lot of work to do and we got a lot done. The willingness of members to pitch in and the chance to meet many new members made my day.

Thank You All,
Mark Hittner

THE UP-STAIRS CREW

Photos by Joanne Doughty



The wonderful crew that put our lunch together... Thank you, lunch was great.



Ship's store had a gang buster sale day! Thank you Karen, Barbara & Stephanie

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Ladies Missing from Workday!

By Ann Griffin-Hall

"We did not see several ladies at our April workday. Where were they? Rather than being here at BSC, they were pumping the pavement across the Neuse River Bridge and through downtown New Bern for 13.1 miles."

Ann - I have been running since I was 25 years old - never very far nor very fast. My husband George and I ran several 10Ks in our earlier days, and he ran a 10-mile race in which he won in his class.

You would call me a recreational runner, and have probably seen me in the Harbour running with my English Springer spaniel, Huckleberry. And yes, he always wins! But then my friend, Karen Powers, subtly encouraged (challenged!) me to consider the half-marathon here in New Bern. Could I really do this?!

Training started in January as I went from a leisurely 3-4 mile jog to working my way up to a 12-mile hard run.

My goal was to finish the race running the whole way. I did, and even won first in my group. Well, since I was the only one in the 70-99 age group, it was not very tough! I am proud to say I did finish in the top 56% with all those youngsters.

Karen - I had been running 3-5 miles daily when I decided to run the Neuse River Bridge 10K in 2020. Later that year on a routine mammogram I was found to have breast cancer. Following surgery and chemotherapy, I was very frustrated at how deconditioned my body became. In January of 2021, I resolved to get back into pre-cancer shape. In talking with my niece, Melissa, who lives in Florida, we decided to train for the 2021 Neuse River Bridge Half Marathon. We completed a twelve-week training program, Melissa training in Florida, and I training either in the Harbour or in Rochester where I was still working. We texted each other weekly with updates about our progress, especially about our weekly long runs. Courtesy of the pandemic, we learned that the 2021 run would be virtual. It worked out that Melissa and her family were going to be in Myrtle Beach the same weekend as Jim and me. We brought Melissa back to the Harbour with us where we ran the half-marathon together on a course we mapped out in the Harbour. We both proclaimed that the best part of running the race was that we no longer had to train for it! Although, a post-run massage and pedicure was heavenly.

Fast forward to 2022. I have continued running 5 miles daily. In a conversation with my 26 year old son, Conor, sometime in late January, he mentioned that he was thinking of running a marathon. I told him about the Neuse River Bridge Half Marathon and he said he was game to run in. So, once again I found myself training for it. In numerous conversations with Ann Hall about our daily runs, I was thrilled to hear that she too was planning to run the half marathon. Conor flew down from NY City for the race. Conor and I set goals for the run. His was to finish in under two hours and mine was to complete the race without walking, and not to finish last! We both exceeded our goals with Conor finishing third in his age group and me finishing first in my age group. Following a hot shower, we were able to enjoy a great lunch at Lawson's Creek and reminisce about the tough challenges of the race.



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Welcome New Members Bill & Donna Tazelaar

Bill first started sailing sunfish boats at summer camp on Lake Winnepesaukee when he was 13 and learned sailing from the bottom up. Bill grew up in the Cleveland, Ohio area on Lake Erie with his family. They had several sail boats over the years starting with 19' Paceship, to their final Catalina 30.

As a young man Bill and his buddies would take trips back and forth to Canada primarily to fill up the boat with as much Canadian beer as possible (ssshhhh), and enjoy night sailing on Lake Erie with a comfortable southern wind that propelled them deep into the night.

He met his wife Donna, also from the Cleveland area in 1994 - her dating prerequisite was not to get seasick plus be able to handle the sailing demands with joy and loving the seas as much as he did. The happy result is that they have been married for almost 26 years now.

Bill and Donna moved to Lake Norman in 1998 and mainly power boated around the big lake north of Charlotte. Having a dock in the backyard was especially nice where they could jet ski and cruise any-time of the year compared to Lake Erie since it was a short boating season.

As the years past, they became members of the Peninsula Yacht Club and were crew members of friends who raced on the lake. They learned much about racing boats, but mostly loved the post parties after a super day of racing.

Fast forward to today, they recently moved from Statesville, NC to New Bern this past September and have been fixing up the house getting it ready for lots of future visits with friends and family from all over. They are now ready to take the plunge into this most special place.

In the future they plan to do the great loop in a trawler (stink boat) in about 5-6 years when Bill retires. In the meantime, they would really like to learn the ropes of sailing in and on the Neuse River and down to the ocean on cruising.

Read ALL About It!

Do you enjoy the monthly *Epitaph*? I think the answer would be a resounding YES! Whether your interest is racing, cruising, social events, or just checking in on what's happening, the *Epitaph* covers it all, thanks to you, our members who send in their contributions.

A big thank-you also needs to go out to the editorial team that puts it all together. To make it easier for this team, please remember that the deadline for submission is **the 23rd of each month**. This gives the editors time to collate and format all the words and pictures that are submitted, so the *Epitaph* is ready for your reading pleasure on the 1st of the month.

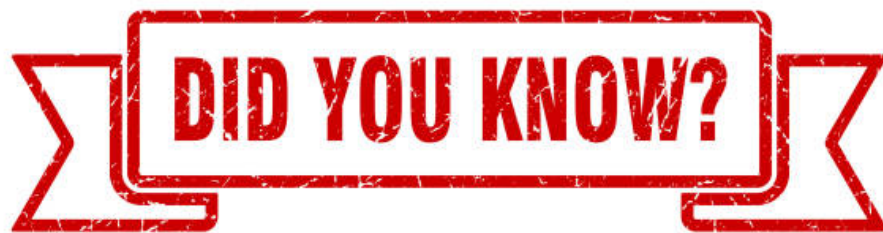
Thanks for your help and keep those cards and letters coming in!

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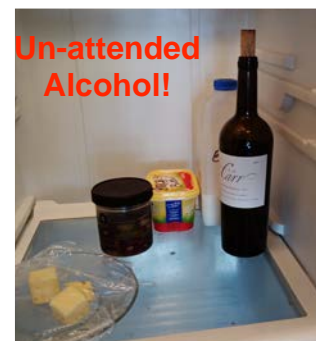
BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

by Charlie Batchelor



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. This is why there are, in normal years, two work days scheduled in March and October. If you see something that needs immediate attention, you can add it to the white board in the kitchen. Please, not on the cruising board.

Un-attended Alcohol: For BSC to have alcohol allowed on the premises, we have to have an ABC permit. That permit requires all alcohol to be in one's immediate possession, or in a secured location that is not readily accessible to minors. Never Acceptable - See the photo, observed this past Monday am. The ATF permit auditors arrive unannounced and at any time of the day.



If you use it, clean it and put it away. Since we are a do-it-yourself club, anything used in the kitchen should be washed, dried, and returned to the proper location in the cabinets. There is no one person responsible for the dish drainer or dishwasher. If you are part of a group that places dishes in the dishwasher, it is expected that you will run it, and also empty it after the wash and dry cycles.



We have a **rope room** with bulk 3-strand nylon rope: 5/8" at \$.90; 1/2" at \$.70 and 3/8" at \$.40 per foot. There is a measurement meter and an electric hot knife in the room. Write your name in the log book along with size, and how many feet you are purchasing and it will get added to your next quarterly bill.



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Finally!!!

by Mark Brennesholtz

Ensign racing is back! After three cancelled race dates due to excessive wind, we had a wonderful day on April 21st. Five boats started all three races (on a very short line), and three of them won a race. And one of the two that didn't win, is actually in first place now. There was even some quiet chatter between boats at the tight starts and mark roundings. It is going to be a very competitive year in Fleet 19.

With three seconds, *Mutiny* (Longhini, Robinson, Hallquist and Abell) is in first place after three races. It must be that beautiful new paint job! In any event, consistency pays off. There is a three-way tie for second among *Raptor*, *Red Stripe* and *Blue Note*, none of which can brag about consistency. New member Blake Sohn in *Long Shot* was short-handed but showed fine boat speed.

White Caps with Holes in Them

April 28th provided the Ensign fleet a wind range of 4-20 with cool spray over the bow one minute and lulls just at the wrong times. However, it was a beautiful sailing day. Like last week, the three races had three different winners.

Blue Note snatched defeat from the jaws of victory by hitting the finish mark in the final race. *Raptor* is now the series leader by two points after six races, and the top three places are separated by only three points.

May 5th and 12th are the remaining dates in the Ensign Spring Series. With four more races, there will be two throwouts, which all of us will welcome, so the Series is still wide open. These are the closest results I can remember.



"A tight Ensign Spring Series short line start on April 21. The three races that day had three different winners" (J. Jackson photo)"



"*Raptor* finishes just ahead of *Red Stripe* on a very pleasant April 21" (J. Jackson photo)"



"Blake Sohn's Ensign *Long Shot* showing a lot of bottom at a start on a blustery April 28th" (Ritchie Thomson photo)"

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Finally!!!

Photos by Judy Hills



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2022 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

FINAL

1/21/22

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
More Races, Events and Contact Information are Listed on next page!!									
May 8	Su	-	MOTHER'S DAY						-
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	Su	-	FATHER'S DAY						-
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	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 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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Additional Events of Interest									
Ensign Fleet Races: 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									
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:									
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					

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The Road to the Annex!

by Mike Foster

