



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

March 2

PHRF Meeting @ 11, Fundraiser @ 4PM

March 9

BOD @ 9:30 AM, St. Patrick's Party @ 5:30PM

March 16

Workday 8:30 - 2PM, Cruising Seminar 2 - 4PM

March 23 - 24

NYRA Invitational

March 31

Easter Pot Luck

April 6

BOD @ 9:30

April 13

NYRA Neuse River Regatta



Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore:

Greetings All!

Spring is just around the corner; the daffodils are in bloom. That means - you guessed it - Workday is coming soon! If you haven't already, clear your calendar for Saturday, March 16th, and come to Blackbeard ready to pitch in. Cliff will be sending out a project list and asking people to sign up. Bring your tools!

Susan McCrocklin has also called for an early workday on Wednesday, March 6th to deep clean the clubhouse so that doesn't interfere with Workday lunch preparation. You may have seen her blast. Last year we had the clubhouse sparkling in only a couple of hours because we had a good crew. Please help if you can.

Scott Huddle and Jeff Tsai have organized an on-the-water cruising seminar on the afternoon of the March

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16th Workday. BSC members will move from boat to boat and watch how other members set up their boats for cruising or gears they use. They are going to deploy Glenn and Michele's old life raft to see if it inflates, and how one actually gets in/out of it. Also, someone (TBD) will jump into the harbor's cold water wearing an out of date auto-inflated life vest to test if it inflates.

Jeff reached out to the local Coast Guard Auxiliary unit about being one of the presenters to demonstrate vessel safety checks, and to speak about recent changes. BSC members can request vessel safety checks on their boats on that afternoon or make an appointment for a later time.

Check out the Cruising Info page at our website! Scott has a calendar showing a bunch of planned cruises throughout the season. Thanks to Scott, Jeff, Lee and Blake for getting the information posted!

Fair breezes,

LuAnn

Message from the Dockmaster

Hey Sailors,

Dock report here:

Let's check our lines - the rings and the chafe have not stopped because of the season. We occasionally have some windy fronts that bring strong winds to the marina, and no one wants to come untied.

If you were wondering, water will be back on when the powers-that-be determine we are frost free. Please be patient.

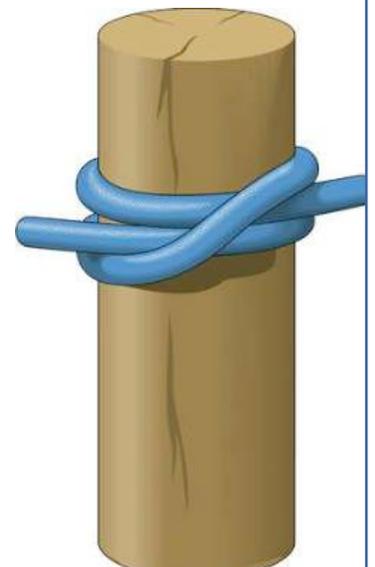
Remember that the Club requires boats to have current registration. Please update yours if it is 2023 or older.

Finally, there has been pretty nice sailing this winter and fair winds continue. Blackbeard has a fun sail around the government marks just about every week. If you need an excuse to get out on the water imagine no thunderstorms, no bugs, and no sweltering heat! Seriously, keep in mind, the water is cold; wearing life jackets is a good idea.

Paul Mills

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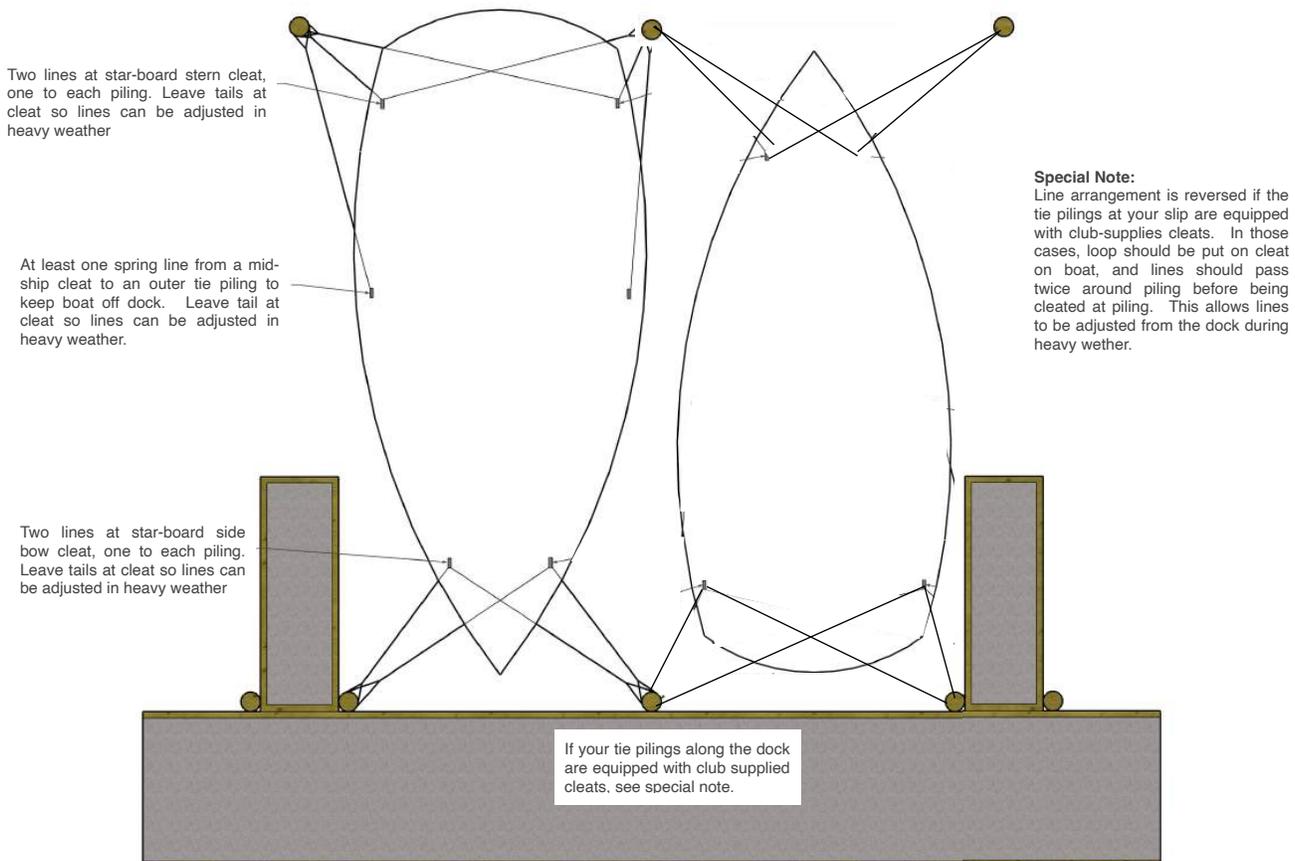
Again... & again... & again... How to tie your dock lines:

- 🚢 TWO lines on each of your 4 corners. Several, especially on B dock, are lacking!
- 🚢 TWO wraps on your pilings, then cleat off. The piling carries the load; the cleat will not!
- 🚢 DON'T overlap your 2 lines on the pilings. It makes them difficult to adjust.
- 🚢 SPRINGLINES fore & aft.
- 🚢 DOCK POWER LINES secured and OUT of the water!
- 🚢 CROSS YOUR LINES and tie off crossed.
- 🚢 Example: starboard bow lines, one to starboard cleat, one to port cleat, and vice versa. If a cleat pulls out, you will remain secure. The same applies to aft lines.
- 🚢 RINGS: if you have them, **one line on each ring**. There are 4 rings on each tide-slide piling: 2 for you, 2 for your neighbor.
- 🚢 WORN/ROTTED/FRAYED LINES: monitor/replace as needed.

Please review these reminders, take a close look at your lines, and adjust as necessary. Remember, we have a ROPE ROOM if you are in need of additional line!

Note: It is permitted to moor your boat bow or stern in!

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!!



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BSC Super Bowl Watch Party

by Karen Powers

A small but enthusiastic group of members and guests gathered at BSC for this year's Super Bowl watch party. The decorated clubhouse mimicked Allegiant Stadium, except for the burning torch in the end-zone. There were ample delicious tailgate treats, including pulled pork sliders, chili, chicken wings, pinwheel sandwiches, bean and nacho dips, and scrumptious varieties of chocolate and blonde brownies. Stephanie Davies managed the Super Bowl Squares game and several of the attendees wagered their football knowledge on matching the NFL team mascots, along with predicting the events of the game. Stephanie Davies and Doug King took home Starbucks gift cards as they tied on the game event predictions. Our Commodore, LouAnn Parins, was the MVP of the night taking home a few dollars for picking the correct scores for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters of the game, as well as correctly matching the most NFL mascots. As the game went into overtime, a few hearty and rowdy souls cheered the Chiefs onto victory.



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Looking Back at the ICRC

by LuAnn Parins

Thanks to Bill Kirsch, Mark Brennesholtz, Charlie Nelson, Joe Valinoti and Eddy Parker for their input.

The story begins back in 2001, when Mark Brennesholtz called a meeting of representatives from all the clubs holding regattas on the Neuse and Pamlico Rivers. The clubs included Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC), Oriental Dinghy Club (ODC), Neuse Yacht Racing Association (NYRA), Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club (FHYC), Neuse Sailing Association (NSA), Hancock Yacht Club (HYC), and Pamlico Sailing Club (PSC). At the time, there were quite a few regattas each season, and there were many conflicting events. Mark's idea was to develop a "master" calendar of events and coordinate among all clubs to eliminate conflicts and increase participation in each club's "major" regattas. After several tries, the group worked out a schedule, and several events were "protected" against conflicts. Thus was born the "Inter-Club Racing Committee" (ICRC).

Mark also suggested creating a team series, with each club sending a 5-boat team to compete in several regattas for a season championship. The idea was to have a few "first class" regattas with shirts, free dockage and beer, nice meals and trophies, and maybe even a band at the Saturday social. The first regatta of the ICRC was held in Oriental on the first weekend in August of 2002. Mark still has a t-shirt, pictured at the end of this article. That event later became known as the Dragon's Breath and, though it has moved to June, the regatta is still hosted by ODC every year. Five clubs pitched in some funds that first year to make it a great event. Dick Horn, a BSC member, donated a huge trophy (with a plate for each season's winning team) to stand as the perpetual award. That trophy is in storage at First Citizens Bank in Oriental and shows the dominance of ODC through the years of the team series.



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The series was originally intended to include at least 3 regattas hosted by different clubs. The earliest reference I have shows the intent to have one event by BSC, one by ODC and one by PSC. To compete for the series championship, a club must have a 5-boat team in at least two of those events. As I recall, PSC didn't bring a team for long, but I have learned that PSC hosted at least one event in Bath. NYRA had a team for about six years, but it looks like NYRA and BSC consolidated their fleets after that. The major competition devolved to ODC vs. BSC.

Each winter, the ICRC would meet to go over the schedule and plan the team series for the year. For the first decade, or more, Mark was the "Chairman" of the ICRC. In 2011 (or so), Charlie Nelson took over as "Chair" of the group. Charlie ran the committee until 2022, after which he stepped down. Bill Kirsch was on the board for the entire twenty-some years, as he handled the calendar scheduling, and "herded cats" from the participating clubs to avoid conflicts. Only last year did Bill cede the job of updating the Interclub calendar, but he is still supporting the ICRC (behind the scenes) with his knowledge and skills.

The record of participation by club in two major events over the eleven years of 2003 - 2013 (thank you Bill!) tells the tale of declining fleets. While BSC participation at the Dragon's Breath remained rather steady at 6-9 boats (2012 had 9), and ODC stayed very strong, with a peak of 24 boats in 2007 and still having 14 competitors in 2013, PSC participation dwindled from a peak of 11 boats in 2004 to 0 by 2008, 3 in 2012 and back to 0 in 2013. NYRA participation fell from a peak of 10 in 2004 to 0 by 2012 and 2013. ODC continued to bring a good fleet to BSC for its annual event (the ECB Cup or ETYSA Regatta), peaking in the first year with 13 boats, then dwindling over the years to 6 boats coming to BSC. Unfortunately, I don't have a record of NYRA or BSC participation in the BSC event over the years.

The last year that is commemorated on the perpetual trophy is 2015, but I have a few documents from 2016. In February that year, a subcommittee of the ICRC was formed that approved new rules for "Regional Championship Events" on the Neuse, replacing the "ICRC Club Championship." This agreement split the River at Wilkerson Point (Minnesott Beach) into "Upper" and "Lower" regions and required skippers to declare their region and be a member of a regional club. Each region was required to have a minimum of 5 boats competing in the ODC "Dragon's Breath" and the BSC "Sound Bank ETYSA Regatta" to be eligible for the Regional Championship. A "SOTY" (Sailor of the Year) award would be presented to a skipper in each of the Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker fleets (not "Cruising") that accumulated the best scores in a minimum of four out of eight specific regattas.

ICRC Team Scoring Concept:

- There are 3 major races each year - 1 each at Blackbeards, Oriental Dinghy Club and Pamlico Sailing Club.
- A team consists of a minimum of five boats. A club must have a team in at least 2 of the 3 ICRC regattas.
- The team that scores the lowest total of 2 combined team events, wins the trophy for the year.
- The score consists of counting the 5 lowest scoring boats of the team. Eg: 3 firsts, 2 seconds = 7 pts total.
- A team can use only one score from a 'One Design' class of boats i.e: Ensigns & San Juan 21's.
- In scores shown below, you may see more than 5 boats scored. The total will reflect only 5 but if more than 5 are shown, there would be a tie amongst team members so that more than 5 names will appear on the trophy.
- ICRC stands for "Interclub Race Committee" which was formed in Jan, 2002 by 7 Neuse and Pamlico River clubs. Those organizing clubs were: Oriental Dinghy Club, Blackbeard Sailing Club, Hancock Yacht Club, Pamlico Sailing Club, Fairfield Harbour Sailing Club, Neuse Sailing Assn & Neuse Yacht Racing Assn. (ODC, BSC, HYC, PSC, FHYC, NSA & NYRA)
- ICRC's original founding fathers from ODC include: Gary Johnston, Bill Croughwell & Bill Kirsch

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In 2016 ODC won the Regional Championship and ICRC trophy once more because that was the only club to fulfill the 5-boat requirement at both regattas. Joe Mattea of ODC won SOTY with a “perfect” score in the non-spinnaker fleet. My interpretation of the “standings” sheet indicates that Henry Frazer won Spinnaker SOTY.

2016 is the last year that I have any documents. By that year, few sailors were willing to move up and down the river for weekend events due to the logistics and expense involved. ODC started hosting more “club” events that gave Oriental boats plenty of sailing. NYRA and BSC stayed up near BSC. HYC’s annual regatta, NCOC and the “Michelob Cup” (renamed the “Beer Stein Regatta” at some point due to sponsorship changes) withered away several years ago, giving even less incentive for skippers to move their boats up and down the river. Only a few BSC boats compete in the Dragon’s Breath and Oriental Cup, and no ODC boats have come upriver for PHRF events since before 2020.

However, the ICRC survives with its original concept (the master calendar of events) intact. The acronym now stands for the “Interclub Racing Calendar” and is updated every year with input from every club that cares to respond to inquiry. The intent is still to promote cooperation among the various clubs that host regattas on the Neuse and minimize conflicting events.



2024 RACE SCHEDULE											
Date	Day	Club / Event	PHRF	Ensign	[S:1]	[Sunfish]	Other	Final 12/2023	Location	Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee	
Mar 23-24	Sat-Sun	ODC ODC								More races, events and contact information are listed on next page!	
Apr 13	Sat	NYRA NYRA Business Regatta									
Apr 20	Sat	NYRA NYRA Invitational									
Apr 29	Sat	BTS Neuse River Regatta		X							
May 4-5	Sat-Sun	NYRA NYRA Collegiate Regatta									
May 12	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
May 25	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
May 26	Sun	NYRA NYRA									
Jun 1-2	Sat-Sun	NYRA NYRA									
Jun 12	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Jun 23	Sat-Sun	NYRA NYRA									
Jun 29	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Jul 6	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Jul 14	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Aug 4	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Aug 17-18	Sat-Sun	NYRA NYRA									
Aug 24-25	Sat-Sun	NYRA NYRA									
Aug 31-Sep 1	Sat-Sun	NYRA NYRA									
Sep 1	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Oct 1	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Oct 26	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Oct 28	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Oct 29	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Nov 7	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Nov 16	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Nov 24	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Nov 28	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Nov 30	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Dec 11	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Jan 1, 2025	Wed	NYRA NYRA									
Jan 4, 2025	Wed	NYRA NYRA									
Jan 18, 2025	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Feb 1, 2025	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Feb 15, 2025	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Feb 22, 2025	Sat	NYRA NYRA									
Feb 29, 2025	Sat	NYRA NYRA									

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St. Patrick's Day Party



Hey there... You're all invited to a BSC social honoring St. Patrick on the deck & in the Clubhouse.

March 9th... 5:15 PM drinks & Apps, 6:30 PM dinner

Be sure to wear something GREEN ...
... and bring a hearty pot luck dish enough for 6

Prizes awarded for wearing the most GREEN

PLEASE RSVP JOANNE DOUGHTY... TEXT OR CALL (910) 977-1654

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**Advance Clubhouse Workday
Wednesday March 6, 8 to 11**



Hello all,
I invite you to join us
on Wednesday, March 6th from
8-11 as we deep-clean the club-
house and kitchen.
Cleaning supplies are provided.

This is an opportunity to meet new members, catch up with old friends, and just have fun. Hope to see you there.

Susan McCrocklin (252) 665-2215
varnisher@mac.com

***ALL BLACKBEARD PERSONNEL PREPARE TO MAN
YOUR BATTLE...rather workday stations!!***

Yes, workday is approaching Saturday, March 16, 0830 hours with lunch served about 1200. The work list and instructions will be coming out in an Email blast on March 9.

Your efforts will help make BSC better than ever.

Clifford Lennox, Vice Commodore



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Easter Dinner Gathering at BSC for all Members

Sunday, March 31
Time: Social 1:30PM
Dinner 2:00PM

Happy Easter

Menu

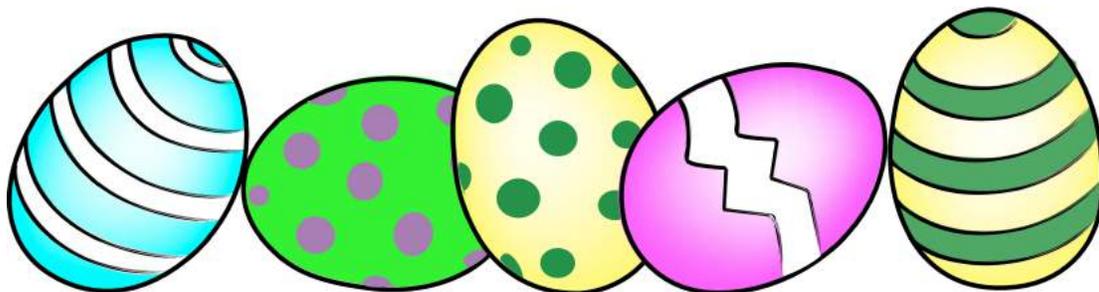
Provided: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Dinner Rolls
and your pot luck.

SIGN UP by notifying Michelle DePietro
Text or call... 252-571-1863
email at... micheledfl@yahoo.com

1. INCLUDE ALL GUESTS in your count and please note number of children and ages so we can be prepared with an activity.
2. INDICATE IF YOU'LL BRING A VEGETABLE DISH OR DESSERT so we may balance the dinner, and please bring enough to share with others.

We don't need help prior to dinner, but we thank those in advance who are able to help pick up afterwards.

Julia Thomson ... jthomson@walkerthomson.com
Michele DePietro ... micheledfl@yahoo.com



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Going up for Auction on Workday!

We are currently less than thirty days until the work day at which all unclaimed items will be auctioned off.

The items listed below are UNCLAIMED:

Rack #1 two paddle boards.

Rack #67 one inflatable registration NC 9637 CW.

Rack #42 one hard dinghy.

Rack #37 one green dinghy.

Rack #30 one Crab trap.

Rack #27 two paddle boards.

Rack #75 Green canoe.

Peter Budzynkiewicz, Dinghy Rack Storage

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

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Green Canoe Rack 75



Hard Dinghy Rack 3



Inflatable - Rack 67

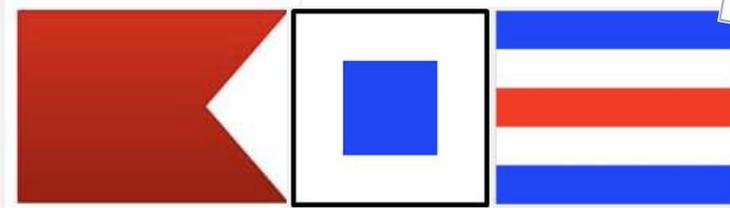


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Did You Know?...

Reimbursement is the action of repaying a person who has spent money.

And BSC will reimburse you when you spend your own money on behalf of the Club. Whether it's replenishing supplies in the clubhouse or taking on a minor repair, we don't want you to be out-of-pocket. However, to keep our books and budget in order, and to pay you back, we do need your receipts in a timely manner, ideally at the time of the expenditure. Please attach a copy of your receipts to a completed Reimbursement Form (available on the website), and have the form approved by a Board member. We'll send your check out immediately, or you can have the amount spent credited to your account.



Welcome New Members Don & Liz Dill



Hello BBSC,
 My name is Don Dill. My wife's name is Liz. We both grew up in Newport, Rhode Island. We have been married 38 years this May. I served in the US Navy for six years before moving to New Hampshire in 1989. We have three adult daughters that we (mostly Liz) homeschooled. We moved to North Carolina in 2017 because we wanted to live where there was more sailing opportunity and less snow shoveling. My work accomidated that move but not as close to the coast as i would have liked. I have worked for Pfizer for 27 years. I hope to retire and move to the New Bern area in the near future. We currently live northwest of Raleigh. We are members of Grace Reformed Baptist Church in Mebane where I currently serve as a Deacon. We look forward to making some sailing friends at BBSC.

Hey this is Graham Foster

I am a student at New Bern High School and I'm taking drafting courses at the County College inspiring to be a marine engineer. I have been sailing at black beads since 2nd grade through ETYSA and have been racing mainly 420s for the past three years 3 years.

Graham Foster



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Welcome New Members

Dennis & Susan Harms



My wife, Susan, and I retired and moved from Reno, NV to New Bern, NC in 2014. We came here for the weather and the water, one of our better decisions.

I learned to sail on Lake Tahoe over 25 years ago. It was there I started taking ASA classes and I crewed on a Hobie 33. As my skills improved I became an ASA instructor and obtained my USCG Masters License. I continued obtaining more advanced ASA certifications up to Instructor Evaluator.

I crewed on a J 35 doing off shore racing out of San Francisco Bay for about five years. I also crewed on a Hunter 460 in the bay doing captained charters.

I have been a delivery captain on both coasts and the Caribbean.

I have owned only three sailboats, a Catalina 22, a Hobie 16, and my current boat, a Tartan 33 "Harms Way".

Miljenko "Jenko" Marinlović & Sheena Szuri

We are proud new New Bernians who have a passion for sailing, and we are happy to apply for membership to the Blackbeard Sailing Club. Since moving to New Bern in 2021 we have made many new friends who are sailors and share similar values and interests in the sport of sailing. We are both scientists by profession; Jenko is now retired, and Sheena continues to work for Johnson & Johnson from home. We have been members of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in South Florida since 1990 and participated in many regattas in South Florida.

We were first introduced to the quaint town of New Bern when we bought a sailboat in 2020. We had the intention of refitting the boat here and then sailing the boat south to Miami, Florida. However, in the process we became enchanted with New Bern and decided to make our home here!

We enjoyed our first race with Blackbeard's in the 2022 Winter Regatta; also enjoyed the classic Boat show. We have yet to meet a sailor at Blackbeard's we don't like! We are happy being docked in Fairfield Harbour currently, but we really like the sporting atmosphere and sailing community at Blackbeard Sailing Club. We look forward to being active in the club, including regattas, special events, socials and workdays. Thank you for considering us to join the Blackbeard family!



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Bill Rixey



My name is Bill Rixey and I live in Morehead City, NC. I am a divorced father of 3 (Corinne, Gray and Jack) all in their 20's, who now live in Charleston SC, Washington DC and Austin Texas respectively, and the proud grandfather of one. I consider having the opportunity to raise my children on the water in Morehead City, one of my greatest joys.

Originally from Greenville, SC, my love of sailing and of the water kicked off as a camper at a sailing camp in Morehead City in 1972 and I've been hooked ever since. I was a camper at Camp Morehead for 6 years, then worked there from 1978-1988 as a counselor specializing in small boat sailing instruction and powerboat handling. I was active within the fleets of Flying Scots, Hobie Cats, and Sunfish throughout my time at Camp Morehead. I currently own a Flying Scot and a Sunfish that I sail on Bogue Sound in Carteret County.

A graduate of Appalachian State University, the water called me back to the coast where in 1989 I began my career in marine sales. Now 34 years later, I'm still at it, working full time in Morehead City. I am now trying to dedicate my free time to sailing and the sailing community.

Michael Reeves

Hello,

Well a little bit about me and my family I'm a 40 year old male. I just recently got into sailing last summer. Bought a boat from somebody there at black. I'm currently a single father with three girls that I have full time. Two in which love sailing the other one is still a little only a year and a half old. My girls are six, two & a half and one & a half. I used to live in Emerald Isle North Carolina. Moved away for a short period of time and now I am back here enjoying being on the water again. For fun me and my kids love sailing going to the beach going to festivals and activities. I was a paramedic for 17 years before getting into a very bad car accident while working. I was hit head-on by a garbage truck and since then have been able to just stay home and enjoy myself. I am kind of known as the Jack of all trades I can work on cars do construction fix electrical pretty much anything or if I can't do it I can usually figure it out. Looking forward to joining a club that has activities for all ages as well as good people around to help us explore the wonders of sailing. Look forward to meeting you all.



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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 their relationships with either their significant other, children, pets, and sometimes themselves! This is 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.

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. To learn more, NSA's web site is neusesail.wildapricot.org.

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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!									
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	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 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**

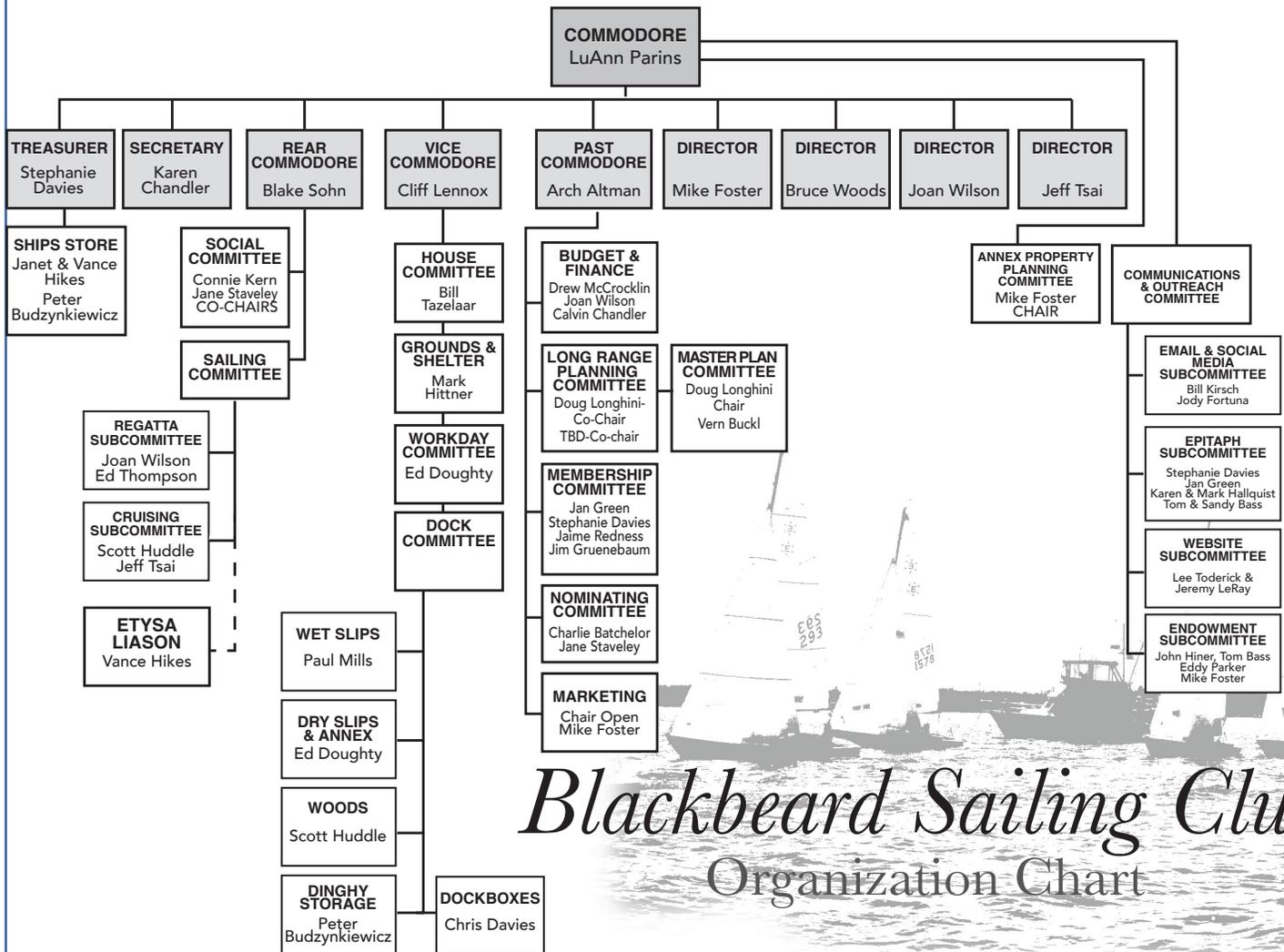
Contact Sonya Dean for info at sonyafm@hotmail.com or (919) 271-9899.

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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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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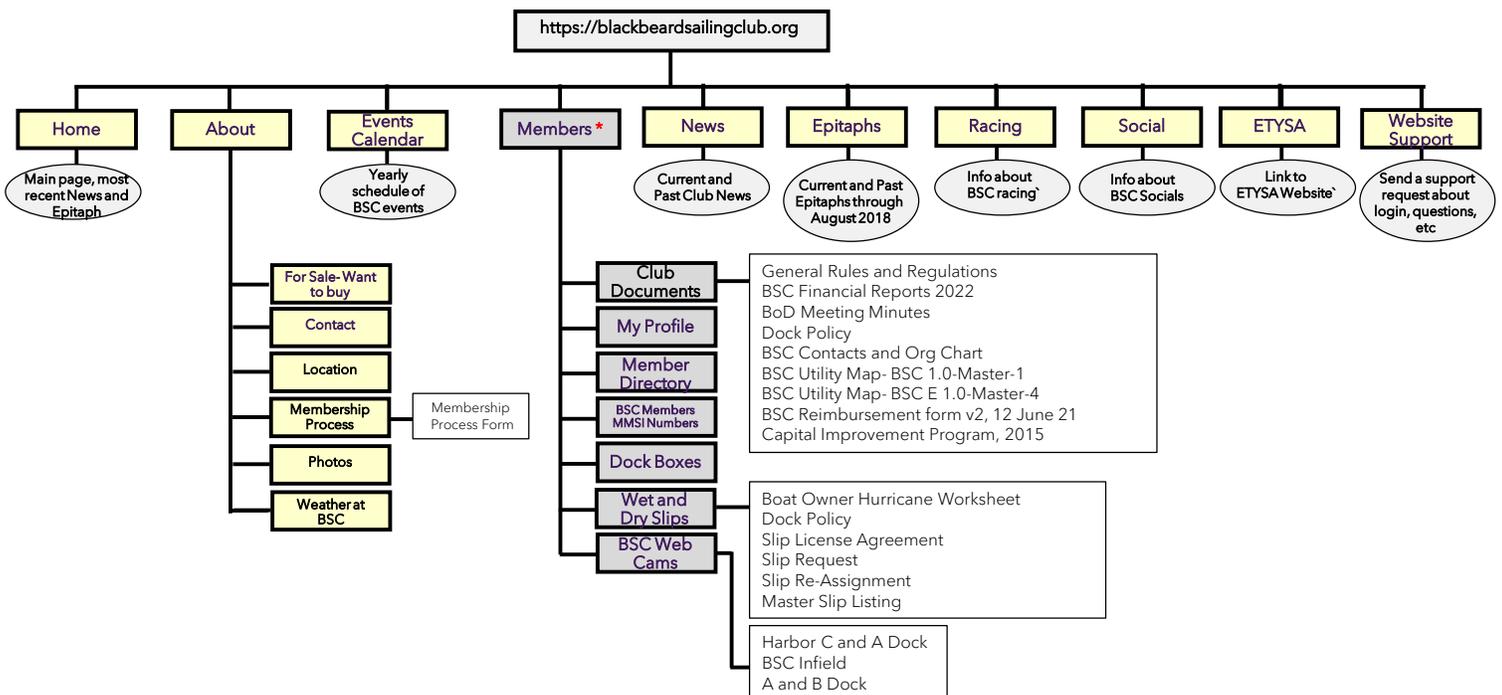
New Website Map

by Lee Toderick

The URL is <https://blackbeardsailingclub.org>

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- 🚢 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.



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