



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

May 4 & 5

NYRA's Cinco de Mayo One Design

May 11

BoD at 9:30

May 31

New Member Reception at 5:30

June 1

BoD at 9:30



June 8 & 9

BSC Spring One Design

June 10 - 14

ETSYA Camp #1

June 17 - 21

ETSYA Camp #2



Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

Greetings!

April has been quite a frisky month! We didn't get nearly as much rain as it felt like, but the winds were above average for much of the month. Several races were cancelled due to blustery conditions, and the bigger boats had plenty of breeze to practice reefing. Daytime temperatures are rising but haven't quite settled into flip-flop weather.

Our talented race management/support team has returned from Charleston Race Week. It sounds like that regatta had similar, wildly varied conditions as we did on the Neuse!

The first regatta of the Clark Cup One Design Series, the NYRA "Cinco de Mayo", is scheduled for May 4th-5th. Hopefully our typical "average" of 8.5 mph breezes will hold for both days of the weekend.

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From the Commodore

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Our website is back up and functioning thanks to the hard work of Lee and Jeremy. It's been a long, frustrating slog of purging malware, and they and their team deserve huge kudos for their perseverance.

There are no official club social events scheduled for the month of May, so it's a great time to make your own fun!

The next Board meeting is Saturday, May 11th at 9:30. All members are welcome, and I will have a blast of the Zoom invite sent out in advance.

See you at the Club and on the water!

LuAnn

From the DockMaster - Check Your Boat & Dock Lines

On April 12 we had a pretty good blow. Lines on several boats are now worn, and lots are improperly installed. Many lines are inadequate because of chafe.

Lines on rings are subject to chafe if not tied correctly.

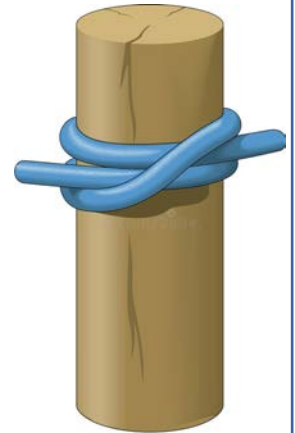
Cleats are not for directly tying one's boat to pilings.

Spring lines really do help!

Here is a list, please check your slip report.

[Click here for a list of Problem Slips](#)

Boat registration is a club requirement, please update if you are 2023 or previous.



Volunteers Needed for Social Activities!

First - thanks to those who have volunteered to lead the social events thus far this year. We are now looking for volunteers to help with our traditional events such as the 4th of July Hot Dog Lunch, the Shrimp-a-roo (date in September, TBD), and Halloween Costume Party. There are other ideas that have been floated and just need some folks to staff them! Games Night or Casino Night, Pit-master BBQ Challenge (see separate message on this), an outdoor games event ("Owimpics"), Watch Parties for the Olympics or for the America's Cup races, an Open Boat event, etc. If you are interested in taking the helm for any of these events, or have a totally new idea, please contact Connie or Jane. We have "general instructions" for hosting social events that will walk you through a lot of things, and we will also try to match up less experienced folks with those more experienced for event crew.

We need your help to make these events happen, so please contact us to sign up! Also, please take a look at the sign-up board in the Clubhouse.

Jane Staveley (jstaveley@nc.rr.com) Connie Kern (serene.health.reflexology@gmail.com)

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SAVE THE DATE

Friday May 31,
NEW Member Reception



EVENT DETAILS: Meet and Mingle with BSC's Newest Members

TIME: 18:00 (6PM) till....

EVENT REQUEST:

OLD MEMBERS - those who joined prior to May 2022

PLEASE BRING: Appetizer, Cookies or Bars (enough to feed 10)

NEW MEMBERS - will be our guests

AS CUSTOMARY FOR ALL : RSVP, BYOB (bring your own beverage)

Let's Celebrate with our NEW BSC Sailors!



BSC has not had a formal "NEW" Members' Reception since May of 2022, during the 50th Bash Year.

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Luke Spink, Past Blackbeard Member Returns to Sailing

With the Support Of His Crew Aboard SV Blueprint, Captain Luke Spink Returns To Racing After A Car Accident Left Him Paralyzed

WRITER: Eliza Monts
Charleston City Magazine since 1975

Spink will be at the helm during Charleston Race Week (April 18-21)



Age: 35

From: Manchester, England

Lives: John's Island

Works: Eastern US vice president of sales for Panaz Textiles

Family: Wife, Emma; children, Lottie and Oscar

Notable fact: First paraplegic sailor to race with the Charleston Ocean Racing Association

Less than a year after Luke Spink was paralyzed from the chest down in a car accident, the lifelong sailor was back at the helm of the SV Blueprint, his Beneteau First 36.7, participating in 2023's Charleston Race Week and becoming the first paraplegic to compete with the Charleston Ocean Racing Association.

This year, the determined 35-year-old captain's goal is to finish in the top three of the race, which is being held

April 18-21. Here, he shares what motivates him and how he and his teammates overcame the obstacles.

CM: *It's clear that you enjoy being on the water. What do you love about sailing?*

LS: In sailing, you're in charge of your own destiny as you go out and are powered by the wind alone—it's the most thrilling adventure. The competition aspect of racing with my team gets my adrenaline pumping like nothing else. I enjoy the high-pressure start of the race and the challenge of more weathered conditions. Plus, racing isn't only a physical sport; it's also strategic—like a chess game in which you're always having to think ahead—and skills-based, as you bring multiple talents on a team together. It isn't just individuals who make the race, it's a team who wins it.

CM: *Tell us about your sailing experience.*

LS: As a child in England, I learned how to sail on dinghies—I loved it immediately. In 2017, I earned my captain's license in Portugal, and from there I engaged in multiple deliveries and races in the Solent [a strait in the United Kingdom] and enjoyed racing as a bowman out of the Royal Lympington Yacht Club.

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After moving to the United States shortly before COVID, we got itchy feet to get back on the water and bought SV Blueprint in 2020. Since we couldn't go back to the UK for Christmas that year, we decided to cruise around Florida as a family with our nine-month-old daughter. While I always knew I wanted to race with Blueprint, I also dreamt of the boat offering us memorable family experiences and helping my children become water-savvy.

CM: How did you and your crew adapt SV Blueprint to meet your physical needs?

LS: We bought additional seating, improved life jackets, and a climbing harness I strap into to keep me stable while helming the boat. However, most of the changes were less about the boat's physicality and more about our sailing strategy—I rely on the crew more heavily than before, and we've shifted our communication styles. Now that I'm paralyzed, I'm determined to prove that disability can't hold me and my team back.

CM: How does sailing in Charleston compare with other places you've lived and traveled?

LS: Charleston Harbor offers some of the best conditions for racing I've ever experienced in the world. The local sailing community is so close-knit and supportive—my wife, toddlers, and I learned this firsthand after my accident when these friends were so generous to us.

CM: As a captain, how do you keep crew morale high?

LS: I strive to create a community of friends, which is a huge component of my passion for sailing. I want everyone on the boat to be a friend, as well as a sailor, which I hope creates a greater sense of purpose and a common goal to work toward as a team.

CM: What goals do you hope to accomplish this racing season?

LS: I'd love to see us podium in this year's in-shore summer racing series. I want to empower my crew to grow as a team and continue our strong sense of trust. To keep the team developing in skill and having fun together—at the end of the day, that's what matters most.

Race Week Results

Pursuit Spinnaker B								
1.	USA 100	Bottle Rocket	Cheetah 30	Jay Greenfield / Jay Greenfield / Nick Johnstone / Nate Fast	1	1	2.0	
2.	93	USA 93254	Blueprint	Beneteau First 36.7	Luke Spink / Dave Kowert / Billy Jones / Amanda Sandler / Will Monts	2	2	4.0
3.		32864	Arrow	J-35	Willy Schwenzfeier / Willy Schwenzfeier / Willy Schwenzfeier / Willy Schwenzfeier	3	4	7.0
4.		USA 96	Island Flyer	Wauquiez 40	Denny Manrique	4	5	9.0
5.		USA 232	Soulshine	Beneteau 38.1P	Eric Bicknese	9	3	12.0
6.		63393	Soul	J36	Ned Goss	5	8	13.0
7.		USA 1111	Freedom	J109	Michael Richardson / Greg Morse / Will Blackall / Jamie Plassman / Brett Lyall	8	6	14.0
8.		41940	Bella Vita	Frers 41	Chris Reuwsaat / Luke Ackerman	6	10	16.0
9.		USA 32245	STYLO	Express	Cliff Staggs	7	9	16.0
10.		USA 19	Warrior Sailing 95	J95	Warrior Sailing Warrior Sailing	10	7	17.0
11.		USA 5	Dorit	Beneteau Oceanis 38.1	Kirk Denebeim	13/DNC	12/DNC	25.0

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Ensign Series Finally Underway

by Mark Brennesholtz

The bad news was that we missed three race dates in March/April due to high winds and bad weather. The good news is that one boat that could not make the first two is now with us without being behind. More good news was that April 18th was a perfect day. Wind blowing down the river at 6-12 and 85 degrees. PROs Stephanie Davies and LuAnn Parins ran three races, and it was wonderful to have five boats on the line with Raptor rejoining the series.

Nobody was shy at the start of race one and with a 20-second line, it was busy. *Red Stripe* had a great start and led on all four legs. *Blue Note* worked the spinnaker runs, but not enough to catch *Stripe*. *Mutiny* was a close third, followed by *Raptor* and *Long Shot*. *Blue Note* evened it up with a win in race number two with a good start and good runs. Race three was a ditto of race two. *Mutiny* finished third again in both races.

April 25th was supposed to be light wind out of the NE 7-12. Reality was 12-18 out of the SE, blowing right up the Neuse. Whitecaps and a short chop fetching all the way from Cherry Point. A fairly short starting line and high boat speed put one or more Ensigns over early in all three races, including *Red Stripe* in the first two races. *Blue Note* was over early in the third race. As it turned out, that was the difference in the finishes, too. *Blue Note* took the first two races and *Stripe* took the third.

All day, boat speed in the chop was more important than trying to point a couple of degrees higher. *Raptor* took a fourth and two thirds and has a two-point lead over *Mutiny* for third in the series after six races. *Blue Note* has a two-point lead over *Red Stripe*. *Long Shot* had several very competitive legs, but could not put together a complete race. With a couple more Thursdays scheduled and throwouts soon, the Spring Series is still wide open.



Long Shot rounds the windward mark and prepares to set the chute (C. Davies photo)



Mutiny at the windward mark with the rail in the water. April 25 turned into a blustery, choppy day (C. Davies photo)



Raptor and *Mutiny* approach the windward mark in the Ensign Spring Series. After six races, these two are only two points apart (C. Davies photo)

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The start of the third race on April 25. Blue Note is gybing around the starting pin to re-start after being over the line early. Someone was over early in every race that day (S. Davies photo)



Five Ensigns in the Spring Series. From left, Red Stripe, Raptor, Blue Note, Mutiny and Long Shot (C. Davies photo)

Small NYRA Invitational & Neuse River Regatta

Day one of the NYRA Invitational was blown out like the Ensign races. It has been a blustery Spring! Saturday was scheduled to be round the buoys. Sunday was a beautiful day with light winds and middle distance pursuit starts for all classes. In the Navigator Class, Ed Thompson in *Dutch Wind* ran away from Mark Hansen in *Next Hitch*, Ritchie Thomson in *Bellatrix* and Dennis Howard in *Last Resort*.

Pete Thorn was in a Non-Spin class by himself in *Charisma*. *Deuces Wild* beat *Blue Note* in the battle of the Marks (Weinheimer, Hittner and Brennesholtz). The Ensign just needed a little more wind.

The drama of the day was in Spin A where Ed Doughty's *Bad Fish* crossed the finish line five seconds ahead and overlapped with Tom McKnight's *Anathema*. Charlie Nelson's *Water Phantom* was third. Nice day and nice party at BSC.

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Sunfish International Masters and Midwinters

by George Sechrist

In mid-March, 7 Sunfish sailors from Blackbeard's Hot Toddy series headed south to Tampa for the Masters Championship and the Mid-winters. We had 4 sailors in the Masters - Bob Slook from Oriental, Paul Welles ex-Oriental, Dave Hanselman from Harkers Island, and yours truly from Fairfield Harbour. The SF class set a record for this regatta with 84 boats, lots of fun on the start line! Bob and Paul both finished in the top half, and I just missed by sailing only 7 of the 9 races. We brought home 2 trophies. Dave was second in the senior masters (80+), and I won the title for my 5th in a row.

The Masters all went home and left the Mid-winters for the younger group of 80 boats. We had 3 youth sailors in this event from ETYSA, Jonathan Clubb, and Dylan and Wes Barbour. These 3 took home 1, 2, & 3 in the Youth Division, with Dylan edging out Jonathan by 1 point, and Wes with a 3rd. What a great experience! Congrats to ETYSA for doing a great job of teaching our youth.

In summary, Davis Island YC did an outstanding job with both regattas, with 9 races for the Masters, but the weather only allowing 4 for the Mid-winters. Interestingly, the age span was 70 years in our group so, you're never too old or too young for a Sunfish.



BSC's Pit Master BBQ Challenge

We are looking to gauge interest in a "cook off" at BSC. The challenge will be for any BSC member to prove their BBQ is as good as they think it is!

- There will be 3 categories: Beef, Pork, Chicken.
- Each category will have one winner; winners are to be selected by the membership after tasting.
- There will also be a People's Choice overall winner.
- We have not yet determined a date for this event

Think you can cook? This is your chance to prove it!

If you are interested contact Sheldon Shikoluk at: shikshikoluk@gmail.com



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HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

- April 19 New Meeting
- May 4-5 NYRA C
- May 11 Board M

[ETYSA Youth Sailing](#)
([CLICK HERE](#))



To BSC members and our sailing community friends:

As many of you know, our Blackbeard Sailing Club website encountered malware back in January. We apologize for the inconveniences that this has caused. The following is an update of what has transpired, and what is being done to overcome the problems.

Since January, our BSC website team of Jeremy LeRay and Lee Toderick have worked tirelessly to repair and relaunch the website. We thank them for their past and current extra volunteer efforts to overcome the "gremlins" below the deck.

Given the seriousness of the website issues, the Board decided to pursue multiple courses of action in an effort to navigate around the continued concerns with the current site. The first tactic was to reengage the original web developer, *Brandscrubbers*, to rebuild our site from scratch and relaunch. That is the stage where the site is today. Unfortunately, despite their efforts, the gremlins remain and certain site features are still problematic.

Anticipating that might occur, the web team recommended, and the Board approved, hiring a different website developer to create a new site on a different development platform. This short term fix replacement site, which we are calling BSC site 1.5, is on its way. It will be in the final testing phases the first week of May. This is basically a refresh/workaround of our current site, and will function very similarly to the old site, but with a slightly new look and feel. Your patience and wishes for fair winds with this solution is appreciated.

The last course of action initiated by the BOD was to look forward at a long term solution for a future Club website. They assembled a New Website Steering Committee (NWSC) made up of tech savvy BSC volunteers and Board members. This committee has been tasked to do discovery for a next generation 2.0 website solution that would fulfill our growth needs, and take advantage of developing technological improvements. The NWSC has developed a *Scope of Work* document that outlines their mandate. The NWSC have also had demos by experts of software used by other sailing clubs like ours. Good progress for sure.

BUT WE WANT YOUR INPUT. To do this, a few surveys will be sent out to query for your input. Look for these in the weeks ahead.

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Welcome New Members

Regina Ali

I am a North Carolina native, residing in the piedmont most of my life, from Fayetteville to Raleigh. I loved being outdoors as a kid, building forts, playing in the woods, and riding my Huffy dirt bike. My parents took me on vacations to the mountains and coast, white-water rafting, hiking, and taking the motorboat to lakes and a memorable trip to Harker's Island. My father and grandfather were from England with a love of automobile racing, competing in local rally racing, and my grandfather knew Sterling Moss. This level of passion warranted family trips to NASCAR races at famous tracks across the southeast. We also watched the Tour de France every year and reveled in Greg Lemond taking three Tour wins for U.S.A.



College found me attending North Carolina State University where I double-majored in Biochemistry and Biological Sciences. I earned an R.J. Reynolds assistantship and worked for two years on entomology research, publications, and presentations on pesticide cross-resistance in tobacco aphids. Cycling was my transportation and expanded as my escape when I got a mountain bike (MTB) and did my first race in Greensboro, 1993. I earned an assistantship to attend Clemson University for my Master's of Science in Environmental Toxicology, which I jokingly (sort of) call my "minor" and bike racing, my "major". I raced competitively in MTB and road cycling for Clemson and regional teams around the country for national and world cup events in the Pro/Expert fields for six years.

Post-graduation, I took a computational chemistry job at Oncology Research Institute, Greenville Hospital System, South Carolina, designing ligand-receptor models for a growth hormone antagonist. This led to a cheminformatics technical sales job that brought me back to Raleigh, NC, where I moved into basic and applied genomics research, culminating in a Senior Research Faculty position at NCSU and the start of a new hobby: kayaking.

I've enjoyed paddling whitewater rivers and steep creeks from Maine to Georgia to Costa Rica. My ex-husband and I spent 16 days kayaking 160 miles of the Colorado River aka Grand Canyon. We were invited to join a friend's private permit at a time when the lottery process delayed private trips about 12 years after initial application. Additionally, I have done multi-day expedition sea kayaking in locations from Maine to Florida. I was a certified Wilderness First Responder, adventure racer, and finally found sailing after years of cycling and kayaking with my good friends Chris and Michelle Moorman, 20+-year's Blackbeard's members. The Moorman's took my son and I on our first sailing adventures including a couple of years in the Parrot Head Regatta. I love sailing as an outdoor, technical pursuit that prizes speed and recreation. If you've read this far, you know that is right up my ally!

Consequently, several other amazing club members, Chris Weed, Jason Heald, Scott Huddle, and Connie Kern to name a few, have taught me to crew dinghies and yachts, coastal cruising to open ocean, one design regatta, and a week-long cruise around the US Virgin Islands. I am privileged to share this opportunity with such an amazing group of people. I look forward to more adventures with my sailing family.

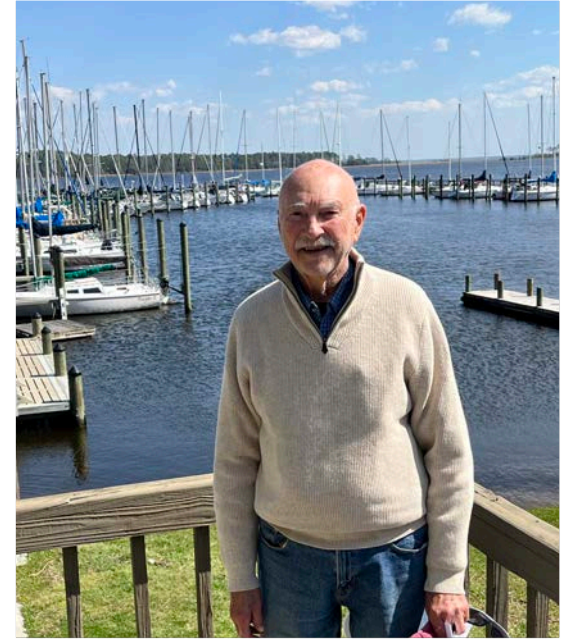
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John Edens

I was born in 1942, grew up in Waco, TX and graduated from Baylor University with a degree in accounting. After graduation, I joined the Air Force, served for four years, then spent the next 40 years working in accounting and finance for various regional airlines. After I retired, I spent several years doing really fun stuff - working in national parks, building with Habitat for Humanity and working in Alaska. A lot better than working for a living.

So far as sailing goes, my experience is very dated. In the '70s and '80s I raced small dinghies and bare-boated in the Caribbean for two or three weeks each summer for six or seven years. I now live on a Niagara 35 in Northwest Creek Marina and I'm looking forward to getting back on the water by participating in the sailing and social activities of the Blackbeard Sailing Club.



Gavin Stephenson



Hello Blackbeard Sailing Club! My name is Gavin Stephenson and I am excited to apply for membership with you. I recently moved to New Bern North Carolina from Janesville, Wisconsin last August to pursue a change in lifestyle and bond with my uncle, Kirk Hathaway, who is a member of Blackbeard. Since moving here, I have started my own diving business and have cleaned many of the vessels at Blackbeard which some of you may recognize me from. I also just recently purchased the boat *Silent Pursuit* and although I do not know much about sailing or racing yet, I am eager to learn everything I can and embrace this new journey in my life. I have been to Blackbeard during a few events with my uncle including Scott Huddle's Wedding and a Blackbeard workday. I have had nothing but good experiences with the members here and would love to call this my home for sailing. Besides the interest in boats and diving, I play several musical instruments, have two cats that mean the world to me, and enjoy relaxing with a book or movie at the end of the day. Thank you all for your time

and hopefully I get to know you all better soon!

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First Cruise of the Season

The first cruise of the season was held at Oriental during the boat show weekend. It was a sporty sail down the river with winds gusting up to 30. The northwest wind made for shallow water at BSC so some folks could not leave Friday as planned because they were stuck in the mud at their slips. However, we all met up in the harbor on Saturday afternoon. Cliff hosted everybody for sundowners at 4:30 on Latitude Adjustment. The weather was excellent and the winds died down for the sail home on Sunday. Most of us met up at Toucan Grill after cocktails and listened to the live band. A good time was had by all and we are looking forward to the next Day Sail Cruise to the Blue Angels airshow on May 11 and/or 12th!

Jessica and Scott Huddle



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Cruising Forward

(by Jeff Tsai)

The Cruising Committee kicked off the year with on-the-water seminars on the afternoon of the Spring Workday. Club members demonstrated skills and tricks learned that have saved their relationships with either their significant other, children, pets, and sometimes themselves! This was a great opportunity for learning, as well as connecting with other club members.

The 2024 BSC cruising schedule is listed below. Please reach out to the Cruising Committee if you wish to buddy-boat for trips. Sailing is a lifelong learning experience as we continue to learn from others.

May 11 and 12: Day trip to watch the Cherry Point Air Show on the Neuse River (10 NM)

The United States Navy Blue Angels will be the headliner.

June 14 - 17: Cape Lookout (43 NM).

Anchor at Cedar Creek off Adams Creek/ICW first night, proceed to Cape Lookout the second day, or to South River if conditions are rough offshore.

July 4th: New Bern Fireworks Cruise

Depart after the Club hot dog social and sail to New Bern for fireworks and back to BSC. Some boats will elect to stay anchored overnight.

July 20 - 21: Parrothead Race/Cruise to Oriental

There is a NYRA race on Saturday to Oriental (NYRA racers anchor or get a slip Saturday night). You can elect to race with NYRA or participate as a BSC cruiser. Slip must be reserved at Oriental Marina, phone number (252) 249-1818 or you may choose to anchor out.

August 17 - 18: Full Moon Overnight Regatta

This is another NYRA race/cruise but with a twist. Leave from BSC Saturday evening, go down river and back (distance depends on expected conditions). Plan on arriving back the next morning to a Bloody Mary and Mimosa breakfast. You can elect to race with NYRA or participate as a BSC cruiser. This is your opportunity to experience nighttime sailing.

Oct 5 - 6: Destination TBD as a make-up for canceled trip

Oct 19: Overnight Cruise to New Bern (7 NM) or Clubfoot Creek (15 NM)

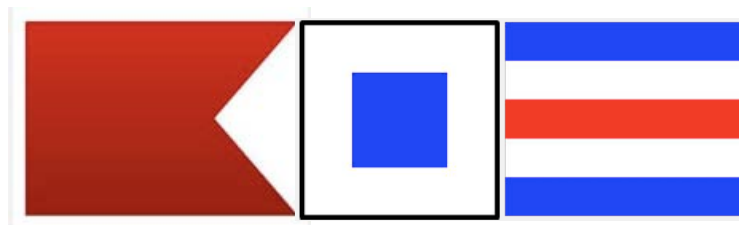
After the Fall Workday lunch.

Dec 7: New Bern Christmas Parade and Flotilla

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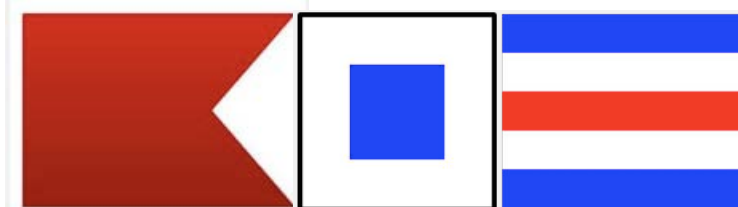
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2024 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

Final 1/21/2024

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
More races, events and contact information are listed on next page!									
May 4-5	Sat-Sun	NYRA	Cinco de Mayo One-Design Regatta #		X	X	X	X	New Bern
<i>May 12</i>	<i>Sun</i>		<i>MOTHER'S DAY</i>						
May 25	Sat	FHYC	John Walsh Memorial Oar Race	X	**	**			New Bern
<i>May 27</i>	<i>Mon</i>		<i>MEMORIAL DAY</i>						
Jun 1-2	Sat-Sun	ODC	Dragon's Breath Regatta * P	X	**	**			Oriental
Jun 8-9	Sat-Sun	BSC	Summer One-Design Regatta #		X	X	X	X	New Bern
Jun 15	Sat	PSC	Indian Island to Ocracoke	X	**	**			Pamlico
<i>Jun 16</i>	<i>Sun</i>		<i>FATHER'S DAY</i>						
<i>Jul 4</i>	<i>Thu</i>		<i>INDEPENDENCE DAY</i>						
Jul 6	Sat	BTS	Flounder Fest Regatta				X	FJ/420/SF	Oriental
Jul 20	Sat	NYRA	Parrothead (to Oriental)	X	**	**			New Bern
Aug 3-4	Sat-Sun	BTS	Bow & Stern Regatta	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	Oriental
Aug 17-18	Sat-Sun	NYRA	Full Moon Overnight Regatta	X	**	**			New Bern
Aug 24-25	Sat-Sun	BSC	Gurganus One-Design Regatta #		X	X	X	X	New Bern
Aug 31-Sep 1	Sat-Sun	NYRA	Beer Stein Regatta * P	X	**	**			New Bern
<i>Sep 2</i>	<i>Mon</i>		<i>LABOR DAY</i>						
Sep 14	Sat	BTS	Greens Creek Regatta				X	Under 20 ft	Oriental
Sep 14-15	Sat-Sun	BSC	Blackbeard Regatta (ETYSA Benefit) *	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 26-28	Thu-Sat	BSC	SJ21 N American Championship Regatta			X			
Oct 26	Sat	BTS	Halloween Regatta	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	Oriental
Oct 26	Sat	NYRA	Halloween / Winter Race 1 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Oct 30	Wed	FHYC	Halloween Holiday Race	X	**	**			New Bern
<i>Oct 31</i>	<i>Thu</i>		<i>HALLOWEEN</i>						
Nov 9	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 2 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Nov 16	Sat	BSC	Turkey Trot Regatta		X	X	X	One-design	New Bern
Nov 24	Sun	FHYC	Thanksgiving Holiday Race	X	**	**			New Bern
<i>Nov 28</i>	<i>Thu</i>		<i>THANKSGIVING</i>						
Nov 30	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 3 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Dec 14	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 4 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 1, 2025	Wed	BSC	Fred Latham Regatta			X			New Bern
Jan 4, 2025	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 18, 2025	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 6 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 1, 2025	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 7 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 15, 2025	Sat	NYRA	Commodore's Ball Regatta *	X	**	**			New Bern



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Ensign Fleet Races - located on the Neuse River near Upper Broad Creek, New Bern, NC.

Spring Series: 7 Thursday races on Mar 28; Apr 4,11,18,25; May 2,9.

Fall Series: 7 Thursday races on Sep 26, Oct 3,10,17,24; Nov 7,14 (Awards & social following Nov 14 races.)
Normally 3 races per day. **Contact: Blake Sohn at blakesohn@gmail.com or (612) 481-9696.**

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 Craig Myler at craigmyler@gmail.com for race updates and PHRF-based pursuit start tin

Blackbeard Sailing Club Weekly PHRF Fun Sails - open to everyone at no cost, no club affiliation required

Pursuit starts based on NC 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

Oriental Dinghy Club PHRF Races

PHRF Races: Apr 6,27; May 18; Sep 21; Oct 19; Nov 2, PHRF Pursuit Races: Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 10

Contact Bob Slook for info at bslook@gmail.com or (732) 740-5591.

SunFish Racing:

>**FHYC Sunfish Races** - near the boat ramp on Fairfield Harbour Inner Harbour; 3-5 races per day, weather permitting.

Spring Series: 10 Sunday race days on Apr 7,14,21,28; May 5,19; Jun 2,9,23,30.

Fall Series: 8 Sunday race days on Sep 8,15,22,29; Oct 6,13,20,27. (Awards & social following Oct 27 races)

Contact Jerry Rezab for info at geraldrezab@yahoo.com or (252) 288-4124.

>**Oriental Dinghy Club (ODC), Oriental NC**

Dinghy Races: Apr 7; May 11,19; Jun 9; Jul 14; Aug 11; Sep 22; Oct 20; Nov 3,10.

Contact Bob Slook for info at bslook@gmail.com or (732) 740-5591.

>**Hot Toddy Winter Series at Blackbeard Sailing Club, New Bern NC**

2024 Schedule: Jan 13,28; Feb 10,25; Mar 9,24; April 13

Contact Jude Brown for info at heyjfb@earthlink.net or (240) 671-5771.

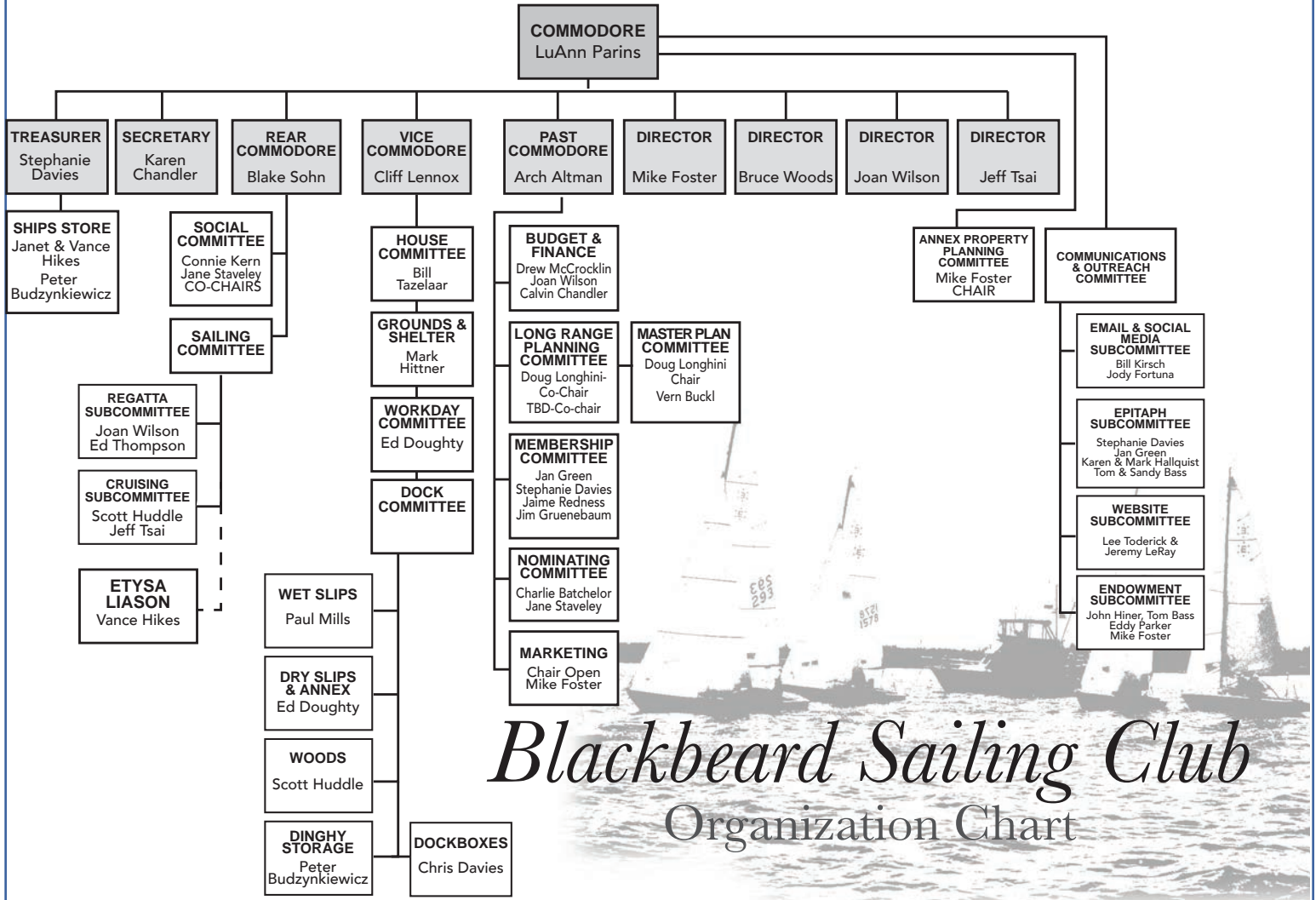
>**Harkers Island Regatta - Jul 13, 2023**

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

Miscellaneous:	2024 Date	Day	Club	Event	Location
	Apr 11-14	Thurs-Mon		Oriental Boat Show	Oriental NC
	Apr 17-21	Wed-Sun		Charleston Race Week	Charleston SC
	Jun 3-Jun 28	Mon-Fri	BSC	ETYSA Youth Sailing Camps	New Bern NC
	Jul 8-Aug 2	Mon-Fri	BSC	ETYSA Youth Sailing Camps	New Bern NC
	Oct 12-13	Sat-Sun		Mumfest	New Bern NC
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FHYC	Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club	Craig Myler	craigmyler@gmail.com	(240) 405-5348	
FLT 8	San Juan Fleet 8	Jeff Thomas	jennjeff@suddenlink.net	(252) 638-1493	
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Blackbeard Sailing Club Organization Chart

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

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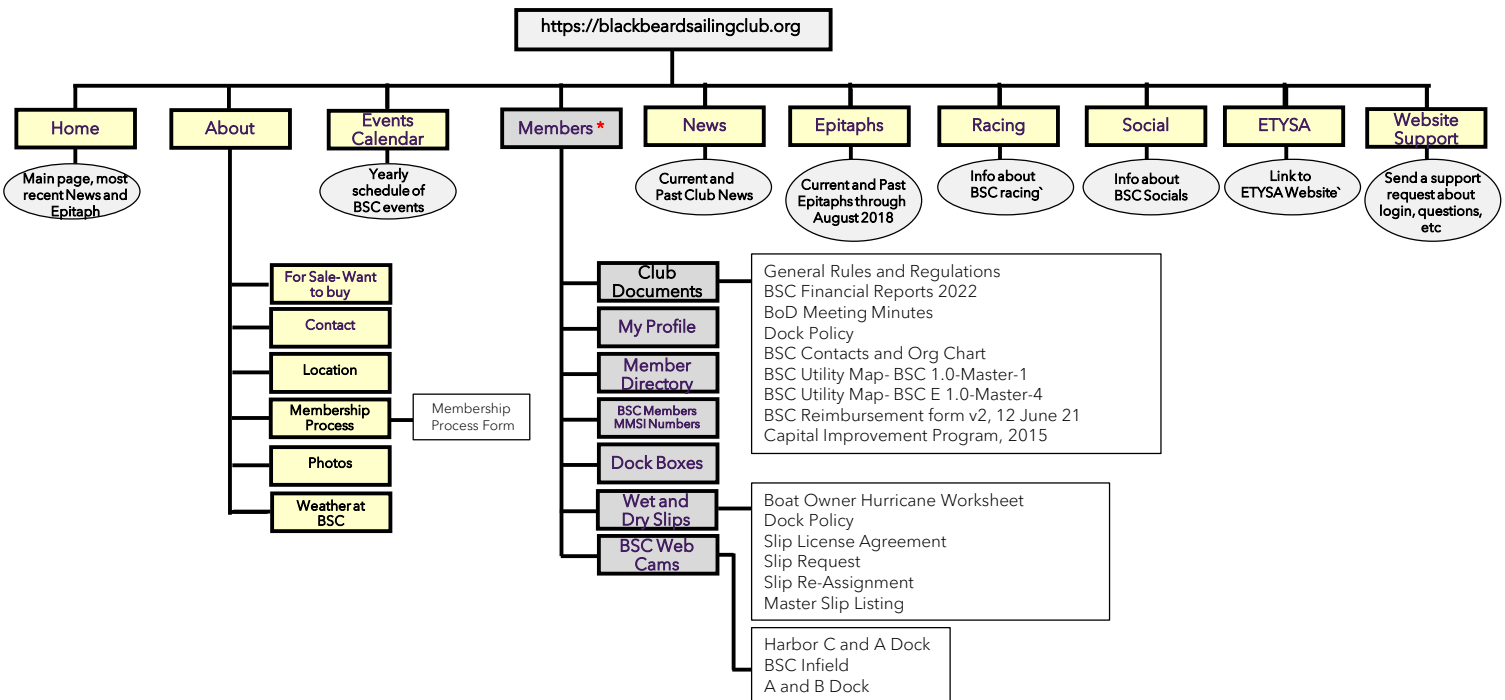
New Website Map

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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Be sure to visit the BSC website which is loaded with official information, current news, membership directory, slip information and much more.

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Epitaph Submission Guideline

Submissions to the Epitaph are due by the 23rd of each month for the following month's publication. We welcome the membership's input including:

- stories and cruising articles
- how-to articles and other news
- committee reports
- racing news and reports
- photos in jpeg format
- event announcements and calendars

Please send all material to the Epitaph's editors at bsceptaph@yahoo.com.



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