



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

May 6 - 7

NYRA Cinco de Mayo Regatta

May 13

BOD @ 9:30

May 20

Hurricane Preparedness @ 1:30

May 20 - 21

Sunfish Regional Championship

June 3

BSC Open Boat

June 3 - 4

Dragon's Breath

June 5 - 9

ETYSA Camp #1



Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

Fellow Sailors,

Ahh...Spring!! It's a beauty this year, eh??

Ray Redniss, Ed Thompson and I have recently returned from Charleston Race Week, assisting in Race Management for the event. Great wind and weather, and some fine racing was enjoyed by all!! (Photo above.)

Coming this month: The first event of the newly revived Clark Cup Series - the Cinco de Mayo Regatta - will be held on May 6-7. The Clark Cup is a series of One Design regattas which also includes the Blackbeard Springtime Regatta on June 10-11, and the Blackbeard Gurganus Regatta on August 26-27.

The Sunfish Fleet will hold its Eastern Regional Championship at Blackbeard on May 20-21.

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From the Commodore -Race Week Pictures!

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If you want to race your larger boat, the Fun Sails continue on a mid-weekly basis, as well as some Saturdays. Contact Joan Wilson for more information. The Saturday racing is on the Blackbeard website calendar.

The warming weather is also spurring cruising activity. Contact Scott Huddle for more information on planned trips. There is also a white board under the clubhouse with this information.

Fair winds and smooth seas!

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Mates,

As Hurricane Season approaches, many members (both new and old) have requested information regarding BSC's hurricane protocol and proper methods & options.

-hurricane-

Whether you are a trailer sailor, or a larger boat anchoring out or hauling out it is important that your Hurricane Plan is current and that you and your boat are prepared on short notice in the event a Hurricane warning is declared for Craven County.

The club will therefore conduct a **Hurricane Preparedness Seminar** on **SATURDAY, MAY 20TH, 1:30PM** in the clubhouse.

Charlie Batchelor & Tom Foster, two members who are mighty experienced in this regard have volunteered to conduct the seminar.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend, please mark this date on your calendar, we hope to see a good turnout for this important event! NO RSVP REQUIRED!

Thank you in advance and we look forward to seeing you there!!!

Call/email any questions, anytime!

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Ensign Series Enjoys (Mostly) Strong Winds

by Mark Brennesholtz

The Spring Series began March 30 with a whimper in race one when the light air shifted 90 degrees mid-way. PRO Davies shortened the course but finished a race with *Red Stripe* winning. For the second race, the wind was straight upriver in 12-15+, and the long fetch created quite a chop. Lots of spray that even a good foredeck crew couldn't prevent the helmsman from getting wet. *Blue Note* won the second race, and then racing was called due to excess wind. *Long Shot* had a traveler gear failure, so she dropped out of the second race.

April 6 was almost a repeat, but after the first start was abandoned in glassy conditions, the wind shifted and picked up from downriver again. PRO Redniss moved all the marks and again the chop picked up. Three of us (missing *Long Shot*) all continued with #1 genoas to power through the white caps. *Red Stripe* took race one with *Blue Note* overlapped. *Raptor* was third. On *Blue Note*, we had winches that were only clicking randomly, and the added pressure on the cam cleats tore one of them out. From then on, tacking and cross winching was the rule but not always successful.

The second race was a carbon copy, except that *Blue Note* sneaked by *Stripe* on the final spin run for the win. Close to the deadline for beginning a third race, the fleet decided to go, and it was similar to the one before except that *Blue Note* finished comfortably ahead.

April 13 was also a good day for racing, and we completed three. Team *Red Stripe* won race one, followed by *Raptor*. *Blue Note* (winches repaired) was third, ahead of *Long Shot* (also repaired). *Blue Note* won the second and third races, and *Stripe* took seconds. April 20 races were abandoned due to lack of wind. The standings as of April 20 have *Blue Note* still slightly ahead of *Red Stripe* with four firsts, three seconds and a throw-out.



Sighting Ensigns along the starting line on April 13. From left, *Raptor*, *Red Stripe* & *Blue Note* (Stephanie Davies photo).

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Photos: Chris Davies



Close run to the leeward mark.

Blue Note lags behind *Red Stripe* & *Raptor*. We closed the gap on the next lap but still came in third.



Long Shot prepares to set the chute in a stiff breeze April 13. She had a mechanical failure a little later and missed a week of racing.



Ensign *Red Stripe* beats into the chop. They won this race, and a third race was cancelled due to high winds.

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2023 Cinco de Mayo Regatta



The 2023 Cinco de Mayo Regatta is part of the Inaugural Clark Cup One Design Series. The Clark Cup consists of 3 stand-alone events: (1) The Cinco de Mayo Regatta (May 6-7); (2) The Blackbeard Spring One Design Regatta (June 10-11); and (3) The Blackbeard Gurganus One Design Regatta (August 26-27). Boats that compete in all 3 Regattas are eligible to compete for their Class Series Championship. Boats in classes of 5 or more will be eligible for the overall Clark Cup Trophy.

Cinco de Mayo registration closes on May 3rd.

[Registration Link](#)

"All BSC members are invited to join in the Mexican dinner on Saturday night. To sign up and pay the \$20.00 fee for dinner and adult beverages, please use the RegattaNetwork registration link."

[Dinner Link](#)

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Easter Gathering at BSC - 2023



Thirty BSC members and their guests met at our clubhouse on Easter Day to enjoy a ham dinner buffet. Mary Hittner baked home-made dinner rolls; and, as always, everyone brought delicious sides to fill the table. The Easter bunnies, (yes, two of them!) showed up in the form of two beautiful twin cakes, also created by Mary Hittner. YUM! We enjoyed each other's company and nobody left hungry. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the occasion. Many more fun times are ahead of us at Blackbeard Sailing Club with the upcoming season, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Deb Burrington Mills



Mary Hittner's home made Bunny Cakes. Well done, Mary!

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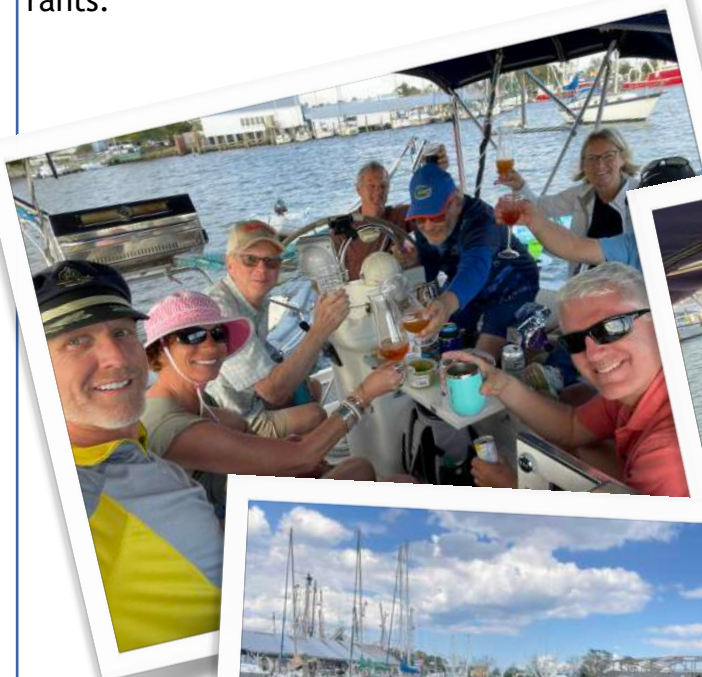
Photo by Charlie Batchelor

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

CRUISING FORWARD *by Scott Huddle & Jeff Tsai*

Oriental Cruise

So, whether you chose to cruise to Oriental or drive there, we all met up for what was a great weather weekend! Some of us anchored, rafted boats together, or got a slip. The Annual Boat Show offered opportunities to tour boats, and street vendors had many items for sale. The evening entertainment began at 5 o'clock on *Methuselah*. Spending time with friends while watching the sunset was unforgettable. The evening continued with a lively band playing at The Tiki Bar. Plenty of good eats were enjoyed at one of Oriental's restaurants.



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Splice the Main Brace

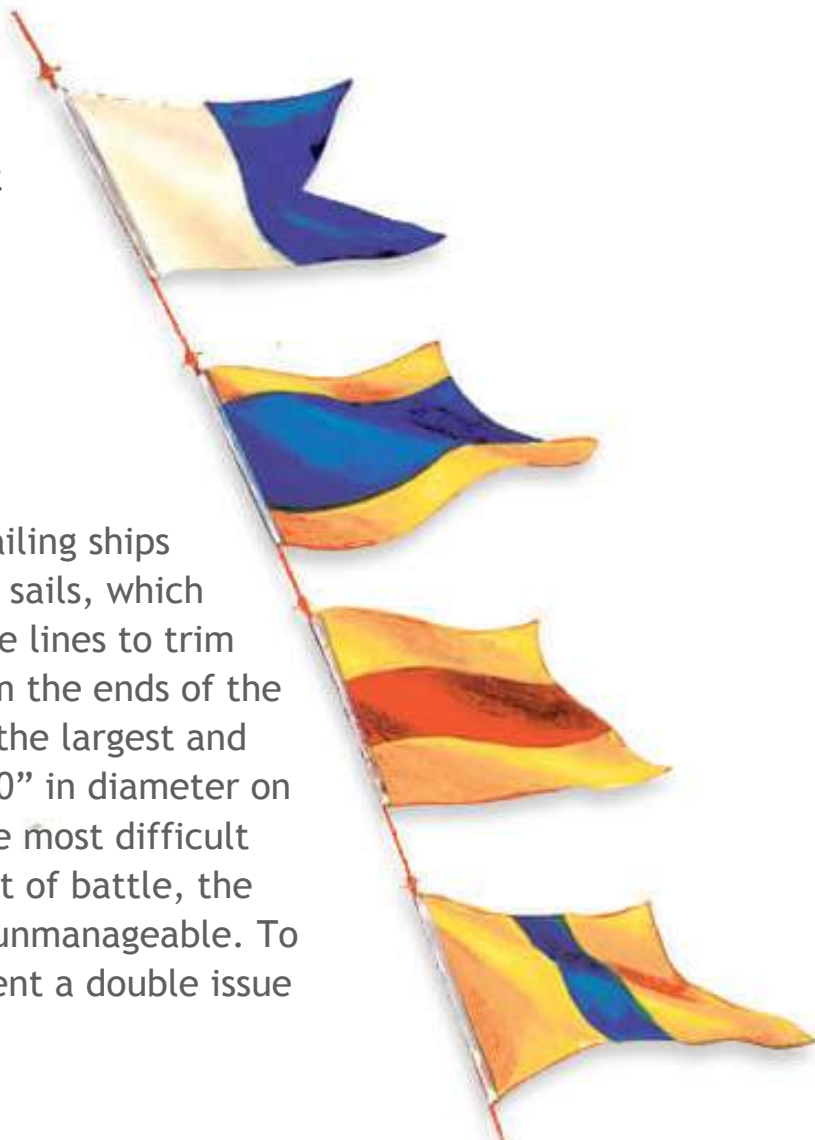
by Chris Davies

You may have seen these flags flying at Blackbeard lately... and have asked what they mean... well here is the story.

“Splice the Main Brace!”... The great sailing ships were propelled only by the wind in their sails, which were attached to spars called yards. The lines to trim the sails were called braces and ran from the ends of the yards to the deck. The main brace was the largest and heaviest of all the rigging, being up to 20” in diameter on the big ships. To splice it was one of the most difficult tasks on the ship. Sometimes in the heat of battle, the braces were shot away making the ship unmanageable. To those who ***“Spliced the Main Brace”*** went a double issue of rum.

It became customary to always ***“Splice the Main Brace”*** after battle, always after victory, and to reward a ship's crew, or sometimes the entire fleet, with the order to ***“Splice the Main Brace!”***, which meant a double issue of rum for a job well done. The ritual was always preceded by hoisting the flag signal to ***“Splice the Main Brace!”***. In recent times, to say to a friend, ***“Let's Splice the Main Brace!”*** is akin to saying

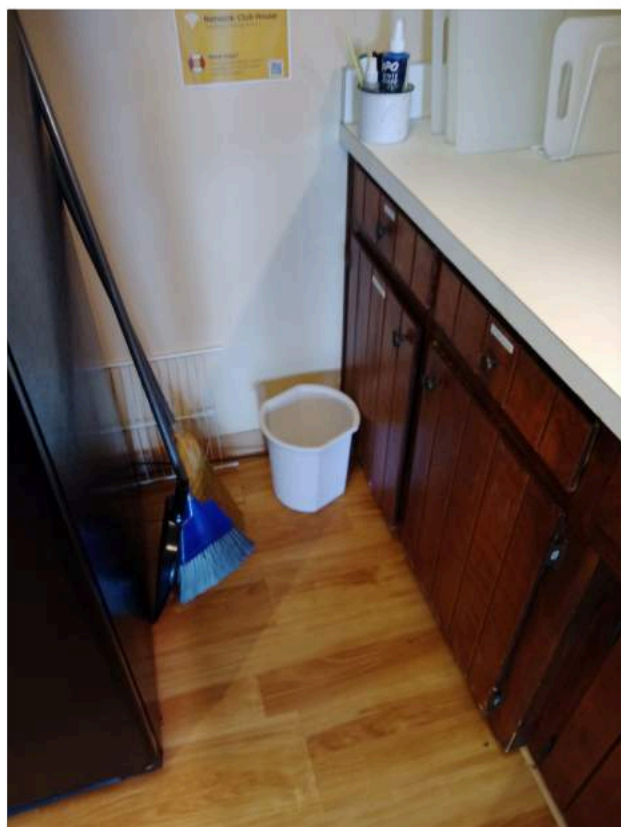
“Let's have a drink!”.



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Did You Know???

Clean dish towels are located bottom cabinet and drawer left of sink. Also, the white small trash can left of sink is for the dirty dish towels. See photos.



Did you know there is no scheduled maintenance on the dishwasher. It was cleaned with vinegar this week to remove calcium deposits. The food trap was completely filled with mushrooms. It would be most helpful to clean all food scraps off and quick rinse prior to loading in dishwasher. Thank you.

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Welcome New Blackbeard Members

John & Betsy Bucking



John:

Born in '41, moved to upstate NY right after the war, went to U. of Maine, class of '63, spent two years as a commissioned officer in the Army Security Agency, joined Merrill Lynch as an investment executive in '65, attended Merrill Lynch Training School and NYU Stern School of Finance, '66.

Practiced through E.F. Hutton & Co. in Glens Falls, N.Y., for ten years then went into private portfolio practice, retiring in '17.

Sailing experience: 1981 passage Tampa/St. Pete to Key West and back. 1984 Great Circle from Lake Champlain into the St. Lawrence River, to the Gulf

of St. Lawrence to Prince Edward Island (via Madeleine Islands). Thence to Port Hawkesbury and Nova Scotia, along its south coast to Cape Sable, to Marblehead, Mass., U.S., down to Newport, to the Hudson River, back up to Lake Champlain, over the course of two years.

In 1983 I attended J World in San Diego for a week, then back to Lake George to race a newly acquired J 24, which lasted four seasons with the Lake George Club and the local Corinthians, a Wednesday night bunch of racing crazies

Betsy:

I was born & raised in Glens Falls, NY, and our family spent our summers at our seasonal "camp" on Lake George, NY. There we raced Alcort Sunfishes & Sailfishes in the 1960s with the many kids in the bay. Later, as a student at University of Vermont, I spent a summer with two college friends racing Lightning class boats on the New England circuit. Graduated from UVM, Class of 1975, with a degree in Social Work.

Throughout my subsequent career I developed, implemented and administered progressive, integrative programs for adults with a wide range of medical, developmental, intellectual and psychiatric diagnoses... so many truly inspiring and courageous individuals who enriched my life. I am grateful.

John & I met skiing in VT in 1983 (cliche?), enjoyed sailing his J-24 during our courtship that spring, and married in April 1984. Ours was instantly a blended family as John came with his young son and ancient black lab. Our two shared children came along in the next few years.

Our little family, along with various pets, goats and chickens, lived on the little 8 acre "farm" just outside Glens Falls, NY until all of the kids had left the nest & I retired. We initially moved in 2017 to Sedona, AZ as all of the kids had moved west of the Mississippi, and we were ready to escape the Adirondack winters.

Since then, we have bounced between Sedona and Montana (our first grandchild), finally landing in Fairfield Harbour in September 2022. We have appreciated being warmly welcomed by neighbors and new friends, many of whom encouraged our interest in membership at Blackbeard Sailing Club.

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Welcome New Blackbeard Members

Hello BSC!

We are Rob and Minta Fannon. We lived for 40 years in Kingsport, Tennessee where we worked as a Food Broker and Art teacher and raised our 3 children. We sailed on beautiful Watauga Lake in the mountains of East Tennessee. We bought our "retirement" boat here in 2015 at Northwest Creek Marina, looking forward to broadening our boating experience. When we sold our house in 2020 COVID was in full swing and we had no plan for where we wanted to resettle so we moved aboard "Caroline", our Catalina 42. We've spent the last 3 years as liveaboards traveling the East Coast ICW- with a visit each year to the Chesapeake to see the grandkids.

We came to Northwest Creek Marina to spend the winter and ended up buying a house here in Fairfield Harbour on Mona Passage. During the time that we traveled we met so many wonderful boaters and look forward to new friends and boating adventures at BSC.

Rob & Minta Fannon



Phillip & Debbie McLean



Phillip and Debbie McLean are both from North Carolina. Debbie grew up in Warrenton. Phillip comes from Morehead City. He held a Coast Guard Master License and has crewed on private motor yachts. As a young person he spent most summers in a small sailboat on Bogue Sound. They discovered each other when taking dance lessons in 1993 and Debbie was introduced to coastal life. She completed a Coast Guard navigation course while they finished construction of their 47 ft sailboat. She put her new knowledge to use standing watch as they cruised for a year in the Caribbean. Phillip is a licensed general contractor and home inspector. Debbie is a retired employee benefit specialist. They have a home in Wake County and are currently completing a rehab project of their newest acquisition in Bridgeton.

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Henry Frazer

I was born and raised in Greensboro, NC. My passion for boats and being on the water began at the age of nine when my parents bought a 28' Columbia. Two years later they moved up to a 38' Soverel and, as a family, cruised the Bahamas, Bermuda, New England, and the Chesapeake Bay waters.

Since childhood, my focus has been on fulfilling my dreams of working, playing, and living on the water, along with receiving my Coast Guard 50-Ton Masters License.

I attended Oak Ridge Military Academy, a college-preparatory military school in Guilford County, NC. In 1986, I received a Bachelor of Science degree from East Carolina University. While attending ECU, I restored cruising boats, built dinghies, and taught sailing lessons at Oriental School of Sailing along with running 45' charter boats. After graduating from ECU, I spent a year sailing to and from the Bahamas and Virgin Islands.

In 1983, I began racing various boats from Oriental to New Bern, NC, such as, J Boats 24, 27, and 80, Sunfish, C&C 36, Carrera 290, and Etchells.

I've participated in local Regattas on the Neuse River, Pamlico Sound, and surrounding waters, achieving four national championships. I've also participated in long distance racing from Port Heron to Mackinaw Island in the Great Lakes aboard a J 120.

I've been Campaigning Etchells for fourteen years and, during this time, was appointed Board Member of International Etchells Class.

From 1987 to 2009, I worked for Triton Yacht Sales as a Broker. Currently, I'm the owner/ operator of Sailcraft Marina and Oriental Yacht Sales and the co-owner/operator of Whittaker Pointe Marina.

I'm a past Commodore of the Oriental Dinghy Club. I was a volunteer fireman with Southeast Pamlico Fire Department from 1989 to 2011. I currently hold the following positions:

- First Citizen Board of Directors
- Heartworks Board of Directors
- Oriental Dinghy Club Board of Directors
- Coastal Carolina Regional Airport Commission
- Southeast Pamlico Fire Department President

My passion is fly fishing. I'm rarely without a fly rod in the back of my SUV. My hobbies are fishing, snow skiing, and racing sailboats. I have two daughters, Bonnie and Ella. Bonnie has recently been accepted into the Naval Academy and aspires to be on the Academy's Sailing Team. Both have considerable experience with boats and have won various races.



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Welcome New Blackbeard Members

William Rathbun & Carol Stone



William (Bill):

Born on Lake Michigan. Raised in Tidewater Virginia. Lived in North Carolina since 1967 (Raleigh, Sanford, Greenville) and in New Bern for eight. Attended North Carolina State University both for undergraduate and graduate degrees. Additional graduate degree was earned from East Carolina University. I was lucky to have taught at both universities. The rest of my professional career was spent as an Industrial Designer mostly in the Research Triangle area doing product development. I also spent some time working for Grady White Boats and North American Fiberglass while living in Greenville. I have had two significant retirement jobs. First, as a USCG licensed captain, 50-ton Master, I ran my own American Sailing Association affiliate sailing school in Raleigh and New Bern for fifteen years. Since that time, I attended Chapman's School of Seamanship to earn my credentials as a marine surveyor. And as a member of SAMS and ABYC, I am in my third season practicing as a professional yacht surveyor.

I have a lifetime partner, Carol Anne Stone, with whom I have been with for ten years. I have two grown children, Kathryn who is a writer, film maker and stand-up comic and has been living and working in New City for nearly eleven years. Winston is an audio engineer trained at 34th and Broadway and lived and worked in New York City for nine years. He now resides in Raleigh with his lovely wife, Hannah. Oh, yes, let's not forget Bailee, our nine year old Old English Sheepdog. She is in every way an integral part and joy in our lives.

For the lack of space on my Blackbeard application, I did not list all my boats. I have a few left over from my Sailing School days including a mid-seventies 23 ft Ericson, a 1981 Flying Scot, an early 80's Cape Dory Typhoon and two Herreshoff Amercia cat boats. Carol and I plan to reduce the fleet to two vessels, no doubt the Ericson and Flying Scot.

Our interest in becoming members of Blackbeard is really pretty simple. We live in the "hood" and Blackbeard is simply a logical, wonderful environment and community for us to spend our lives doing the things we love. First, it is not the boats and the water. It's the people and the sense of community which we would very much like to be a part of, and contribute to in the clubhouse, in the yard, on the docks and on the water. We can see the masts at Blackbeard from our back deck. As members, you can bet we will be spending less time on our deck and joining you on your front deck enjoying the camaraderie, the awesome environment and, yes...the sailing.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of accepting Carol and me as new members.

EDUCATION:

Master of Fine Arts - School of Art / East Carolina University May 1988

Master of Industrial Design - College of Design / North Carolina State University May 1975

Bachelor of Arts - School of Liberal Arts / North Carolina State University May 1973

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Welcome New Blackbeard Members

William Rathbun & Carol Stone (continued)

CERTIFICATIONS:

- United States Coast Guard - Licensed 50 Ton Master (Ret.)
- Graduate: Chapman School of Seamanship - Yacht and Small Boat Surveying
- Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors - Surveyor Associate
- American Boat and Yacht Council -- Certified Advisor
- American Sailing Association - Certified Instructor
- American Sailing Association - Affiliate School Owner (Ret.)
- Boat US - Member
- Boothroyd Dewhurst - Design for Manufacturing Certified

Carol:

Carol Stone here, a Fairfield Harbour Dark Side resident. It took a while to get here, and that story goes like this.

Born and raised in Southern California, I've had two out-of-state living experiences before moving to North Carolina. The first was a seven-year stint in Las Vegas where I went from interviewing applicants for Summa Corporation's non-hotel properties to the maintenance department of the then-known Hughes Aviation Services. From the maintenance department, I became the assistant credit manager, which gave me the opportunity to travel to Alaska, Utah, and Washington State collecting money when our open accounts became overdrawn and past due. Ultimately, I was promoted to credit manager with the responsibility of keeping visiting corporate jets from flying off without paying their bills, which could mean something as innocuous as demanding a wire transfer before authorizing their fly-away or a more drastic measure of chaining open account customers' planes to the flight line.

Returning to Southern California after Las Vegas, I eventually had an opportunity to live in London for six months to help assist Arnold, my then-attorney husband, in an effort to reorganize a Park Lane business client that was floundering. The business did not survive, but living on Mount Street in a basement flat where at the top of the building photographer Eve Arnold lived, museums, shops and palaces all within walking distance, Speaker's Corner at Hyde Park just down the block, and the hustle, bustle and majesty of daily London life was - quite simply - exciting and exhilarating.

Not being able to stay in London longer than six months made coming back to California inevitable. Arnold and I got back to the business of going to the law office every day until the fateful day in 1993 when we visited Emerald Isle, North Carolina, for two weeks.

During that two weeks, we made the decision to move from the West Coast to the East Coast - specifically, the South and Emerald Isle. Although we started out in Emerald Isle, we ended up living in Morehead City on the Newport River. We arrived in August 1993. The law office was opened in 1993 and I worked there until 2006, taking time out in 1999 to work as a commercial realtor. Arnold kept practicing until 2008 when he took a medical retirement.

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Updated PirateNet Wi-Fi at Blackbeard

by Reid Serozi

PIRATE NET



for Sailors



Network: PirateNet
Ranked most reliable



Network: PirateNet_5G
Ideal for streaming



Network: Club House
Dedicated for meetings & events

WiFi Updates



Avast Ye. For those that are docked along the end of "C Dock", PirateNet, WiFi for Sailors, you now have reliable blazing-fast internet access. Thank you for your patience.

Did you know there are now a total of 2 poles along "C Dock" broadcasting a Wi-Fi signal for your internet needs? That is twice the coverage to ensure reliable coverage for all vessels.



Need Help?

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



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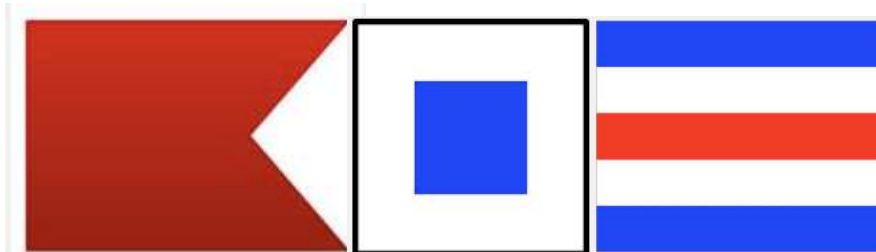
2023 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

Final 12/23/2022

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
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**

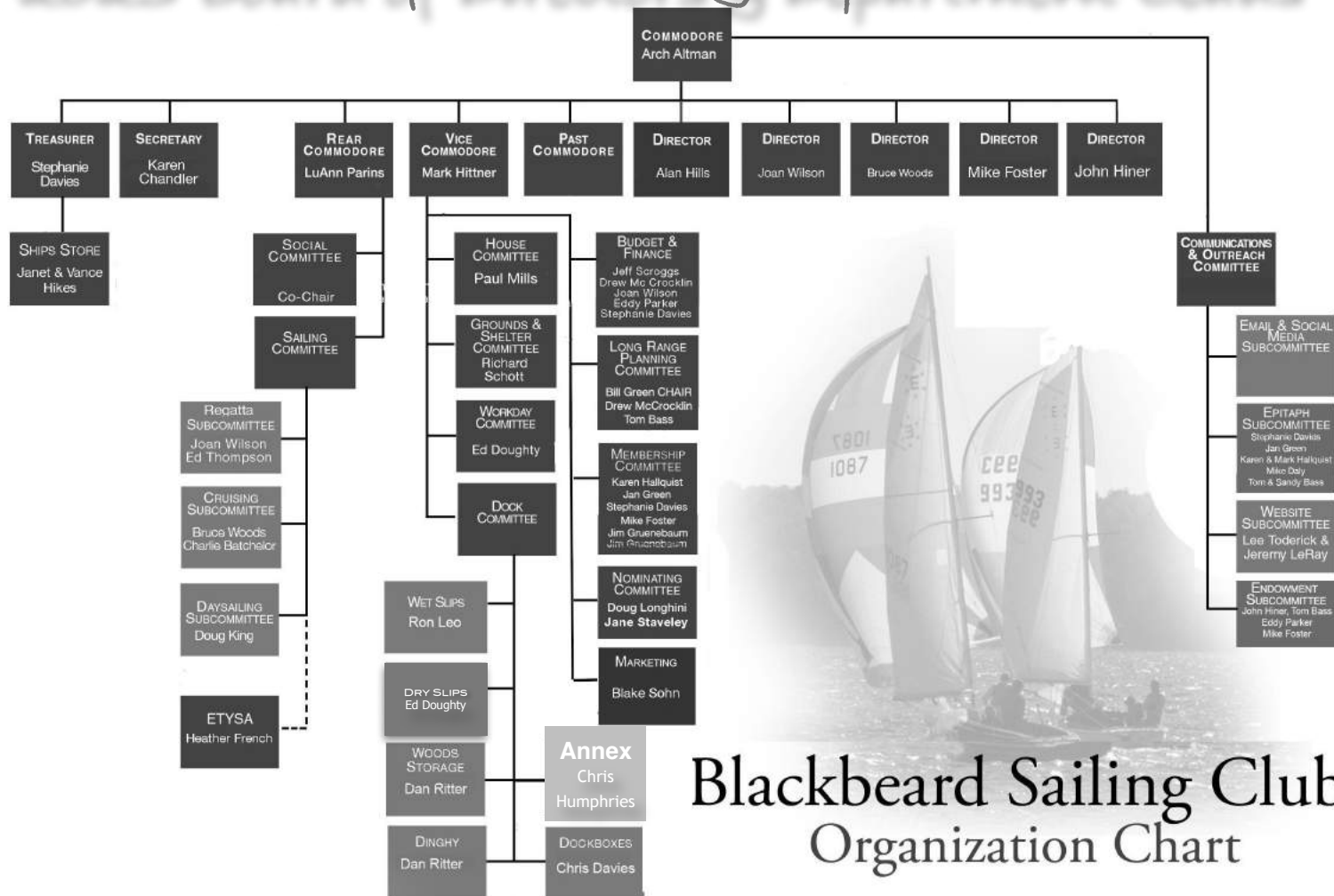
Contact Sonya Dean for info sonyafm@hotmail.com or (919) 271-9899.

Miscellaneous:

Date	Day	Club	Event	Location
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

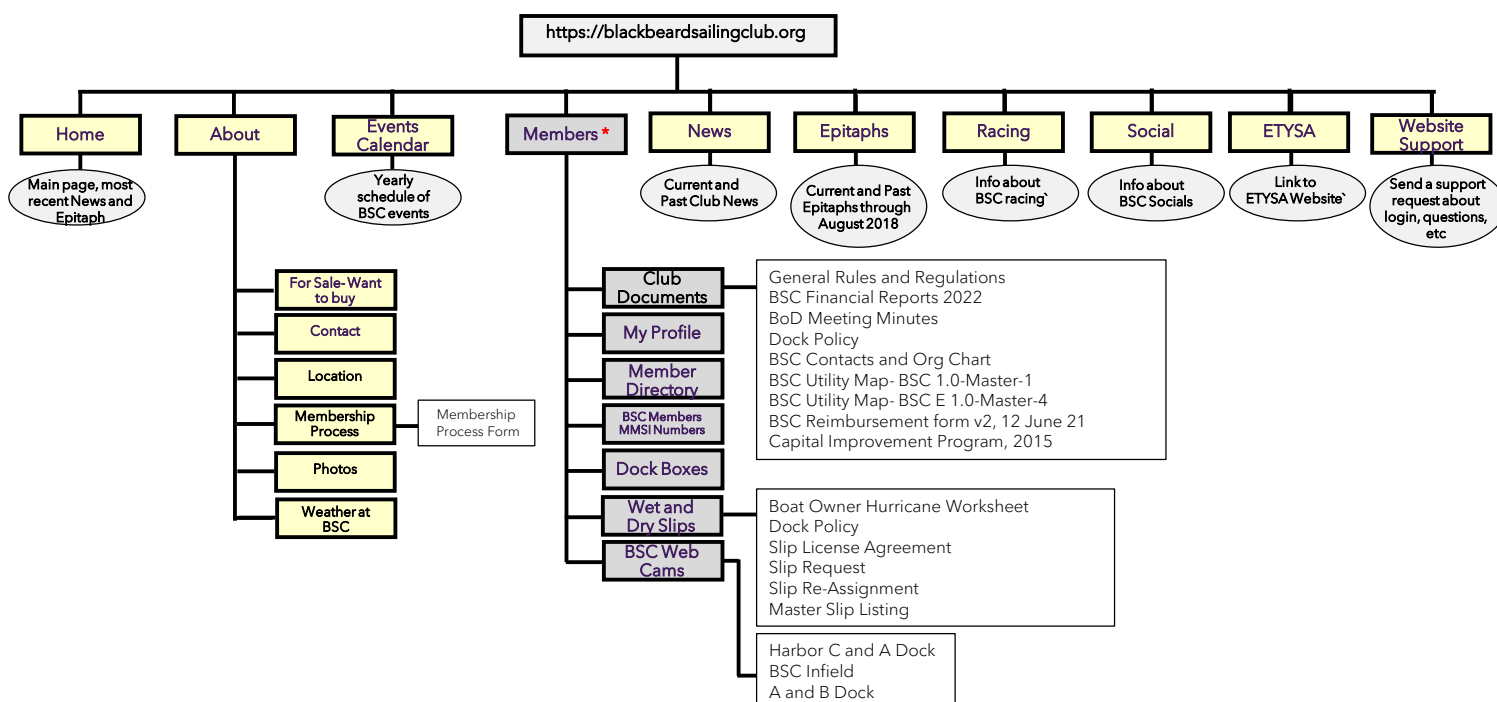
by Lee Toderick

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.

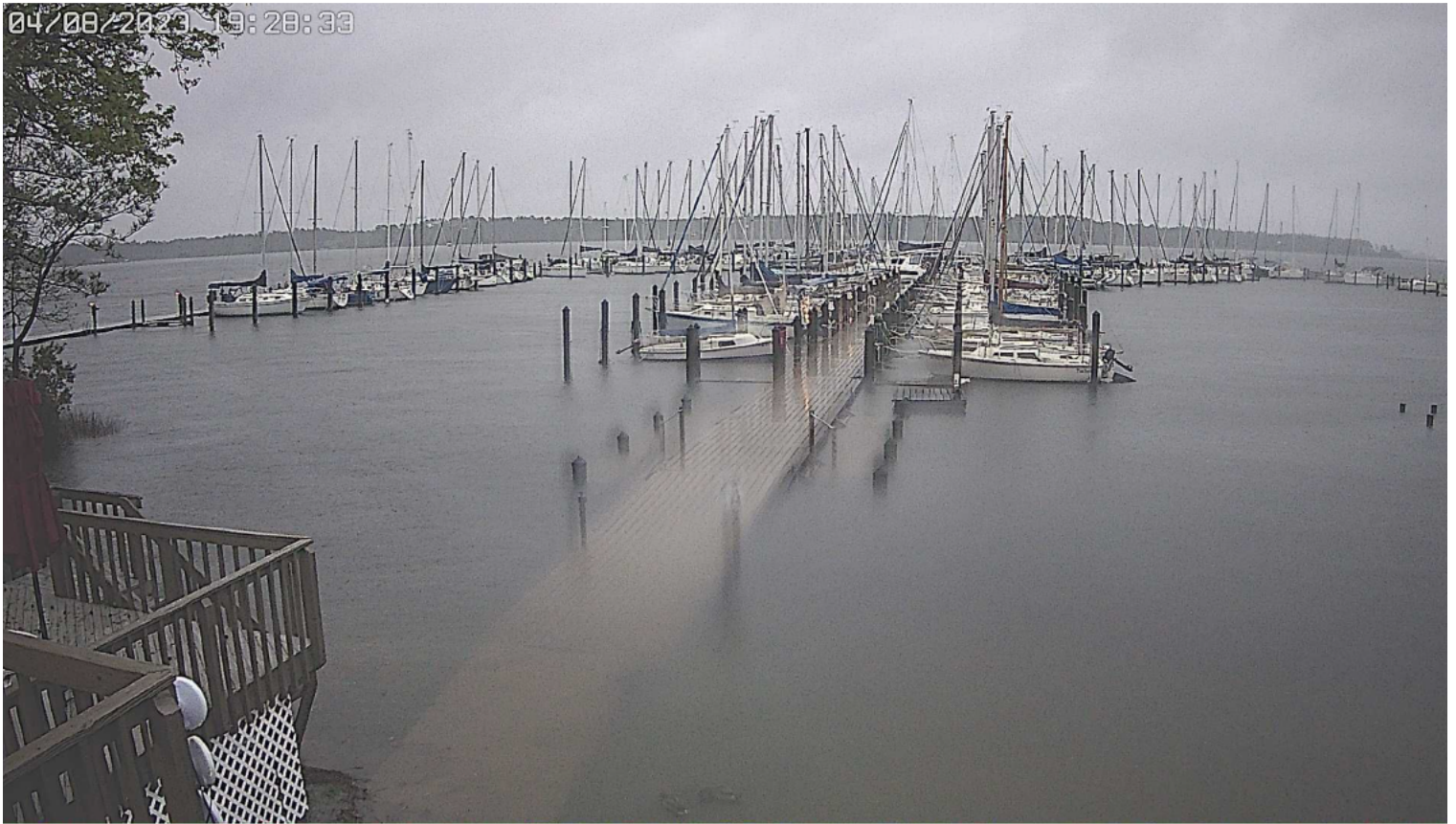
If you can't log into the website, send a website support ticket - Menu option Website Support, then fill out your request and click Submit.



* Members access is restricted- requires login

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Photo of the Month



Easter Nor-Easter

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