



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

September 9

BOD @ 9:30 AM

Shrimp-a-roo @ noon

Open Sail 1 - 5PM

September 16

Blackbeard Regatta to benefit ETYSA

September 23

Dave Whitney Celebration of Life

September 29 - 30

Antique Boat Show

October 7

Neuse River Regatta

October 13

BOD @ 7PM



Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

Mates!

August has been a continuation of the excessive summer heat of 2023. The end of the heat should be near, but please remember that September is peak hurricane season.

As of this writing, the upcoming weekend features the third event in the revived Clark Cup Series, the Blackbeard Gurganus One Design Regatta. Response to this has been substantial, with 55 or so dinghies signed up for the two-day event. It looks like the series is a big success and will be continued in 2024.

Also in August, voting for a dues increase has been happening. Polls close on September 1 at noon. I hope you voted. The dues increase is part of the plan to solidify the Club's finances for the future.

The Blackbeard Regatta, benefitting ETYSA, will be

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held on September 16. It is a PHRF event for the big boats. It is a one-day event with prizes fashioned by ETYSA campers. There will also be an auction of neat stuff.

Election for Directors and Officers will start in October. If you have any interest in helping with the planning and administration of the Club, please consider putting your name in nomination for a position. Contact Jane Staveley jstaveley@nc.rr.com or Charlie Batchelor cbgatorman@yahoo.com for more information.

Happy Sailing!!

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Blackbeard Regatta to Benefit ETYSA

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Blackbeard Sailing Club is hosting the Blackbeard Regatta the weekend of September 16 & 17, 2023. This is a two-day fundraising event for the Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association (ETYSA).

Any boat with a valid NC PHRF may enter. There will be four classes: Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, Cruising and Multi-hull. Additional details and registration are located on Regatta Network:

www.regattanetwork.com/event/26905.

IT'S AUCTION TIME!



Silent Bidding begins immediately following set-up in the Clubhouse Saturday morning, and remains open all day until the auction. All BSC members are invited to bid on items and join the auction.

The auction will follow the BSC Regatta Dinner at approximately 7:30 pm.

Pay in cash, check or charge to your BSC account.
(It is helpful to have your account #.)

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Save the Date

Mini Fall Workday
October 11th
Deep Clean the Kitchen and Clubhouse



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Back by Popular Demand

The North Carolina Coastal and Piedmont Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society is honored and proud to be holding our free boat show at Blackbeard on Saturday, September 30th from 10:00 am 'til 2:00 pm. This will be our third year of staging this event at BSC. If you have attended a previous show, you know how cool it is to see boats, large and small, from a bygone era, on display and plying the waters. If you have not attended, come on out and see these beautiful watercraft. Meet the stewards who restore and maintain them. There will be voting for your favorites, and you might just get a ride in one! Our sincere thanks go out to Blackbeard for allowing us the opportunity to show and enjoy our boats with you.

Alan Hills, VP NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter, ACBS & BSC Director.

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Antique & Classic BOAT SHOW



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by Jane Staveley

Blackbeard Sailing Club Election of Officers and Directors for 2024

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

The candidates to date are (their bios appear in this newsletter):

Commodore: LuAnn Parins

Vice Commodore: Cliff Lennox

Rear Commodore: Blake Sohn

Treasurer: Stephanie Davies

Secretary: Karen Chandler

Directors (2 positions for 2 years):

Werner "Vern" Buckl

Mike Foster

Reid Serozi

Billy Starr

Jeff Tsai



We encourage anyone who wants to run for office to contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Longstanding experience at BSC isn't needed - you may be a new member with some great ideas to share from your past experience. Nominations will close at midnight on October 1 so there is plenty of time to throw your hat in the ring.

All members will receive a ballot by email (Election Buddy) in mid-October, with the results announced at the General Meeting in November.

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LuAnn Parins - Commodore:



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

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

Mark and I started our sailmaking careers in 1974, at Competition Sails in St. Petersburg, FL. In 1985 we had the opportunity to work as the team sailmakers for Dennis Conner's "Sail America" campaign and helped bring the Cup to San Diego in the 1987 America's Cup

challenge. This changed the trajectory of our lives.

In 1990 we found Oriental and bought land on shallow "Button Gut" off of Broad Creek. By the next season we were sailing in the local PHRF fleet, either on the Moore 24, "Nevermoore", or other local boats. Being light and agile, I was usually the "point". I have been racing, in either the PHRF fleet or "one design" on San Juan 21's, since then.

When we came to Oriental I got a job at a highly regarded canvas shop and focused on canvas work since then. In 1999 I joined Mark's sail loft full time, expanding his business to include dodgers, bimini tops, enclosures, and interiors. In January of 2021 we sold our business to a wonderful young couple and mentored them through their first year in business. They continue to offer their services with the same attention to detail and superior craftsmanship that we were known for.

The position of Commodore is one of "Executive oversight" of the teams that make things happen, both on and off the water. After four years on the Board as Rear Commodore I realize how fortunate Blackbeard is to have so many talented people committed to the Club. It's true that "Many hands makes for a light load", so I am grateful to everybody that lends their hands, backs, minds, and time to the Club. The existing BOD, with the guidance of the Member Survey and the input from the Long Term Planning Committee, has an excellent blueprint for the Club's future. With the help of my friends and mentors, I hope to continue to provide whatever service I can to promote the activities and assist in the management of the Club.

LuAnn Parins
8/09/2023



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Cliff Lennox - Vice-Commodore:



Presently I serve on the committee for grounds, shelter maintenance and fill in for Mark during his summer hiatus. I also volunteer on numerous BSC committees assisting members social & racing activities - from table setting, to ditch digger and much in-between, after all this is a DIY club.

I love being on the water, once told an employer that I would move anywhere as long as it was with-in 25 miles of salt water. My first sailboat was a Bruce Kirby Laser that I flipped over a hundred times before navigating around the buoys. Raced on Star boats, and a couple of bigger boats for weeknight racing. Mostly I have cruised Long Island Sound. Since coming to New Bern, I crew on SJ 21's & Ensigns and co-own a Hunter 36.

For 30 years, prior to being mostly retired, I have worked in the commercial construction /design build industry performing Project Management and Executive Operational roles, responsible for training, safety, finance, schedules, contracts, A&E management and client engagement.

With your support, I seek to continue the great progress of the current leadership with maintaining and improvements to the club's facilities. B Dock upgrades, a wave retention system, expansion of the annex storage & club house deck resurfacing and enhancements to the club house are on the list of possible future programs. Keeping the club an inviting and attractive facilities to grow membership and support the club's youth sailing, race, cruise and social programs.

I am honored to be considered for this position.



Blake Sohn - Rear Commodore:

My name is Blake Sohn, and I am asking for your vote to serve as Rear Commodore at Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC).

I have been blessed in my professional life and had a rich and rewarding career. Currently, I am semi-retired. I've worked in both large fortune 500 companies and owned and operated a scrappy 25 person marketing agency. Some peers have described as a "positive change agent" who's an "out-the-box, positive thinker". For 40+ years, I have honed my business skill set via formal management training, running businesses and holding various board positions.



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Blake Sohn - Rear Commodore: (Continued)

My sailing career started in my teens working at a boat marina rigging, renting and selling sailboats in Minnesota. My racing career didn't start until my 40's. I was fortunate to crew and learn tactics from experienced skippers on Ensigns, Sonars, J's and S2s. I moved here in 2020 and brought my Ensign with me to race competitively at BSC.

I live right here in Fairfield Harbor. Currently, I am enjoying the 2023 Fleet Captain position for the Ensigns. I have been volunteering, and assisting with various committees at BSC. Additionally, I have participated in many of the BSC's activities including racing on various one designs and regattas to immerse myself in the process and procedures.

The position of Rear Commodore is a demanding one with duties including managing several assigned committees. One of the position's key duties is "oversight" of those committees on and off the water. I feel my experience both professionally and personally dovetails to benefit BSC. My goal will be to leverage my unique skill sets to fulfill the position's duties including facilitating those assigned committees to identify their goals and mentor them too successful solutions.

I am grateful for this opportunity and hopeful that you will allow me to serve as your Rear Commodore. Thanks so much!

Blake Sohn



Stephanie Davies - Treasurer



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

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

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

I respectfully ask for your support as I seek re-election.

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Karen Chandler - Secretary



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

My husband, Calvin, and I joined the club shortly after moving to New Bern almost three years ago. I was elected Secretary for 2022 and started a steep learning curve on what makes Blackbeard such a great place! Everyone is so friendly, open, and always willing to help out. The atmosphere and camaraderie make me grateful to be able to serve with our board. My background includes:

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

lawyers in a high stress corporate setting

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

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

Our relocation to New Bern was driven by going to sea in a sailboat, establishing strong ties to a group such as BSC and giving back as much as possible. I am hopeful that you will allow me continue to serve you as your Secretary! Thanks so much!

Werner "Vern" Buckl - Director

1. Experience with Blackbeard Sailing Club

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

2.Sailing Background

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Professional and Business Experience

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

4. Contribution as member the board

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

5. Looking ahead

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



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Mike Foster - Director



Michael Foster, wife Diane, one son Joshua, in Boston. We have been members of Blackbeard Sailing Club since 1997, shortly after we moved here from Iowa. In Iowa we sailed, raced and cruised, starting with an O'Day Javelin, a Merit 22, and finally a Hunter 27 that we brought to NC. Since arriving Diane and I raced on a J-36 for a couple of years. She continued to recreational sail with me, and cruise. I continued racing as often as possible, on various boats including Beneteau 36.7's, C&C 36, San Juan 21's, Pearson Ensigns, Non-Such 30, Cape Dory 28 & 30, Lightning, Flying Scot, and others, currently sailing my Sunfish.

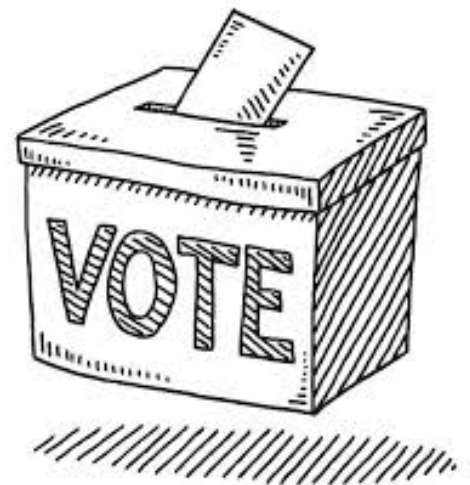
Professionally I spent 15 years in sales with Frito-Lay, 15 years raising money for Public Radio. In Iowa I served on several city Boards and Commissions, Including Adjustment and Appeals, Library Board, Civil Service Commission, and others, including a

term as Mayor of Ft Madison IA, a city of 12,800 people. Once here, I served BSC on the Board of Directors, and Dry Storage Captain before being elected Commodore for 2018, and 2019. During the BSC Commodore years we finished replacing outer A Dock, graveling the inner driveway, and then recovering from Hurricane Florence by rebuilding inner A Dock, all of C Dock and repairing B Dock. BSC members were wonderful during that period, volunteering continuously to return BSC to its natural state, and making it "Better Than Before".

My vision for serving as a BOD member is to listen to the Membership, support the Volunteer Members named in the Organizational Chart, and guide BSC into a a shared future by planning our work, and working our plan.

Future goals to accomplish in the next year or two are implementing the Long Term and Short Term Capitol Improvement Projects for BCS. It was my distinct pleasure to help guide BSC in acquiring The Annex, formerly the Wyndham Property. Providing this opportunity to the future of BSC was truly a "paying it forward" moment.

Thank you considering my candidacy for BSC Board of Directors, I would appreciate your vote. Thank you, Mike Foster.



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Reid Serozi - Director



Hello, my name is Reid Serozi and I am running for a position on the 2024-26 Board of Directors of Blackbeard Sailing Club.

As a proud member of the BSC, I am wholeheartedly dedicated to upholding the club's mission and values. I firmly believe in the importance of fostering a future of intelligent growth and efficiency, all while ensuring that BSC remains an exceptional place for everyone.

In recognition of my unwavering commitment, I was honored to receive the Bravo Zulu Award from the Commodore in 2023. This esteemed accolade celebrated my exemplary volunteer service and acknowledged the remarkable achievements we made as a band of volunteers. Together, we successfully implemented a reliable and high-speed wireless internet access system across the docks and within the club house. This project known as PirateNet, stands as a testament to my leadership philosophy of building upon the successes of previous generations and fostering a culture of collaboration and co-creation among team



I live in Raleigh with my family. I just bought a 1988 Pearson 31, now named Tessa, in memory of my amazing dad who introduced me to sailing. Our family loves cruising the Neuse River, and we're aiming to hit Cape Lookout soon with our awesome club members.

In conclusion, as a dedicated member of the BSC Board of Directors, I am passionate about upholding the club's mission and values. My leadership style emphasizes building upon past successes, fostering collaboration, and embracing technological advancements. I am excited to contribute to BSC's continued success and ensure that it remains a remarkable place for all members.

Billy Starr - Director



Personal history: I was born and raised in Greensboro, NC. My wife and I just celebrated our 46th year of marriage. We met in high school and grew up during the 70's. Post high school, I spent a few weeks at Western Carolina University and thought working was more important than an education, a decision that would haunt me for many years. Along the way, Sherry and I started our family and didn't stop until (3) daughters later. After a few jobs and no real career, I decided to go back to school and finish what I started years ago. I enrolled in technical school and along the way, it helped me land a job at Duke Energy. Working a full-time job, going to school at night, and raising a family wasn't easy. After obtaining an Associate's degree and several

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Billy Starr - Director (continued)

years later, I went back to college to obtain a BS degree in Business Management to help my career at Duke. Fast forward many years and different positions along the way, I celebrated (37) years with the Company and will be retired by the time this appears in the Epitaph. Also, I currently serve as Secretary on our local Fire Department BOD, and have held that position for the past (7) years. My wife and I now have (1) granddaughter and (3) grandsons, ages 5 to 9.

Sailing history: My Dad taught me to sail on a Sunfish that we launched in the ocean while at the beach, during the late fall.... it was a quick sail. He upgraded to O'Day Day Sailer, South Coast 22, and later an O'day 26. All of which we sailed and raced at High Rock Yacht Club on High Rock Lake in Lexington, NC. My first boat was a Catalina 22 and then a Catalina 25. During those years, I served through the ranks of that club until the land that the club leased was sold to Developers after the landowner died. Knowing the club was doomed, I sold my boat, but Dad kept his on a trailer in the backyard. A few years went by and we decided to search the NC coastline for a new sailing home since we were fed up with the inconsistent wind on local lakes. Each weekend, we would map out sailing clubs to visit. We started in Belhaven and worked our way down the rivers and sounds. During one trip, the Fairfield gate was open and we made our way to BSC, only to find a locked gate and no way to "ring the bell". After returning empty handed, I called a co-worker for a possible lead and he suggested I call Lou Beamon. She helped us meet Ken Gurganus and John Day. Dad and I applied for membership and several years later, we upgraded from an O'day 26 to an O'day 30. We enjoyed several years sailing and racing at the club until Dad's death in 2018, now I'm sailing solo.

Personal Statement: I believe BSC is a multifaceted club and its Board of Directors need to support as many of those facets as possible while promoting the sport of sailing and keeping the club financially solid for the future.

Jeff Tsai - Director



I accidentally discovered Blackbeard Sailing club 20 years ago while seeking shelter from a thunderstorm during one of many sailing expeditions with my daughters when they were 8 and 4. We were sailing from Oriental to New Bern and BSC provided ample warmth and indoor space for us to recover from our journey. I wanted my children to grow up with different experiences than their suburban friends, so we trailered a ComPac 16 and eventually a ComPac 19 to various sailing destinations during every school break. We sailed as far south as Southport and as far north as Elizabeth City, with multiple trips to Cape Lookout. The boat grew in size as my children grew, and the family joined BSC in 2010. We initially had a Precision 23 and then upgraded to a Sabre 28 as we needed more space for larger adventures

Finding time for sailing trips was difficult while living 2.5 hours away from the club and raising two kids with a full-time job. I attempted weekend races with the Neuse Yacht Racing Association but quickly found out

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Jeff Tsai - Director (Continued)

that I suck at getting the starting sequence right (still do). Instead, I started a "Working Class Cruise" at the club with destinations and itineraries that are achievable for weekend warriors like myself. We had fun and received positive feedback from multiple members.

In May 2021, I gave myself a retirement gift and ventured on a solo trip to Chesapeake Bay in an Ericson 32. The month-long trip turned into six months with a slip in Deltaville VA to explore the area a bit more. The trip exposed me to many marinas and sailing clubs-- none of which matched what BSC can offer in terms of amenities and cost.

Currently, Scott Huddle and I are the co-captains of the cruising committee. BSC has gained a lot of new members in recent years -- some are new to sailing and some are new to the area. We both believe the easiest way to get these new members involved with the club is to untie the dock lines and go sailing. I will continue to work with the club to promote cruising activities.

My education was in geophysics, and I pursued a career in demographic forecasting, geographic information systems, vehicle routing and scheduling optimization. My last job was as the Director of Central Logistics at one of the largest public school systems in the US. With the team, we implemented a routing software system to improve school bus efficiency and level of services for the 170,000 students and their families, built a customer service call tracking system, installed a GPS vehicle tracking system to monitor daily schedule adherences, and rolled out a mobile phone app so families can monitor bus ETAs. The soft skills that came with these technical projects applicable at the club are forecasting, logistics and planning. However, I am running for the board of director position mainly because it's time to pay back to a place that has been built by others in the last 50 years.

As a member of the board, my opportunities to serve are:

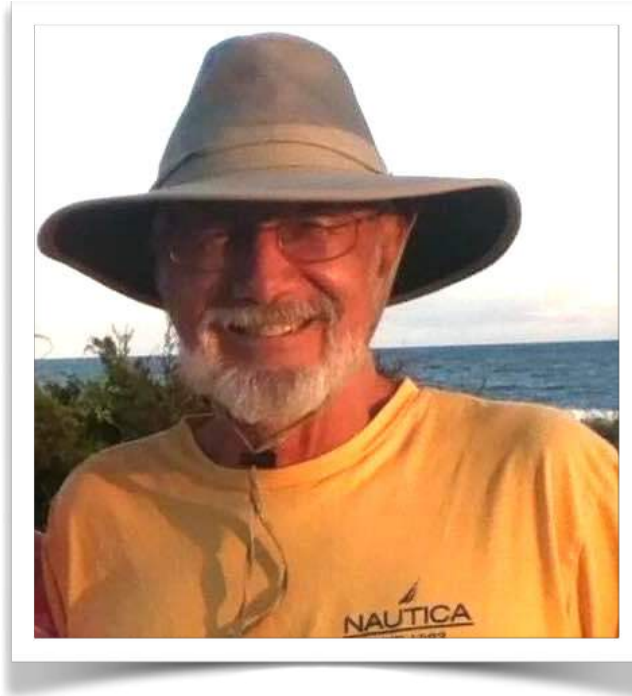
- Promote sailing activities
- Participate in the sound decision making of the club's short and long-range planning
- Recruit and retain club members through active engagement

Thank you for your consideration.



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Celebration of Life for Dave Whitney, September 23rd



Celebration of Life for David Whitney **September 23**

Members of Blackbeard Sailing Club are invited to attend a Celebration of Life for our former Commodore, Dave Whitney, to be held beginning at 11 am on Saturday September 23 at the clubhouse.

We will share memories of Dave, and then have a pot luck lunch. After lunch, a group of boats will spread Dave's ashes in the river, as he wished.

Please look for an e-mail blast with further details and RSVP information.

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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*

Blackbeard has been a very special place in our relationship. We have shared so many memories with many of you that we wanted to announce our engagement to you all! We look forward to sharing even more memories together as a married couple!

Scott and Jessica (soon to be Huddle) 😊



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by Eddy Parker

Big Numbers for the Gurganus One Design

The Gurganus Cup was held on August 26 and 27. Ken Gurganus was a longtime member of Blackbeard Sailing Club who spent many years giving service to the Club and sailing in general. He was San Juan Fleet 8 Commodore, as well as serving many roles at BSC including Commodore, Vice Commodore, Treasurer, and as a board member. He helped organize and run regattas, served as race committee and as PRO (Principal Race Officer). When he passed away, the Club honored his memory by renaming the Blackbeard One Design to the Gurganus One Design.

In addition to the Gurganus One Design, this regatta was the culmination of the final race of the Clark Cup Series. The Clark Boat Company produced San Juan sailboats, primarily the San Juan 21, in New Bern. They were also instrumental in the founding of Blackbeard Sailing Club, donating funds to purchase the original piece of property where the current clubhouse sits.



The 2023 Gurganus Cup was one of the largest regattas held at BSC in recent memory, with 60 boats racing in 10 classes over two days. If you have never run a regatta, that is a LOT of work to get accomplished. With 29 volunteers on the water and 15 handling the shoreside duties, it really illustrates the expression, it takes a village! I heard many positive comments from the competitors on the quality of both the racing and the shoreside activities. For the first time we allowed multi-hull sailboats as well as monohull sailboats. The boats ranged from single person sunfish sailboats to the biggest boats, the San Juan 21s.

Friday night we held a welcoming cookout at the Club for the racers, followed by a rules seminar taught by Jerry Thompson, a certified US Sailing judge. The forecast for Saturday was, it was August after all, very hot and humid with light winds. It was hot and humid, but once again the wind gods smiled on BSC to deliver some champagne sailing conditions. Winds were blowing 10-15 with some rather big shifts, lightening up as the day wore on to around 5 knots for the final race.

With this many boats and classes, the Race Committee had to get creative on how to keep it all going. The slower boats had a short course while the faster boats sailed a slightly longer course. In order to keep finishes orderly, the two groups also had separate finish lines off to the side of the race course to allow races to start and finish at the same time, giving the finishers time to record the order of finish. It was One Design, so it doesn't always happen that way. The San Juan 21 fleet finished within a 32-second window - tight racing!

While the number of boats on the course made it almost impossible to change the course, the wind stayed consistent enough that we were able to run three good races. I mentioned it was hot, right? We gave out all the water we had on the boat to competitors, and some even had to retire because of the heat. Skip Byrum gave out by far the most water bottles, in excess of 100! I don't know if it was the heat, or Desi on the bow in a bikini handing out the water.

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Gurganus One Design (continued)

Dinner Saturday night was prepared by the shore crew, and by all accounts the food was a huge hit. Following dinner there was a bout of Karaoke hosted by Scott and Donna Wade. For most, it was a pretty early night as sailing in the heat and sun really takes it out of you.

Sunday's forecast was spot on: No wind and HOT. PRO Bill Jarvis posted the AP flag and racing was postponed ashore to let the wind build in, but the wait was in vain as the wind never filled in so, up went AP over A - all racing cancelled. I was in the crowd when the flag went up and there wasn't a complaint to be heard!

Class winners were:

San Juan 21 - Hans Lassen on *Road Runner* - won on a tie breaker

Wayfarer - AnnMarie Covington - *Intrepid* - good to see a female skipper winning a competitive class

Sunfish - Jonathan Clubbs - one of our ETYSA members and coach

Club 420 - Dylan and Wes Barbour - ETYSA members and largest class in the regatta

Tanzer 16 - Pete Thorn - *Sweet Little Sixteen*

Weta Trimaran - Alan Taylor - *Sweet As* - Carolina Sailing Club

Thistle - Johnathan Doyle - Carolina Sailing Club

Flying Scott - Charlie Buckner - *Mojo* - Carolina Sailing Club

Isotope Catamarans - Tom Wille - *Godspeed* - Carolina Sailing Club

Open - Steve Youngson - *Honour*

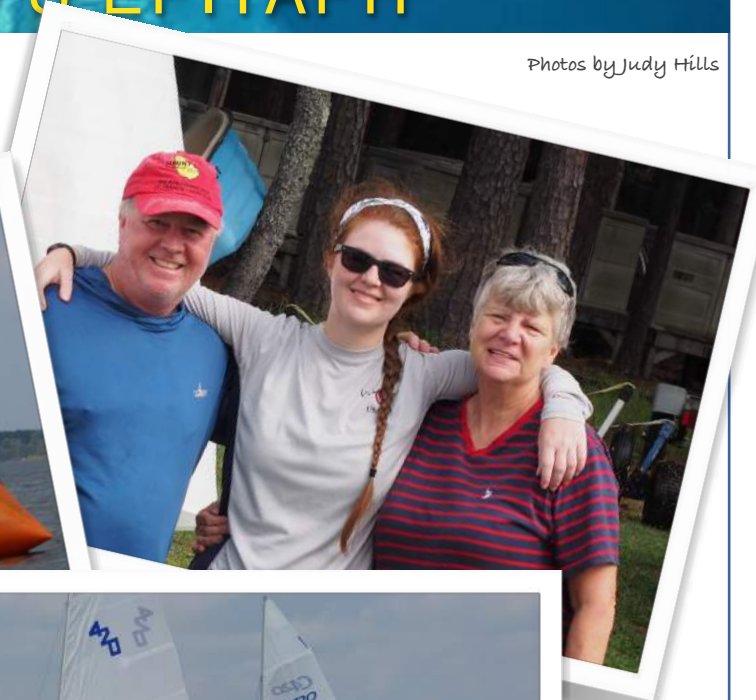
This was also the final race of the Clark Cup Series, and our very own ETYSA members Dylan and Wes Barbour won the overall Clark Cup! Congratulations to all who participated, and thanks to all who made this event happen. Special thanks to Luann Parins and Stephanie Davies for making all of this happen with seeming ease, although it took a lot of planning and organizing.



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One Design Gallery

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News from the Social Committee:
Upcoming events at BSC

September 9 – Shrimp-a-roo

September 16 & 17 Blackbeard Regatta & Auction supporting ETYSA

September 23 – Dave Whitney Celebration of Life

Submitted by the Social Committee co-chairs:

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

Jane Staveley (jstaveley@nc.rr.com)

Did you know...?

Every August the water warms and the fish the gulls feed on arrive in abundance. Where do the gulls choose to roost when satiated? On the docks of course! In fact, they are so plentiful, they totally cover the ends of A & B docks (also C but to a lesser extent).

What can be done? Well, science has provided an ecological and humane answer: "NOISE SQUAWKERS". These are electronic noisemakers tuned to annoy gulls. BSC owns a couple which have been used at the end of A and on B. They make a sound you can hear, and scare away the gulls. The gulls leave the docks at sunset so the "SQUAWKERS" can be shut off at night, but should be turned on again shortly after sunup.

Caveat: They need to be plugged into 110V power to operate. Someone has removed the 30A to 110V cord adapter, and the noisemaker's power supply from the unit on A dock. BSC has purchased new ones, but will punish anyone removing them. Ron Leo (Dock Master) is in charge of the "SQUAWKERS." See him if you have questions.

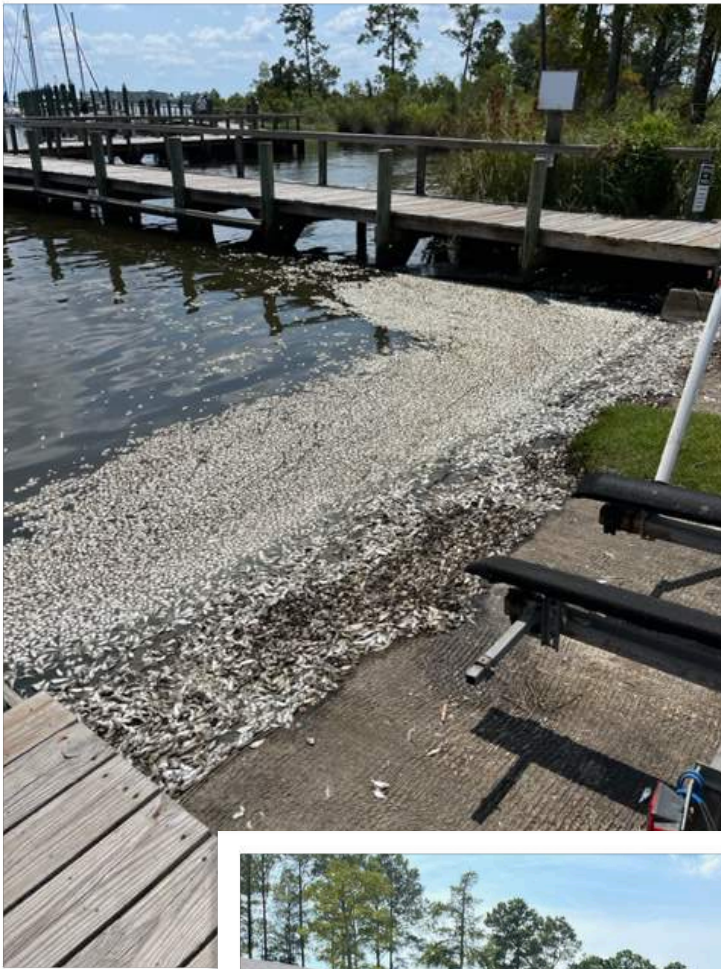


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The BIG Clean - up

by Cliff Lennox

A few photos of the fish clean-up performed Friday afternoon during the Gurganus One Design launch day. Werner Wildenburg, Vance Hikes and Ed Parker (not shown) assisted me. The seagulls have been feasting for a week now on B dock. We'll see what other critters we attract up in the Annex dump site. Cliff Lennox



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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
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Welcome New Members



Hello Blackbeard Sailing Club Members. We are Nathan and Donna Conner.

We live in Gastonia, NC, which is 4 1/2 hours away. We have been married since 2004. Nathan had two sons and I had two daughters from previous marriages. All four of our children are married and have blessed us with eight beautiful grandchildren. If you don't believe us, we will love to share our pictures with you. :)

Nathan's formal sailing started in 1978 racing catamarans. In 1983, he bought his first monohull which was a J29. He raced it on Lake Norman while continuing to race catamarans up the South Eastern Coast. He was also the Dock Master for the Lake Norman Sailing Club during the same time.

Donna has only been sailing once. That was last year on our son's Catalina 27. She loved it. That helped when Nathan wanted to renew his passion for sailing again.

We are both retired. Nathan retired after 38 years of working at Freightliner Truck Manufacturing. He was in the Quality Assurance Department. Donna retired from Lincoln County Schools. She was an Exceptional Children's teacher for 13 years and an Exceptional Children's Administer for 21 years. After retiring from the school system, she ran a Day Treatment Facility for school aged students with mental health issues for a couple of years in Gaston County.

During the Pandemic we bought a small camper. We have been using it as we enjoy hiking, kayaking, as well as camping with family and friends.

We are both excited about our new adventure sailing and meeting new friends. Thank you for considering us for the Blackbeard Sailing Club membership.

Nathan and Donna

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Welcome New Members

We are David and Terri Payne

My name is David Payne .. I live here in New Bern with my wife Terri Payne and our dog Annie. I am presently retired from the real estate business. Terri works as the Teaching Golf Professional at Carolina Colours Golf Club. Our home is also in Carolina Colours. I have known the New Bern area for years. I first came to this area over 20 years ago looking to buy a sailboat .. Fell in love with the area, never bought the boat on that trip, but did buy a rental condo in Oriental NC! We have been, permanently, living in New Bern for 5 years. We own a few rental properties in Fairfield Harbour.

I was Captain of the cruising fleet for three years of The Barefoot Club on Lake Lanier, which is north of Atlanta Ga. While I was there, I met Bill Siegendorf. We became fast friends and have spent hours sailing together. I had told Bill about the New Bern area, specifically Fairfield Harbour, that is how he and his wife Diane came to live here.

My maiden voyage on my first sailboat, a Tayana 37, was 6 nights straight out to Bermuda. We left from right Beaufort, NC. I lived on my Tayana for a few years. During that time, we sailed up and down the east coast and over to the Abaco Islands. I met my wife Terri, in Hope Town, Bahamas while living on my boat in 2009.

We have had a 30-foot Nonsuch, a 37-foot Beneteau and recently we sold our 42-foot Beneteau, to downsize and now have our 23-foot Precision, a trailer sailer, which we will be bringing to Blackbeards. we sincerely look forward to meeting everybody and hopefully finding some good crew to cruise with us from time to time.

Terri Migliaccio, Director of Player Development
Carolina Colours School of Golf



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2023 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

Final 12/23/2022

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

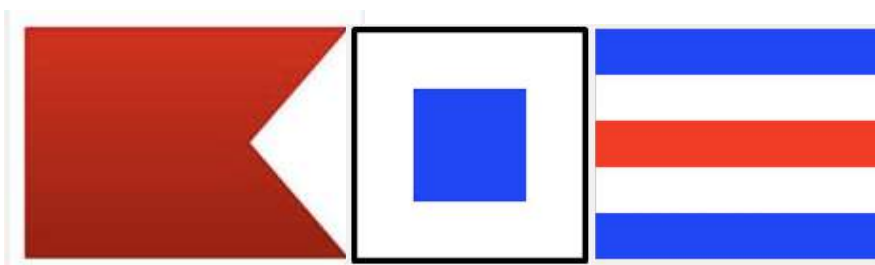
Contact Sonya Dean for info sonyafm@hotmail.com or (919) 271-9899.

>Harkers Island Regatta - Jul 15, 2023

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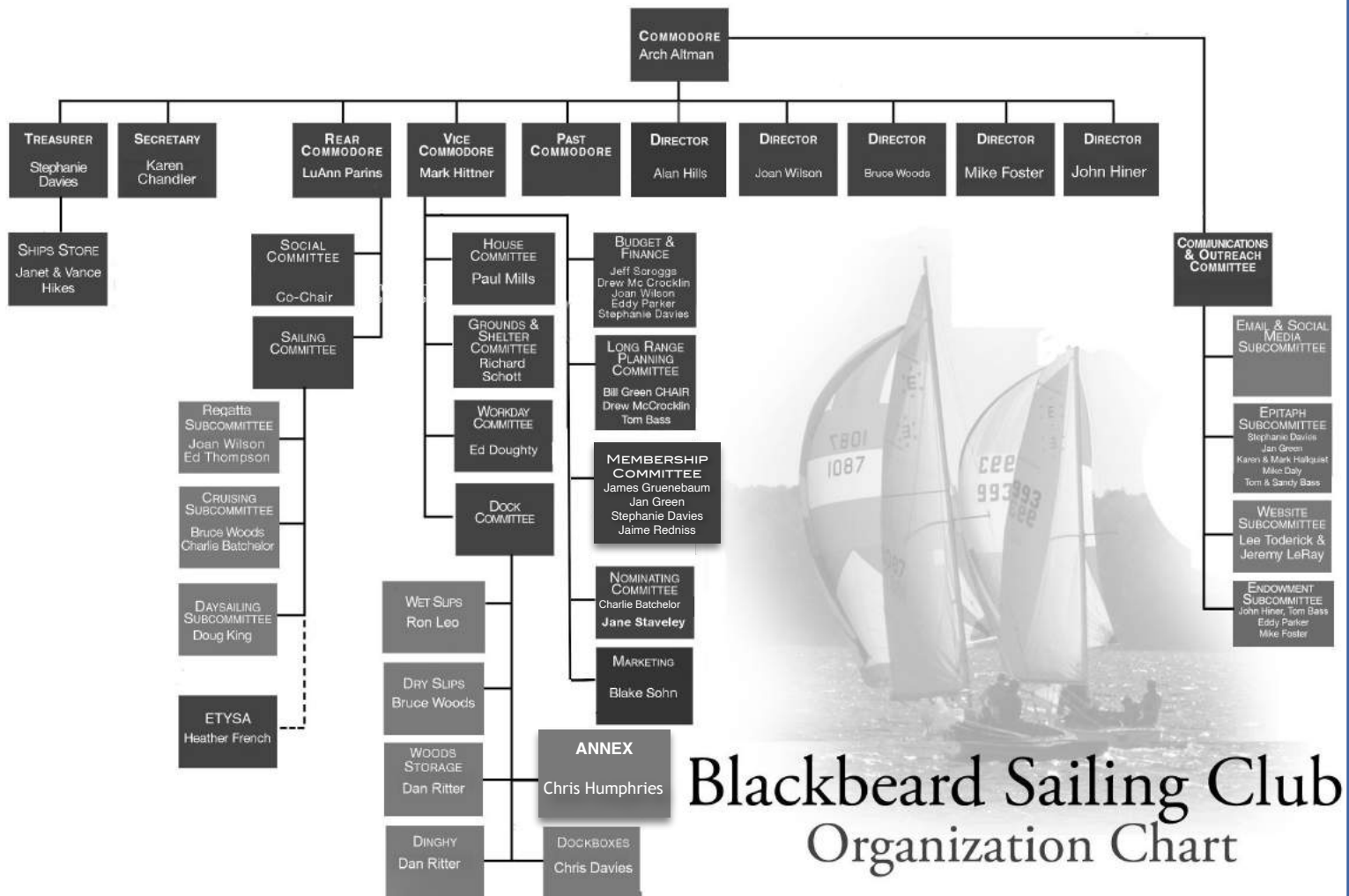
Miscellaneous:

Date	Day	Club	Event	Location
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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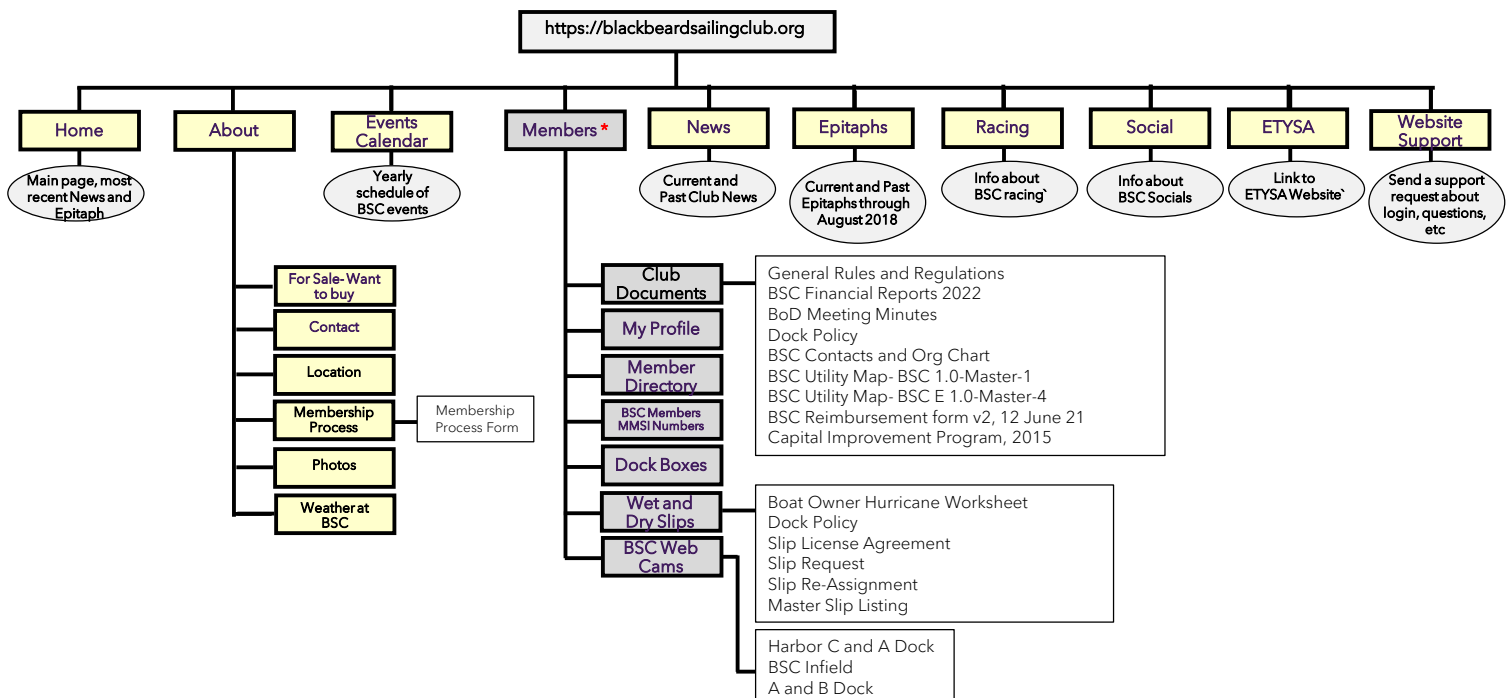
New Website Map

by Lee Toderick

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