



# Blackbeard's Epitaph

## Save These Dates:

**October 1**

**BOD @ 10AM**

**October 7**

**Neuse River Regatta**

**October 28**

**Winter Series #1**

**Halloween Party @ 6PM**

**November 4**

**All Member General Meeting @ 4PM**

**Pot Luck @ 5:30PM**

**November 10**

**BOD @ 7PM**

**November 23**

**Thanksgiving with the Marines**



## Blackbeard Sailing Club

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## From the Commodore:

### Howdy Sailors,

This certainly has been a lively month at Blackbeard. We've had two tropical storms, Idal-ya and Ophel-ya (the ya-ya storms - ha! ha!). There was blowing and flooding, but folks had pretty much secured boats and property properly. After each storm event, there appeared, like magic, a cadre of members who pitched in and cleaned up the property, dealt with boats off trailers, and completed minor repairs. What a wonderful display of volunteer energy, each person making his/her own investment in the health of the Club. It is that kind of energy that makes this club so wonderful!! Thanks so much, Mates!!

Several scheduled Social/Racing events occurred. First was the Shrimp-a-roo, organized by Connie Kern. This was a great success, with fresh shrimp and very tasty sides.

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## From the Commodore

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Secondly, the Blackbeard/ETYSA Regatta was nicely attended and, the auction following it, raised some good dollars for ETYSA. The social side (including the auction) was organized by Mary Lang, Deb Burrington and Joan Boenig. And, as usual, the waterside folks (Race Committee organized by Stephanie Davies), did an outstanding job.

Thirdly, after the passing of former Commodore Dave Whitney, a gathering celebrating his life was organized for Gay, and his friends and family, by Jane Staveley and many others. It was well attended on Sunday the 24th, after being delayed by Tropical Storm Idalia's appearance.

On other matters, the election for Board Directors and Officers, and Treasurer and Secretary, will begin October 12 at midnight, and end November 3 at midnight. Eligible voters will receive an invitation to vote from Election Buddy shortly before the 12<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with those running and vote. Results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting, held in-person and on Zoom, on November 4.

Remember to vote!! Let's go sailing!!

*Arch*

## In Recognition of the 2023 Regattas' "Shoreside Teams"

We owe thanks to our committed Race Committee, the volunteers on the water and shoreside teams who worked hard, and spent personal time, making this season enjoyable for all who attended.

This summer Janet and Vance Hikes, Janet and David Jonah, and Mary and Al Lang were our shoreside leaders for the three regattas. They went above and beyond the call of duty as they presented some over-the-top interesting and delicious dinners. Each regatta had an excellent support team, and we thank you for your time and hard work. We couldn't have weekend regattas without your help.

As a **self-supporting sailing club**, volunteers are necessary to carry out these events. You do not have to be a racer to be involved in regattas. Please consider volunteering as a shoreside leader, or team member, for a future regatta.

Deb Burrington



*Blackbeard Regatta Benefiting ETYSA shoreside crew: Clayton & Diane Brice, Janet Jonah and Mary & Al Lang.*

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*Save the Date*

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





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## Blackbeard Regatta Benefits ETYSA

by Mark Brennesholtz

photos by Chris Davies

Thirteen boats in three classes competed September 16 & 17 to support the Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association. The weather was lovely both days, although the wind was a little spotty. Seven boats in Cruising raced a distance race Saturday up river and fell afoul of some glassy conditions. After over three hours, Al Lang in *Mystic Blue* beat Ed Thompson's *Dutch Wind* by less than one minute! Three boats did not even finish.

Sunday morning was a shorter course for Cruising, and results were even tighter. *Dutch Wind* corrected over *Mystic Blue* in second, and John Jackson's



Ed Thompson's *Dutch Wind* rounds the windward mark. Ed won the Non-spin class in the ETYSA Benefit Regatta (C. Davies photo)

*Georgie Girl* in third by a total of 27 seconds. George Story in *Thursday's Child*, Peter Budzynkiewicz in *Wicked Good* and Ken Gasch in *Erin Jane* rounded out the class. For the regatta, *Dutch Wind* beat *Mystic Blue* on a tie-breaker.

Down off Broad Creek, the Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker classes had a little more luck, and got in two windward-leeward races Saturday and two Sunday. All six boats started together and raced the same courses. In Spinnaker, two Ensigns and Ed Doughty's J-29 *Bad Fish* competed in both races each day. A 150-second rating spread was not ideal, but it was fun anyway. Saturday had the Hitner/Brennesholtz Ensign *Blue Note* correct into first both races with *Bad Fish* second. Sunday, *Blue Note* again won, and Blake Sohn took a second in the other Ensign, *Long Shot*. *Blue Note* won the Spin class.



John Jackson in *Georgie Girl* rounds the windward mark on Sunday. John was third overall in the Cruising class.



Blake Sohn readies the chute on Ensign *Long Shot* in the Blackbeard Regatta.



*Blue Note* inside and dwarfed by *Water Phantom* at the windward mark.

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*Bad Fish* readies the spinnaker for launch. From left, Tinka Talbert, Gary Peterson, and Bill Talbert with the pole.



Ken Gasch in *Erin Jane* bears away at the windward mark on Sunday.

The three Non-Spin boats mixed it up Saturday. Charlie Nelson took first in race one in *Water Phantom*, ahead of Arch in *Mighty Fine 2.0*. and Chris Weed in *Sirius*. Second and third were separated by a mere 13 seconds corrected. In the second race, *Water Phantom* prevailed again, but *Sirius* took second ahead of *MF 2.0*. Charlie did not race Sunday and Chris won both races to win the Non-spin class.

The Saturday night dinner was wonderful, Italian plus lots of desserts but, for me, the highlight of the weekend was the award ceremony on Sunday. The trophies again were plates painted and glazed by ETYSA kids! Thank you guys and gals. I look forward to more next year.



Peter Budzynkiewicz in *Wicked Good* rounds the windward mark ahead of *Mighty Fine 2.0*.



ETYSA sailors who made the wonderful trophy plates presented at the Blackbeard Regatta award ceremony. From left (I hope) Chase Fidgeon, Scarlett and Aiden Hansen and Andrew Connelly.



*Blue Note* won the Spinnaker class for the regatta.

First place Spinnaker class trophy. Mary Hittner grabbed it and wouldn't let go.





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## 2023 Shrimp-a-roo

by Jane Staveley

September 9 had all the makings of a perfect Shrimp-a-roo—Carolina blue skies, puffy white clouds, abundant breeze, and a crowd of BSC members willing to participate in this unique, late summer rite of passage.

But before the first boat rafted to the platform, and before the first shrimp hit the steam, there were dozens of hands providing the necessary work to make this year's celebration an afternoon of great food and goodhearted fun in the sun.

Special thanks to Ed Doughty and Eddie Parker, who not only originated the event all those years ago, but who continue to provide the organization and hard work to organize the labor, set the platforms, shuttle members out to the floating party, and ensure that boats are rafted up safely. Also to their "labor crew" Richard Schott, Cliff Lennox, with shuttle help from Doug Longhini.

Additional shout out to Bruce and Nancy Woods, who partnered to retrieve 125 pounds of beautiful size 21 shrimp, which we were able to negotiate at only \$6/pound. They then manned (and womaned) the table, cooking and serving about 80 pounds of shrimp until the 90-plus BSC members had their fill.

Appreciation to newer member Sam Clayton for taking great pics of the festivities, which are available on the BSC site. Personal thanks to non-member Jinny Myskey, who made the trip from Fayetteville to help prepare a huge batch of boil mix. She personifies friendship, and reports that she was impressed with the beauty of the surroundings, and with the heart of each member she met.

Finally, a personal note—Shrimp-a-roo has perhaps become my favorite event of the year. It is an honor to help support the organization and hospitality that goes into this event, and the Club itself. What makes Shrimp-a-roo so very special to me, is the way we all celebrate another year as the constantly-changing family dynamic that is BSC. I have observed as members watch out for each other's safety while climbing over boats to get to and from the platforms, make space on their own boats for others to visit, the joy of sharing food, drinks and laughs.

Another successful Shrimp-a-roo in the books. Next stop...Halloween!



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## BSC Auction to Benefit ETYSA

*by Joan Boenig*

The weekend of September 16-17 hosted a very successful regatta, and through the generosity of ETYSA and BSC members, led to a very successful auction/fundraiser for ETYSA! With the enthusiasm of some very generous donors and bidders, almost \$5,000 was raised to help support the advancement and inclusion of youth sailors.

Thank you to all the folks that came together to make this a successful weekend.

A few people we want to give a shout out to: Joanne Doughty and Jennifer Treffs for setting up the lovely display of auction items; Deb Mills for working with the ETYSA youth in creating the plates for awards, getting donations from sponsors in New Bern, and reaching out for additional donations; Mary and Al Lang, Janet Jonah, and Dianne & Clay Brice for the wonderful job they did with two breakfasts, two lunches, and a great dinner.

And, of course, the Regatta could not have happened without all the support we had on the water. A big thank you to Bill Jarvis, Stephanie Davies, Jackie Moniak, LuAnn Parins, Vern Buckl, Doug Longhini, Ray Redniss, Chris Davies, Charley Bratton, Skip Byrum, Joel Berberich, Mark Weinheimer and Calvin Chandler. We would also like to thank some New Bern businesses for their donations: The New Bern Historical Society, Art and Soul, Harris Teeter and West Marine. The funds raised will be put to good use on scholarships, equipment maintenance and replacement, and other fun things like insurance and wages.

Thanks to your support, we will again be able to keep camp costs down for participants in the 2024 season, while being able to offer them quality training and, most importantly, fun! Our BSC and ETYSA members rock!!





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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 and 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.

All members in good standing 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

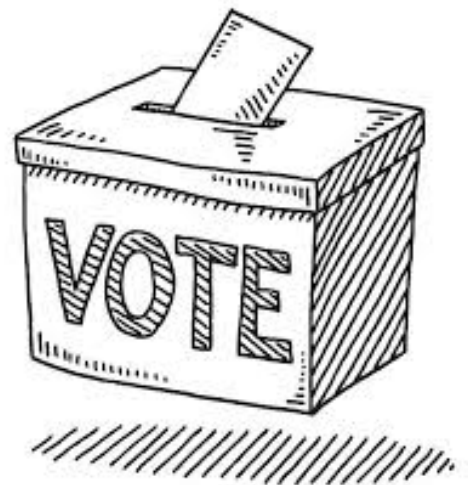
Professionally I spent 15 years in sales with Frito-Lay, 15 years raising money for Public Radio. In Iowa I served on several city Boards and Commissions, Including Adjustment and Appeals, Library Board, Civil Service Commission, and others, including a

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 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 46<sup>th</sup> 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.



## BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

# It's time again for fun, food and fright!

Join if you dare!

Saturday, October 28 6:00-?

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and fun dessert to share. (BYOB)  
Costume contests with frightfully  
creative prizes.

RSVP if poss. by October 24 to:

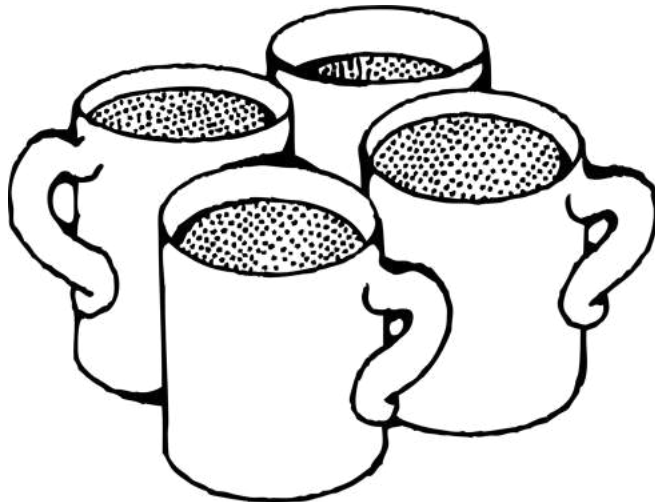
Mal Harwood [JMhMTH@suddenlink.net](mailto:JMhMTH@suddenlink.net)  
770-789-4088



### Did You Know...?

Hi members,

**Did you know** that BSC'S kitchen is fully stocked with plates, pitchers, cups and glassware for your use? Well, I presume that all members also know that these items are for *all* to use. It so happens that some have grown legs, wandered off and are missing. If you have, perhaps mistakenly, taken something to your boat, we of the BSC membership would like it returned, PLEASE!



Christopher Davies



# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

by Connie Kern

Thanksgiving is just two months away, and a call is being sent out to each member who will be spending the holiday in New Bern.

This year, we are shaping up to support Fairfield Harbour in reviving the "Thanksgiving with a Marine" program, and to make it bigger and better than ever, with Marines expected from both Camp LeJeune and Cherry Point!!! This year's hosts will meet their group of 2-6 Marines at BSC as early as 11 am, to allow time for activities before dinner. We are also adding opportunities for BSC members who AREN'T residents of the community to entertain groups of 2-6 Marines at BSC.

I know this club's heart for military service, and don't feel a need to convince y'all how important this is to these Marines who are precluded from spending the holiday with their own families. Providing them with family atmosphere is invaluable in the current political climate.

To all BSC members who will be here and willing to help make this a memorable event for these Marines, please contact [BSCsocialRSVP@gmail.com](mailto:BSCsocialRSVP@gmail.com) to let us know the following:

1. How many Marines you are willing to entertain in your home (or at BSC) for Thanksgiving dinner?
2. If you would like to add an activity, please choose from golfing (free greens), fishing, boating, pickle ball, watching football, or a jam session for those with musical talent. This will help us match service members with appropriate hosts. (Supply and setup of other activities like board games, cornhole, etc. are welcome too!!)
3. If you are unable to commit to hosting, but want to assist by providing on-site help at the Club, please let us know if you'd prefer to help with brunch or dinner buffet preparation/cleanup. WE ARE STILL having the annual Traditional Thanksgiving Potluck at 3 pm and appreciate help with cleanup after.



# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

by LuAnn Parins

## San Juan 21's Eastern Nationals

Eastern Nationals



LNYC 2023

The San Juan 21 Eastern National Championship Regatta was held at Lake Norman Yacht Club in Mooresville, NC this past weekend (Sept 8-9). The forecast was for very light breezes and temperatures in the high 80s on Friday, and a little cooler Saturday. Given that Lake Norman often has "bob and bake" conditions in the summer, we were very fortunate to have a nice breeze both days.

The highly capable PRO, Ken Gorni, hoisted the A/P on shore right after the 10:00 skippers' meeting Saturday morning, but in less than an hour we had a nice enough breeze to head out to the sailing area. An "Olympic" course (triangle, windward, leeward) was announced, and the 3 boat "All Sails" (spinnaker) fleet started first, with the 9 boat "Working Sails" fleet following shortly after. All boats finished well within the time limit, and another race with the same course was started. This time we had a change of the weather mark to the right, but the breeze held and everyone finished well. A pattern was developing, and it became obvious who were the fastest boats on the water. Two more races were completed on Friday, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> set as double Windward/Leeward courses. The racing was "clean", with no protests during any of the races that I was aware of.

Sunday's first signal went off as planned, right at 9:30. Once again, the PRO started the day with an "Olympic" course. The breeze was shiftier that day, and the second beat had a change of course. After that race was completed, the signal boat moved and the entire course was repositioned. The 2<sup>nd</sup> race was a double Windward/Leeward, and everybody finished in good order. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final race, the "Olympic" course was back on the board, but the air was getting soft. We could all see dark clouds in the distance, but no lightning. The All Sails fleet was finished at the first Leeward mark, and the Working Sails boats finished at the gybe mark in dying breeze. Again, all 3 races were clean, with no protests that I am aware of.

Fortunately, we were close to the Club, and everybody was off the water with boats on their trailers by the time those dark clouds loosed a hard rain. As the last boats were hauled, we even saw a couple of waterspouts in the distance, so we were all happy to be ashore and secure.

Thank you to everyone at LNYC for hosting a great event! The food was wonderful and, as always, the race management was excellent! We appreciate the Club's hospitality.

Congratulations to Mike Robinson, who prevailed in All Sails despite 2 broken halyards, and Tim Porter, who dominated in Working Sails.



SAN JUAN 21 EASTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SPINNAKER													
PLACE	SAILORS	SAIL NUMBER	BOAT NAME	CLUB/ORG	NET TOTAL	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	
1	Mike Robinson	USA 1694	Ragtop	LNYC	8	13	1	1	2	[DNC - 5]	1	2	1
2	Mark Weinheimer Blake Sohn	USA 2	Deuces Wild	Blackbeard Sailing Club	9	11	[2]	2	1	1	2	1	2
3	Bob Hoffman Tom Bews	USA 1810	We Jammin'	LNYC	24	29	3	3	3	[DNC - 5]	DNC - 5	DNC - 5	DNC - 5
4	Calvin Guthrie	USA 1000	OZ	Carlyle Sailing Association	30	35	[DNC - 5]	DNC - 5	DNC - 5	DNC - 5	DNC - 5	DNC - 5	DNC - 5
SAN JUAN 21 EASTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING SAILS													
PLACE	SAILORS	SAIL NUMBER	BOAT NAME	CLUB/ORG	NET TOTAL	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	
1	Tim Porter	USA 1799	None	LNYC	8	11	1	1	1	[3]	1	1	3
2	Hans Lassen	USA 2585	Roadrunner	BSC	16	22	2	2	3	2	2	[6]	5
3	Jerry Lane Gene Lane	USA 564	None	NA	22	30	3	4	7	1	5	2	[8]
4	Michael Chesser	USA 1477	Scuba Kat	FBYC / LNYC	25	32	6	5	2	5	3	[7]	4
5	Rolf De Swardt Bill Blask	USA 220	Juanderdog	Columbia Sailing Club	28	36	5	6	6	4	6	[8]	1
6	Robert Bouknight Nancy Torkewitz	USA 5	None	LNYC	31	39	4	3	4	[8]	8	5	7
7	Jeffrey Davis Curtis Davis	USA 1482	Old Yeller	Fishing Bay Yacht Club	36	45	7	8	5	[9]	7	3	6
8	William McClure	USA 725	Thistledowne	SJ21	38	47	8	7	[9]	6	4	4	9
9	PATRICK RYKENS	USA 2537	FORMULA JUAN	LNYC	44	53	[9]	9	8	7	9	9	2

# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

by Jane Staveley

## Your Social Committee Needs Volunteers!

The BSC Social Committee has a number of events planned for the rest of the year, but the people who have volunteered to run these events could certainly use more help. Things go very smoothly when we have sufficient crew. We are putting out a special call for newer members! Assisting with a social event is a great way to get to know other club members. The upcoming events are listed below.

**Halloween Costume Party, Saturday Oct. 28.**

**Annual General Meeting Pot Luck, Saturday Nov. 4.**

**Thanksgiving with the Marines, Thursday Nov. 23.**

**Gift wrapping for Giving Tree and decorating the clubhouse, Saturday Dec. 2**

**Holiday Pot Luck and Craft Fair, Saturday Dec. 9**

**New Year's Eve Party with karaoke, Sunday Dec. 31**

**Installation Dinner, Saturday Jan. 13**

If you would like to help with any of these events, please contact either Jane Staveley or Connie Kern.

Thank you!

Jane Staveley (919-961-0987; [jstaveley@nc.rr.com](mailto:jstaveley@nc.rr.com))

Connie Kern (646-588-8176; [serene.health.reflexology@gmail.com](mailto:serene.health.reflexology@gmail.com))





# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

Fall Workday  
Mark Your Calendars  
October 21, 8:30 to noon



Please mark your calendars for the Fall Workday followed by the noon lunch.

On October 14th, I will be sending out more instructions, and a list of projects, along with the tools required to complete the projects. You are encouraged to sign up for a couple of projects by October 18.

Mark Hittner, Vice Commodore

# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## Welcome New Junior Members

### Desi Byrum

My current school is The Epiphany School, and I have been going there since kindergarten. I have grown up with divorced parents, but both life styles are centered around the water. As you know, my dad and I are constantly at Blackbeard sailing, boating, or working on other projects. I am very interested in continuing to learn more in the boating department and to try new things. My short term ambitions are to continue making good grades and to increase my skill level in volleyball, and sailing! Thank you so much for this opportunity, and I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,  
Desi Byrum



### Aiden Hansen



My name is Aiden Hansen, I am 16 years old and I am currently in my junior year at West Craven High School.

I have been around boats for as long as I can remember, often sailing with my family on one of our several sailboats we've had over the years. I began taking sailing lessons at ETYSA when I was eight years old and have very much enjoyed every minute of it and moving from being a camper to becoming a Junior Instructor in Training. Recently, I received my Level 1 Sailing Instructor certification through US Sailing and was able to work at the ETYSA as a Jr. Sailing Instructor. I also enjoy racing my 420 at regattas.

Over the years, I have made many friends through Blackbeard's and ETYSA and look forward to helping Junior Sailing grow through my involvement at BSC.

Thank you,  
Aiden Hansen

### Isabella Humphries

I enjoy dinghy sailing in my free time after school and on weekends. I have my own 420, which I have taken to compete in several regattas in the last year, and I can't wait to skipper and crew in my future.





# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## 2023 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

Final 12/23/2022

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
<b>Oct 31</b>	<b>Tue</b>		<b>HALLOWEEN</b>						
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
<b>Nov 23</b>	<b>Thu</b>		<b>THANKSGIVING</b>						
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
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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
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ODC	Oriental Dinghy Club	Todd Cox	toddcoxvt@gmail.com	(802) 999-7572
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SCOO	Sailing Club of Oriental	Rick Fears	rickfears42@yahoo.com	(916) 759-9546

# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sail_kitty@hotmail.com) or Ed Thompson [edthompson2@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

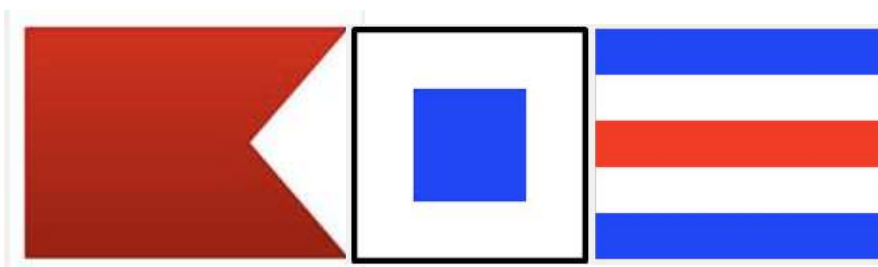
**Contact Sonya Dean** for info [sonyafm@hotmail.com](mailto:sonyafm@hotmail.com) or (919) 271-9899.

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

**Contact Sonya Dean** for info [sonyafm@hotmail.com](mailto:sonyafm@hotmail.com) or (919) 271-9899.

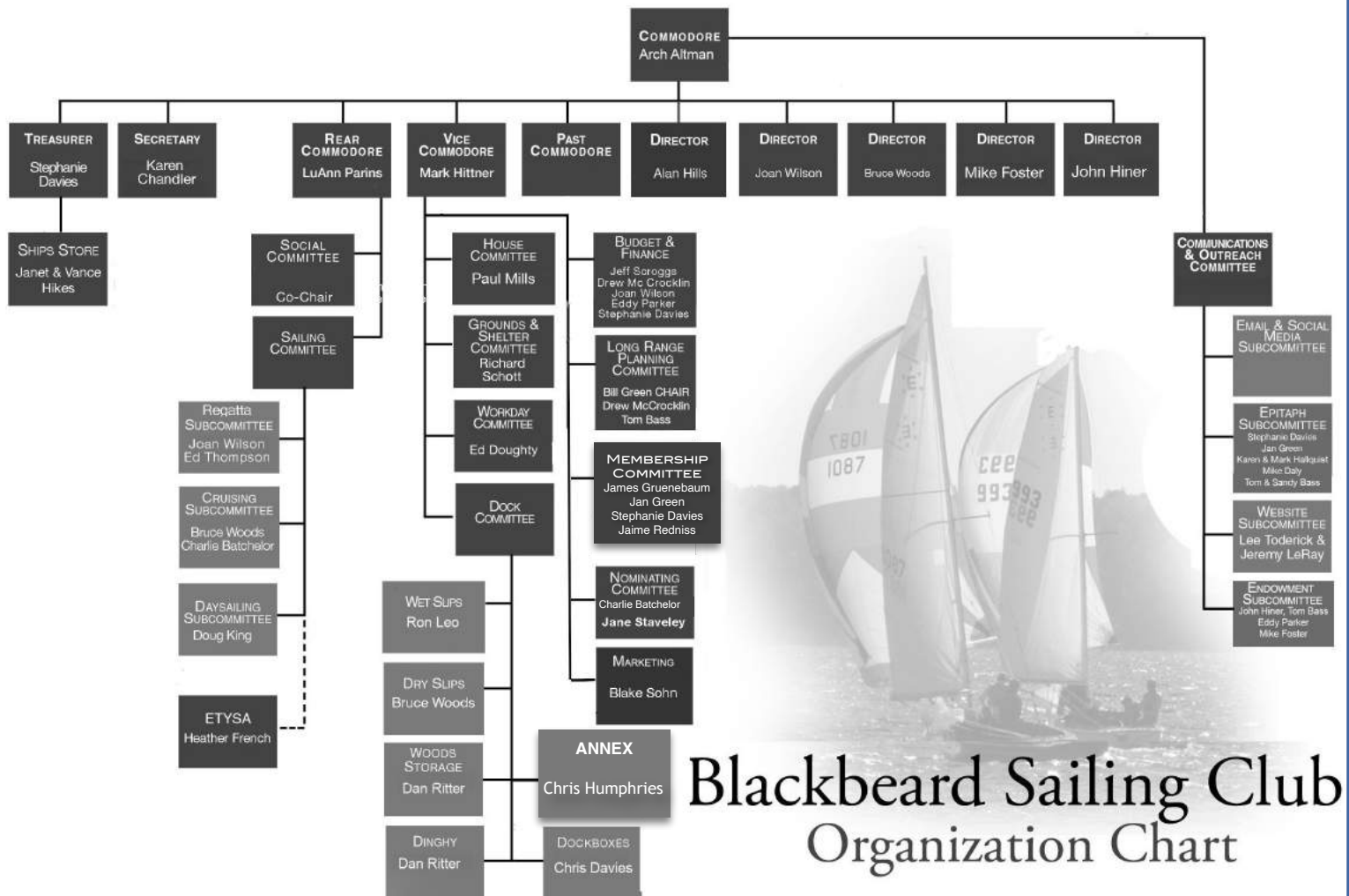
#### Miscellaneous:

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



# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## 2023 Board of Directors & Department Leads



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






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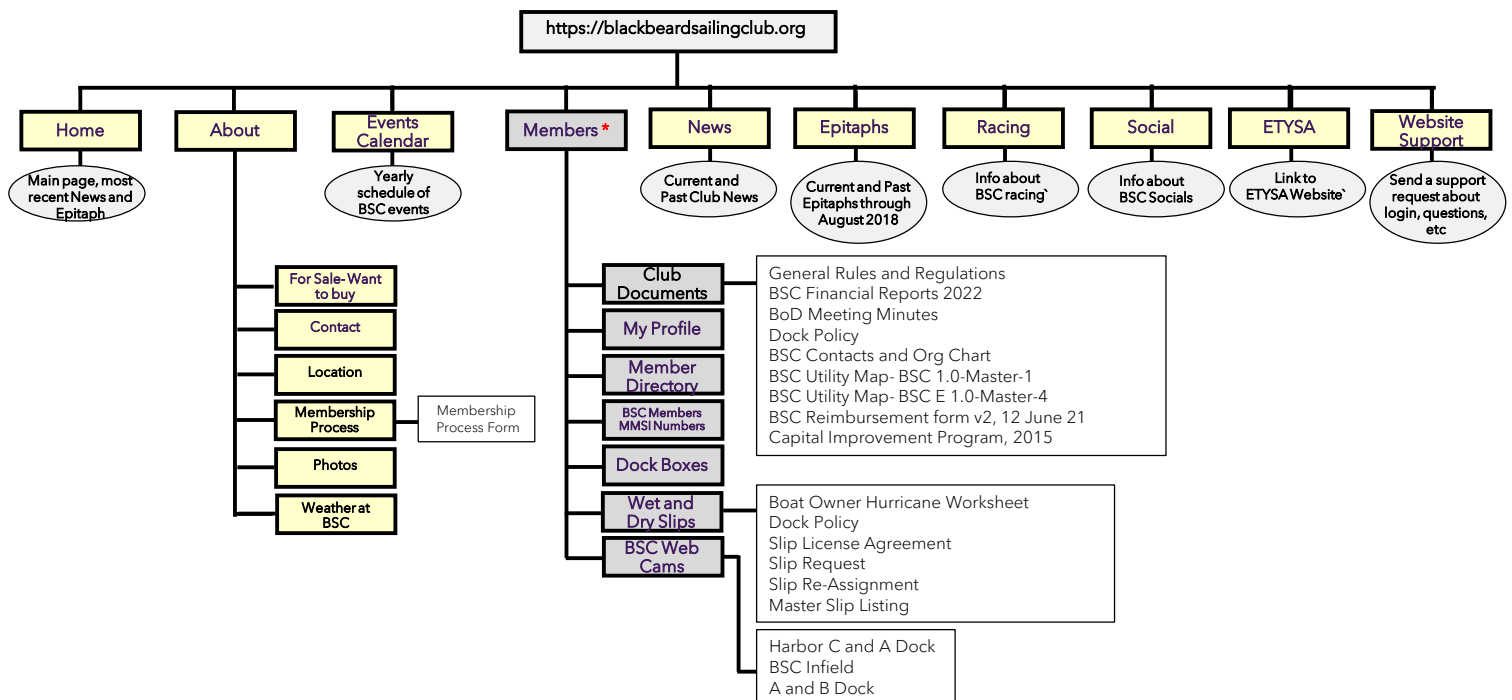
## New Website Map

by Lee Toderick

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