



# Blackbeard's Epitaph

## Save These Dates

September 10

BOD @ 9:30

Shrimp - a - roo & Cruise @ 2:30

September 17 & 18

BSC Regatta / ETYSA Fundraiser

September 18

ETYSA BOD @ 3PM

September 22 - 25

Cruise to Cape Lookout

October 14

BOD @ 7PM

October 15

Fall Workday



## From the Commodore:

Fellow Members,

We have survived the heat of the first half of August, only to be hit with the outside A/C kicking in, giving us two delightful weeks of deliciously temperate weather---with wind!!

At the beginning of the month, we were honored with the presence and presentation of Anna Tunnicliffe, the USA Olympic Gold Medal winner at the Beijing Olympics in 2008. Very large kudos go to Bill and Sandy Drechsler for their efforts to secure this guest speaker as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

I must say, for myself, that I had never had any expectation to meet and talk with an Olympic Gold Medal winner in my lifetime. I certainly admired the achievements of those individuals as I watched the Olympics without fail other years. Incredible devotion and hard work to attain their goals!!

## Blackbeard Sailing Club

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## From the Commodore

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To actually meet one of these folks!! (And she brought her Gold Medal!!) I'll always remember this experience. Thank you, Anna!!

I believe that the cruising folks have had some success in affecting a trip this month. Check the schedule for future planned cruises.

When you read this, we will have held the Blackbeard One Design Regatta. At the time of this writing, there were more than thirty boats registered.

In September, there will be a Shrimp-a-roo, with cruisers going down river somewhere for an overnight, and the Blackbeard PHRF Regatta, a fundraiser for ETYSA. Please, come on out for some racing!! It will sharpen your sailing skills.

One last thing is a reminder to review your Hurricane Plan. Remember that all boats must be off the docks in the event of a Hurricane Warning in Craven County.

Let's Go Sailing!! *Arch*

## Shrimp-a-roo

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**



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

This event is part of the BSC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year celebrations and is **MEMBERS ONLY**.

Bring your boat (or hitch a ride with someone) to raft up to the floating dock that will be out on Upper Broad Creek.

BYOBeverage and a side dish for yourself & your crew.

E-mail or text your reservation to Nancy Woods:  
[nbpollack@yahoo.com](mailto:nbpollack@yahoo.com) , 252-241-1941

by Sept 6<sup>th</sup> so we know how many are coming!

If you have made a reservation, get your ticket by checking in shoreside under the clubhouse Saturday morning, September 10, from 11:00-12:00. We will serve peel & eat SHRIMP to those who **bring their tickets out to the RAFT-UP.**

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## Election of Officers and Directors 2023

by Doug Longhini

Your Nominating Committee has been canvassing the membership and recruiting candidates for the upcoming election.

The candidates so far are: (their bios appear in this newsletter)

Commodore:	Arch Altman
Vice Commodore:	Mark Hittner
Rear Commodore:	LuAnn Parins
Treasurer:	Stephanie Davies
Secretary:	Karen Chandler
Directors:	Two positions for 2 years and 1 position for 1 year if the Commodore is re-elected. This is in accordance with the BSC approved bylaws. Werner Buckl Alan Hills Lee Toderick Bruce Woods Joan Wilson

We appreciate the response, but heartily encourage everyone who wants to run for office to contact a member of the Nominating Committee. The more individuals involved in the Club's operation, the stronger the organization. Nominations will close at midnight on October 1 so there is plenty of time to throw your hat into the ring. You will receive your ballot by email (Election Buddy) in mid-October, with the results announced at the General Meeting in November.

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## Meet Your Candidates



### Arch Altman - Commodore

My name is Arch Altman and I am currently serving as Commodore of the Club. I am running for a fourth term to provide continuity to the initiatives that are being pursued since my first election as Commodore.

The responsibilities of the Commodore are enumerated in the ByLaws, but also include maintaining the health and welfare of the Club and its members.

Things are well at the Club; we are at full membership for the first time since I have been a member. Our financial health is sound.

Our volunteer participation is outstanding as demonstrated by the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities and revived Social activities.

In addition to the lot outside the gate the Club has acquired about 24 acres of a land adjacent to the Club as future investment and, more immediately, to develop more revenue producing Dry Storage. The purchase price for this land was quite reasonable and will insure a future expansion site for a new Clubhouse, or whatever needs that confront us. This is much higher ground than our current 2.5 acres.

In addition, we continue to repair and upgrade certain parts of our facilities that need attention under the guidance and leadership of the Vice Commodore, Mark Hittner. A survey was sent out to the Membership to gauge the Member's needs/desires for improvement of the facility. These will be taken into account while a committee develops a plan of investment.

I have been fortunate to have had support from two great Board of Directors and Officers. Without the this effort and sacrifice for the Club, we wouldn't be where we are---still enjoying the beauty of our facility and the camaraderie and fellowship the Club provides us all.

Membership has been stable and growing and we have reached the limits of total active Memberships allowed by our ByLaws. Currently, there is a waiting list for new memberships

So...I ask for your vote. Some things have gotten done....and more is planned!!

And I thank you for your participation.

Humbly,

Arch Altman



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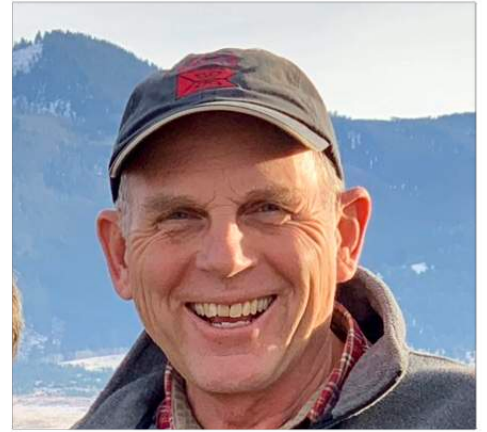
### Mark Hittner - Vice Commodore

I am your current Vice Commodore and I am running for my third one year term. My background includes 30 years as a homebuilder and remodeler, 44 years of sailboat cruising and racing, and 10 years of BSC membership.

With the help of many committees the vice Commodore maintains the club's property and overseas improvements to BSC. The major projects to be addressed next year will be wave attenuation on B dock, refinishing the interior of the bathhouse, grading the annex and roadway extension on the annex property.

I would appreciate your vote.

Mark Hittner



### LuAnn Parins - Rear Commodore

Candidate for Blackbeard Sailing Club Rear Commodore Position

My husband, Mark Weinheimer, and I joined Blackbeard Sailing club in 2016 after participating in racing events there since the early 1990's. We are currently active in San Juan 21 fleet 8.

I was introduced to recreational sailing in my late teens in Door County, Wisconsin but didn't "embrace" the sport until I met Mark in 1973. Since then it's been pretty much "full immersion". In 1975 we bought a very tired 1937 classic Alden cutter and restored her, living aboard and cruising her a bit until 1980. We then built a fiberglass 33 footer from a bare hull, intending to cruise her in the Caribbean. While we lived aboard the Alden and built our 2<sup>nd</sup> cruising boat I began racing as crew on MORC boats in Tampa Bay to learn more about sailing. I also did a few offshore deliveries and enjoyed "blue water" sailing.

In 1985 we had the opportunity to work as the team sailmakers for Dennis Conner's "Sail America" campaign and helped bring the Cup to San Diego in the 1987 America's Cup challenge. This changed the trajectory of our lives. Somehow, the dream of long term cruising faded.

After our return from that experience we moved to Annapolis for a year, living aboard "Pelican" and working for North Sails. We were recruited by Randy Smyth and headed to California in 1988 to run his sail loft, leaving Pelican behind in Maryland on the "hard". In 1990, after Randy closed his loft, we decided to come back to the East Coast and researched areas for waterfront property. We found Oriental, moved back aboard Pelican and bought land on shallow "Button Gut" off of Broad Creek, where we moored Pelican.



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## LuAnn Parins - Rear Commodore (continued)

By the next season we were sailing in the local PHRF fleet, either on the Moore 24, "Nevermoore", or other local boats. Being light and agile, I was usually the "point". I have been racing, in either the PHRF fleet or "one design" on San Juan 21's, since then.

I started as a sailmaker in Florida when we first moved there in 1974 and have been sewing things for boats ever since. When we came to Oriental I got a job at a highly regarded canvas shop and have focused on canvas work since then. In 1999 I joined Mark's sail loft full time, expanding his business to include dodgers, bimini tops, enclosures, and interiors. We developed an excellent reputation, but are at the end of our professional "journey". In January of 2021 we sold our business to a wonderful young couple and mentored them through their first year in business. They continue to offer their services with the same attention to detail and superior craftsmanship that we were known for.

The position of Rear Commodore is one of "oversight" of the teams that make events happen, both on and off the water. After two years on the Board I feel fortunate to have had a number of motivated and talented volunteers step up to share the many aspects of running excellent regattas and putting on fantastic socials for Club members. We have hosted a few "outside" sailing classes for their championship regattas, and I would like to see more. It's a great way to introduce new people to our wonderful club and the Neuse River. The Social Committee has done an excellent job without my interference, so I can't take any credit for all the fun we've been having this year. It's true that "Many hands makes for a light load", so I am grateful to everybody that lends their hands, backs, boats, and time to these events. With the help of my friends and mentors, I hope to continue to provide whatever service I can to promote the activities and assist in the management of the Club.

LuAnn Parins  
7/27/2022



## Stephanie Davies - Treasurer

I have held the office of Treasurer at BSC since January 2016. During that time I have negotiated a new banking relationship which eliminated several ongoing fees. I manage and track CD's at various financial institutions to maximize the interest earned and to provide the ready cash for the various capital projects ongoing at the club. If elected for another term, I am happy to continue this important work.

My husband and I have been members of BSC for over 10 years and have over 30 years of sailing experience, both on the Pacific coast in a heavy 38' cutter and now here in NC with our 30' center cockpit sloop, *Jeanne Too*. We have cruised in the Chesapeake and local waters.

As well as fulfilling the duties of Treasurer, I assemble and edit the monthly BSC Epitaph, ably assisted by Tom & Sandy Bass, Karen Hallquist and Jan Green. I am an active member of the social, 50th Anniversary and membership committees. Also I am very active in race management.

I respectfully ask for your support as I seek reelection.



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## Karen Chandler - Secretary



Hello! My name is Karen Chandler & I would like to continue as BSC's Secretary!

My husband Calvin and I joined in July 2021 and are grateful for all the club has to offer. Everyone has been so friendly, open, and helpful that I felt drawn to doing more. I volunteered to become secretary and the past year has been quite the learning experience! I have been able to be part of almost every activity and project from first discussions to after activity reports. My background includes:

- Serving as the secretary and board member for a vocational theater in Atlanta
- Transcribing and word processing for accountants and lawyers in a corporate setting

- Running my own successful small rock & mortar stores in Jacksonville, FL and Reidsville, NC

My business experience was curtailed as I served as "Dr. Mom" for our youngest son during a successful cancer battle. I am sure that many of you can appreciate the difficulties of being the primary patient advocate for family. The organization, focus and diplomacy are largely underestimated in this setting.

Our relocation to New Bern was driven by going to sea in a sailboat, establishing strong ties to a group such as BSC and giving back as much as possible. I have enjoyed working with the board to continue Blackbeard's forward progress. My goal is to keep growing in the position while adding value to the team. I am hopeful that you will allow me to continue to serve as your Secretary! Thanks so much!



## Werner "Vern" Buckl - Director

### 1. Experience with Blackbeard Sailing Club

We have made New Bern our home for over twenty years and have enjoyed membership with Blackbeard Sailing Club for almost half that time. We have had both wet and dry slips for a variety of boats ranging from 14' Capri to a 40' Passport.

### 2.Sailing Background

Like most sailors I started with a board Sunfish and a small O'day after college. And then progressed to a serious racing/cruiser a C&C 34 in the mid eighties docked in Oxford, Kent Island and finally Rock Hall. We explored the upper Chesapeake and circumnavigating the Eastern Shore. In 1993 I entered C&C in Steve Black's first Norfolk to Bermuda Cruising Rally and acquired the offshore cruising bug. We moved up to an Island Packet 38 for an additional four jaunts to the onion patch in the alternate succeeding years. After enlisting the support



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## Werner "Vern" Buckl - Director (continued)

port and interest of Island Packet and Sail Magazine I had initiated the "Bermuda High Island Packet Cruising Rally" in 1995.

Looking to expand cruising horizons in 1999 we changed to a Moorings, Robertson Caine catamaran and explored the American and British Virgin Island with periodic visits over two years before bringing her north with stops in the Spanish Virgins, Culebra, Puerto Rico, Turks and Caicos and Bahamas to our new home port in New Bern.

As a twenty year member of the Corinthian Sailing Club with chapters in Newport, New York and the Chesapeake I've served as their North Carolina Harbor Master. Membership has afforded multiple New England cruising experiences including the "Stonington CT to Booth Bay Harbor ME. Ocean race" as well as the "Around Long Island Race."

Since retiring in New Bern I've assisted in multiple deliveries to and from the Thousand Islands via the Erie Canal. the Bahamas and the Chesapeake on both sail and power cruising boats.

More recently I have stepped, gingerly, to the dark side, restored and then sold an older Island Gypsy trawler and currently have a very new Cutwater 27 that has allowed me to get front row view of Blackbeard racing program as owner and skipper of the committee boat. The Cutwater shortens the time between the widely spaced North Carolina Ports when required but still allows for less tense travel at economical sailboat speeds

### 3. Professional and Business Experience

After securing a professional degree in Architecture from Penn State University and a few years of working in Philadelphia and the Lehigh Valley I began private practice, "Buckl Architects" in the Lehigh Valley which then expanded with a branch office in Cherry Hill NJ. The firm undertook a wide variety of projects and in more recent years focused heavily on research Facilities, hospitals and the medical sector. In the late seventies we dabbled in land development and formed CMG, a construction management and general contracting company. Both companies are still active and successful however I've turned over ownership to key staff. I still get company T-shirts and Jackets and invitations to company holiday parties.

### 4. Contribution as member the board

With a background in land development, business administration and a specialty in architecture and construction I would be inclined to involve myself in buildings and grounds issues. I would enjoy participating in matters pertaining to long range planning, design and construction as well as dealing with the on going maintenance and updates to the physical plant and grounds. My sense is the club has done remarkably well in balancing the books while dealing with the effects from recent hurricanes. From a financial perspective I would classify myself as relatively conservative and would strive to keep membership affordable without compromising care and upkeep.

### 5. Looking ahead

I particularly value time spent at the club, weather it is on the deck enjoying the view and the company or tending to my boat for maintenance and improvements. My focus would be enhancing the physical environment for informal socializing, both on the water, racing, cruising or on the docks. This includes supporting on site amenities for activities as mundane as upkeep, repair and routine maintenance. It's al-

## Allan Hills - Director

Hello Fellow Members,

My wife Judy and I have been BSC members for 12 years and New Bern residents for 28 years. I have worn many hats in my working life including licensed general contractor in Florida, service manager for a John Deere dealership and a self-employed marine engine mechanic. I last worked at Hatteras Yachts for 15 years in positions ranging from yacht electrician, factory boat captain and customer field service representa-





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## Allan Hills - Director (continued)

tive, which I retired as in 2009. A large part of that position involved organizing and supervising repair work on yachts at locations away from the factory. Due to the nature of my work, I have more experience in powerboating, but sailing has become my main interest in the last 15 years. My first sail was on a friend's Thistle in 1969. For the next 5 years I sailed on anything anyone would invite me on, ranging from a Blue Jay to a 58' Alden cutter. Once I became a parent, a small power boat was our family ride.

My interest in sailing got re-started when we moved to New Bern. I enjoy working on boats, so I started buying old needy sailboats, fixing them up and selling them. During that span I have had a Blue Jay, a Catalina 22, a Beetle Cat, a Pearson 26, a Pearson Commander, and a Rhodes 19. I currently co-owner of the Ensign "Dark Side" with Kevin Leiner. I also have a 22' Chris Craft dory which resides at BSC, and a 1958 Barbour boat that I restored.

I suppose I would qualify as a "club rat" because I spend a lot of time at BSC. Some of you might know me as the electric meter reader but probably more as a volunteer for ETYSA. I have assisted in any way I could since year 2 of the organization including serving on the board of directors. I am very proud of the fact that from humble beginnings and grand planning, BSC now has a first-class junior sailing program. I also enjoy helping out the race committee as a fill-in mark boat, safety and of course my wife Judy's photography. I am also current vice president and past president of the NC Coastal & Piedmont chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society. Some of you may have enjoyed our boat show at BSC last year; if you missed it, we will be having another one on October 22<sup>nd</sup> (plug, plug!).

My reason for wanting to serve on the BSC board of directors is to offer my skills from business and non-profit leadership to help steward the organization as we begin our next 50 years. In my years as a member, I have seen growth and positive changes at BSC. This was accomplished with the vision, commitment and teamwork of our leaders. It is my wish to help guide us on the continued path of providing quality facilities, fellowship and fiscal responsibility while addressing the many issues facing us in the future. I feel my experience in construction, small business ownership and working in the marine environment are assets that qualify me to serve on your board.

Alan Hills

## Lee Toderick - Director



Greetings! My name is Lee Toderick, and I am asking for your vote for Board Member, Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC). As a member of the BSC Board of Directors I would support and continue the BSC Vision of promoting sailing, especially outreach among the youth in our community. Every BSC social is a reunion of friends!

For the past several years I have been a part of the BSC website team, working to support communication between members through our website. Last year my grandson attended the ETYSA summer camp and I saw first-hand how children gain self-confidence and have good, clean, fun, through sailing.

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## Lee Toderick - Director (continued)

Twenty-seven years ago, July, 1995, I became a BSC member! I have a SJ21, Carried Away, and have enjoyed racing with several BSC skippers including Dave Whitney, Doug Phelps, and Frank Dunnebeck. In 2005 I took first place in the FHYC Oar Race, Non-spinnaker, with my SJ21, Mi Canallita.

I joined the US Marine Corps in 1968 and served for over 20 years as an Avionics (Aviation Electronics) technician/supervisor, and retired in 1994 as Avionics Chief, Master Sergeant. Along the way I earned a degree in Computer Science (BS-ECU), and Computer Information Systems (MS-Boston University).

After retiring from the US Marine Corps I taught Information Systems curriculum for several years at local Community Colleges, then became faculty at East Carolina University (ECU) and taught for over 20 years in the College of Engineering and Technology. My teaching load consisted of classes in Computer Networking, Information Security/Assurance, Internet Protocols, and the Linux Operating System. I was awarded Red Hat Academy Teacher of the Year in 2017 and 2018, and Innovator of the Year in 2019. I retired from teaching at ECU, Emeritus, on 1 June, 2021.

Thank you for being a member of BSC, the finest sailing club!



## Bruce Woods - Director

I joined Blackbeard Sailing Club in 2013, when I wanted to enhance my sailing experience beyond sailing in Jordan Lake and Kerr Lake, which are near Raleigh, NC, my home at the time. My first visit to the club was at a workday, where I saw first hand the member participation in maintaining the club's facilities. I enjoyed seeing members I had known previously, but lost touch with over the years while they had been sailing on the Neuse. For the past couple of years, I have lived in New Bern, and now, Morehead City.

My sailing experience is mostly the 30 years I was a trailer sailor; during that time, of course, most of the issues were in fact with the trailer. From Raleigh, I could go most any direction and find a lake or river to sail in. I went to High Rock Lake, Kerr Lake, Jordan Lake, and then on the Pamlico River near Washington and Bath. Other trips were to Edenton, Columbia, Belhaven, and then also Oriental and New Bern. Along the way, I sometimes even joined folks to sail to Cape Lookout by launching in Beaufort.

Once I joined BSC, I upgraded to more substantial boats to cope with the swells and the wind. In the past couple of years, I have worked on becoming a cruising sailor, via primarily BSC sponsored trips.

I have been retired for several years from a career in computer, network, and software sales. I was in business to business sales, and was able to work in helping companies address their communications needs with infrastructure products to allow them to be more productive. I enjoy working in groups to solve an issue, and hope my experience works in BSC's favor, because in sales, it's either a win all



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## Bruce Woods - Director (Continued)

around, or it becomes a lose all around. Working through issues to help various parties achieve their goals is really the main activity. I see that as how the board of directors should work, and has worked over the years.

I am very interested in making sure the various sub groups are able to enjoy benefits of club membership. We have locals, remote members, folks with wet slips in the marina, those with smaller boats on the hard, and also we have racers, cruisers, daysailors, and maybe even non-sailors who just want to be involved. My idea is to be able to work out policies that accommodate various points of view.

To be candid, I want to help the club, in my nine years, I have seen it from most of the perspectives. My current job is Dry Slip manager, and I have had a boat in a dry slip, and understand the constraints we deal with. My current boat is on C dock, and I spend some time learning how to sail Caper, and in supporting the social committee that my wife Nancy is part of. There's a lot going on at BSC, and it takes a lot of work to keep things working to the benefit of our members.

Thanks for reading, and if you think I can help the club best from the position of the board, please vote accordingly.

Regards,  
Bruce



## Joan Wilson - Director



Hello, my name is Joan Wilson and I am running for a position on the 2023 Board of Directors of Blackbeard Sailing Club. I grew up in Pennsylvania and sailed with my family on the Chesapeake Bay. There was a lapse in my sailing until my 40s when I joined an organization called Singles on Sailboats (SOS) based in the Annapolis area. I made lifelong friends through SOS and in addition to sailing frequently on the Chesapeake did a couple of offshore trips to Block Island and Maine and bareboat charters in the BVIs and Leeward Islands. I am a CPA with 15 years working for a regional CPA firm in PA and 20 years working in Controllershship at The DuPont Company. When I retired in 2018, my love of sailing brought me to New Bern, and I found a home in Fairfield Harbour just around the corner from BSC.

I joined BSC in 2020 and purchased my first sailboat, a Hunter 36 named Latitude Adjustment, which is located on BSC's A dock. I am involved in many BSC activities, and you'll usually find me at the clubhouse for social occasions. I joined the Finance Committee in 2020. In November 2021, I assumed the role of BSC Quartermaster, responsible for obtaining supplies for the clubhouse facilities. I am also on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee which planned the marvelous activities we're having this year to celebrate.

Sailing year-round on the Neuse River is fantastic, whether out for a day sail, racing or cruising! Although I'd never really raced before, I discovered the Fairfield Harbour "fun sails" and began participating as crew. I'm now active with the team that coordinates BSC's "OPEN" sails with the same goals in



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## Joan Wilson - Director (Continued)

mind...be safe and HAVE FUN! We encourage anyone who is interested, including non-members of BSC, to join us for our weekly and occasional Saturday sails using PHRF ratings to practice and enhance sailing skills and become familiar with racing. As co-chair of the BSC Regatta Committee since the beginning of 2022, we are continuing to build our racing and cruising activities with the assistance and participation of many of our wonderful volunteers.

BSC is an amazing club with an incredible group of members who make it work! I'd be honored to serve on your Board of Directors.

**Next ETYSA Board Meeting -  
September 18 @ 3PM  
All Parents Welcome**



## Racing the Dragon's Breath

by Eddy Parker

Racing in August on the river is hotter than Dragon's Breath. We all know the routine: wake up and the heat index is 95 on the way to 115, light winds to start till the thunderstorm arrives and wipes out the fleet, then the wind completely shuts down. Well Mother Nature tricked us for the Dragon's Breath Regatta with comfortable temperatures and great wind. I got to make a guest appearance on Ed Doughty's *Badfish* and the weather couldn't have been better. There were no hotel rooms to be had, so Jennifer and I sailed *Kairos* down for the weekend. A 42 foot catamaran is a stretch for the free dock in front of the Bean, but we made it work. Temperatures were in the low 80s in the daytime, and down in the low 60s at night.

Saturday was forecast for 8-10 winds out of the NE, but they quickly built to the 12-18 range, perfect conditions for racing. There were enough shifts to keep everyone on their toes and, with the NE winds driving the waves, was very important. *Badfish*, *Water Phantom*, and *Mighty Fine 2.0* made the trip to Oriental for the weekend racing. The race committee got off 4 races on Saturday with the JAM fleet trading first place finishes, while the spinnaker fleet with two Etchells and *Badfish* was pretty predictable.

Sunday was a carbon copy of Saturday, but since our mast person was not able to be there on Sunday, Jennifer Parker was pressed into service and performed well. Our first start, we were doing well till the



Squeezing Kairos on the town dock

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## Racing the Dragon's Breath

leeward mark, where a halyard jam prevented our jib from going up. The race committee took pity on us and abandoned the race. It could have been the course was so skewed you didn't have to tack to get to the windward mark. They restarted the race, and ran one race for Sunday before sending everyone back home.

The sail home was another fantastic day on the river for those so inclined to sail, with 10 knots of breeze and comfortable temperatures. The winds were blowing straight up the river, not a great point of sail for catamarans, but we were able to reach over to the E side of the river, jibe and make it around Minnesott, while the monohulls could pole out their jibs and run straight downwind. Just before Goose Creek the wind shut down so it was a motor boat ride into Broad Creek. I was glad to be retired as we could relax once we got home, then pack up on Monday and head back to the big city.

Full [results](#) can be found at this [link](#).





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## ETYSA Graduate Leading UNC Sailing Club

by Lillian Prince



### ETYSA Graduate Leading UNC Sailing Club

I've grown a lot since my first day on a sailboat, when I had to be rescued by Tinka Talbert heroically jumping off Blackbeard's dingy dock into 3 feet of water. I spent 5 summers at ETYSA's summer camps learning to sail Optimis, Topazes and 420s, and one life-altering day in Doug King's Cyclone. When I began school at UNC Chapel Hill, I joined the UNC Sailing Club, and was one of four members in an organization that had seen better days.

Since then, I've stepped up to the Vice Commodore position, and was recently elected to Commodore going into my third year at Chapel Hill. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, our goal has been to grow the race team and establish a "Learn to Sail" program for students. I can now proudly say we have a consistent team of 20 sailors, and a monthly Learn to Sail Clinic numbering over 50 individuals. These student sailors never cease to amaze me. In one year, they have gone from being unable to tell the bow from the stern, to learning roll tacks and becoming a part of our traveling race team.



This year, we are excited to announce our inaugural **"Alums, Mums & Bums Regatta,"** a fundraiser for the UNC Sailing Club. Our club has grown phenomenally in the past year and we are in need of 20 new sailing PFDs for our sailors. Our goal for this drive is to raise \$1500. I'm writing this in the Epitaph to invite all of Blackbeard's UNC alumni, mums, dads, brothers, sisters, cousins, grandparents and more to Jordan Lake on Sunday October 30. I've seen the UNC license plates and stickers myself in the BSC parking lot, so I know you're out there! This one design regatta will be open to 420s, Lasers and Sunfish with the UNC Sailing Club, in cooperation with the Carolina Sailing Foundation, offering 12 usable 420s on location. Following the races there will be a cookout at the lake, food and drinks provided!

If you are interested in learning more, coming out to sail, or just supporting UNC Sailing, please contact me at [prince.lillian@gmail.com](mailto:prince.lillian@gmail.com). Thank you to ETYSA and my Blackbeard family for teaching me that you can't truly learn until you jump in and get both feet wet.



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## New Website to be Released on 1 Sept 22

by Lee Toderick

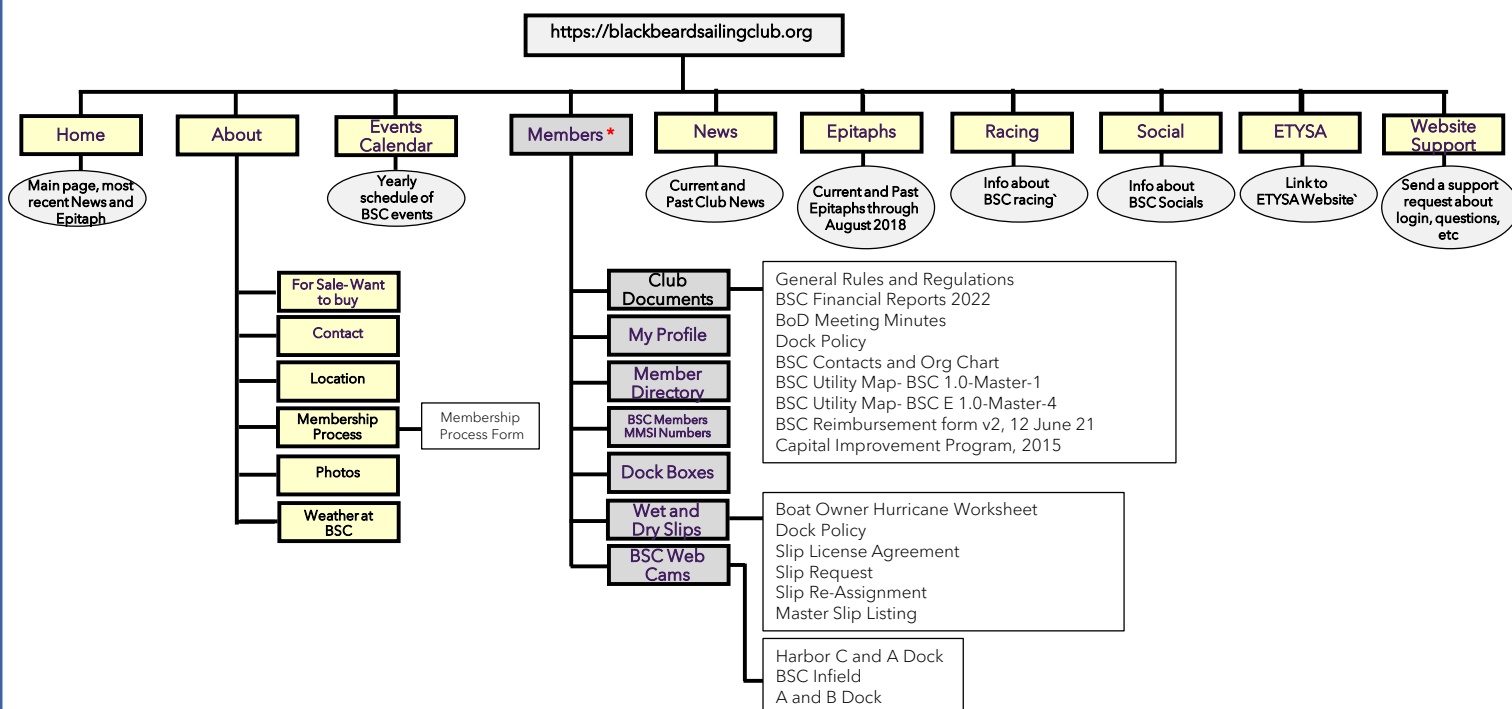
We have a new website with lots of new features, and some old links (like your favorite - Web Cams)!

The URL is <https://blackbeardsailingclub.org>

- 🚢 Your old member id and email address have been copied to the new site.
- 🚢 To get a new password, open the BSC website and click on the "Login" icon. Click on the link for "Forgot your Password?" and follow the instructions.
- 🚢 If you have any problems, just click on "Website Support" and fill out the form.

If you can't log into the website, send a website support ticket - Menu option Website Support, then fill out your request and click Submit.

## Blackbeardsailingclub.org Flow Chart-7 August, 2022



\* Members access is restricted- requires login

Save the Date - October 5

Mini-Fall Workday

Deep Clean the Kitchen  
and Clubhouse



# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

*Cruisers NEVER Sail to a Schedule, They Sail on Good Weather!*

**CRUISING FORWARD** *by Charlie Batchelor*

## *Cruising to Ocracoke, August 11 - 15*

Nice, fantastic, super sailing, and great weather (other than the last two hours motoring in rain on Friday) best describe the Ocracoke weekend trip.

Three boats departed BSC Thursday around 9 am and arrived Lower Broad Creek just past 3 pm. Very good sailing on 10 mph SW breeze that picked up to 17 mph after 1 pm. One boat departed around 4 pm and arrived around 930. Happy Hour on *Caper* at 530 pm...great time by all!

On Friday, all anchors up around 0730 on a gray, rain-threatening morning. Wind had switched to NNE around 12 mph with lower temps and humidity. Wind increased to around 15 by 1030. With the weather radar looking ominous all day, everything except wind was fizzling out when it reached the Pamlico Sound. The light rain finally caught up to the fleet at Royal Shoal mark #3 about noon. We arrived in Silver Lake around 2 pm. The sailing was still very good on one long port tack until the rain started. Three boats stayed on NPS docks and two anchored in the Lake.



On Saturday and Sunday, everyone enjoyed individual activities that included going to the beach, exploring the lighthouse, hiking to Stingray Point, Howard's Pub for beer and lunch, kayaking, watching sunsets, and most important, shopping and happy hour on *Restless*, Saturday at 5 pm. Again, a super time was had by all. Saturday, a fifth boat from BSC arrived late.

Monday morning, two boats left Silver Lake at 0630, one 0700 behind the first ferry, and two at 0715. Wind was still NNE around 14 providing an excellent sail to start the day. It backed off to 7-8 mph by 0930. We motor-sailed to around 1 pm until the wind came back from NW around 16 mph. *JAZZ* passed NR #1 at noon, and passed BSC Red #2 at 4:40 pm. It was the best sail I have ever had from NR #1 to BSC - very steady with some puffs all the way up the river. All boats arrived back between 430 and 530 pm.

Participating Sailboats: *Caper* - Beneteau 423, *Restless* - Valiant 42, *JAZZ* - Bristol 40, *Cloud Nine* - Sabre 38, and *Kelly II* - Catalina 34.

One of my best trips ever to Ocracoke!

Next Cruising Events:

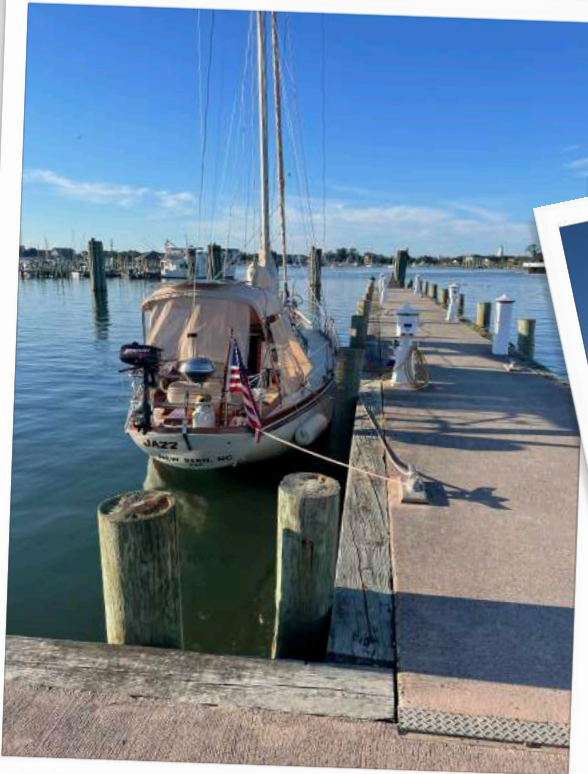
-  September 10 - Overnight after Shrimp-a-roo (12 - 3) to somewhere in the river after an hour sail.
-  September 22- 25 - Cape Lookout. Same plan as June 3rd. Backup date is October 7-10. Five boats have already signed up. Some may stay longer.

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



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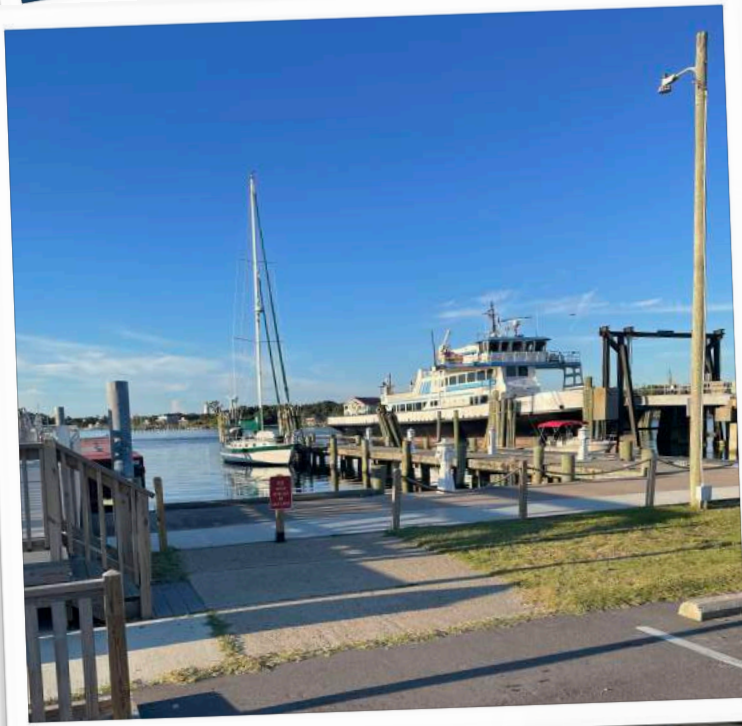
## *Cruising to Ocracoke*





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*Cruising to Ocracoke*





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## ETYSA's Successful Year

by Bill Jarvis

The Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association, "ETYSA", had a very successful year, with their summer camps in June and July having record attendance, thanks in part to the support from several BSC and FHYC members, both with donations and with on-scene support. Thank you all!

There were 27 young people introduced to sailing in each of the first two weeks. I could hardly believe how quickly they learned. Day one started with basic water safety, then getting to know and how to rig their boats. By the second day they all could sail alone in the beginners' boat, the Optimist Dinghy. They learned how to capsize, and most importantly, to recover from a capsize. Very soon they were asking for more opportunities to capsize, in part because it was fun, but it also gave them a welcome cooling off with air temperatures in the mid-nineties!

By the end of the first week they could reach in a straight line, between two floating marks, having learned to use just the right amount of helm while watching their surroundings, and adjusting the sail to power the boat. They could tack and gybe and were introduced to sailing upwind. That requires a different technique because the wind is constantly changing in direction and hence the boat cannot be sailed in a straight line, but must be sailed at a constant angle to the wind and must be tacked to get to the desired place.

They were comfortable sailing in light winds and in the high teens, gusting to the low twenty knots at times.



All of this and more in just a week, amazing!

In the second week they were introduced to a bigger and different type of dinghy, a Topaz. Again they learned to rig the boat, how to recover it from a capsize and, by the end of the week, were sailing with a mainsail and a jib with a crew.

There seems to be an inbred competitive urge in the human race and that could be seen in some of the young folks.

**Next ETYSA Board Meeting -  
September 18 @ 3PM  
All Parents Welcome**

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## ETYSA's Successful Year

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For those returning from prior years, and those coming back for a third week, there was the opportunity to get in yet another dinghy, the Club 420. This is the type of boat used for High School Sailing racing and for a lot of College racing. It is more powerful, faster and ultimately can be sailed with a spinnaker and a trapeze.



In the last two weeks, only those having gone through at least four weeks of basic training were introduced to racing. This involves knowing how to start a race on time and without being over the start line too soon, being familiar with at least some of the Racing Rules of Sailing, together with techniques and strategies to get around the course. This prepares them for High School racing, possibly to College Racing and who knows, it could lead to the Olympics.

On Friday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> someone who has done all of that, including being one of only 19 ever USA Gold

Medal Sailing winners, came to BSC and went out to coach some of our best ETYSA students on Broad Creek. Yes, Anna Tunnicliffe, Gold Medal winner in the 2008 Olympics in China not only came and coached, but gave a fascinating presentation to close to 100 folks at Blackbeard Sailing Club in the evening.



# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

Anna Tunnicliffe - Tobias

by Bill Drechsler

On August 5th, Blackbeard Sailing Club had the honor of hosting Olympic Gold Medal sailor Anna Tunnicliffe as our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary guest speaker. Anna sailed with the "intermediate" and "advanced" ETYSA kids for several hours in the 420s in the afternoon. In the evening, Anna gave a 90-minute presentation to a packed crowd in the clubhouse. Her love and commitment to sailing and racing started with junior sail camps, competitive high school sailing, four national championships at Old Dominion University, the Gold Medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, and currently teaching and coaching the U.S. sailors training for the 2024 Olympics in France.

We learned from her presentation about her patriotism and some of the highs and lows in her career. She is proud to represent the U.S. and passed around her Olympic Gold Medal for everyone to hold. This may turn out to be the only time members in attendance will ever have to hold an Olympic Gold Medal. Anna even had tears in her eyes when she talked about not winning another Gold Medal for the U.S. in the 2012 London Olympics.

Anna asked me to tell you that she was very excited to share her story with us, and sail with the kids. The crowd in attendance appreciated her appearance and the effort she made in getting here from her commitments with the U.S. sailing team. She was delighted with all the follow-up questions and comments.

Thanks to everyone for the great evening. Thanks to John and Beth Hiner and also Bruce and Nancy Woods for the snacks and soft drinks afterwards. Hopefully, everyone will have fond memories of this hugely successful evening. Maybe we can continue more events like this in the future.





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Anna Tunnicliffe - Tobias

Photos by Bill Jarvis





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## DID YOU KNOW?

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:*

There is a new white board by the tool room door to list things broken at BSC. Only LIST THINGS THAT NEED FIXING. This is not a suggestion board.

**Example: burnt out lights under clubhouse need new bulbs.**



### *Did you know:*

The rope room was just cleaned out. This is **not a general storage room** for sails or boat items that won't fit in your dock box. The only member items historically allowed have been portable air conditioners. Sometimes the BSC portable generator to run the sewer pump is stored in there.



### *Did you know:*

There are three lime green **re-cycle containers** under the clubhouse near the ice machines. They are to **only** be used for **glass, small plastic, and aluminum cans**. They are not for trash. **All trash** from your boats are to be put into the **green dumpster**.





# 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  
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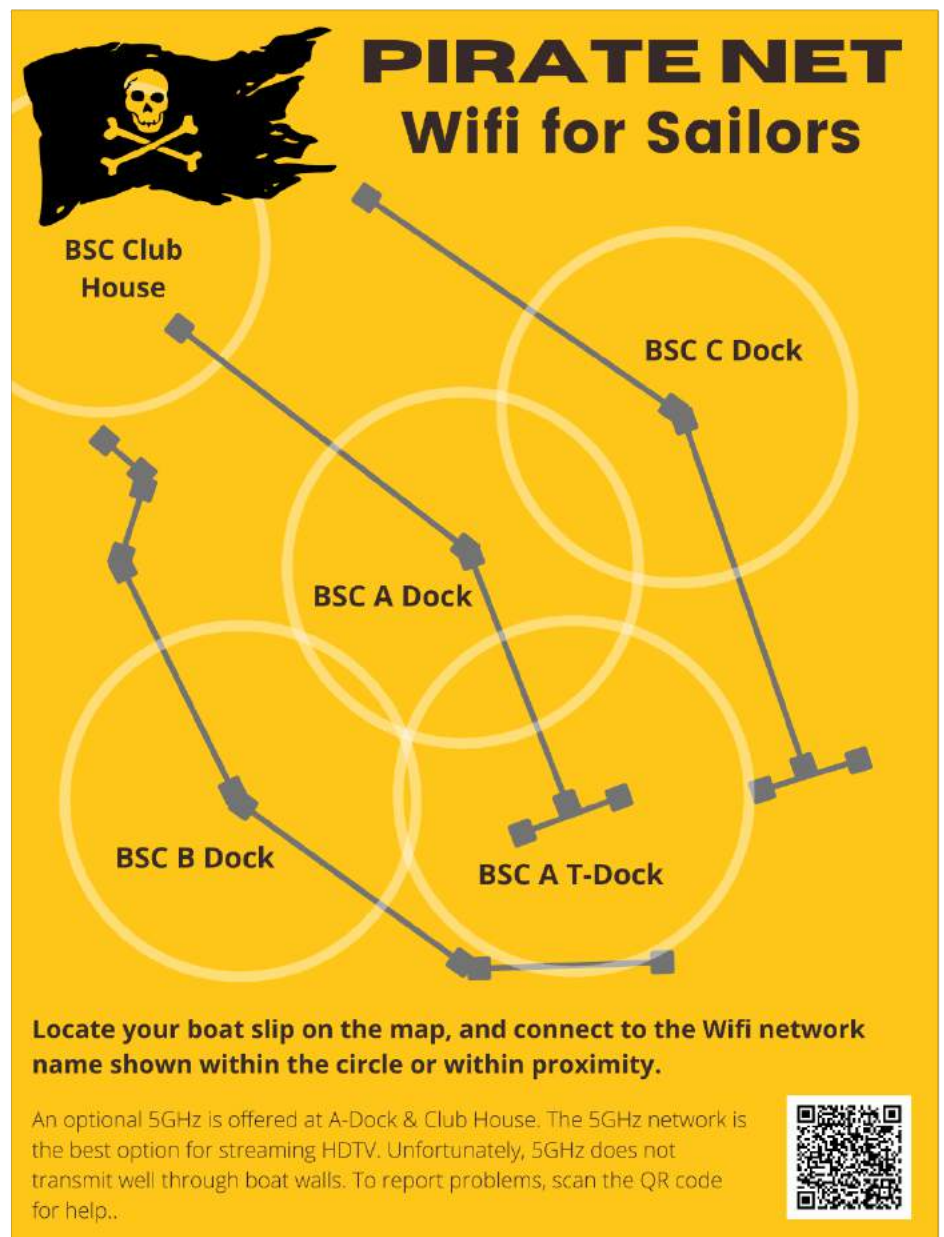


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## Another Club Improvement...

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

## 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
<b>More Races, Events and Contact Information are Listed on next page!!</b>									
Sep 3-4	Sa-Su	NYRA	Beer Stein * # P (phrf)	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 5	<b>Mo</b>	-	<b>LABOR DAY</b>	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 17-18	Sa-Su	BSC	Blackbeard Regatta *	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 17	Sa	BTS	Greens Creek Regatta				X	Under 20 ft	Oriental
<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>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



Go to Amazon Smile and select Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association as your charity of choice. For every purchase you make through Amazon Smile, the Foundation will donate 0.5% to ETYSA. If you have an Amazon Prime account, you will be switched over to Prime from the Smile site. Remember you must sign on to Amazon through [www.AmazonSmile.com](https://www.AmazonSmile.com). Thanks for supporting ETYSA.

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: sonyaafm@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					