



# Blackbeard's Epitaph

## Save These Dates

August 5

Olympian Guest Speaker - Anna Tunnicliffe

August 6

BOD @ 9:30

Open Sail 1 - 5PM

August 11 - 16

Cruise Forward

August 17 - 18

ETYSA PHRF Fundraiser Regatta

August 27 - 28

BSC One Design Summer Regatta

September 10

BOD @ 9:30

Shrimp - a - roo & Cruise @ 2:30



## Blackbeard Sailing Club

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## From the Commodore:

### Greetings Mates!

What a month we have just had at Blackbeard! Late last month the Big Bash, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Blackbeard, was a resounding success thanks to the efforts of Bill and Sandy Drechsler and their team, all BSC volunteers. Great schedule, great food, great music, great games---a better commemorative event could not have been conjured up!!!

Then, a week later, Jane Staveley and her crew brought us the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Hot Dog Lunch. It was wonderful and very well attended. A good time was had by all. The lunch was followed by some of us retreating by boat to New Bern for the fireworks. Could not have been a finer day!! And evening!! Thanks all!!

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## From the Commodore

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On the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Blackbeard had a Celebration of Life for Ken Gurganus, a longtime member and multi-term Commodore. The event was attended by his family members, and numerous folks and old friends remembering his place in, and effect on, our lives. Rest in Peace, Ken.

A week later, the Thistle Class had a regional event at Blackbeard. Although attendance was not what we expected, the event was a big success. There was wind, at times, clean racing, outstanding race committee contributions, and a festive after-race environment. The Thistle skippers were impressed and pleased with our Club. Many thanks to the members who made this a top-notch experience!!! In particular, Debbie Mills deserves top accolades for shepherding the Thistle folks through their experience at the Club.

Upcoming in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration schedule is the appearance of a Guest Speaker, Anna Tunnicliffe on August 5. She is the Gold Medal winner of the Radial Laser Class at the Beijing Olympics. She will be speaking with ETYSA campers Friday afternoon and to the general membership on Friday evening. Please let Bill and Sandy Drechsler know if you plan to attend.

One last thing - the Capital Projects Survey results are in, and I have sent out the data to all members. More on that next month.

Fair winds and smooth seas, Sailors!

Let's Go Sailing!! *Arch*

## Save the Date

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Summer Themed Pot-Luck Supper

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

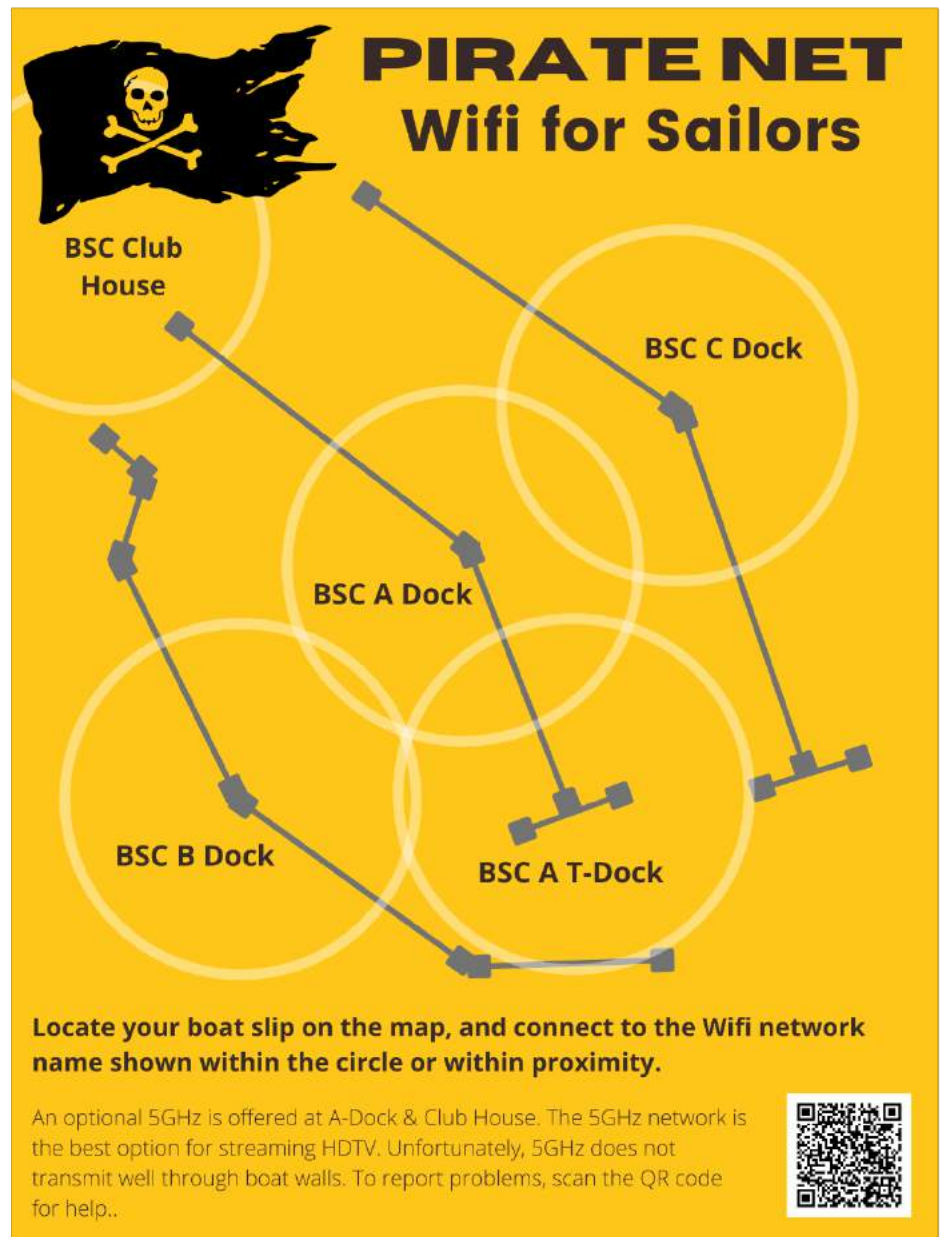


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## Another Club Improvement...

is in the books! PirateNet, WiFi for Sailors, has been expanded to provide internet access for wet slips at the end of A and B docks. Look for new informational posters at the Club to help members connect their mobile devices to PirateNet.

Please thank Mark West for his tireless efforts towards this recent install. Additionally, thank you to Lee Toderick for assisting Mark in the installation and Paul Mills to ensure we have adequate power.



# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## Flagpole vs. Lightning!

by Doug Longhini

Last week our Bill Jarvis (PRO for the Thistle Regatta) was going to hoist onshore signals from the yardarm of the Club flagpole. Unfortunately, one of the halyards had retreated to the yardarm and was not available for use. The following week, Bill and I were at the Club for ETYSA Camp and decided to attempt to retrieve the halyard. There was a pvc pipe, duct tape and boat hook expertly constructed retrieval device involved in the project. The surprise showed up when the halyard came down. As you can see by the photo, lightning striking a flag clip can cause a problem. We both were glad we were not on the deck when that event took place!!



## Shrimp-a-roo



**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, mid-day**

**Our traditional on-the-water Shrimp-a-roo is back!**

**We plan to raft-up to the floating dock out on  
Upper Broad Creek**

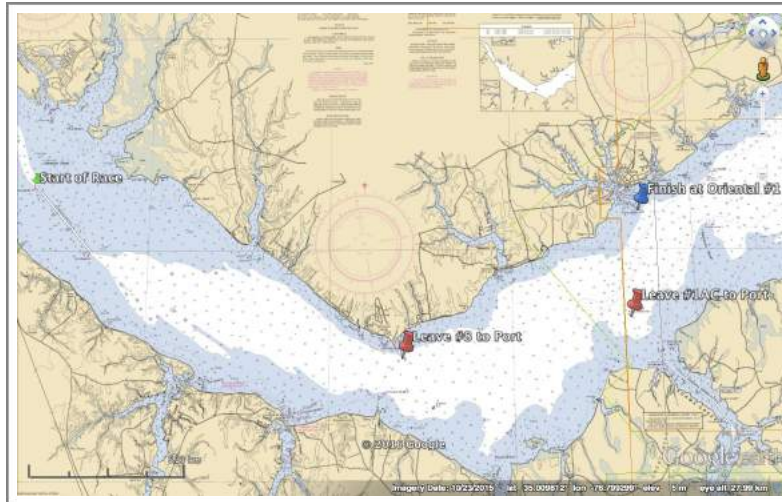
**BYOB and a side dish to share**

**Look for updates as we get closer to the date.**

# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## 2022 NYRA Parrothead Regatta

by Clare Lynn Brock



Saturday, July 23, 2022

Eleven boats registered to sail in **NYRA's 2022 Parrothead Regatta**, the annual fun, free race from New Bern to Oriental. With Parrothead's beginner-friendly "pursuit" start format, boats are assigned a PHRF rating (similar to a golf handicap) which allows boats of different sizes and speeds to sail against each other. The boats are given a start time based on their predicted time to sail the course distance (in this case, 17.05 miles). The "slowest" boats start first, followed by the faster boats. So it's simple - if you pass a boat along the way, you are beating that boat, and the first boat to the finish is the winner!



First place Overall, First place Spin -  
Orion

Weather was perfect for this year's event. The 7-15k breeze out of the SSW kept the boats moving, and made for a great Spinnaker run past Minnesott (for the Spin fleet, and one Cruiser who couldn't resist setting!). **Orion**, sailed by Margaret Alexander, LuAnn Parins, and Mark Weinheimer made it home to Oriental in first place overall, followed by Ed Doughty's **Bad Fish** for second in the Spin class. Third overall, and first in Cruising, went to Ed Thompson single-handing **Dutch Wind**. Jeff Boenig, with Joan, Andrew, and Skipper on board **Kokomo** passed 1SC in 4th overall, for 2nd place in Cruising.

Full results are here: [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24880#\\_newsroom](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24880#_newsroom). All boats that started the race, finished the race (even the Humphries on **Covenant** overcame steering issues experienced at the start), and all enjoyed the post race social, with the Talbert's famous grog by the Tiki bar in Oriental.

Big thanks to the Town of Oriental for reserving the free town docks for the fleet, and the staff at Oriental Marina for allowing us to socialize and dance the night away to live music later under the stars!

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## 2022 NYRA Parrothead Regatta



Paul & Deb Mills on Vertical Wing -  
Most DSQ in Parrothead history  
(2022 - flying spin in Cruising Class)



Ed Thompson on Dutch Wind - 1st  
place Cruising



The Boenigs on Kokomo - 2nd place  
Cruising



Steph and Chris Davies - best hat



Kokomo sailing home on Sunday



Thank you Oriental!

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## It Takes a Village...

by Joni Floyd



and that is what we found! Ken Gurganus' Blackbeard family came together on July 9 to honor and remember him. In typical Blackbeard fashion, volunteers came out of the woodwork to offer help! Unfortunately, in the "chaos" of the affair, I was derelict in thanking those folks who "made it happen."

Setting up, hosting, and cleaning up afterwards was done by a superior crew including Andy & Sally Johnson, Janet Harrison, Mal & Jerry Harwood, Jim Floyd, Doug Longhini, Arch Altman, Jane Staveley, and Alan Hills. Stephanie Davies provided bows, and Chris Davies got the slide show going. Captaining the boats on the river were Jim Floyd (with Ken's family), Doug Longhini, Arch Altman and Alan Hills. Mal Harwood playing "Amazing Grace" while the flowers were scattered brought goosebumps and tears to everyone! There were also several other boats who came out and blew horns, and I thank them too!

Because of the pending thunderstorms, the family decided to go out early to scatter flowers, and everyone remaining was encouraged to eat our typical Blackbeard potluck spread (wow!), and chat while the family was gone. Not OUR gang! They decided to wait until *everyone* could gather, then when Ken's family returned from the river, we all ate together - just another touching tribute of respect for Ken! Janet Harrison offered a tender blessing in Ken's honor.

Then there were the speakers! Jim Floyd, Janet Harrison, Andy Johnson, Doug Longhini, Bill Jarvis, JoAnn & Ed Doughty, Aubre Jenkins (Ken's granddaughter), and Mike Robinson from the San Juan Fleet, provided moving testimonials and plenty of laughter. Ken would definitely have appreciated it! I finished the evening, being honored to be asked to read John Masefield's "Sea Fever". Mike Robinson rang 8 bells plus 1 to mark the end of Ken's watch. Rest well my friend and know that you will be missed and never forgotten!!

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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.

Doug Longhini, Member 919-623-1166 [ncsailor47@yahoo.com](mailto:ncsailor47@yahoo.com)

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Doug King, Member 919-608-2437 [douging888@yahoo.com](mailto:douging888@yahoo.com)

Charlie Batchelor, Member 919-345-6189 [cbgatorman@yahoo.com](mailto:cbgatorman@yahoo.com)



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## REMINDER !!! REMINDER!!!

Come out and meet Olympic Gold Medal Sailing Champion **Anna Tunnicliffe** at Blackbeard Sailing Club on **August 5, 2022**, as we continue celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Come share her stories and sailing experiences.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 2-5 PM Anna will spend the afternoon with the "intermediate" and "advanced" Sail Camp and Epiphany School kids.
- 7:30 PM Anna's power point presentation to sailors of every age. Assorted refreshments will be available afterward. BYOB as usual.

This young lady is a Superstar in U.S. and Olympic sailing. Do not overlook this event. We are honored to have Anna help to celebrate our BSC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



### SOME OF ANNA'S IMPRESSIVE AWARDS:

- 1994 started racing Opti's at North Cape Yacht Club
- 1999-2001 continued competitive sailing at Perrysburg High School along with varsity cross country, swimming, and track.
- 2001-2005 won four national sailing championships at Old Dominion University
- 2005 was named Women's College Sailor of the Year
- 2008 won the Olympic Gold Medal in Laser Radial in Beijing, China and was ranked 1st in the world for Women's Laser Radials
- 2008-2011 was named Rolex Yachtswomen of the Year
- 2009 won the Sailing World Gold Cup
- 2009-2011 was named Rolex World Sailor of the Year
- 2011 won another Sailing World Gold Cup
- 2018 won the Masters Division in CrossFit Games

*Please send your **RSVP** before **Wednesday August 3** to Beth Hiner at [john\\_beth4656@gmail.com](mailto:john_beth4656@gmail.com).*

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## CRUISING FORWARD *by Charlie Batchelor*

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

The overnight trip to New Bern for the fireworks saw about 18 club boats make the trip. Over half stayed overnight. Everyone seemed to have a good sail to downtown and, overall, a safe enjoyable trip.

Our next planned cruise August 11th - 16th is most likely to Ocracoke or Little Washington. Please let Bruce or Charlie know if you plan to go. Weather will again play a major factor in determining the destination. It has not been our friend so far this year. The tentative plans are as follows:

Skippers' meeting at 0830 on 8/11. Depart for Lower Broad Creek (River Dunes Marina area) for first night. This Day 1 is the same for either destination. Average sail time from BSC to this spot is about 4.5 - 5.5 hours.

Day 2 - Planned anchor-up at 0730. Average sail time is about 6 - 7 hrs (to Ocracoke about 7 hrs). Plan on using Big Foot (main ferry channel) or alternate 9-Foot channel. Will look for weather window on the 14, 15, 16th.

Single day return time average about 11 hrs. Two days back; can also overnight at River Dunes area or go to South River. Anchor up 8 am next day to Little Washington. Next stop for this destination is Bath. Free dock west side of town near bridge. Planned on 6 hours.

Day 3 - Little Washington. Anchor up 0800. About 4 - 5 hrs. Free dock downtown waterfront. We will explore in the afternoon and locate a dinner spot. We will also determine and plan trip back to BSC.

NOTE: Bring your dingy so you can get ashore in case docks are full.

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

🚢 August 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> TBD Most likely Ocracoke or Little Washington.

🚢 September 10<sup>th</sup> Overnight after Shrimp-a-roo.

🚢 September 22 - 25<sup>th</sup> Cape Lookout. Same plan as June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Backup date is October 7 - 10<sup>th</sup>

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

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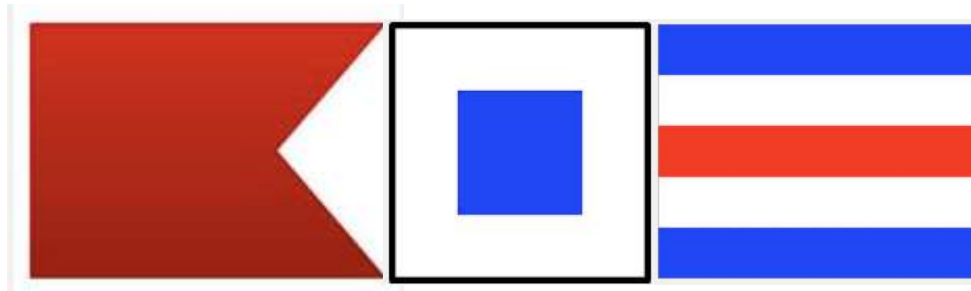


## BSC 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CURRENTLY PLANNED EVENTS

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

- 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.



# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## 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  
252-665-0572  
[docks@ronleo.com](mailto:docks@ronleo.com)

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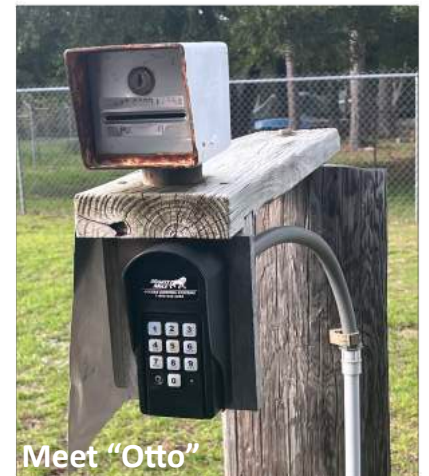
by Charlie Batchelor  
& Chris Davies

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:*

The club has a night watchman. He's been on the job ever since Ken Gurganus hired him. He watches out for all the personal property, boats and gear that are stored on BSC property and docks. His name is Otto and he works for free. He guards the entrance gate and is very particular as to who he lets in.

All current members are given a membership card and gate code on the understanding that it **must not be shared with non-members**. This is really important, because it's BSC's Security System. Non members cannot be on BSC property as a guest unless accompanied by a member. Giving out the gate card or gate code to non-members is against club rules and can lead to expulsion.



Meet "Otto"

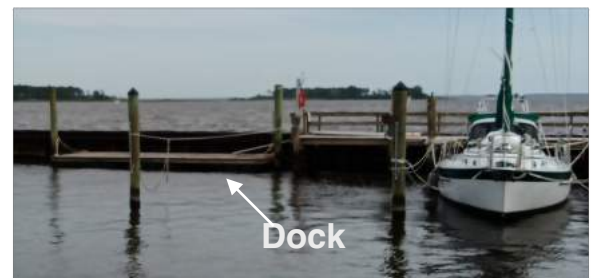


## *Did you know:*

On the back of your BSC gate card is the BSC Member number for **Yachting Club of America**. This allows you to receive reciprocal, discounted dockage at participating sailing clubs across the US. This is especially useful when cruising up and down the east coast. The Club's copy of this book can be found on the bookshelf in the clubhouse. Please do not remove.

## *Did you know:*

The work barge at the end of B dock has proved quite useful to all members for boat maintenance/topside cleaning, etc. **Please do not tie up for any long-term maintenance (more than a day), other than in an extreme emergency.** If you cannot make your slip, please utilize the T docks on A & C. They are there for that purpose and can be used by all members at any time without permission.



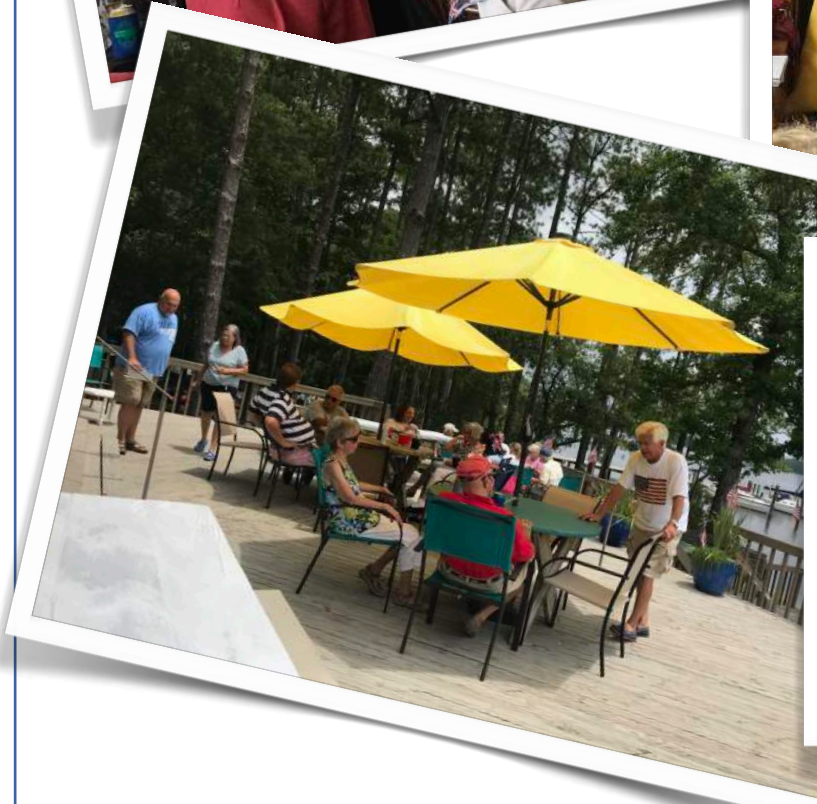
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## July 4th Gallery



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## ICRC Calendar

### 2022 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

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6/11/22

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

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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									
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 -- <b>Contact:</b> 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>									
> <b>FHYC Sunfish Races:</b> Near the boat ramp of the Fairfield Harbour inner harbour									
Fall Series – 9 Sunday Race Days: Sep 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30									
Normally 3 races per day -- <b>Contact:</b> Jerry Rezab for information: geraldrezab@yahoo.com tel: 252-288-4124									
> <b>Oriental Dinghy Club (ODC), Oriental, NC</b>									
Year Series – <i>To Be Determined</i>									
<b>Contact:</b> Bob Slook for information: bslook@gmail.com tel: 732-740-5591									
> <b>Hot Toddy at Blackbeard Sailing Club</b>									
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 -- <b>Contact:</b> Sonya Dean for information: sonyafm@hotmail.com									
> <b>Harkers Island Regatta</b>									
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>									
Sep 29-10/2	Th-Su	FLT 8	SJ-21 Eastern Nationals	Lake Monroe, FL					
Oct 8-9	Sa-Su	-	Mumfest	New Bern					