



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

March 11

BOD @ 9:30

St. Patrick's Day Party @ 5:30

March 18

Spring Workday

March 25 - 26

NYRA Invitational

March 30

Ensign Spring Series Begins

April 8

Easter Pot Luck @ 5:30

May 5-6

Cinco de Mayo One Design Regatta



From the Commodore:

February----a fairly quiet month, except the vote by the Board to amend the By-laws and increase the membership limit to 220. We have a waiting list; all on it will be processed for membership directly. This is a wonderful sign of the health of the Club.

There is a Long-Range Budget Committee meeting to show us the financial path to follow for the capital investments that the Club must engage in over the next few years - referencing the proposed wave attenuation wall, and the rebuild of B Dock. In the meantime, other smaller projects will continue at the Club.

March brings a bit more activity including a St. Patrick's Day party on the 11th, and the Spring Workday on March 18. Mark Hittner, the Vice Commodore, will have more details on that forthcoming. NYRA will hold the NYRA Invitational on March 25.

Meanwhile, Jane and I are on our way to the Yucatan (the quiet North Coast) for a week.

Let's go sailing!! Adios, Bubba Mates!!

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Super Souper Bowl Party

by Karen Powers

A small but enthusiastic group of football fans descended on Blackbeard Sailing Club to cheer on the Eagles and Chiefs. The clubhouse was transformed into stadium seating, complete with a well-stocked concession stand that provided an abundance of chilis and cornbread, taco soup, wings, jalapeño poppers, fresh salsa, and numerous dips and chips throughout the evening.

In addition to the entertainment provided by a close game, the attendees enjoyed participating in several Super Bowl games. In Super Bowl Squares, Doug Longhini came away the winner of both quarters one and two, Ann Hall hauled in the winnings for quarter three, and Tom Garetson won the coveted quarter four and final score squares. Janet Jonah correctly matched the most NFL mascots to their teams, while Stephanie Davies inched out Pam Gaskill and Ann Hall in predicting the events of the game. Super Bowl Bingo had many of us cheering on penalties and fumbles, for which Stephanie Davies and Janet Jonah took home the prizes. Chris Davies unanimously was the winner of the MVP Spirit Award for his eagle costume and "Fly, Eagles, Fly" dance after every Philadelphia score.



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PirateNet Wi-Fi at Blackbeard

by Reid Serozi

Update your Devices

Update your Wi-Fi connection during your next visit to the Club. We have tried to make it easy to connect to a single network name. Look for an informational sign posted in the clubhouse for Wi-Fi network names.

C Dock Wi-fi Update

We have had a rough start with providing Wi-Fi at C Dock and continue to have no Wi-Fi available there. Please know we are trying our best and will continue to work on the problem during the month of March.

Wi-Fi Support

We want to extend our gratitude and appreciation for years of service to Drew McCrocklin, who had the vision to ensure club members had Wi-Fi available at BSC. Moving forward, Drew is taking a step back from Wi-Fi support and passing the torch on to the new and salty PirateNet volunteer committee. Going forward, please contact the PirateNet volunteers for all Wi-Fi issues. Look for signage posted near the office in the clubhouse to assist with support details. Thank you again to Drew for years of service.

Volunteer Help - Join PirateNet!

Do you have a computer and tech background? We are always looking for volunteers to join the PirateNet Team to support Wi-Fi at the club. Contact Reid Serozi, reid@serozi.com or 919.807.1878

PIRATE NET Wi-Fi for Sailors



Network: PirateNet

Ranked most reliable



Network: PirateNet_5G

Ideal for streaming



Network: Club House

Dedicated for meetings & events



Need Help?

PirateNet is operated by a band of volunteers. Scan the QR code to report wifi problems.







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Photo by Charlie Batchelor

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

CRUISING FORWARD *by Scott Huddle & Jeff Tsai*

The goals of the 2023 BSC Cruising Committee are:

-  Expand club sailing activities.
-  Improve collaboration with organizations whose interests overlap with ours.
-  Encourage participation of members new to cruising.
-  Plan cruises so members with full-time jobs or with young children are able to participate.

The first two goals are BSC goals as seen on the banners hung from the ceiling in the clubhouse. The last two goals are in response to the recent influx of new members who may be new to the area, new to sailing, or have not done much cruising due to work and family obligations.

To encourage these members to untie the line and sail beyond the Neuse River Red "8," we will implement a Buddy System. New cruisers are paired up with seasoned cruisers as a buddy to depart together, sail close by, communicate, navigate, anchor, etc. Please reach out to the committee co-captains if this is the encouragement you need to broaden your sailing experiences.

Below are planned cruising destinations and dates for 2023. We would like to have a volunteer Cruise Leader for each cruise.

March 18 - 19: Overnight cruise to New Bern (7 NM) or Clubfoot Creek (15 NM).

Depart 1 pm after workday lunch. First time cruisers are encouraged to participate to prepare for longer cruises, and to learn from others.

April 14 - 16: Weekend cruise to Oriental Boat Show in Oriental (18 NM).

Anchor out in Oriental Harbor/Raccoon Creek or reserve a slip. Boat show will occupy the entire Oriental Marina/Town Dock. Limited face-docks are available during the boat show at the Oriental Harbor Village Marina (252-671-9692). There will be street vendors, live music, etc.

May 18 - 21: Cape Lookout (43 NM).

Anchor at Cedar Creek off Adams Creek/ICW first night, proceed to Cape Lookout the second day, or to South River if conditions are rough offshore.

June 16 - 18: Weekend version.

Depart on Friday morning the 16th, anchor in South River (24 NM), join the Neuse Sailing Association on Saturday, overnight in Bay River/Vandemere, return the following day (38 NM from Vandemere to BSC).

July 4th: New Bern fireworks cruise.

Depart after the Club Hot Dog social, sail to New Bern for fireworks, and back to BSC. Some boats will elect to stay anchored overnight.

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Cruising Forward

by Scott Huddle & Jeff Tsai

July 22 - 23: Parrothead Race/cruise to Oriental.

There is a NYRA race on Saturday to Oriental (NYRA racers anchor or get a slip Saturday night). You can elect to race with NYRA or participate as a BSC cruiser. Slip can be reserved at Oriental Harbor Village Marina (252-671-9692) or Oriental Marina Inn (252-249-1818) or anchor out.

August 4 - 6: River Dunes (27 NM).

Reserve a slip at the marina (252-249-4908) to have access to amenities, or anchor nearby at lower Broad Creek. South River is the rough conditions backup destination.

Sept 22 - 25: Destination TBD, make-up for canceled trip.

Oct 21 - 22: Post-workday overnight cruise to New Bern or Clubfoot Creek.

Dec 2 - 3: New Bern Christmas parade and flotilla.

Expectations of Cruising Sailors:

You should hope for the best of times and weather; however, you should ALWAYS plan and be prepared for the worst-case scenarios by having the proper equipment on board your sailing vessel. Never, never sail to a schedule. Alternatives for weather are sometimes required.

Operational VHF radio with 25 watts transmit power is recommended. Hand-held radios are generally only good within a couple of miles. Communication is required. You should always stay in contact with someone in the group. Always let someone know if you change plans.

Operational anchor and rode with minimum 6' chain at the anchor, and correct size rode. Optimum anchor weight should equal one lb. per boat feet LOA. Rode should be min 100' in Neuse River. Cape Look-out, 150' minimum. Minimum scope should never be less than 5 x water depth where anchoring. For overnight, 7 to 1 is preferable. If your bow sits 3' above water, add 3' to water depth scope calculation.

Never anchor directly upwind of another cruiser sailboat. Anchor staggered off to one side and never closer than 5 boat lengths. In deeper water increase separation due to longer rode.

Dock Lines. Minimum dock lines should be four of an appropriate size (one for each bow and stern corner), plus two longer for spring lines or other needs.

Fenders, minimum is two of the correct size for the boat. Preferred is three.

Raft-up is at the option of the boat being rafted to. Rafting-up boat is responsible for lines and fenders. Generally preferred to separate and anchor prior to bedtimes, and for any approaching bad weather.

Generally, when invited to another boat or shore gathering for happy hour, you are primarily responsible for your beverages, and you should bring some snacks to share.

Please do not hesitate to refer questions on boat readiness or specific equipment concerns to us, or other club members. We are always happy to share, and find the correct source for the correct answer.

BSC Cruising Committee Co-captains:

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Jeff Tsai, tsaiapex25@gmail.com

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Save the Date - March 8



Mini-Spring Workday

Deep Clean the Kitchen
and Clubhouse



2023 Spring Workday Date!

***ALL BLACKBEARD PERSONNEL PREPARE TO MAN
YOUR BATTLE...rather workday stations!!***

Yes, workday is approaching Saturday, March 18, 0830 hours with lunch served about 1200. If 0830 is a little hard to make, there will be clean-up work after lunch and odds and ends to finish up. The work list and instructions will be coming out in an Email blast on March 9.

Your efforts will help make BSC better than ever.

Mark Hittner, Vice Commodore



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Welcome New Blackbeard Members



Mark & Amy Keane

Hello Blackbeard Sailors. I'm Mark Keane and happy to have this opportunity to introduce myself. Like many of you a transplant from colder climes, Maryland was home for twenty years, Northern NJ prior. Retired to Trent Woods in 2019 on Hurricane Dorian's doorstep.

Sailing has been a large part of my life from early childhood on day-sailers and the legendary Sunfish. It was Lightning one design racing where sailing got interesting. Sailing in triangles and large rectangles vs circles. I was an active member of Lightning Fleet 75 at the Nyack Boat Club on the Hudson River for many years. The Nyack Boat Club was very much like Blackbeard Sailing Club in that it was a working club for racers and cruisers alike. Many good friendships were forged there.

Post 9/11 I relocated to Baltimore, MD where I enjoyed a variety of boating activities, kayaking, sailboat racing as well as bareboat chartering. The Chesapeake Bay was a playground of boating adventures. Fond memories of racing in Baltimore Harbor amongst the commercial traffic, in view of Ft McHenry. Was an active member of the Downtown Sailing Center and Baltimore City Yacht Racing Association.

Retired as Chief Building Engineer operating high rise office buildings on Baltimore's skyline, now a semi-retired facilities management/maintenance consultant working with local medical practices. Skills acquired during my years as a chief building engineer will come in handy around the club.

When not sailing/racing, I enjoy kayaking local creeks and rivers and the RV lifestyle with my wife Amy in our land yacht, exploring the highways and byways of the Southeast until Amy retires.

Sailing now with Tom McKnight and Charley Bratton's racing syndicate *Anathema*, aboard their Chance 34. No longer boatless having recently acquired a Catalina Capri 26 for exploring the Neuse and Pamlico Sound with friend and prospective member Jim Hamilton.

I very much look forward to making new friends and supporting the Blackbeard Sailing Club as an active member.

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St. Patrick's Day Party



Hey there..You're all invited to a BSC social honoring St.Patrick on the deck & in the Clubhouse.

March 11. 5:15 drinks & Apps, 6:30 dinner

**Be sure to wear something GREEN
And Bring a hearty pot luck dish enough for 6
Prizes awarded for wearing the most GREEN**

**PLEASE RSVP JOANNE DOUGHTY ...TEXT OR CALL (910)
977-1654**

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NYRA Commodore's Report

Saturday, February 18th, marked the day for the **NYRA Commodore's Regatta** - the last race of the NYRA sailing year, and the final race in the **Boat of the Year** competition! It was sunny and cold to start, with a steady breeze around 15 knots. The Navigation Fleet took off first with a modified pursuit start, followed by the Non-Spin Class with a Rule 26 start. Shortly after, amid the start sequence for the Spin boats, a wind-shift of about 90 degrees caused the Race Committee to recall the Non-Spin boats and reset the "round the buoys" course. After both the Spin and Non-Spin fleets started again, yet another 90-degree wind shift caused the RC to shorten the course for the first race to finish after the first windward/leeward leg. Once the marks were reset for the 2nd time, the breeze settled, the day warmed, and Race Committee was able to hold 3 more races for the "round the buoys" boats on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. At the end of the day, Ed Thompson's *Dutch Wind* (with a corrected time of 2:48:35) bested Cliff Lennox's *Lattitude Adjustment* (3:07:34) in the Navigation Fleet, Al Lang on *Mystic Blue* took 3 firsts and 1 second in the Non-Spin Fleet to finish ahead of Charlie Batchelor on *Jazz*, and Charlie Nelson's *Water Phantom*, with 2 race wins, bested Ed Doughty's *Bad Fish* in Spinnaker Fleet. Full results for the race day can be found here:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=25896

After racing, NYRA's annual awards dinner was held at *Lawson's on the Creek* in downtown New Bern. After cocktails and dinner, the Awards Ceremony began! First up were the winners of the 2022-23 Winter Series (7 race days), where Ed Doughty's *Bad Fish* finished in 1st place in Spinnaker A, Mark Brennesholtz and *Blue Note* took 1st in Spinnaker C, Pete Thorn's *Charisma* finished 1st in the Non-Spin Fleet, and Russ Robinson on *Rampant Lion* edged out Ed Thompson on *Dutch Wind* by 1 point to win the Navigation Fleet. Full results for the Winter Series can be found here:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=25416

Next, annual awards were given for **Crew of the Year** (Bill and Tinka Talbert on *Bad Fish*), and **Sportsman of the Year** (Joan Wilson).

Presentation of the **Boat of the Year** awards for the Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and (for the first time) Navigation Fleets, were the final awards of the evening. The **Boat of the Year** award is presented to the boat that does the best overall in a series of 7 Regattas sponsored by different yacht clubs on the Neuse. The winners for 2022 were:

Spinnaker Boat of the Year: Ed Doughty's *Bad Fish*

Non-Spinnaker Boat of the Year: Pete Thorn's *Charisma*

Navigation Boat of the Year: Russ Robinson's *Rampant Lion*

Full results of the BOTY competition can be found here:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25896#_docs

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NYRA Commodore's Regatta

Photos by Chris Davies



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NYRA Winners

Photos by Chris Davies

BOTY - Spinnaker:
Ed Doughty and the Badfish Crew



BOTY - Non Spin:
Pete Thorn & Charisma



BOTY - Navigation:
Russ Robinson & Rampant Lion



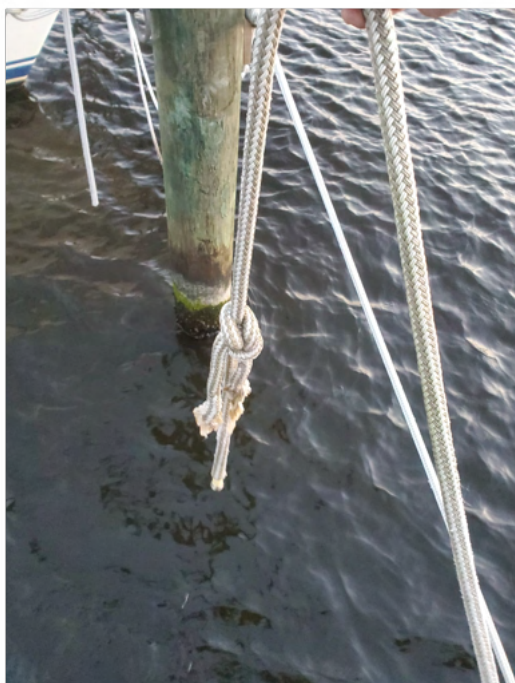
SOTY - Joan Wilson

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Did You Know?...

Photos by Chris Davies

... *It is requested when BSC members go cruising* in their sailboats they leave their vehicles parked in one of two locations. If departing for several months or longer, please leave your vehicles in the new annex area as shown by the red pickup truck. If leaving for several days to several weeks, please leave your vehicles by the bathhouse as shown by the green and silver vehicles. This keeps the clubhouse area open for daily sailors.



... *I bet you think that larger dock lines are better* and won't chafe through. Just recently a 3/4" newer dock line attached to the starboard stern on a 39' sailboat chafed through. This is why you are required to have double dock lines on all four corners. This line was on the heave exposed southwest corner. Spring maintenance should include inspecting all dock lines. Remember, there is 3-strand dock line in the rope room available for sale at cost to club members. Just measure length through counter and record your name, member number and size/length. Cost will be added to your bill.

... *The ice maker in the clubhouse kitchen* refrigerator does work when the temperature controls are left set as shown. When adjusted to colder settings, the water supply line freezes.



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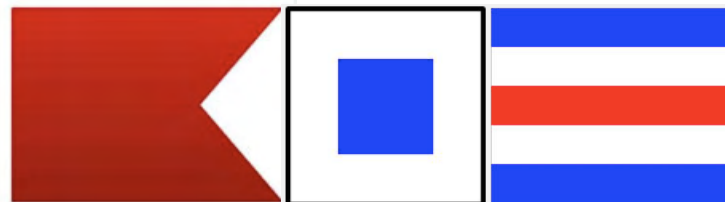
2023 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

Final 12/23/2022

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
Mar 18	Sat	FHYC	St Patrick's Holiday Race	X	**	**			New Bern
Mar 25-26	Sat-Sun	NYRA	NYRA Invitational *	X	**	**			New Bern
Apr 9	Sun		EASTER						
Apr 22	Sat	BTS	NCSU Collegiate Regatta					FJ	Oriental
Apr 22	Sat	FHYC	Wilkerson Cup Regatta P	X	**	**			New Bern
May 6-7	Sat-Sun	NYRA	Cinco de Mayo One-Design Regatta #		X	X	X	X	New Bern
May 14	Sun		MOTHER'S DAY						
May 20	Sat	FHYC	John Walsh Memorial Oar Race	X	**	**			New Bern
May 29	Mon		MEMORIAL DAY						
Jun 2-4	Sat-Sun	ODC	Dragon's Breath Regatta * P	X	**	**			Oriental
Jun 10-11	Sat-Sun	BSC	Summer One-Design Regatta #		X	X	X	X	New Bern
Jun 17	Sat	PSC	Indian Island to Ocracoke	X	**	**			Pamlico
Jun 18	Sun		FATHER'S DAY						
Jul 1	Sat	BTS	Flounder Fest Regatta				X	FJ/420/SF	Oriental
Jul 4	Tue		INDEPENDENCE DAY						
Jul 22	Sat	NYRA	Parrothead (to Oriental)	X	**	**			New Bern
Aug 5-6	Sat-Sun	BTS	Bow & Stern Regatta	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	Oriental
Aug 26-27	Sat-Sun	BSC	Gurganus One-Design Regatta #		X	X	X	X	New Bern
Sep 2-3	Sat-Sun	NYRA	Beer Stein Regatta * P	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 4	Mon		LABOR DAY						
Sep 16	Sat	BTS	Greens Creek Regatta				X	Under 20 ft	Oriental
Sep 16-17	Sat-Sun	BSC	Blackbeard Regatta (ETYSA Benefit) *	X	**	**			New Bern
Oct 7	Sat	BSC	Neuse River Regatta	X	**	**			New Bern
Oct 13-15	Fri-Sun	ODC	Oriental Cup P	X	**	**			Oriental
Oct 21	Sat	FHYC	Halloween Holiday Race	X	**	**			New Bern
Oct 28	Sat	BTS	Halloween Regatta	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	Oriental
Oct 28	Sat	NYRA	Halloween / Winter Race 1 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Oct 31	Tue		HALLOWEEN						
Nov 11	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 2 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Nov 18	Sat	BSC	Turkey Trot Regatta		X	X	X	ther one-design	New Bern
Nov 23	Thu		THANKSGIVING						
Nov 25	Sat	FHYC	Thanksgiving Holiday Race	X	**	**			New Bern
Dec 2	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 3 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Dec 16	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 4 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 1, 2024	Mon	BSC	Fred Latham Regatta			X			New Bern
Jan 1, 2024	Mon	ODC	Instead of Football Regatta	X	**	**			Oriental
Jan 6, 2024	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 20, 2024	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 6 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 3, 2024	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 7 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 17, 2024	Sat	NYRA	Commodores Ball Regatta *	X	**	**			New Bern

* NYRA Boat of the Year Race # Clark Cup Series ** Ensigns & SJ21s sail in PHRF fleets P Protected



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2023 ICRC Race Calendar

Additional Events of Interest

Ensign Fleet Races - located on the Neuse River near Upper Broad Creek, New Bern, NC.

Spring Series: 7 Thursday races on Mar 30; Apr 6,13,20,27; May 4,11.

Fall Series: 7 Thursday races on Sep 28, Oct 5,12,19,26; Nov 2,9; Awards & social following Nov 9 races.

Normally 3 races per day.

Contact: Blake Sohn blakesohn@gmail.com or 612-481-9696 for information

Fairfield Harbour PHRF Fun Sails - open to all boats with NC PHRF, no fees or scoring, pursuit format.

Tuesday Series: weekly mid-April through mid-October, weather permitting.

Contact Russ Robinson R.Rubarb@gmail.com for race updates and PHRF-based pursuit start time

Blackbeard Sailing Club Weekly Open Sails - open to everyone at no cost, no club affiliation required.

Pursuit starts based on PHRF ratings - notifications via email distribution list.

Day of the week and time based on weather and daylight hours.

Contact Joan Wilson sail_kitty@hotmail.com or Ed Thompson edthompson2@comcast.net to join

Sunfish Racing

>**FHYC Sunfish Races** - near the boat ramp on Fairfield Harbour Inner Harbour; 3-4 races per day, weather permitting.

Spring Series - 9 Sunday race days on Apr 2,16,23,30; May 7, 14; Jun 4,11,18,25.

Fall Series - 9 Sunday race days on Sep 10,17, 24; Oct 1,8,15,22,29; Awards & social following Oct 29

Contact Jerry Rezab for info at geraldrezab@yahoo.com or (252) 288-4124.

>**Oriental Dinghy Club (ODC), Oriental NC**

Year series - to be determine

Contact Bob Slook for info at bslook@gmail.com or (732) 740-5591.

>**Hot Toddy Winter Series at Blackbeard Sailing Club, New Bern NC**

Nov or Dec through Mar, into Apr, Sat or Sun usually 2 weeks or more apart.

2023 Schedule: Jan 1,14; Feb 11; Mar 11; Apr 15

Contact Sonya Dean for info sonyafm@hotmail.com or (919) 271-9899.

>**Harkers Island Regatta - Jul 15, 2023**

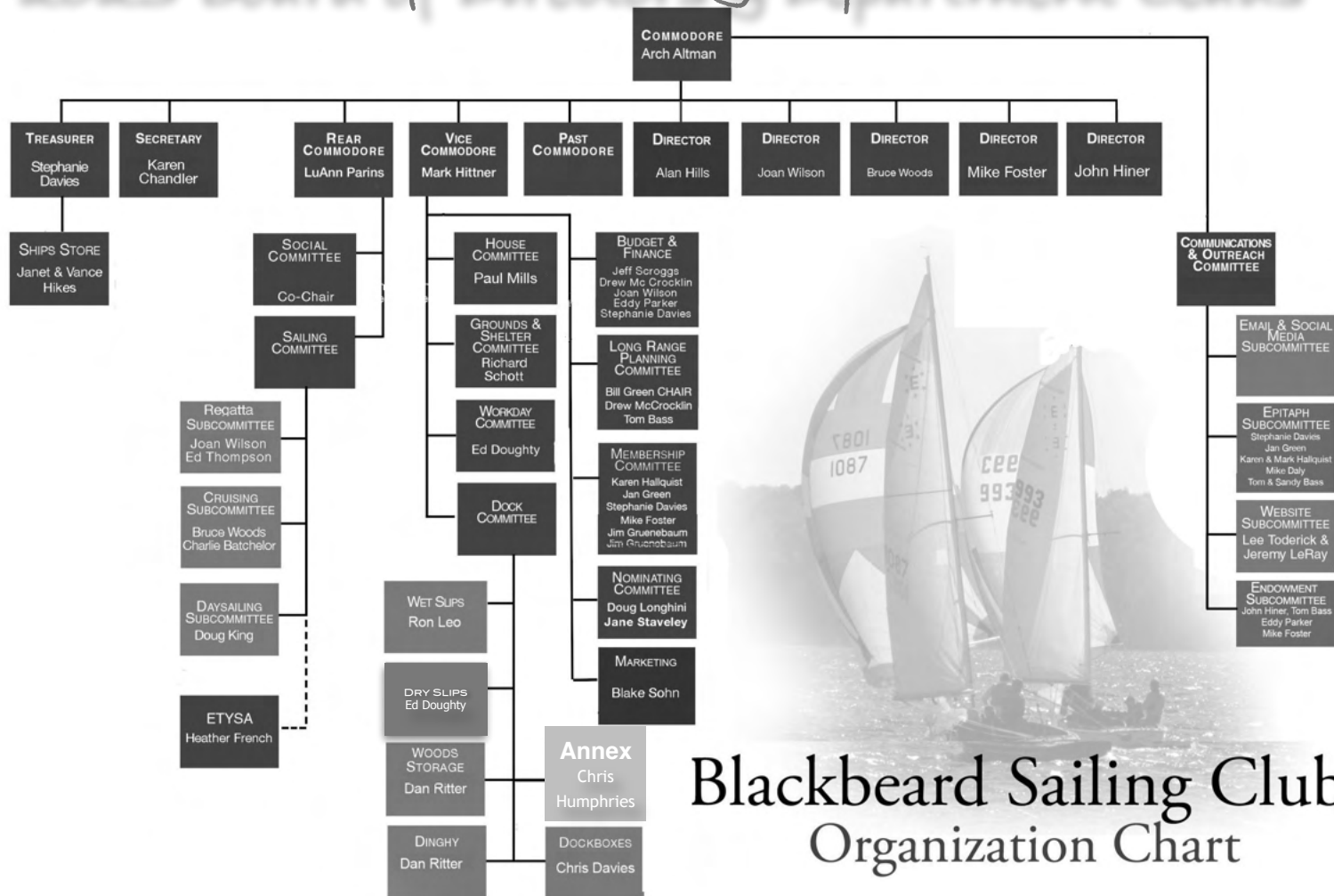
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Miscellaneous:

Date	Day	Club	Event	Location
Apr 13-17	Thurs-Mon		Oriental Boat Show	Oriental NC
Apr 20-23	Thu-Sun		Charleston Race Week	Charleston SC
Jun 5-Jun 30	Mon-Fri	BSC	ETYSA Youth Sailing Camps	New Bern NC
Jul 10-Aug 4	Mon-Fri	BSC	ETYSA Youth Sailing Camps	New Bern NC
TBD	Thu-Sun	FLT 8	SJ-21 Eastern Nationals	TBD
Oct 7-8	Sat-Sun		Mumfest	New Bern NC

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2023 Board of Directors & Department Leads



Blackbeard Sailing Club
Organization Chart

**Volunteers are not paid, not because
they are worthless but because
they are priceless.**

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New Website Map

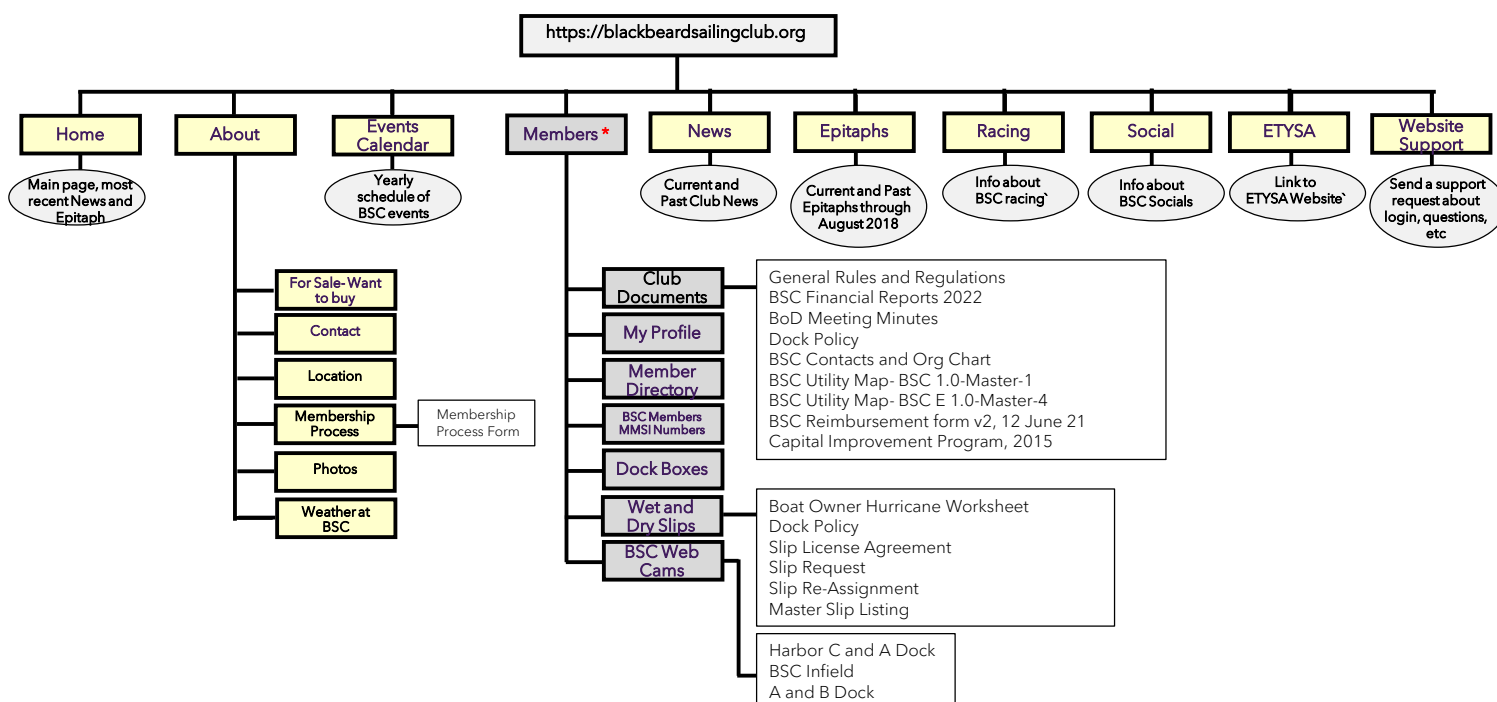
by Lee Toderick

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.



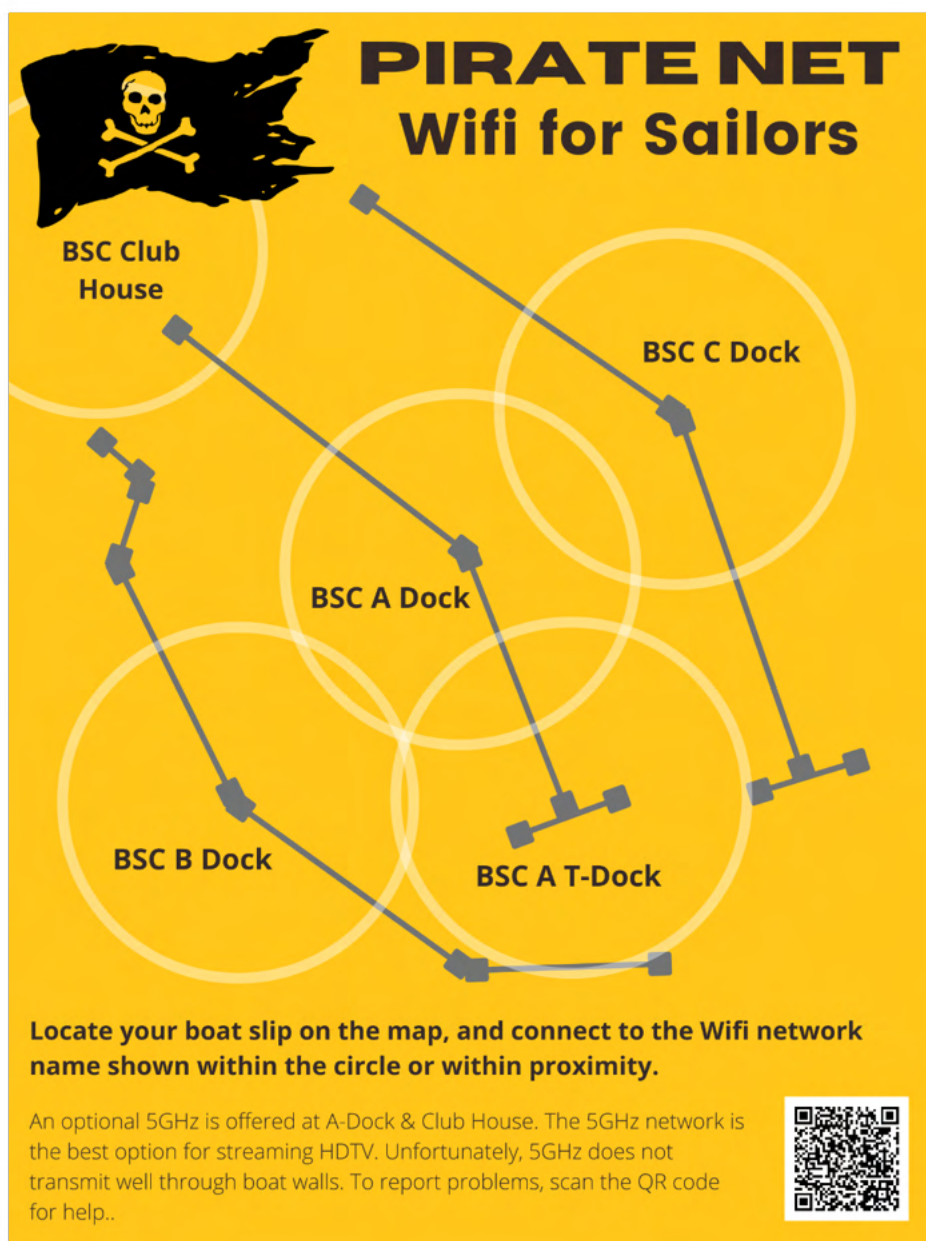
* Members access is restricted- requires login

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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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Nice Work Dave!

Photo by Stephanie Davies



Hey Dave!
When we invited you on the Signal Boat, we didn't
expect you to act as the Leeward mark!

Keep Your Head Up... Dave Phipps!