

Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

December 3

NYRA Winter Series #3

December 10

BOD @ 9:30

December 17

NYRA Winter Series #4

December 25

Merry Christmas!

December 31

New Year's Eve Party @ 8PM

January 1

Fred Latham Regatta

January 7

NYRA Winter Series #5



From the Commodore:

Blackbeard Sailing Club

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Holiday Greetings Mates,

We are now into the last month of our yearlong celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Blackbeard Sailing Club. It certainly has been a wonderful year, full of a variety of celebrations. It is a great tribute to the Club to recognize the solid volunteerism that exists within it. Thank you all who made this possible.

Elections were held in November to fill three positions on the Board of Directors, and three Officers' positions. Retiring from their service to the Club are Jeff Scroggs, Jeremy LeRay, and Rick Critser. I extend my thanks to you all for your service and dedication to the present and future of the Club.

Luann Parins, Mark Hittner, and I were all reelected to our Officers' positions. Newly elected are Bruce Woods and Joan Wilson to two-year terms, and Alan Hills to a one-year term. Congratulations to you all!!

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From the Commodore

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I look forward to your contributions to the club management/guidance.

The NYRA Winter Series has begun, with two events already passed. Some good racing has been had by all!! Come on out, there is a race for you!! Just because it's now winter, doesn't mean racing is not still fun!!

ETYSA sailors have been invited, as members of local high school sailing teams, to participate in some events in Charleston and New Orleans. This is quite an achievement for our young program!! More on that later in this edition.

As of this moment, the Annex is officially available for dry storage. Our Vice Commodore has been most efficient in bringing the property to this point. Contact Chris Humphries, the Annex Master, for more information. Thanks, Mark!!

Jane and I wish you all a very happy holiday season!! Stay safe and stay healthy!!

Let's Go Sailing!! *Arch*

Blackbeard Elections 2022

by Jane Staveley

WINNERS

Officer and Board elections were held via electronic voting ending October 26, 2022.

Congratulations to those elected or re-elected to leadership positions in BSC. Arch Altman, Mark Hittner, and LuAnn Parins will serve again as Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore,

respectively. Stephanie Davies was re-elected as Treasurer, and Karen Chandler was re-elected as Secretary. Alan Hills, Joan Wilson, and Bruce Woods were newly elected to the Board of Directors, joining Mike Foster and John Hiner. Welcome to those newly elected, and thanks to everyone for your willingness to serve! *There were no reports of fraudulent voting or hacked voting machines!*

With many thanks to outgoing board members Jeff Scroggs, Jeremy LeRay, and Rick Critser.

The Nominations Committee (Doug Longhini - Chair; Doug King, Charlie Batchelor, and Jane Staveley) is looking for new members to serve in this role for 2023. Please let any of us know if you are interested. The committee generally works by e-mail. The duties include publicizing the elections during the summer, soliciting victims (I mean, candidates) in August-September, finalizing the slate of candidates on October 1, and announcing the results.

Jane Staveley, on behalf of the Nominations Committee

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Kick Off the New Year with Fred Latham Regatta



Kick off the New Year and Blackbeard Sailing Club's 51st Anniversary! Join San Juan Fleet 8 in celebrating by hitting the water on New Year's Day. This is a San Juan 21 event, competing for the honor of having a plaque placed on the Transom of Fred's first San Juan "Mad Mama."

All SunFish sailors are invited to join.



The Registration is just a click away:

Register online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25519>.

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Turkey Trot - 2022

by LuAnn Parins

The 2022 Blackbeard Sailing Club Turkey Trot is "in the books"! A big thank you to our dedicated Race Committee, and the photographers on the water.

The San Juan 21 fleet was somewhat diminished for various reasons, but five of the nine registered boats made it to the course. We had a great showing of Sunfish, with nine sailing out of ten registrants. The single registered Ensign didn't make it out. I won't repeat the results, which are posted elsewhere.

It was a beautiful day on the water, with bright sunshine and temperatures in the high 50s. Breeze conditions were very light and shifty, topping out at about 5 mph by mid-afternoon. In memory of Ken Gurganus, who ran this race for years, our PRO, Bill Jarvis, used the 4 course option sheet that Ken had always used, with the start/finish line set in the middle of the weather leg.

Our first race was a single W/L, with an upwind finish. It was a struggle to stay in the breeze, and there were lead changes as puffs and lulls favored one boat, then another. What breeze there was also shifted, so it was very important to watch the shroud tell-tails, and trim to any new tickle that lifted them. The entire San Juan class rounded the leeward mark in a 5 wide "pinwheel," which was tough for the outside boat!

Our second race was a straight triangle. The breeze direction steadied out a bit (or so we thought) but didn't get any stronger. After the Sunfish class started, and the San Juans were in sequence, we realized that a zephyr had temporarily filled in behind us, so some of us were able to start on port with the same heading we thought would be a starboard tack start. After a few minutes the breeze went back to a beat, but it was really keeping us on our toes. There was some passing lane action on the reaches which was fun! We hadn't sailed a triangular course in quite a while.

The third, and final race of the day had the best breeze, but it was still very soft and shifty. We had a modified "Gold Cup" course (triangle, W/L/W). We had to pay attention to the shifts and lulls, but it was the most consistent breeze of the day. By the time we all finished there was no time for a 4th race.

There were numerous groundings as we avoided tacking until (past) the last second, and a few fouls, but, all in all, it was a wonderful day!



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Thanksgiving at Blackbeard

On Thanksgiving afternoon at four o'clock, Blackbeards saw another tradition upheld. With turkey and ham and lots of side dishes, appetizers and desserts, 18 members gathered in the clubhouse. Everyone helped with the setup, cooking and clean up - with much laughter - so much so, we forgot to take pictures! The group was a mixture of long-standing members and "newbies," so there was opportunity to get to know each other. A new wrinkle was a request for spouses not to sit together, and that created another opportunity for members to really talk! Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!

Your Hosts, Jim & Joni Floyd and Don & Marj Ramsey



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Ensign Season Ends with a Blowout

by Mark Brennesholtz
Photos by Chris Davies



Close round

Ensign *Blue Note* leads *Mutiny* around the windward mark of the season final race. Bowmen scramble on steep decks to set the spinnaker poles.

sustained) with *Long Shot*, *Mutiny* and *Blue Note* on the line. The start was tight on a 15-second line and *Mutiny* led at the windward mark. She and *Blue Note* flew spinnakers, or rather the spinnakers flew them. Control was very difficult in the quartering chop. *Blue Note* led at the bottom and never gave up the lead. There were no chutes on the last run. *Long Shot* had only two crew, so they were slower, but safer under plain sail.

Blue Note (Mark and Mary Hittner, Jerry Rezab and I) repeated as season and annual winners, with awards by Fleet Captain Mark Hallquist. The dinner/social/awards were held at BSC, and were well attended by racers and race committee members. There were many of the latter, but Stephanie Davies organized committees and acted several times as PRO. Bill Jarvis was often PRO during both series, and Chris Davies took lots of pics from the mark boat. Many others pitched in, including at the socials.



Cross

Mutiny crosses *Blue Note* on the windward leg. Only one race on November 10 because the wind built above the fleet limit and gusted into the 20s.



Long Shot

Ensign *Long Shot* approaches the windward mark. With only two crew on a wild day, they decided not to try the chute.

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Small but Intense NYRA Winter Series

by Mark Brennesholtz
Photos by Chris Davies



Russ Robinson in *Rampant Lion* won the Navigation Class in the NYRA Halloween Race .

Following a trend begun during Covid, casual cruising (now called Navigation) classes have been attracting many participants from BSC, Fairfield and NYRA for middle-distance races around government marks. The attractions, of course, are the uncrowded starts and banning of spinnakers. Crew and equipment requirements are less, and basic rules of the road are sufficient.

Beginning with the traditional Halloween Race, the NYRA Winter Series had five Navigation Class starters, three Non-Spinnakers, three Spin A, and one lonely Spin B. On a fine sailing day, Russ Robinson in *Rampant Lion* won the Navigation Class, followed by Ed Thompson's *Dutch Wind*, and Steve Sherwood in *Wind Dreamer*. It was great to see Pete Thorn out again in *Charisma*. He took two firsts in the Non-Spin Class, followed by another Pearson 30, *Silent Pursuit* with Dave Whitney.

Spinnaker boats raced three races, and Ed Doughty took three firsts in *Bad Fish*. Charlie Nelson took three seconds in *Water Phantom*, and Tom McKnight was third in *Anathema*. Ensign *Blue Note* obviously took three firsts in a Spin B class of one. However, our moral victory was that we would have corrected ahead of the A boats in two of the races.



Tom McKnight's *Anathema* barely leads Charlie Nelson's *Water Phantom* around the windward mark. Several boats raced with reefed mains in the brisk breeze.

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Photos by Chris Davies

November 12 was the second of the NYRA Winter Series dates with brisker conditions, but still good sailing. There was not too much spray over the bow, and the rain held off. *Rampant Lion* again took the gun in the Navigation Class, with *Dutch Wind* in second. *Charisma* continued undefeated in Non-Spin with three firsts. Arch Altman had seconds in *Mighty Fine 2.0*. In Spin-A, *Bad Fish* beat *Anathema* by 11 seconds in the first race, but Tom came back and won the next two. Once again, *Blue Note* raced alone but corrected over the bigger boats.

(A small fleet, but really good competition.)



It was good to see Pete Thorn on the course again in *Charisma*. Pete won all three Non-Spin races.

With reefed sails, *Water Phantom* bears away at the windward mark in the Halloween Race. Charlie had three seconds for the day.



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Who Did it Better? NYRA Winter Series

Photos by Stephanie Davies



Charley Bratton on *Anathema*
seems to have lost his
"Sheets to the Wind"



Ed Doughty on *BadFish* ***"What Happened Here?"***

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ETYSA at Great Oaks in New Orleans

by Heather French

On Saturday, November 20, four young ETYSA sailors woke up in their hotel rooms in New Orleans. Looking out their windows, they saw overcast skies and whitecaps crashing against the bulkheads on Lake Pontchartrain,. Checking the forecast, they discovered temperatures in the 40s. Arriving at Lake Pontchartrain, they were faced with a washing machine of waves and sustained winds of 12-15 kts, with gusts to 18 kts. With huge smiles on their faces, they began rigging their 420s for the Great Oaks Invitational Regatta at Southern Yacht Club.

Both of our high school sailing teams were selected, and invited to compete in this national-level developmental regatta geared towards new teams. These four sailors-Graham Foster, Izzy Humphries, Chase Fidgeon, and Andrew Connolly-were filled with excitement at the opportunity to compete against their peers from across the country. They met teams from New England, Michigan, California, Florida, and Wisconsin to name a few.

On day one, teams are randomly assigned to either the Red Fleet or the Green Fleet. Our Epiphany team was assigned to Red, and our New Bern Bears team was assigned to Green. Having sailors in two different fleets, sailing staggered racing, proved to be a bit tricky from a coaching standpoint, but, as always, Coach Glenn was up for the challenge! Parents eagerly watched from the warm, third floor of Southern Yacht Club as their 8th to 10th graders sailed through choppy waves to the starting line. At times, the waves were so high the boats were no longer visible; all you could see were the wool caps on the sailors' heads, and mainsails fully powered up.

Saturday racing was definitely thrilling! Our junior sailors learned firsthand the importance of proper foul weather gear. At times, it looked like the snow scene from Christmas Vacation, as parents and coaches helped our sailors put on layer after layer to keep in the warmth and keep out the cold. Despite the harsh conditions, each time Coach Glenn went down to the rotation docks, the junior sailors were all smiles. They were flying across Lake Pontchartrain, smashing through waves, staying upright, and finishing each and every race. In the short time it took to switch boats, the kids fueled up with M&Ms, granola bites, and Pepsi. They had no down time, no subs, and they were loving every minute of it!



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ETYSA at Great Oaks in New Orleans by Heather French

After the first full day of racing (four hours in harsh conditions!), the New Bern Bears finished 9th in the Green Fleet, and Epiphany finished 13th in the Red Fleet. These finishes placed both teams in the Silver Fleet for Day 2 of racing.

Sunday morning brought even rougher conditions! Arriving at Southern Yacht Club early Sunday morning, our teams faced temperatures in the low 40s, winds of 18+ kts, and even BIGGER waves. The PRO decided these conditions were too intense for small dinghies and young sailors and postponed the race until 10:00 a.m. with a Harbor Start.

At 9:40 a.m., our teams started gearing up! They had learned a tremendous amount the day before and knew exactly what to wear to keep their hands, feet, core, and heads warm. They launched their 420s from the Southern Yacht Club docks promptly at 10:00, all smiles and enthusiastic anticipation for another exciting day of racing.

Conditions continued to improve as Day 2 of racing progressed. The sun started shining, temperatures warmed up into the upper 50s, winds settled into the 8-12 kts range, and the waves were a bit less angry. Our teams used all the skills they had gained during their high school season practices, regional regattas, and coach's debriefs to hold their own on the racecourse. Particularly impressive were New Bern's leeward mark roundings, and Epiphany's excellent starts, setting up right on the line nearly every race.

At the end of the day, New Bern finished in 7th place, and Epiphany finished in 13th. More important than where they ranked though, was the victorious display of grit, determination, and perseverance. These middle and high schoolers sailed in conditions they have never faced before. They were, in the words of Coach Glenn, "frogs in a blender." They had no subs, and all four of them sailed every single race. They never once complained, and never once even considered giving up. Their coaches and parents are incredibly proud of what these young sailors accomplished at the Great Oaks Invitational Regatta at Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans on November 20 and 21. And we can't wait to go back next year!

[Photos from Day 1](#) (New Orleans Sailing)

[Photos from Day 2](#) (New Orleans Sailing)



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Dec 31

8 PM

BSC Clubhouse

Join us for this fun event with karaoke set-up provided by our own
Scott and Donna Wade.

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share, and your own celebratory beverages.

We will ring in....and sing in...2023!!

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Welcome New Members



Tom Graves & Lisa Blumenschine

Lisa and I are planning to relocate to New Bern this summer. (Pending a house sale)

I have been active "sailor" here CT for the past 25 years. I am looking for a "Sailing" club the will replicate the club I belong to here in Conn. A club with an active social calendar as well a Racing/Cruising program. In the several YC's we looked at down there, y'all seem to be the ONE. A club with an active racing PHRF fleet, a nice club house and facilities as well as a social program.

If all goes as planned plan to move the boat down there sometime in Aug.

We would very much like to join your club. Please let me know if you have any question.

Sailing Resume Cedar Point YC Westport CT. (CPYC) 1989 to present

- _CPYC is a volunteer-driven club with racing, social, cruising, and other sailing-related activities that appeal to sailors of different skills, experience, and interests. In addition to our vibrant racing, junior sailing, and women's sailing programs we host an extensive regatta schedule including numerous regional and national championships. *US Sailing awarded Cedar Point the One Design Club of the Year Award three times and the St. Petersburg YC Trophy for excellence in race management.* In addition to PHRF racing, Cedar Point supports one-design fleets including Lightnings, Thistles, Flying Scots, J/70s, Stars, RS Aeros, Lasers and Vanguard 15s.

- _Active member for 25 years.

- Campaigned a J/30 for 18 years
- Currently race and cruise a J/37c here on Long Island Sound

- _PHRF Fleet Captain (80 Boats) 3 times over 25 year

Lake Saint Sailing Club St. Louis, MO 1972 to 1989

- _Established in 1971

- _Located in a private community with a 600 acker lake.

- Club had an active fleet of Y-Flyers, Sunfish and small boat (24 feet) PHRF fleet.
- Charter member and Commodore.
- Raced One Design (Y-Flyer) in summer and frostbiting (Sunfish) in the winter

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Welcome New Members

Kristen Trowbridge



Hey “you all”, or “yous’ guys”,...friendly howdy all the same. My name is Kristin Trowbridge and I’ve fortunately spent much of my life making memories at Blackbeard Sailing Club. Since the 1980s, I’ve spent many a weekend folding sails with my dad, catching lizards, hunting crabs, and racing my siblings/friends across the brackish water of the Neuse River.

I relocated to Fairfield Harbor from Fayetteville North Carolina about a year ago to be closer to my parents Edward and Joanne Doughty. I do not hesitate when I tell you it was the very best decision. I truly enjoy Eastern North Carolina and the outdoor activities this beautiful space offers.

I’m a mother of three super kids, one of which has really engaged in the love of sailing 420’s with the encouragement and motivation ETYSA has harbored. I’m super proud that he is interested in the sailing lifestyle and hope my other children follow as well. From my experience, sailing

creates a love and appreciation of solitude and introspection, as well as coinciding opportunity for healthy rival friendships with folks that become family.

I have worked as a critical care nurse for several decades (GO HEELS) and have just completed my adult geriatric acute care practitioner licensure. I am an active member of The North Carolina Nurses Association and American Red Cross. I am passionate about educating and advocating for the well-being of North Carolina residents, as well as health care reform.

My hobbies include interior design, kayaking, blogging, figuring out the world’s problems with my girlfriends over a good bottle of wine, and outdoor adventures with my children.

I hope through our membership in Blackbeard to continue making memories, support the originating mission of maintaining a true “sailing club”, and most of all, improve my sailing skills to have the opportunity to turn and wave as first finish to each of you :)

Kristen Trowbridge e-mail: kgd4@icloud.com

sponsors are Ed Doughty and Arch Altman.

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Blackbeard in the Morning

Photos by Werner "Vern" Buckel



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New Website Map

by Lee Toderick

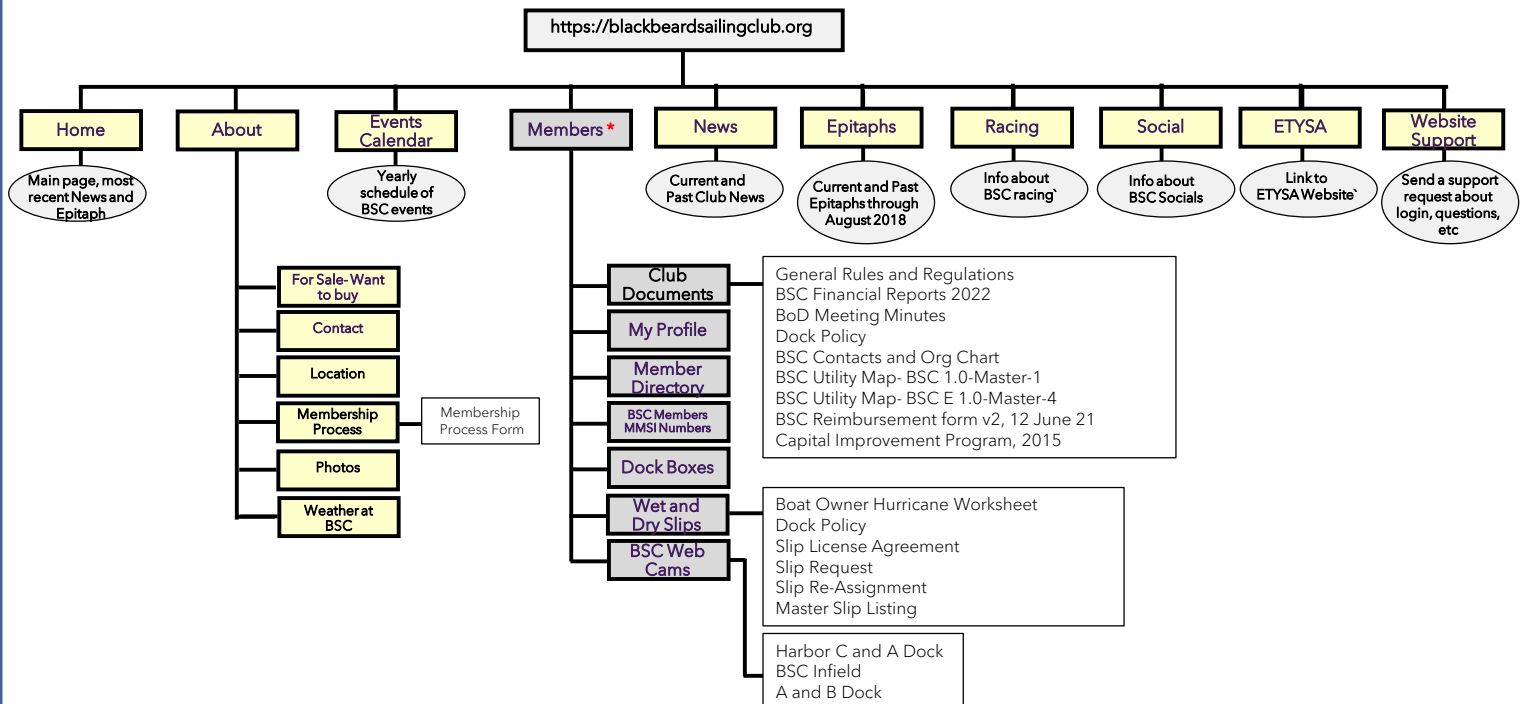
We have a new website with lots of new features, and some old links (like your favorite - Web Cams)!

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



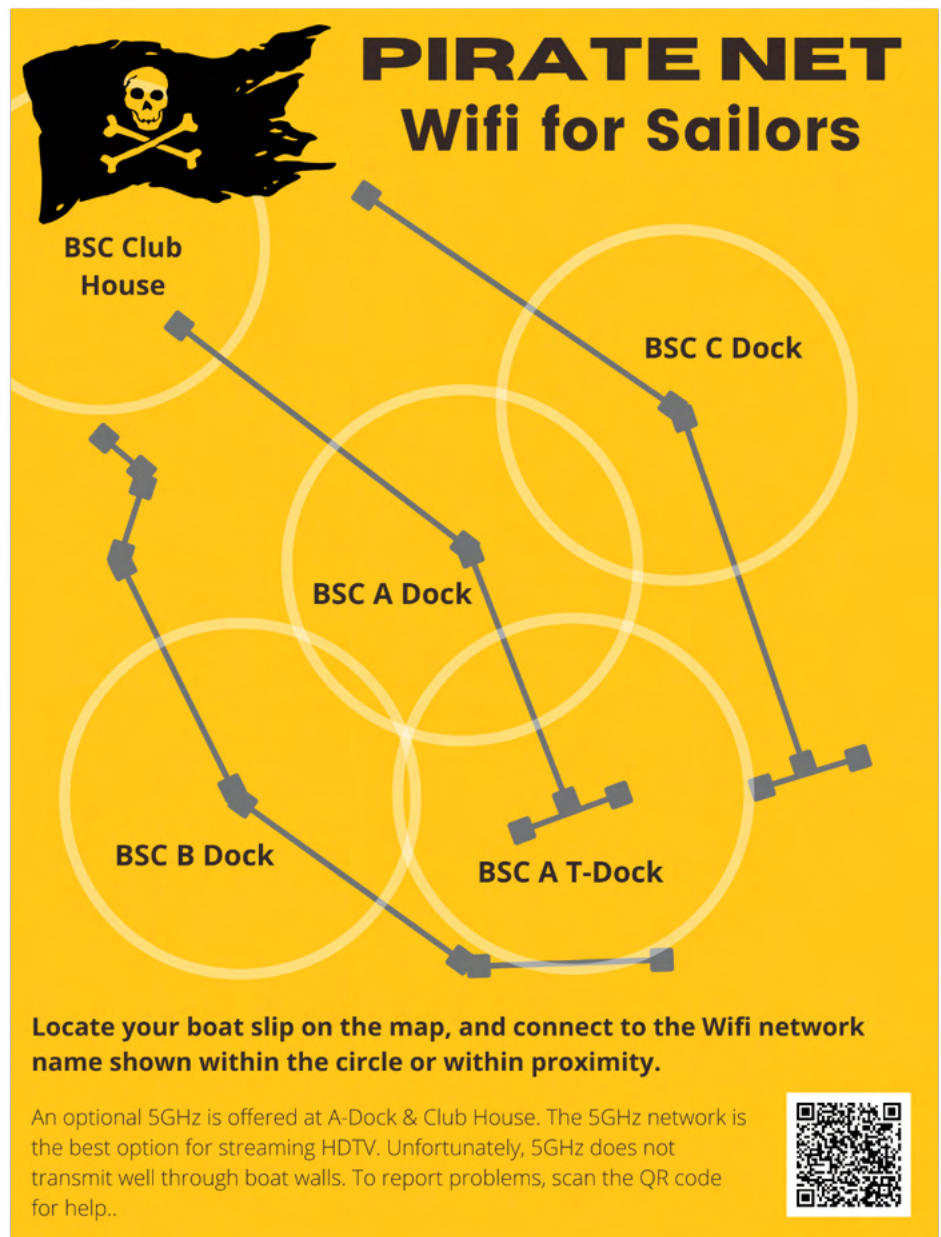
* Members access is restricted- requires login

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Pirate Net Map...

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.



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ICRC Calendar

2022 RACE SCHEDULE

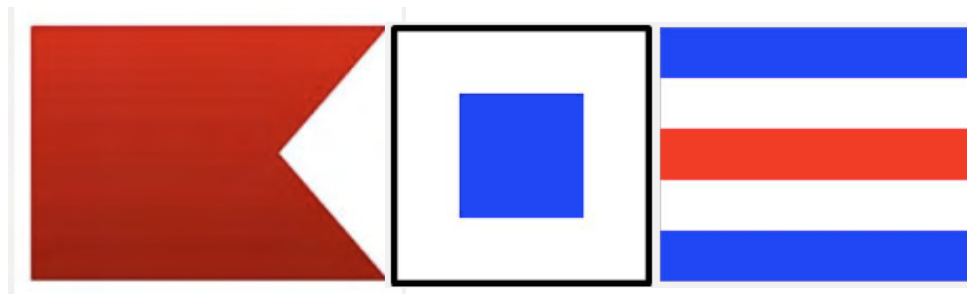
Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

Rev 2

6/11/22

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
More Races, Events and Contact Information are Listed on next page!!									
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									
Ensign Fleet Races: Location: Neuse River near Fairfield Harbour & Blackbeard Sailing Club, New Bern, NC									
Fall Series - 7 Thurs Race Days: Sep 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10th; Awards party following on Nov 10th									
Normally 3 races per day -- Contact: Mark Hallquist (832)794-2566 for info									
Fairfield Harbour PHRF Fun Sails: Weekly sails open to all sailors; No Fees; No scoring; Pursuit Format.									
Holiday Series - 2/12 Valentine's, 3/19 St Pat's, 4/16 Easter, 5/7 Mother's Day, 6/18 Father's Day,									
7/2 Independence day, 9/3 Labor Day, 11/26 Thanksgiving, 1/1/23 New Years									
Tuesday Series - weekly April 12th through October 11th, 4 or 5pm as provided by email									
Winter Occasional Fun Sails - Mid Oct through early Apr (except 1 Dec-1 Jan), best weather day of the week, time via email									
Send email to: Russ Robinson (R.Rubarb@gmail.com) for race updates & your PHRF based pursuit start time.									
Blackbeard Sailing Club Open Sails:									
Weekly sails are open to everyone - best weather day of the week, notifications by email.									
Additional sails to be announced									
To join the group contact: Ed Thompson (edthompson2@comcast.net) or Joan Wilson (sail_kitty@hotmail.com)									
Sunfish Racing:									
> FHYC Sunfish Races: Near the boat ramp of the Fairfield Harbour inner harbour									
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 - <i>To Be Determined</i>									
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: sonyafm@hotmail.com									
> Harkers Island Regatta									
Miscellaneous:									
Sep 29-10/2	Th-Su	FLT 8	SJ-21 Eastern Nationals	Lake Monroe, FL					
Oct 8-9	Sa-Su	-	Mumfest	New Bern					