



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

- February 3
NYRA Winter Series #7
- February 10
BOD @ 9:30 AM
- February 10
NYRA Commodores Regatta
- February 11
Super Bowl @ 5:30 PM
- March 9
BOD @ 9:30 AM
- March 16
Spring Workday



From the Commodore:

Happy Winter!

The month of January has not been benign. Multiple freezes and some serious hard blows made securing our boats and the docks a priority. I saw some pictures after one storm of roller furling headsails flapping and damaged, so we need to be more vigilant in protecting our boats - and our neighbors' boats - by properly securing on-deck and in-the-air equipment. A shredded headsail can get tangled in the rigging of the boat to leeward and create a huge mess and stress to both rigs.

While the weather wasn't cooperative, the indoor scene was very inviting. Many thanks to Jane and Arch for a wonderful installation party and dinner!

Planning for this year's events is well in hand. Joan Wilson finalized the "Inter-club" racing calendar, and Scott Huddle and Jeff Tsai are working on a

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cruising calendar, to be published soon. It's great to have the season's events to plan for during these frigid days. Sometimes we even get a beautiful day or two in February to get out on the water!

Fair breezes,

LuAnn

Message from the Dockmaster

Blackbeard's marina is, for the most part, full. There are a few slips available, and 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.

Similar concerns with power cords. Extension cords and adapters are not sufficient for boat power expectations.

A fair number of registrations are out of date.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

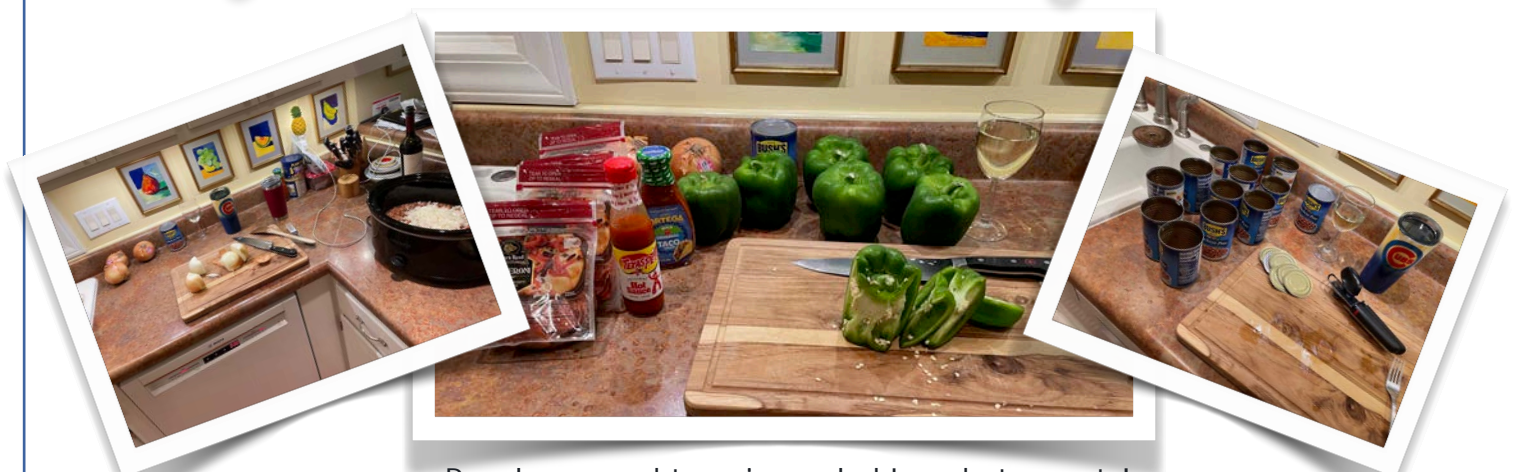
Slip rates went up in January. Please be aware. The new rates are posted on the bulletin boards at the Club.

Last, but not least, our club is looking really sharp. That is to say, a lot of effort has been put into it by volunteers. The flip side of that is 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!

Paul Mills

Making Mike Foster's Famous Black Eyed Peas!



People seemed to enjoy - glad I made two pots!

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In Loving Memory

Contributed by Raye Lynn Longhini,
Joanne Doughty and Ann Hall



Diane Ray Foster

October 2, 1950 - January 7, 2024

Thank you for being a blessing in our lives, Diane.

We want to take a moment and let you know how much you will always be appreciated. You were a true angel to us, and we're more grateful to you than words can ever express. Few people possess the considerate, unselfish, loving heart that you had, and even fewer are willing to give so much of themselves. You were a kind, caring, compassionate friend who knew how to listen and was always loyal. We thank you for your kindness and for being the wonderful, amazing person you were. We know we were blessed to have had you in our lives.

The bond the four of us have is a powerful bond that will always remain, because, Diane, you will always be in our hearts and memories. Losing a bond with your best friend is always difficult,
but even death will not break our bond.

We will always be the "Fab Four" in our hearts and in our minds. Each time we raise a glass of wine we will remember you and toast your ever-present spirit.

We will love you more each and every day. Here's to you, Diane...Salute!

Mike would like to express his thanks for all of the wonderful cards

and lovely wishes of support from his Blackbeard family.

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... is Just Around the Corner

BSC Super Bowl Party

Sunday February 11th

Around 5:30 - as kickoff is at 6:30

Pulled Pork Sliders

Chili

(Provided by the Club)

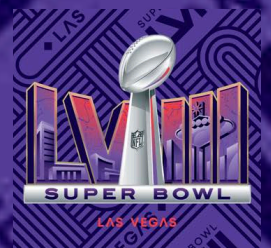
BYOB Tailgating Snacks and Beverages

Karen Powers

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Mal Harwood

jmhmth@suddenlink.net



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update from the Social Committee

The Social Committee held a meeting at the clubhouse on Saturday, January 13, to outline plans for the year. Our goal is to have one social event each month. Some of the events are "annual traditions" with detailed plans available to implement, while some of them are brand new ideas!

Plans are in the works for a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 11. Contact Karen Powers or Mal Harwood if you are interested. Joanne Doughty and crew will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 9. Wear your green! We tentatively set Sunday, March 31 aside for an Easter potluck dinner, but we are looking for people to lead and to support that event. Sandy and Bill Drechsler are planning to host a reception for new members on Friday, April 19. A new idea was proposed by Sheldon Shikoluk for a "Pitmaster BBQ Challenge." This event will likely be in April. Contact him if you are interested in displaying your grilling skills! Reminder: you can find member contact info on the BSC website. Look for blasts with further details about these events as they come closer.

Later in the year, we plan to have our traditional events such as the 4th of July Hot Dog lunch and the Shrimp-a-roo, among others. Some other ideas that were discussed include a Games Night or Casino Night, an outdoor games event ("Olympics"), watch parties for the Olympics or for the America's Cup races, and an Open Boat event. 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!

Jane Staveley (jstaveley@nc.rr.com)

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



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Fred Latham Regatta - 2024



First Place All Sails

Mark Weinheimer, Blake Sohn and Stephanie Boenig



Second Place Working Sails

Jeff Thomas (the invisible man) and Gary Peterson



First Place Working Sails

Hans Lassen and Randy Eakes



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Installation Dinner

by Jane Staveley
Photo by Bill Jarvis

The Annual Installation Dinner was held at the clubhouse on Saturday, January 13, 2024. A capacity crowd enjoyed a lovely catered meal, live music, presentation of the 2024 Board Members and Officers, and handing out of awards.

Festivities began with a social hour, during which hors d'oeuvres were served (shrimp wrapped in pea pods with lemon vinaigrette, sweet & sticky meatballs, and crostini with goat cheese and apple chutney). The band provided music while guests circulated and chatted. The band, Erica Butters with Bridge Atlantic, even let Arch Altman join in on saxophone for a few numbers!

After people were seated, Jane Staveley offered a blessing followed by service of the main course, which included a selection of pasta primavera, tangy braised boneless short ribs, chicken bruschetta, smashed potatoes, balsamic roasted vegetables, mixed salad, and assorted rolls. Once again, The Posh Palate did an excellent job with the food!

Following the dinner, the Commodore introduced the elected Directors and Officers for the coming year: LuAnn Parins, Cliff Lennox, Blake Sohn, Stephanie Davies, Karen Chandler, Mike Foster, and Jeff Tsai. Our outgoing Commodore (Arch Altman) presented awards to members who have exhibited an expanded level of effort and service to the Club, and then was surprised by a lovely gift from the board for his 4 years of service as Commodore. Dessert (from Nothing Bundt Cakes) was served and additional music provided by the band.

Much thanks to the great crew that helped me with set-up and clean-up for this event, particularly Janet and Vance Hikes, Sandy and Bill Drechsler, Beth Hiner, Arch Altman, Olwen Jarvis, Joan Wilson, and Van Perryman.



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Installation Portfolio



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We Would Love to Hear from YOU!

If you are thinking of becoming an Epitaph contributor, we would love to hear from you, but please keep these guidelines in mind:

- 🚢 All submissions should be addressed to bsceptitaph@yahoo.com.
- 🚢 Please use Microsoft Word, Pages, Text Edit or just type an email.
- 🚢 Do not embed photos in your article. Please send them separately. We can include your captions, but do not put the captions on the photos.
- 🚢 REMEMBER - THE DEADLINE IS THE 23RD OF EACH MONTH. If you need more time, please contact the editor directly. In most cases, we will be able to accommodate your request.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you!



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Would the owners of these items pictured below please respond with your information on each. THANK YOU !!

Peter Budzynkiewicz, Dinghy Rack Storage

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Green Canoe Rack 75



Hard Dinghy Rack 3



Inflatable - Rack 67



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Please Identify
These Two Opti's

Would the owners of the two Opti's pictured below please respond with your information on each. They are in racks O & Q:

Thank you,
Peter Budzynkiewicz
Dinghy Rack storage
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Cruising Forward

(by Jeff Tsai)

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

March 16: On-the-water cruising seminars after the Workday lunch.

April 12 - 14: Weekend Cruise to Oriental Boat Show in Oriental (18 NM)

Anchor out in Oriental Harbor/Raccoon Creek or reserve a slip. Boat Show will occupy the entire Oriental Marina/Town Dock. Limited face docks are available during the boat show at Oriental Harbor Village Marina (252-671-9692). There will be street vendors, live music, etc.

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

The United State 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 Firework 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 Harbor Village Marina (252-671-9692) 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

For you overachievers, the Nautical Co-Op of Oriental's Seminar Series will be on Saturday mornings beginning February 3rd through March 3rd. These are conducted via ZOOM and will begin at 9 am and last approximately 60 minutes. The seminars are listed below:

 February 3rd - Diesel Engine Maintenance and Getting Your Engine Ready for the Coming Season.

 February 10th - The 10 Commandments of How To Tie Up Your Boat

 February 17th, - Auxiliary Systems - AC, Refrigeration and Plumbing

 February 24th - The 10 Commandments of Docking your Boat

 March 2nd - Medical Preparedness In and Around Your Boat - How to Respond, if and when

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You will need to register for each seminar by Thursday of the week of the seminar (or you can register for all the seminars now). Register by sending an email to: ncoseminars@gmail.com on the Friday before the seminar. You will receive a Zoom link.

The Nautical Co-Op is sponsored by the Neuse Sailing Association, Oriental Dinghy Club, and the Sailing Club of Oriental.

Speaking of the Neuse Sailing Association (NSA), several BSC members are also members of the NSA, and they have participated in some of the longer trips. The NSA's annual Shimp-a-roo is their recruitment event to be held on February 23rd in Oriental. The cost is \$10 for non-NSA members. To learn more, NSA's web site is neusesail.wildapricot.org.

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July 4	Thursday	New Bern Firework cruise. Depart after the Club hot dog social, sail to New Bern for fireworks and back to BSC. Some boats will elect to stay anchored overnight.
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August 17 to 18	Saturday - Sunday	Full Moon Overnight Regatta. Another NYRA race/cruise but with a twist. Leave from BSC Saturday evening, go downriver and back (distance depends on expected conditions), planning 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.
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October 19	Saturday	Overnight cruise to New Bern (7 NM) or Clubfoot Creek (15 NM) after the fall Workday lunch.
December 7	Saturday	New Bern Christmas parade and flotilla.

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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!									
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 2	Sat	ODC	March Madness Regatta	X					Oriental
Mar 23-24	Sat-Sun	NYRA	NYRA Invitational *	X	**	**			New Bern
Mar 31	Sun		EASTER						
Apr 13	Sat	NYRA	Neuse River Regatta	X	**	**			New Bern
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	X	X	X	New Bern
May 12	Sun		MOTHER'S DAY						
May 25	Sat	FHYC	John Walsh Memorial Oar Race	X	**	**			New Bern
May 27	Mon		MEMORIAL DAY						
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
Jun 16	Sun		FATHER'S DAY						
Jul 4	Thu		INDEPENDENCE DAY						
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
Sep 2	Mon		LABOR DAY						
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
Oct 31	Thu		HALLOWEEN						
Nov 9	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 2 *	X	**	**			New Bern
Nov 16	Sat	BSC	Turkey Trot Regatta		X	X	X	ther one-design	New Bern
Nov 24	Sun	FHYC	Thanksgiving Holiday Race	X	**	**			New Bern
Nov 28	Thu		THANKSGIVING						
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 craigamylar@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.

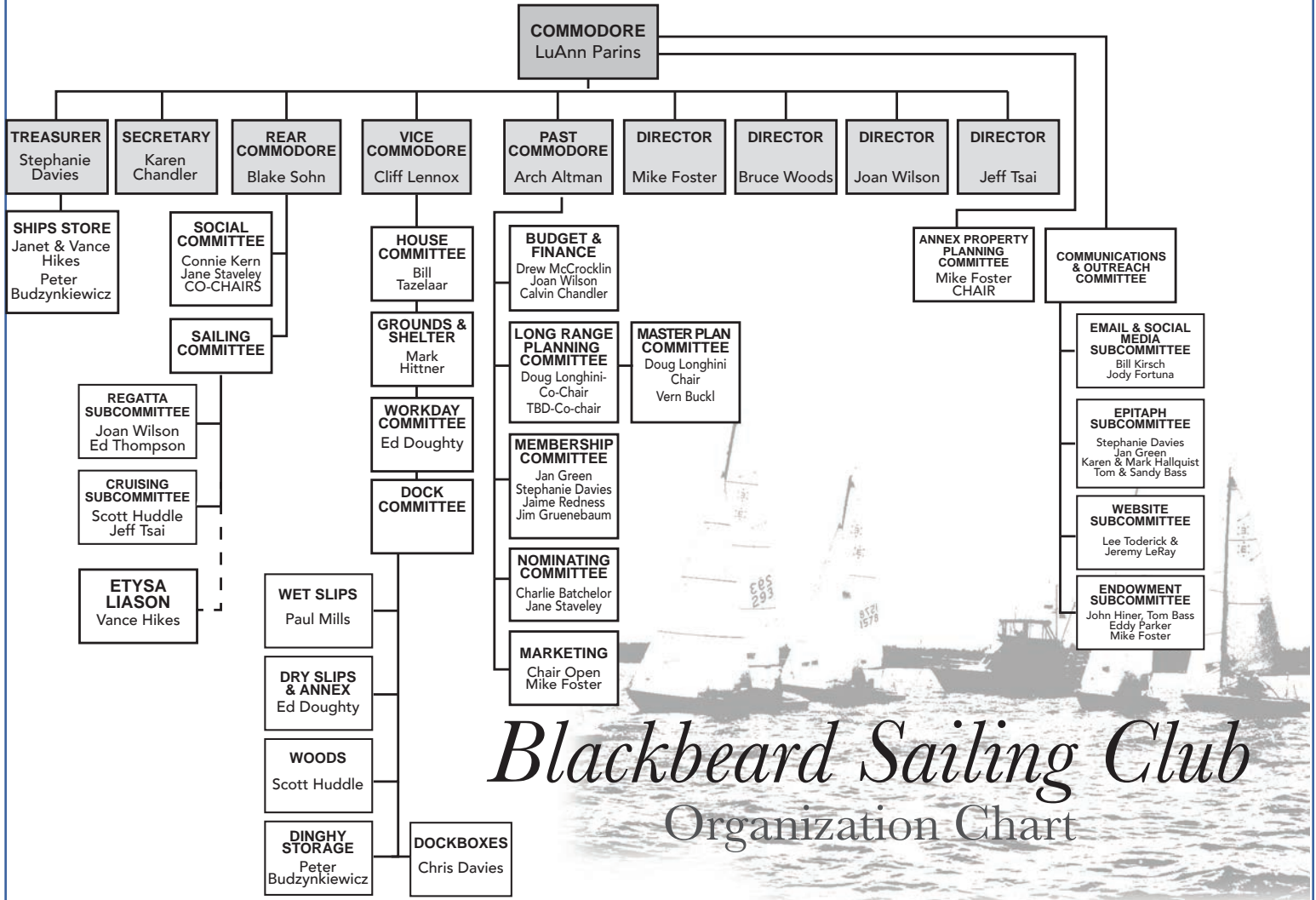
Miscellaneous:

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

Club	Name	Representative	eMail	Telephone
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BSC	Blackbeard Sailing Club	Joan Wilson	sail_kitty@hotmail.com	(610) 357-7476
BTS	Bow To Stern	Mark Fields	markcfields@hotmail.com	(252) 204-6129
ETYSA	Edward Teach Youth Sailing Assn	Vance Hikes	vhikes@gmail.com	(717) 334-0530
FHYC	Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club	Craig Myler	craigamylar@gmail.com	(240) 405-5348
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ODC	Oriental Dinghy Club	Todd Cox	toddcoxvt@gmail.com	(802) 999-7572
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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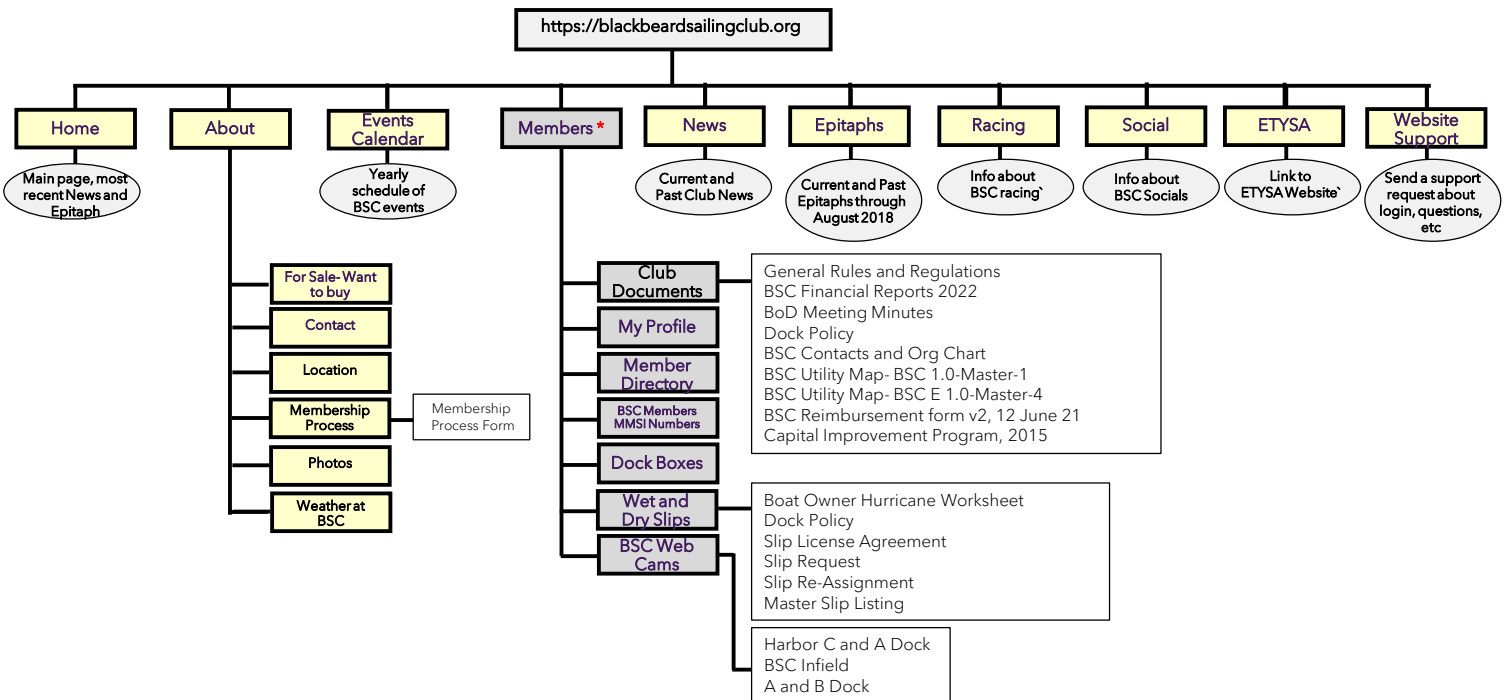
New Website Map

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