



# Blackbeard's Epitaph

## Save These Dates:

**November 4**

**BOD @ 9:30 AM**

**All Member General Meeting @ 4 PM**

**Pot Luck @ 5:30 PM**

**November 11**

**NYRA Winter Series #2**

**November 18**

**Turkey Trot**

**November 23**

**Thanksgiving with a Marine**

**December 2**

**NYRA Winter Series #3**

**December 9**

**Holiday Pot Luck**



## Blackbeard Sailing Club

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## From the Commodore:

Mates!

The semi-annual workday event this last weekend was a great success. The many members in attendance contributed to a very successful day!!

Many projects were scheduled and completed, including: tree felling in the Annex (for more parking area); ongoing repairs and maintenance to B Dock; major cleaning, modifications and repairs to the buildings before and during workday; general and comprehensive clean-up of the woods and dry storage areas, including the dinghy racks and dock box areas, and the grounds in general.

There were many folks who headed up the various work crews, all corralled by our Vice Commodore, Mark Hittner. Led by Joanne Doughty, the Cooking Crew was valiant in its efforts to provide good eats!!

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## From the Commodore

I want to remind all of you to vote for new Board Members and Officers before midnight November 3. You have all been sent a ballot by Election Buddy.

Also, the Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 4, from 4-5:30 pm, followed by a potluck dinner being organized by Jane Staveley. The General Meeting will be in person, and via Zoom. A blast will be sent out with an invite to the meeting via Zoom.

Fair Winds!!

*Arch*

## Thank You!

Members,

Thank you very much for such a productive workday. Your efforts keep the Club looking great and moving forward.

After serving three years, I will be stepping aside as Vice Commodore, but you will still see me around the Club with a paintbrush and hammer in hand. I love working with my hands, keeping busy, and feeling productive. I am very proud of our club, and was happy to make many new acquaintances.

It was a pleasure and an honor to serve the members of BSC.

*Mark Hittner*



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## Blackbeard Sailing Club Annual General Meeting and Pot Luck Social

Saturday, November 4, 2023

BSC Clubhouse

Annual General Meeting at 4:00 PM

Officer and Board election results announced, update on BSC matters, questions for the Board, etc.

*(A Zoom link will also be provided for those who wish to attend remotely.)*

*A blast with this information will be issued prior to the meeting.)*

Pot Luck Social

5:30 PM – drinks and snacks

6:00 PM – dinner

BYOB and bring a dish to share  
(appetizer, main dish, side dish, or dessert)  
No RSVP necessary - just come and mingle!

Questions?

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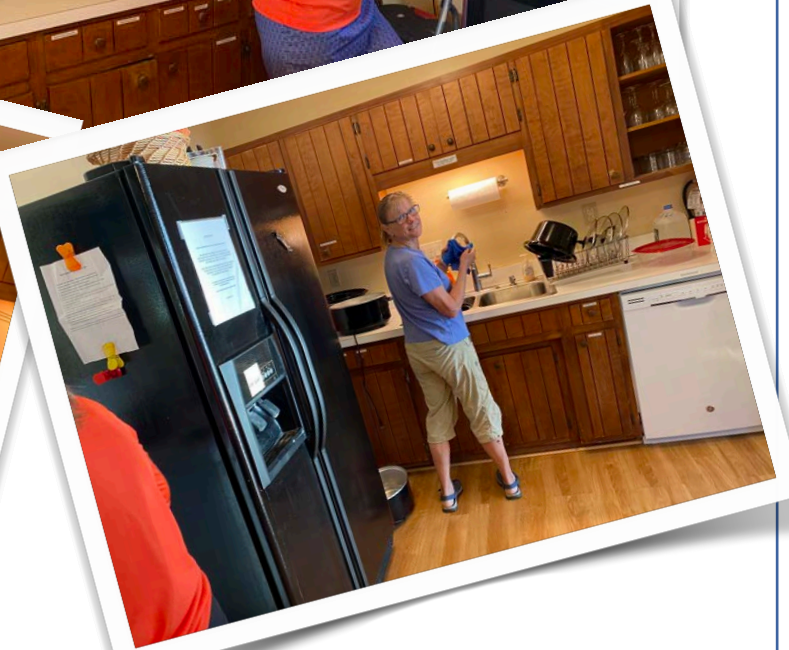
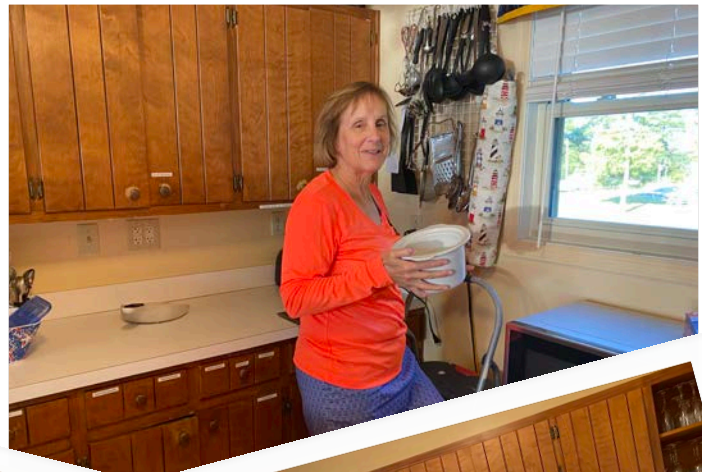




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Mini Fall Workday October 11th  
Deep Clean the Kitchen and Clubhouse

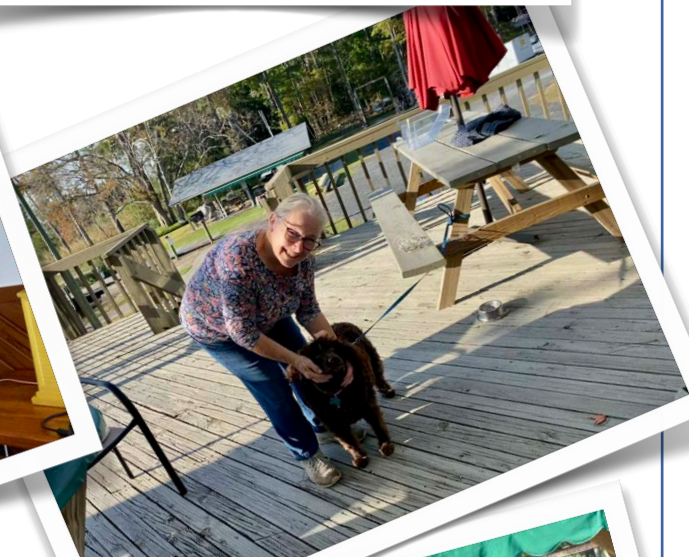
Photos by Susan McCrocklin





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## Deep Clean the Kitchen and Clubhouse



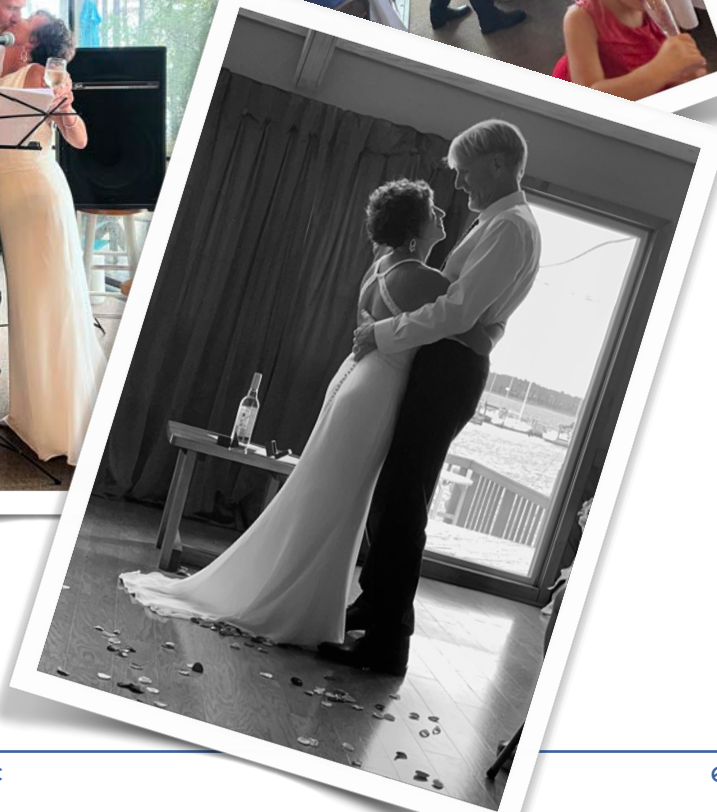


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## Scott & Jessica Tie the Knot

We are blessed to have married our soulmates in the clubhouse on October 14. Our extended family, friends from back home, and our close friends at Blackbeard attended. It was a joy to have our families meet our BSC family! A big thanks to all club members for allowing us to use the clubhouse. The wind was right following the wedding, so we loaded the wedding party onto four sailboats for an evening sail. A great time was had by all, as well as wonderful memories!

*Scott Huddle & Jessica Huddle*





# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

## Workday Projects

Photos by Mike Foster



Lily did the trimming, mom did the raking!



Willie's Room



Raking the Gravel



Decorations



Race Committee Room



Annex Expansion



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Photo by Charlie Batchelor

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

**CRUISING FORWARD** *by Scott Huddle & Jeff Tsai*

The make-up cruise to Clubfoot Creek took place October 7-8. A cold front made for an interesting downwind sail to the anchorage just inside the Creek. We had a good time, sharing stories and hors d'oeuvres on Latitude Adjustment. The next planned cruise will be December 2 for the Christmas Boat Flotilla & Christmas Parade in New Bern.

Scott Huddle





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## Did You Know...?

Did you know there is a new rope room? It's located in the "old" outboard motor room on a movable cart, with foot counter attached. The lock combo is still the same as was used on the former rope room. In case you have forgotten, it is the year BSC was founded. When buying rope, mark your name, member number, how much rope and the size you are buying.

## Did You Know...?

The Race Committee has a new private storage room. It's located in what was the old rope room, but it has its own lock.

While cleaning, we discovered and removed members' personal items including:

- 2 hatch top boat air conditioners
- 1 bimini (canvas and frame)
- 1 large spinnaker
- 1 sail with new red sheets and blocks...just to name a few.

Please claim your belongings. If not claimed by the next Epitaph, these items will go up for sale to benefit the Club.





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End of a long Hard Day of Work  
at the Campfire!

Photo's by Deb Mills



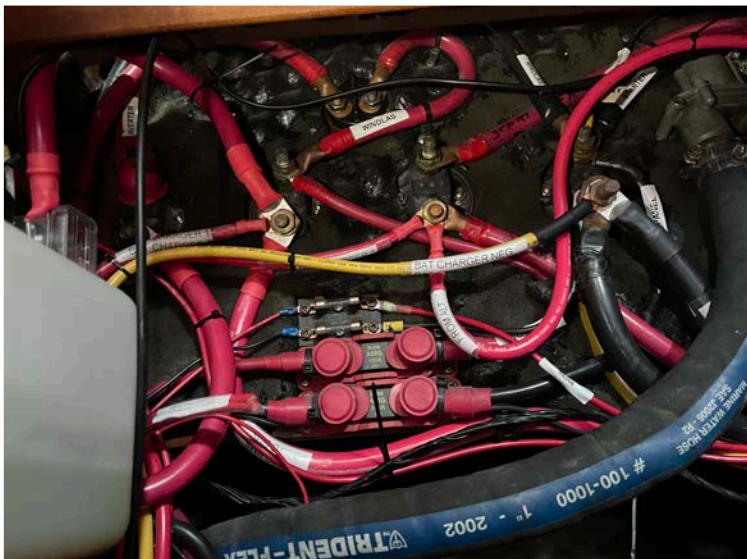


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## Lithium Battery Upgrade

I recently "bit-the-bullet" and decided I wanted a lithium iron phosphate house battery bank. In doing a little research online, I quickly learned that it is not exactly a simple project. The main issue is that you still have to crank your engine with a lead acid battery, and be able to charge your lithium batteries while motoring. However, engine alternators cannot directly charge lithium batteries without burning up the alternator (due to different chemical resistance in lead vs lithium batteries). So, I needed to install new house bank wiring, and to separate the lead from the lithium circuits. That's where you can go down a rabbit hole researching online. I talked to my friend and club member Steve Youngson (with Youngson Marine Electronics), who has experience with battery and marine electronics upgrades. Steve came on Methuselah twice to provide a cost estimate, and assess the situation on my boat (mainly tracing unlabeled wires). Then he provided me with a custom design, including detailed drawings. Steve ordered the batteries and all the proper cables, fuses, etc. I helped Steve during the two full days of installation (for my own learning). Steve was very meticulous and did an excellent job. The key benefits are: 1) increased battery amp hour capacity; 2) real-time battery capacity monitoring; 3) no more replacing lead batteries every few years; 4) much lighter and smaller batteries; and my favorite, 5) the robust heat shrink label maker that Steve used to identify all my wiring for future reference. If you are interested in hiring Steve (for a very reasonable rate) his email is: [youngsonme@gmail.com](mailto:youngsonme@gmail.com)

*Scott Huddle*





# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

by Connie Kern

## Thanksgiving with a Marine

With Thanksgiving just weeks away, 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 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 you of 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.





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by Mark Brennesholtz

## Ensign Fall Series Could Be Better

Of a possible 15 races scheduled this fall, the Ensign fleet has only completed seven. Foul weather or lack of wind caused two dates to be cancelled, and time limit expired and a cancellation cost two more. This is not to say we have lacked excitement. Three boats have first place finishes in the seven races - very democratic! A collision early on when *Blue Note* erred and t-boned *Red Stripe* caused considerable damage. Mark Hittner put in 32+ hours repairing *Stripe*, which never missed a race, but both of us dropped out of that race after the collision.



September Ensign Fall Series. All five boats rounded the windward mark in a tight bunch. *Blue Note* is mostly hidden by *Mutiny's* spinnaker. *Red Stripe*, *Long Shot* and *Raptor* prepare to set their chutes. (C. Davies photo)

*Red Stripe* leads *Blue Note* on the first spinnaker run. *Mutiny* on the right and *Raptor* approaching the windward mark. Bill Jarvis' signal boat *Piccolo* is the spec on the left. (C. Davies photo)





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by Mark Brennesholtz

## NYRA Halloween Regatta

A lovely but fickle day greeted the thirteen entries in the annual Halloween Regatta. On a shortened course, seven Navigation Class boats raced up to the bridge and back in under two hours. Scott Huddle in *Methuselah* corrected first by less than two minutes over John Jackson's *Georgie Girl*. Paul Mills was third in *Vertical Wing*. In the closest results, Mark Hansen and crew aboard *Next Hitch* beat Arch's *Mighty Fine 2.0* by 27 seconds.

Racing closed courses, including a triangle WL first race, six Spinnaker Class boats enjoyed pleasant breezes and annoying calms. The wind at the windward mark under the western shore of the Neuse caused many lead changes, and boats beating in the same direction on



Arch Altman's *Mighty Fine 2.0* starts on the RC boat bow in the Navigation Class at the NYRA Halloween Regatta. (S. Davies photo)



Bad Start - excuse me - *Bad Fish* - at the start of one of the Halloween Races. For the day, Ed Doughty and crew finished second in Spin A. (S. Davies photo)

opposite tacks. Even the spinnaker runs were tricky in the various wind streaks. Of the three boats in Spin A, Tom McKnight in *Anathema* and Ed Doughty in *Bad Fish* dueled each other all day, correcting within seconds every race. Their ratings are nearly identical. Tom won two of the three races after Ed won the first one. Charlie Nelson raced *Water Phantom* to thirds. Spinnaker C (no "B" entries) had three boats. Buddy Dillinger in his pretty Olsen 25 *Red Stripe* (no relation to the Ensign of the same name) won the second race while Ensign *Blue Note* took the first and third. In the second race, it seemed as if whenever we tacked, it was into a header. Pete Thorn in *Charisma* struggled with his first time in the Spinnaker Class, but that's how a crew learns.



# BLACKBEARD'S EPITAPH

by Mark Brennesholtz

## NYRA Halloween Regatta

The NYRA Winter Series continues with races on November 11, December 2 & 16, January 6 & 20, and February 3. We would welcome more boats for the rest of the series, and with potentially 18 more races and lots of throwouts, anyone could still be competitive. Find registration info and race documents at [regattanetwork.com/event/27083](http://regattanetwork.com/event/27083).



Tom McKnight's *Anathema* douses the chute at the leeward mark in some of the lighter air of the NYRA Halloween Regatta. (S. Davies photo)



Several boats had to ooch around the windward mark in very flukey winds. Here, Buddy Dillinger in *Red Stripe* backwinds the genoa, but makes it around without hitting the mark. Or did he? (C. Davies photo)



Tom McKnight's *Anathema* is nearly overlapped with Ed Doughty's *Bad Fish* setting chutes at the windward mark. These two were close all day with equal ratings and experienced crews. (C. Davies photo)



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## Halloween Nightmare!

Photos by Stephanie Davies





# 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.

### 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!

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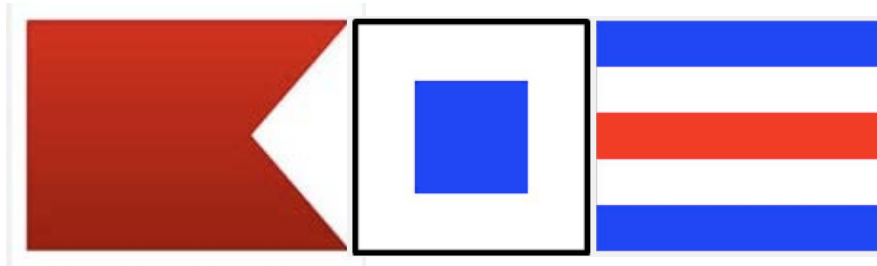
## 2023 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

Final 12/23/2022

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



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ETYSA	Edward Teach Youth Sailing Assn	Heather French	heather.french.massey@gmail.com	(252) 571-0322
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FLT 8	San Juan Fleet #8	Jeff Thomas	jennjeff@suddenlink.net	(252) 638-1493
FOM	Friends of the Museum (Beaufort)	Brent Creelman	brent@maritimefriends.org	(252) 728-1638
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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](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**

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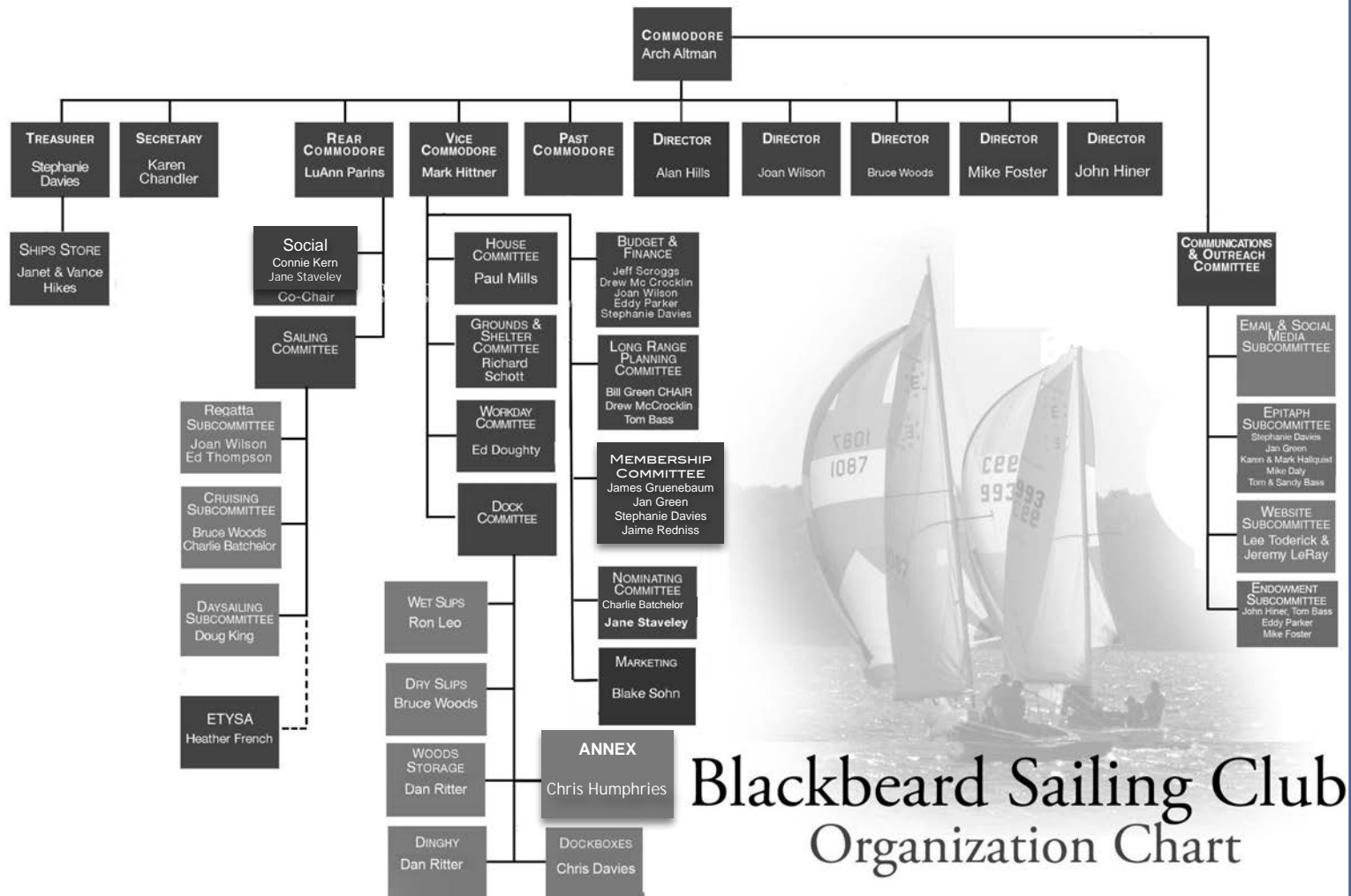
#### Miscellaneous:

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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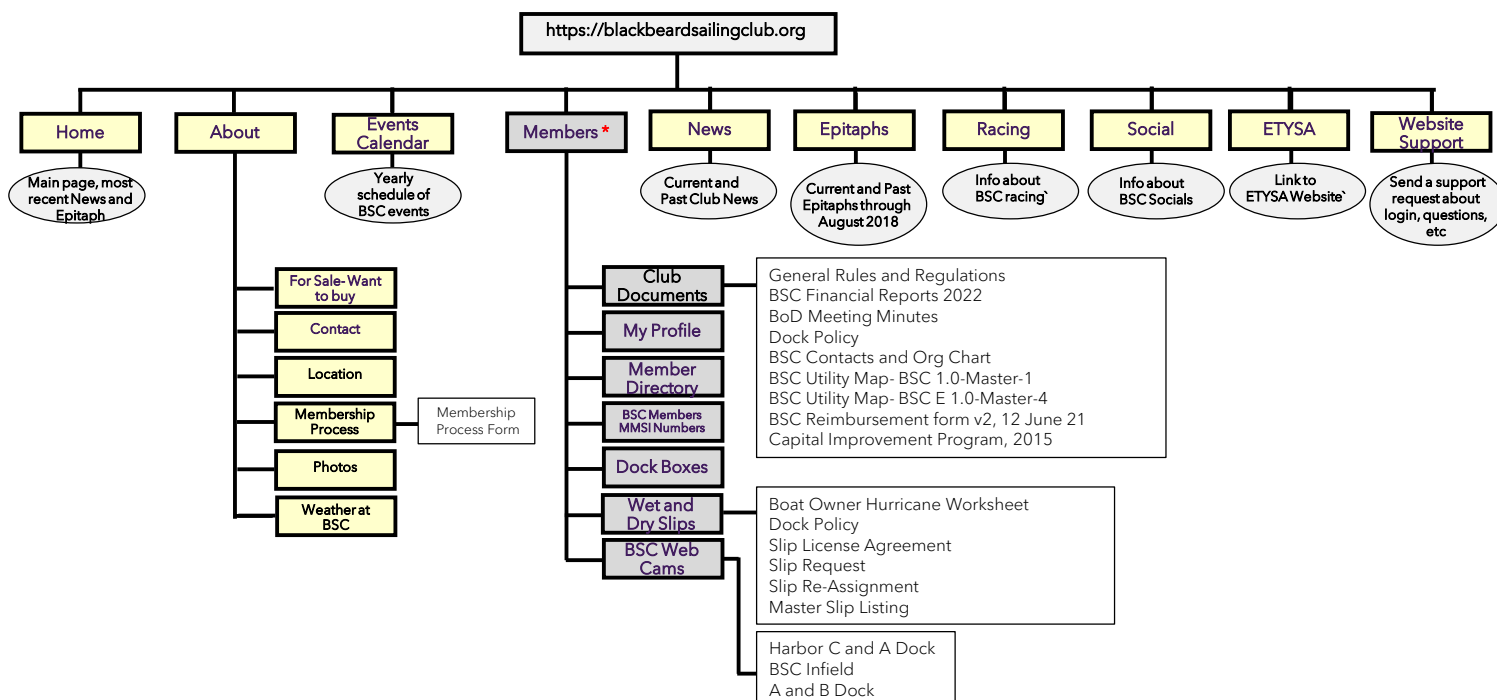
## New Website Map

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



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Life is  
Perfect at  
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