



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

August 1 - 4

ETYSA Summer Camp #8

August 12

BOD @ 9:30 AM

August 25 - 27

Gurganus One Design Regatta & Karaoke

September 2

NYRA Beer Stein Regatta

September 9

BOD @ 9:30 AM

September 16 - 17

ETYSA Fund Raiser Regatta

September 29 - 30

Antique Boat Show



Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

Mates!

Summer arrived with a bit of weight on June 29, and it has been hot ever since. The Fourth of July Hot Dog Lunch, well produced by Barbara and Mark West, was a big success again this year!! Thanks so much to them, and to all who assisted!!

ETYSA Summer Camps continue a short bit into August after what has been described as a successful season. Thanks to all the members who volunteer and make the Junior Sailing program a success.

The Parrothead Regatta, another in many informal racing events, was a very enjoyable event, as per the Commodore, who had a ball participating. NYRA's principals organized a great race and social in Oriental. Best hat was by Chris Davies!!

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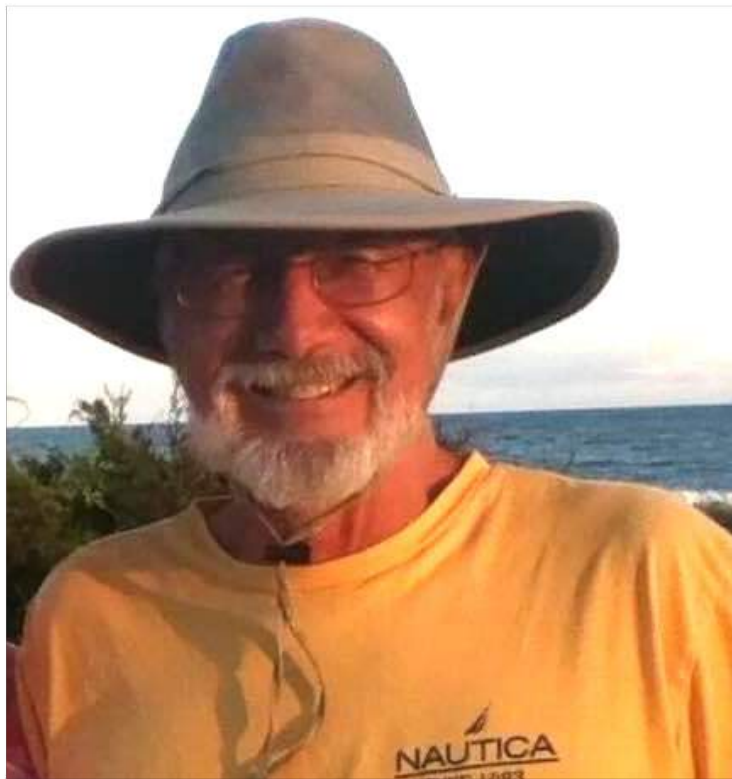
A reminder - elections for Officers and Directors of the Blackbeard Board, and Secretary and Treasurer are upcoming in the Fall. If you are interested in contributing to the management of the Club and its future, consider running for the Board of Directors or an Officer's position as a significant volunteer contribution. Contact Jane Staveley or Charlie Batchelor if you are interested.

Don't forget to review your Hurricane Preparations if you have not already. The heart of the storm season is rapidly approaching.

Stay cool!!

Arch

Dave Whitney



Past Commodore Dave Whitney died peacefully at Vidant Hospital in Greenville accompanied by his wife Gay. He was recuperating from heart bypass surgery performed in June.

Dave was BSC Commodore for two years and successfully sailed his Pearson "Silent Pursuit" for many years in BSC and NYRA races.

He will be missed.

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Blackbeard Policy Communication of Advertisements Mailchimp vs Google Group Mail

Mailchimp Broadcast System

Last Friday, 7/7/23, the Blackbeard Board discussed how advertising between the membership should be handled. This Mailchimp system is used to broadcast (aka Blast) messages regarding policies, sailing activities, meetings, workdays, socials, general information, etc. Advertising, however, has rarely been placed this way.

It was decided that Mailchimp 'Blasts' will not be used for personal advertisements. The Blackbeard Google Group is a more appropriate vehicle for such needs. Anyone can write his/her own requests for crew, how-to, items for sale, etc.

In March, 2022 Drew McCrocklin took over the administration of the BSC Google Group. Below is an update of his message:

Blackbeard Google Group

As many of you know, BSC has a Google Group named Blackbeard Sailing Club Email. The email list currently has over 190 members on it but we have a lot of new members who may not know about the email group. I would like to invite any member to join if interested.

The goal of the list is to provide a way for members to casually communicate with others in the club by email. For example: to find a crew for your next sail, get advice and help on a technical problem, rally a group for an impromptu cruise, sell or seek some unneeded treasure of the bilge, something bigger - even a boat, or any other sailing oriented topic of general club interest. Obviously, as on any other topical forum, please do not engage in potentially controversial non-sailing oriented topics such as politics, rumors, commercial messages, or anything likely to be generally offensive.

If you are a member of the group, you can post messages by sending email to Blackbeard-sailing-club-email@googlegroups.com. You can add this group email address into your contact list to make communicating with everyone easier and avoid junk email filtering.

This is an "opt-in" list so only those who want to get the emails receive them. If you are not currently a member of the group and wish to join, simply send me an email requesting membership at andrew.mccrocklin@mac.com and I will add your email address to the group. Conversely, if you are currently a member and no longer wish to receive the emails, just send me a note and I will remove you.

Drew McCrocklin
andrew.mccrocklin@mac.com

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Blackbeard Nomination Process Starting for 2024 Officers and Board of Directors

by Jane Staveley

Recruiting of candidates to run for the elected positions in BSC governance for 2024 continues! Elected offices include two Board of Director positions (2-year terms) as well as Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer. You can refer to the Club By-Laws and the committee structure listed in the Epitaph for the responsibilities of each of the positions. Essentially, the duty of the elected Board is to work with the members to formulate the present and future direction of the Club.

Think of the services and facilities BSC has provided to you and then ask, "Is it time for me to run? How can I best serve BSC?" We are a self-help club and require a dedicated slate of officials to continue to operate in this manner. Many of the longstanding members have served now and in the past. We certainly welcome newer members to step forward and contribute their time and effort to the success of our organization. The nominating committee has been/will be actively recruiting individuals to run for election to these positions and intends to have a full slate of candidates by the end of August. We will be collecting interest statements and bios of the candidates for publication in the September Epitaph, with voting during the month of October.

Express your interest in running for any of the open positions to the Nominating Committee members listed below. If you have questions, please ask.

Note: If you are interested in volunteering for any committees or sub-committees (i.e., non-elected positions), you can let us know that and we will pass your name along to the appropriate people.

Many Thanks.

Jane Staveley, Member 919-961-0987 jstaveley@nc.rr.com

Charlie Batchelor, Member 919-345-6189 cbgatorman@yahoo.com



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ETYSA

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Dear BCS Members,

ETYSA (Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association) is looking for a volunteer to be part of the Board of Directors. If you are passionate about youth sailing, building a strong camp foundation and advancing our more mature sailors, then this could be the position for you. We are heading into a new era and want ETYSA to remain a positive addition to the Blackbeard Sailing Club.

Please reach out to ETYSA directly at our email etysacamp@gmail.com or call me on my cell 919-606-6494 for more information.

Thank you for the consideration,

Jill Fidgeon

President Board of Directors for ETYSA

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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*

I hope everybody is having a wonderful summer. It is hard to believe there are only four cruises left for the year. Please see below for the upcoming schedule of cruises. Hope you're able to join us!

Next cruises:



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

Questions -- Contact:

Scott Huddle, scott.c.huddle@gmail.com

Jeff Tsai, tsaiapex25@gmail.com

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by Mark & Barbara West

July 4th Luncheon

Eighty-two intrepid members braved the 108 degree heat-index temperatures to attend the BSC Fourth of July luncheon this year. Brats and frankfurters were featured along with coleslaw, potato salad, and chips with ice cream sundaes, cookies and watermelon for dessert. Thanks to the clubhouse crew, which included Karen Powers, Pam Gaskill, Stephanie Davies, Joan Wilson, Lisa Rosindale, Connie Kern and Raye Lynn Longhini. Jim Powers and Dean Norris helped with setup and Janet and Vance Hikes with planning. Joanne Doughty delivered the blessing. Paul Mills made sure we had access to the equipment we needed in Willy's room. Special thanks to "grill masters" Doug Longhini and Cliff Lennox who endured the stifling heat to prepare the brats and franks.



Photos by Connie Kern

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by Eddy Parker

Race for the Rum Punch - Also Known as the Parrothead Regatta

If it is July with heat indexes in the 100s and thunderstorms are a regular visitor to the river, then all thoughts turn to the annual NYRA Parrothead Regatta. This event is a one-way sail to Oriental for Bill and Tinka Talbert's world-renowned rum punch with its top-secret recipe. Better yet, as Bill has been known to say, I hope you like it 'cause I'll never make it again (there is no recipe).

The race is a pursuit start race, which means the handicap is calculated based on the theoretical distance of the race and everyone should finish at the same time. Although this never happens, it is a good thought. The rating range was Chris Humphries with a PHRF of 300 to Ty Sayman with a PHRF of 90, meaning there was an hour between when the first boat started and the last boat left. Winds were forecast to be 2-3 out of the NW, which means most people would probably make it to Marker 11 before starting their motor and getting on down to the party. Luckily, much like a lot of forecasts this year, the forecast was wrong. A small storm skirted the racecourse just as we were getting started and the first couple of hours of racing saw winds of 5-12 knots out of the SE, eventually dying off to 3-5 knots. Temperatures were in the low 80's, so it was a beautiful day for a sail in late July.



Lighter boats with smooth bottoms, optimized for going to weather are favored in these conditions. The expression "horses for courses" comes to mind. Ed Doughty on [Bad Fish](#) passed all boats by Minnesott Beach and took first overall, followed by *Deuces Wild* and *Mighty Fine 2.0*. As for the rest of the fleet, at some point you have to ask yourself if you really care about winning a pickle dish and missing the party. First quitter was Billy Starr on *Patience*, who called on the radio to say he had run out of patience and was starting his motor. I asked if the real reason was his granddaughter just wanted to get to the pool, and immediately a high pitched yessssssssssss was broadcast on the radio. Once the first domino fell, others soon followed. I was racing aboard Ty Sayman's *Moondance*, and we made it to marker 1AC, but it was 4:30 and the winds were down to 3 knots. We were looking at a long slow drift across the river, so we were the final quitters of the day, motoring into Oriental for the punch.

This race has been a tradition on the Neuse for 30 years, so the town of Oriental knows what to expect. First a bunch of hot sailors turn the pool into Caddy Day from Caddyshack (if you know, you know). Then we gathered on the lawn by the docks for rum punch and bar kung fu.

Sunday dawned nice and cool again for the sail back to New Bern. Paul Mills on Vertical Wing was able to fly his spinnaker from Oriental to Marker 2 at the entrance to Broad Creek. The cool weather couldn't last forever in July, and as I type this, we are back to the regular 105-degree heat index days. Fortunately, for the weekend, we couldn't have asked for better conditions to enjoy some sailing and camaraderie on the river.

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Race for the Rum Punch

Photos by Debbie Mills



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News from the Social Committee: Upcoming events at BSC

Mark your calendars for several social events coming in the next few months. On Saturday evening, **August 26**, we will have a karaoke party led by Scott and Donna Wade, who have so successfully run this event for New Year's Eve at BSC. There is no charge to attend and no registration, just bring your own refreshments. More details to come.

Also on **August 26**, members are invited to join the Gurganus One-Design Regatta racers for dinner. Dinner will require registration and there will be a charge; look for information on signing up to come soon.

Saturday, **September 9** sees the return of one of our favorite events – the Shrimparoo! Boats will gather on the water to share yummy fresh local shrimp and side dishes. Stay tuned for more details! If you are available to assist with this event, please contact Connie Kern.

Submitted by the Social Committee co-chairs:

Connie Kern (serene.health.reflexology@gmail.com)

Jane Staveley (jstaveley@nc.rr.com)

Gurganus One Design Regatta, August 26 - 27



The final regatta of the 2023 Clark Cup One Design Series is the Gurganus One Design Regatta. We already have 26 boats registered in 6 classes and expect even more for a great turnout!

The event begins Friday, 8/25 with a Welcome cookout at the pavilion for registrants and volunteers, and then a rules seminar, open to all, at 6:15 in the clubhouse.

Saturday, after racing, there will be a wonderful dinner, with tickets available for members that aren't racing. See a signup sheet in the clubhouse soon. After the dinner there will be a karaoke party, open to all!

Come on out; it's going to be a great event!

To see the NOR and register, go to: www.regattanetwork.com/event/26200

Register

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Did You Know...???

by Paul Mills & Chris Davies

As seen in the picture, the kitchen isn't going to clean itself.

Please rinse, wash, dry and put away your dishes...
Don't leave them for others.

Your mother is not a member!!



Did You Know...???

I don't know if you've noticed, but there is a gathering every Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 pm on our beautiful upper deck. It's a come as you may, bring YOB and something to share kind of informal gathering.



What makes it so perfect is the wonderful shade created by Mark Hittner and crew. These "sails" do a great job of shading the sun while at the same time seem to with-

stand pretty strong gusts without failing. It's a wonderful design and created from scratch at an amazing low cost.

Come and join in the fun and companionship and thanks again to Mark Hittner, Cliff Lennox, Vance Hikes and Paul Mills for the wonderful shade.



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Did You Know...???

by Charlie Batchelor & Chris Davies

...that BSC has changed their ice supplier? The new supplier gives you more ice for your buck. You now get 10 lbs instead of 7 lbs...all for the same price of \$2 per bag. That's almost a 30% increase for the same price!! (The actual price per bag the Club pays is \$2.35, but your generous club makes up the difference.)

Here's the small print...you need to pay for it. Some members ignore the process and just take a bag or two, others use the ice from the refrigerator in the kitchen which is a NO-NO, and only for use upstairs or on the deck. Others fill out the form, but don't give the information necessary to be billed without our bookkeeper jumping through hoops to determine who is the actual member responsible.

Here are the requirements:

1. Mark down your last name clearly with at least YOUR FIRST INITIAL.
2. If you don't know your member number, LEAVE IT BLANK. (Your slip number won't do.)
3. If the form is full, don't write in the margins, there are more forms inside the box! Use them!
4. Or... you can put the proper cash in the box.

DATE	NAME	MEMBER NUMBER	QUANTITY @ \$2 EA	TOTAL

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7/22/20	Alex	4063	1	2
7/22/20	Derek	820	1	2
7/22	Insert		3	6
7/22	Staveland	5062	2	4
7/22	Hansen	461	2	4
7/22	Weed		2	4
7/22	Boonig		1	2
7/23	ETUSA		2	4
7/24	ETUSA		1	2
7/25	ETUSA		2	4
7/26	Exusa		1	2
7/27	ETUSA	84	1	2
7/27	Brice C28		2	4
7/28	ETUSA		3	6
7/29	JAMES	D41	2	4
7/29	SDOWN		4	8
7/29	HUST		1	2

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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 and 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 and the video link below. The club is not responsible (nor able) to remove your boat from the harbor.

Our Hurricane Preparedness Seminar was conducted on May 20th as planned. Attendance was very good, with approximately 35-40 in attendance, mostly new members and several old-timers.

Many who could not attend have asked for a video of the event. In addition, we have posted a one-page checklist to highlight some bullet points.

The video of the entire event, and the checklist can be found here: <https://blackbeardsailingclub.org/bsc-hurricane-preparedness-workshop-may-2023/>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Ron Leo
252-665-0572
docks@ronleo.com

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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

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

Club	Club Name	Representative	eMail	Telephone
BTC	Bow To Stern	Mark Fields	markcfields@hotmail.com	(252) 204-6129
BSC	Blackbeard Sailing Club	Arch Altman	raleighwoodcab@aol.com	(919) 306-1567
BSC	Blackbeard Sailing Club	LuAnn Parins	lmparins@gmail.com	(252) 229-6528
ETYSA	Edward Teach Youth Sailing Assn	Heather French	heather.french.massey@gmail.com	(252) 571-0322
FHYC	Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club	Barb Robinson	ribaldness@gmail.com	(715) 781-7737
FLT 8	San Juan Fleet #8	Jeff Thomas	jennjeff@suddenlink.net	(252) 638-1493
FOM	Friends of the Museum (Beaufort)	Brent Creelman	brent@maritimefriends.org	(252) 728-1638
HYC	Hancock Yacht Club	Pete Mack	petermack@coastalnet.com	(252) 229-4940
ICRC	InterClub Race Committee	LuAnn Parins	lmparins@gmail.com	(252)229-6528
NYRA	Neuse Yacht Racing Assn	Clare Brock	commodore@nyra.org	(252) 671-7462
ODC	Oriental Dinghy Club	Bob Slook	bslook@gmail.com	(732) 740-5591
ODC	Oriental Dinghy Club	Todd Cox	toddcoxvt@gmail.com	(802) 999-7572
PSC	Pamlico Sailing Club	Elizabeth Betts	velella6@hotmail.com	(252) 524-1213
SCOO	Sailing Club of Oriental	Rick Fears	rickfears42@yahoo.com	(916) 759-9546

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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

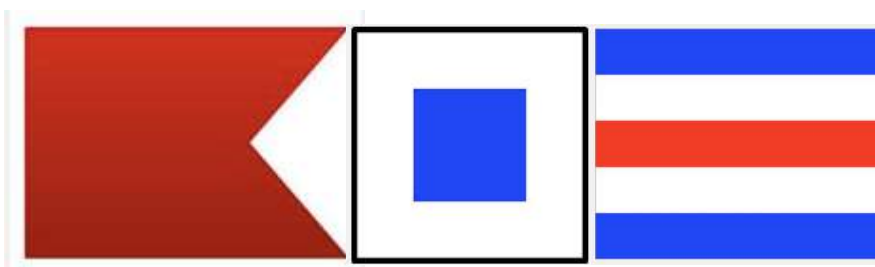
Contact Sonya Dean for info sonyafm@hotmail.com or (919) 271-9899.

>Harkers Island Regatta - Jul 15, 2023

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

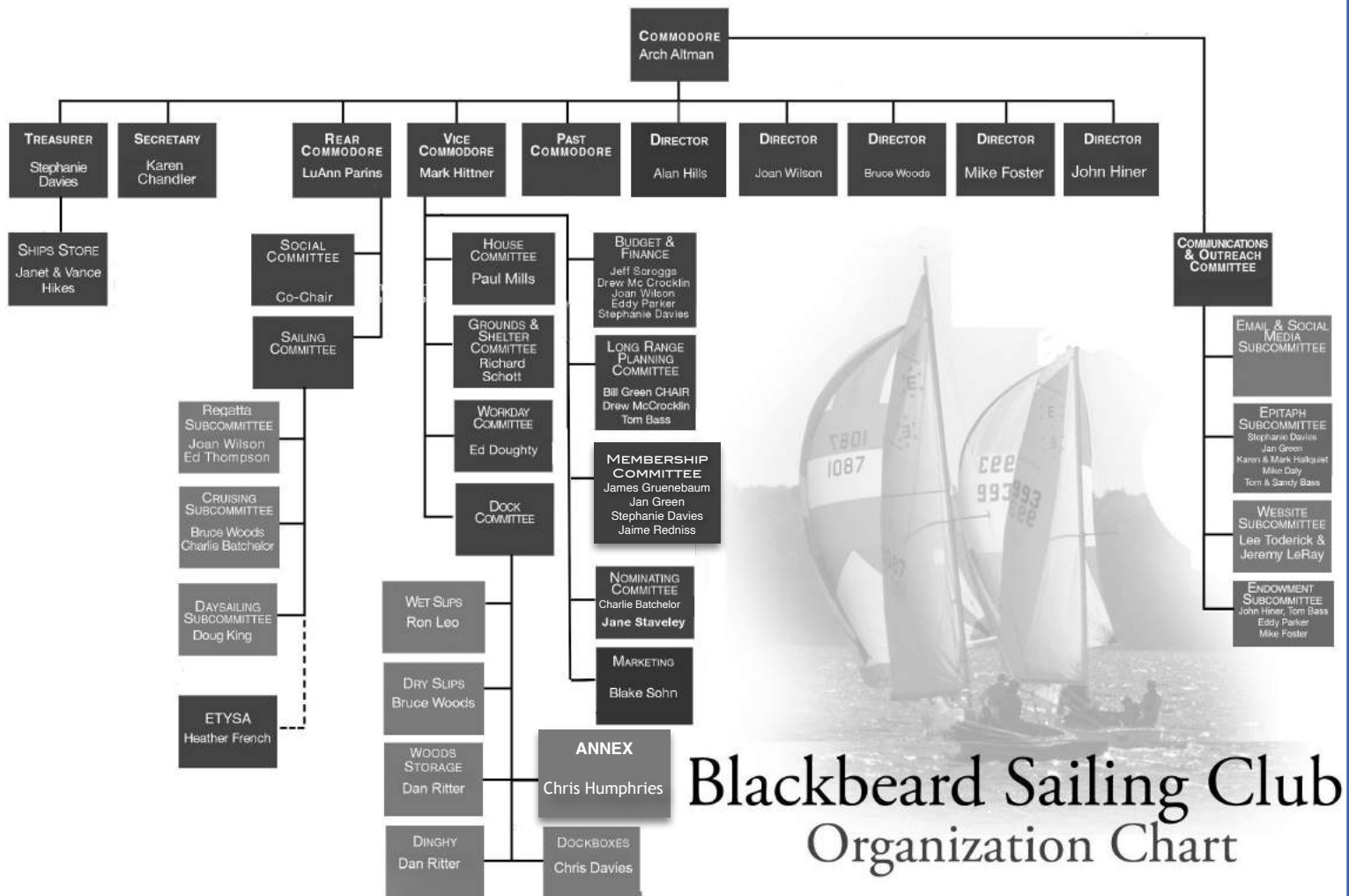
Miscellaneous:

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



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

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New Website Map

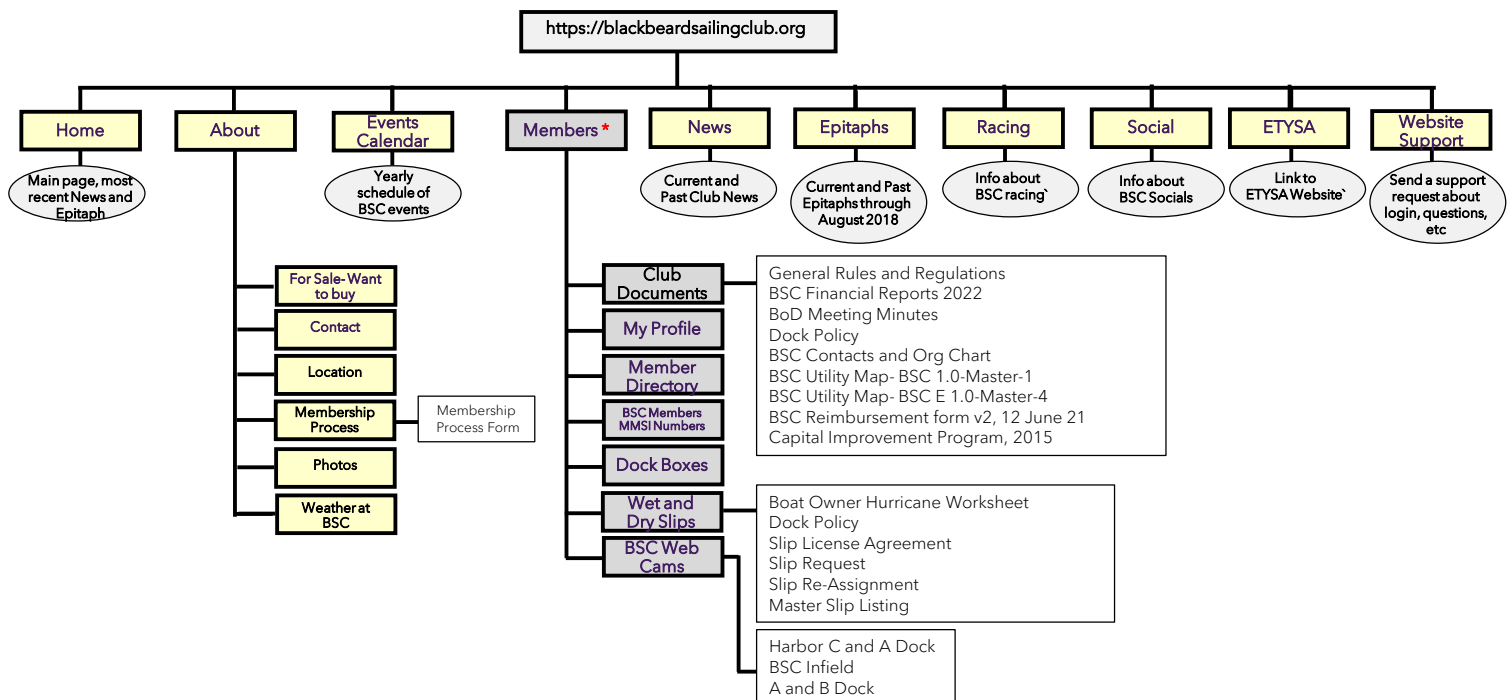
by Lee Toderick

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