



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

- January 1, 2024**
- Fred Latham Regatta**
- January 6**
- Winter Series #5**
- January 12**
- BOD @ 7PM**
- January 13**
- Social Committee Meeting**
- January 13**
- Installation Dinner**
- January 20**
- Winter Series #6**



From the Commodore:

Happy New Year!

For those of you who don't know me yet, I am LuAnn Parins, the new Commodore for 2024. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for 2023, both those continuing on the Board and those few who are retiring, for their service to the Club. A big "Thank You!" is owed to Arch Altman for serving as Commodore for four years, steering us through the restrictions of the Covid pandemic, and then, as soon as we opened back up to public events, an entire year of celebrations for our 50th anniversary in 2022.

This past year our focus has been on how to improve the Club for the future. We are in continuing discussions about a wave attenuator to protect the basin, and especially B dock, from wave surge and shoaling. That's our highest priority, after which we can upgrade B dock to make it as desirable as A and C docks. Arch will continue to act as liaison to the engineering firm that is developing plans for the attenuator.

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From the Commodore

Meanwhile, plans for upgrades to the clubhouse are in the works. Hopefully, by the end of the year you will see some of the projects come to fruition. Everything takes time, and sometimes projects take longer than we would prefer, but we are doing whatever we can to make the Club a better place for both sailing and social events.

Remember that Blackbeard is a volunteer run club! If you haven't yet become involved in an event, either social or a regatta (either helping on the water or shore side), please step up! As has been said many times, "Many hands makes for light work!" It's fun to be involved.

LuAnn

Friends, Mates & Members



This has been quite an interesting ride as Commodore, to say the least. My term started with the arrival of the pandemic, followed by a period of strong growth and expansion of the Club in many ways.

I have had the fortune of working with bright, questioning and supportive Boards, and a vigorous and interested membership.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve you all to preserve the essence and energy of our Club. I thank you all very much for your support over the years.

I feel assured that our new Commodore, LuAnn Parins, will be an excellent Commodore.

Fair winds and smooth seas,

Arch Altman

Social Committee Planning Meeting

On Saturday, January 13, please join us for a meeting at 11:00 am in the Clubhouse to help plan social activities for the upcoming year. Any and all ideas are welcome! Any and all volunteers are welcome! We are looking for people to lead events, as well as people to assist the leaders. If you are relatively new to the Club, getting involved in a social event is a great way to meet other members. We have accumulated a body of knowledge and a room full of decorations and supplies, so organizing an event is easier than you might think. BSC members always pitch in to help with clean up, so things run very smoothly. If you have any questions, or cannot attend the meeting but want to participate, please contact Connie Kern or Jane Staveley.

Jane Staveley at jstaveley@nc.rr.com

or 919-961-0987

or

TEXT Connie @ 646-588-8176

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Farewell to the "Voice of the Neuse"



Jackie Moniak - March 12, 1944 to December 28, 2023

For close to thirty years, Jackie Moniak served as the Principal Race Officer (PRO) for the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club dinghy races.

Jackie was involved with almost every aspect of racing. She crewed on Ensign races, and worked on committee boats. She started to do timing for big boat races and was always in demand. This is where she earned her unofficial title, "The Voice of the Neuse." At the start of every race you could clearly hear Jackie on the radio announcing one minute to the first flag and then the countdown. Jackie has been the timer for most of the Ensign races, and all of the NYRA (Neuse Yacht River Association) and Blackbeard races for several years. Jackie said, "If they needed a timer, it was me."

In addition to being the best race timer around, Jackie found time to play first clarinet with the Craven Community Concert Band, the Pamlico Band, and the Croatan Concert Band. She also played with the Down East Dulcimers, on the ukulele. She adopted a black cat named Shadow, and was a treasured friend of many in the sailing community. We will miss her greatly.

Excerpts from an article in the Sun Journal by Elaine Berberich, 9-21-2020

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Installation Dinner

The Annual Installation Dinner is planned to be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday, January 13, 2024. This is our yearly chance to get dressed up, and enjoy a catered meal, with accompanying music from “Erica Sommers with Bridge Atlantic.” (Some of our BSC musical talent may even appear.) Appetizers and cocktails begin at 5:30 (BYOB). Following dinner, and before dessert, the Officers and Directors for 2024 will be introduced, and awards (for the famous and infamous) will be presented.

Seating is limited and advance sign-up is required. The cost is \$35 per person, billed to your BSC account. This is a members-only event as we do not have room to accommodate guests.



RSVP by January 5 to Jane Staveley at jstaveley@nc.rr.com
or 919-961-0987.

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by Paul Mills

From Your Dockmaster

Blackbeard's marina is, for the most part, full. There are a few slips available, including a handful of shallow slips on B dock.

I continue to see chafe on dock lines. Please consider checking your lines, or having someone do it for you. There are similar concerns with power cords. Extension cords and adapters are not sufficient for boat power expectations

A fair number of registrations, including 2023, are already out of date. Registration is a club requirement and must be done. If needed, send me the stickers and I will install them for you.

Slip rates are going up in January. Please be aware. The new rates are posted on the bulletin boards at the Club.

Last, but not least, our club is looking really sharp. A lot of effort has been put into it by volunteers. The flip side is that there are several boats looking neglected. In 2024, let's all make a resolution to keep our boats looking good, and more importantly, get them off the dock and out for a sail!



VOLUNTEER



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by Mike Foster

So, I stopped by the Club a few days ago.
I noticed this...



... a water bowl next to the hydrant. Seems right, except this area was planned to be a sail folding area, not a dog area. The next picture illustrates the concept.



This whole area was created for the purpose of folding sails - protected from wind, surrounded by the clubhouse and the World's Tallest Outhouse. Even the largest spinnaker at BSC would be safe to spread out on this grassy area.

So, I moved the steel water bowl (for the third time) to here... under the rear staircase.



Yes, it is a bit farther from the water hydrant. But, it also has a chain mounted to the post for members to tether their dog as needed, with the water bowl available there. All of this was established by prior BSC dog owner members, and approved by the BSC Board, to accommodate dogs on the grounds. A dog pen was also created. At that time in BSC history, there was a movement to completely ban dogs at the Club. (I opposed that ban.)

We have a LOT of new members, and they may not be fully aware of BSC guidelines, nor the dog-friendly facilities available. Dog owners need to use the spaces created for their dogs, and honor the rules established. If necessary, the Board may need to revise the guidelines, and inform the membership of what is expected from dog owners. What is good for each member's dog may not be best for BSC. I will leave you with this...

Yes, dog poop in the sail folding area. Your foredeck would not be happy.

Respectfully, Michael Foster.

Additionally, given the concern for canine respiratory illnesses right now, I don't think the communal water dish should be provided. That's one way the virus is being transmitted. Dog owners should be aware of the risk and have their own dog bowls until this risk has abated.

LuAnn Parins



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Christmas Gallery

The BSC holiday potluck on December 9th was very successful. We had a great turn-out, with lots of delicious food shared by all. We closed out the evening with some very enjoyable music from Brian Bolt, Kirk Hathaway and Jeff Boenig. I would like to thank the committee members that helped make the evening a success, Mary Hittner and Jane and Dave Jonah. Another big thank you to Deb Mills for taking home all of the tablecloths to wash, fold and return for our next big event. I am looking forward to many more fun gatherings at BSC in 2024.

by Joan Boenig
Photo by Deb Mills



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by Mark Hittner

Improvements to the Annex

During Fall Workday, one of the crews cleared a section of trees in the back of the Annex. After the mowing season was over, our mowing contractor brought in his mulcher to grind stumps and clear brush. The Annex is now ready for additional storage, if needed. Right now we have slips available in all locations, wet and dry, with the exception of 40' and 45' Wet Slips.



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Welcome New Members



Neill, Heather, Riley & Teague Graham

I'm Neill Graham, and I hail from "Little" Washington, NC, growing up by the Pamlico River, surrounded by a family of powerboat enthusiasts. My journey into sailing began as I crewed on monohulls in local regattas and eventually owned a 15 Venture Catamaran. Our family also enjoyed sailing at our lake house on Kerr Lake, where we sailed Hobie 14s and sunfishes. Currently, we sail a Boston Whaler Harpoon 4.6 Dinghy at Kerr Lake.

After high school, I spent around four years on Ocracoke Island, where I worked on the restoration of various boats and met my wife, Heather, while both of us were working at the Pelican Restaurant.

I pursued my academic journey at UNC Charlotte, earning a BA in Mechanical Engineering in 2002. During my college years, I gained experience working at an architectural model

shop and honed my skills in composites and laminate layup/vacuum bagging techniques.

My professional career began in Portsmouth, VA, where I worked as an engineer at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, focusing on steam plant troubleshooting for Nimitz Class Aircraft Carriers. I also had the unique experience of taking off from and landing on aircraft carriers at sea in propeller-driven mail planes. In 2007, I moved to Wilmington, NC, to work for General Electric in their Nuclear Power division. My current position is Manager of the Piping Analysis Team, and I hold a Licensed Professional Engineer title.

My sailing adventures led me to the Waccamaw Sailing Club in 2016. I've raced Tanzer 16s, served as a board member, and currently, I race a Vagabond (Hobie) Holder 20. As a Boy Scout Leader, I helped 12 scouts earn their sailing merit badge during a single weekend at WSC. In 2018, I joined forces with a friend and co-worker, Mitch Johnson (current BSC member), to purchase a Corsair (Farrier) F24 trimaran, primarily for day sailing and coastal cruising. We've sailed to Ocracoke, Oriental, and New Bern, among other destinations.

My family consists of my wife of 21 years, Heather, and our two children, Riley and Teague, along with our two Golden Retrievers, Sully and Byrdie.

What I bring to the club is a deep passion for sailing, an Eastern Carolinian's dedication to preserving our coastal environment, and a range of technical skills, including mechanical expertise, boat wiring, composite design and construction, rope work, rigging, and construction experience.

My hopes for the club include camaraderie, a platform to promote and sustain sailing, a welcoming space for family and friends to enjoy sailing, and an opportunity to contribute my skills and learn from others, all while being surrounded by boats and the water!

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Welcome New Members



Mike, Meg, Fiona & Liam Somers

Hello!

We are the Somers family, and we hope to join the Blackbeard Sailing Club community.

Mike and Meg both grew up in the suburbs of Richmond, Virginia. Meg's family sailed a bit one summer on the Swift Creek Reservoir. Mike's family's summer home was in Ontario, Canada. He spent many summers sailing a JY15 there. Mike also attended the Annapolis Sailing School when he was 14.

Our family started in Southern Maryland. Our twins, Liam and Fiona were born there in 2008. Meg had been a CPA/Consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton before deciding to stay home with the twins. We always had our eyes on coastal North Carolina, and were thrilled when the right career opportunity opened up for Mike in 2017. That's when we moved to New Bern and Mike took a job as an ER doctor at CarolinaEast.

Liam and Fiona started attending the ETYSA summer camps in the summer of 2018. Liam has pursued boxing and free-running gymnastics rather than sailing. Fiona loves being out on the water, and participated in ETYSA competitive sailing over the last year. She aspires to be an ETYSA instructor in the summer of 2024. We feel so blessed that Fiona has had this opportunity. She's developed tremendously because of the sport, and we have been amazed at how the Blackbeard Sailing Club community has embraced her.

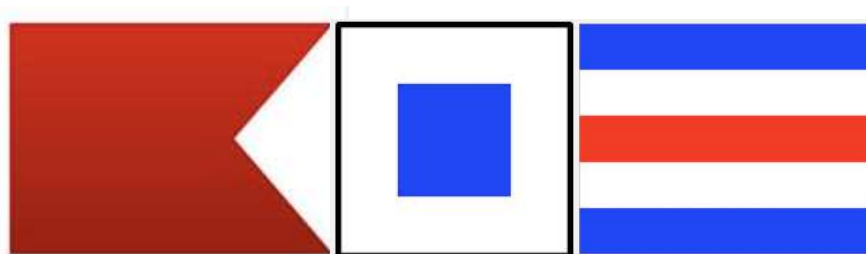
We don't have a sailboat yet. We plan to get one in 2024. We'd like to start out with a Sunfish or a 420. We do have a World Cat DC 230 which might make a fun committee boat.

We live in Neuse Harbor, which is directly across the river from BSC. Even when we can't be on the water we enjoy watching the sailboats across the river. It's easy for us to skip across to join activities at BSC. We're interested in contributing to BSC. Meg has intermittently worked as a bookkeeper after the twins were born. Mike was asked to teach 1st aid to ETYSA, and he's happy to do that. We're ready to pitch in for whatever else may help BSC thrive.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike, Meg, Fiona and Liam



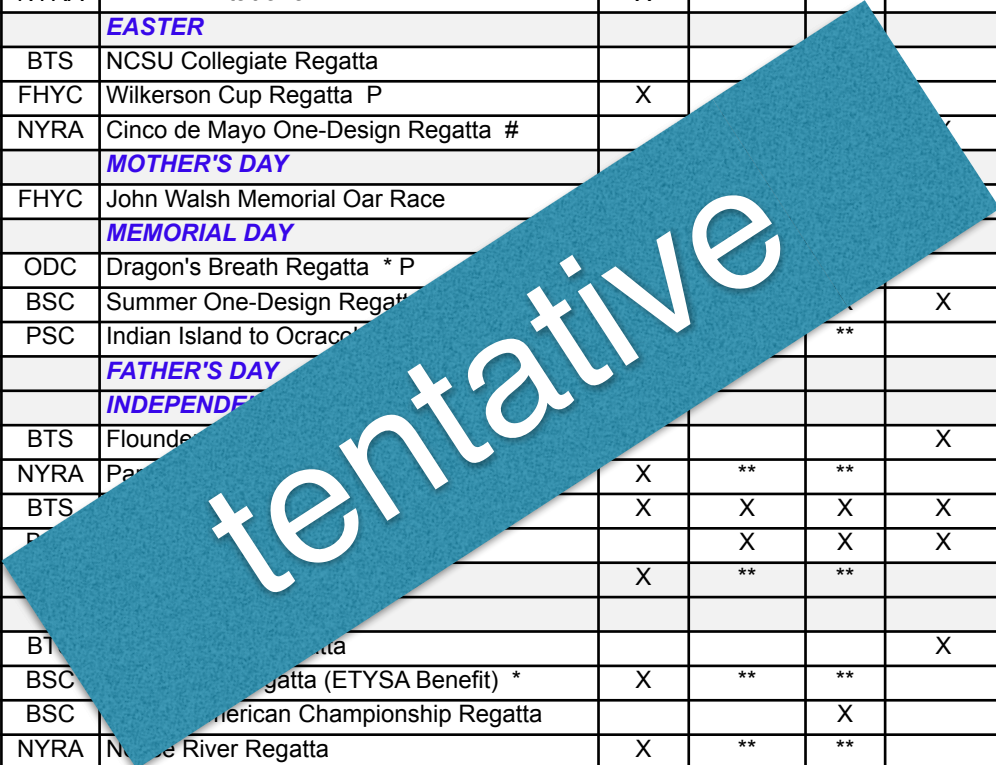
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2024 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee

Draft 12/28/2023

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	Ensign	SJ21	Sunfish	Other	Location
More races, events and contact information are listed on next page!									
Jan 1	Mon	BSC	Fred Latham Regatta P			X			New Bern
Jan 1	Mon	ODC	Instead of Football Regatta P	X	**	**			Oriental
Jan 6	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 20	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 6 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 3	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 7 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 11	Sun	FHYC	Valentine's Holiday Race	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 17	Sat	NYRA	Commodore's Ball Regatta *	X	**	**			New Bern
Mar 23-24	Sat-Sun	NYRA	NYRA Invitational *	X	**	**			New Bern
<i>Mar 31</i>	<i>Sun</i>		<i>EASTER</i>						
Apr 20	Sat	BTS	NCSU Collegiate Regatta					FJ	Oriental
Apr 27	Sat	FHYC	Wilkerson Cup Regatta P	X					New Bern
May 4-5	Sat-Sun	NYRA	Cinco de Mayo One-Design Regatta #					X	New Bern
<i>May 12</i>	<i>Sun</i>		<i>MOTHER'S DAY</i>						
May 25	Sat	FHYC	John Walsh Memorial Oar Race						New Bern
<i>May 27</i>	<i>Mon</i>		<i>MEMORIAL DAY</i>						
Jun 1-2	Sat-Sun	ODC	Dragon's Breath Regatta * P						Oriental
Jun 8-9	Sat-Sun	BSC	Summer One-Design Regatta				X	X	New Bern
Jun 15	Sat	PSC	Indian Island to Ocracoke			**			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 Regatta				X	FJ/420/SF	Oriental
Jul 20	Sat	NYRA	Parade Regatta	X	**	**			New Bern
Aug 3-4	Sat-Sun	BTS	Parade Regatta	X	X	X	X	All boats/sizes	Oriental
Aug 24-25	Sat-Sun	BTS	Parade Regatta		X	X	X	X	New Bern
Aug 31-Sep 1	Sat-Sun	BTS	Parade Regatta	X	**	**			New Bern
<i>Sep 2</i>	<i>Mon</i>								
Sep 14	Sat	BTS	Parade Regatta				X	Under 20 ft	Oriental
Sep 14-15	Sat-Sun	BSC	Parade Regatta (ETYSA Benefit) *	X	**	**			New Bern
Sep 26-28	Thu-Sat	BSC	American Championship Regatta			X			
Oct 7	Sat	NYRA	Neuse River Regatta	X	**	**			New Bern
Oct 11-13	Fri-Sun	ODC	Oriental Cup P	X	**	**			Oriental
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	Other 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 1, 2025	Wed	ODC	Instead of Football Regatta	X	**	**			Oriental
Jan 11, 2025	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Jan 25, 2025	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 6 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 8, 2025	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 7 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Feb 22, 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 craigamylar@gmail.com for race updates and PHRF-based pursuit start times

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

Sunfish Racing

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

Spring Series: 10 Sunday race days on Apr 7,14,21,28; May 5,12,19,26

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

Contact Jerry Rezab for info at geraldrezab@vcc.edu

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

Year series - to be determined

Contact Bob Slook for info at bslook@gmail.com

>**Hot Toddy Winter Series at Blackbeard Sailing Club**

2023 Schedule: Dec 2,17

2024 Schedule: Jan 11,18

Contact Jude Betts for info at jbetts@blackbeardsailingclub.com or (240) 671-5771.

>**Harkers Island Race Club**

Contact Tommie Williams for info at tommye@harkers.com or (919) 271-9899.

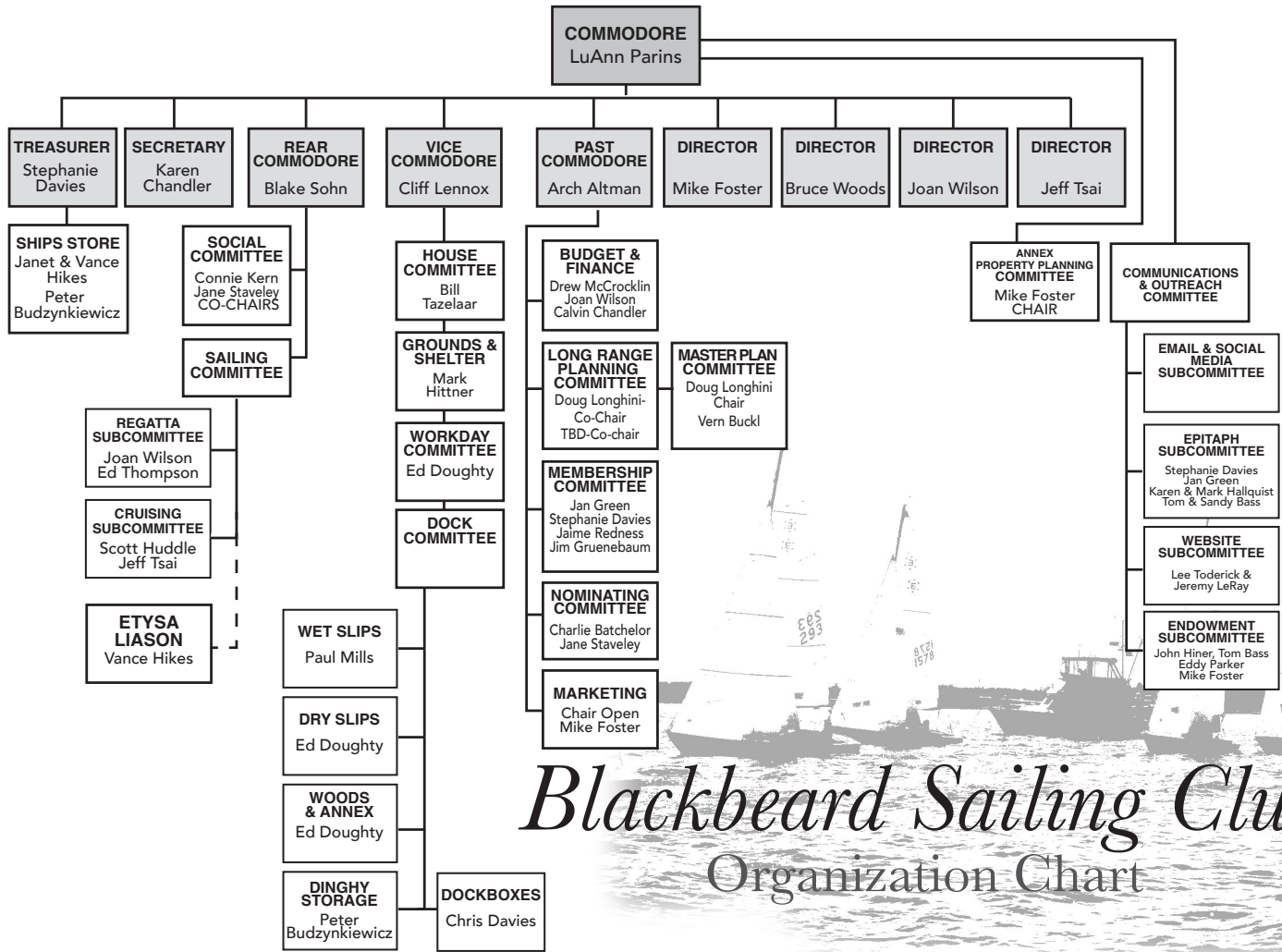
tentative

Miscellaneous:	2024 Date	Club	Event	Location
	Apr 11-14		Oriental Boat Show	Oriental NC
	Apr 17-21		Charleston Race Week	Charleston SC
	Jun 3-Jun 28	BSC	ETYSA Youth Sailing Camps	New Bern NC
	Jul 8-Aug 2	BSC	ETYSA Youth Sailing Camps	New Bern NC
	TBD	Thu-Sun	SJ-21 Eastern Nationals	TBD
	Oct 12-13	Sat-Sun	Mumfest	New Bern NC

Club	Club Name	Representative	eMail	Telephone
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BTS	Bow To Stern	Mark Fields	markcfields@hotmail.com	(252) 204-6129
ETYSA	Edward Teach Youth Sailing Assn	Jill Fidgeon	jndinsdale@gmail.com	(919) 606-6494
FHYC	Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club	Craig Myler	craigamylar@gmail.com	(240) 405-5348
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
ICRC	InterClub Race Committee	Joan Wilson	sail_kitty@hotmail.com	(610) 357-7476
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PSC	Pamlico Sailing Club	Elizabeth Betts	velella6@hotmail.com	(252) 524-1213
SCOO	Sailing Club of Oriental	Rick Fears	rickfears42@yahoo.com	(916) 759-9546

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2024 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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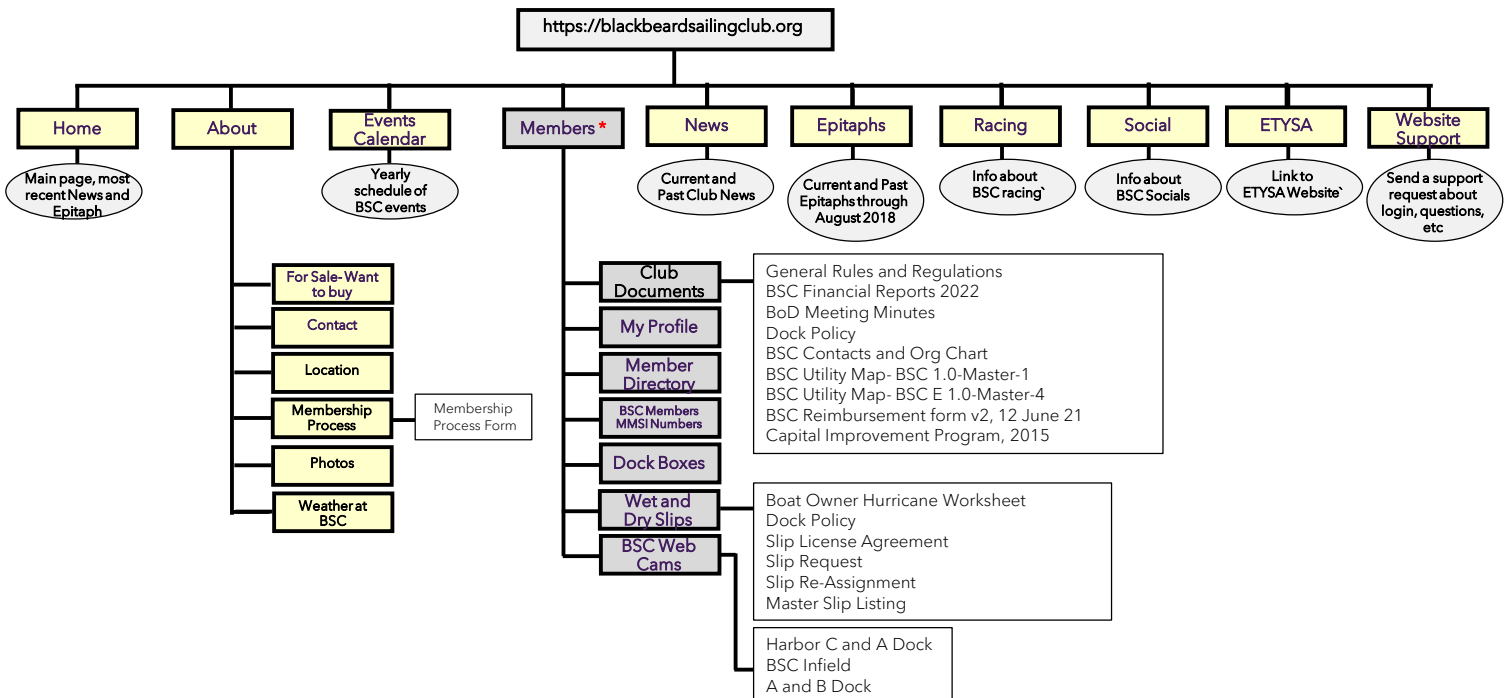
New Website Map

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