



# Blackbeard's Epitaph

**Save These Dates:**

- April 6**  
BOD @ 9:30
- April 11**  
Oriental Boat Show
- April 13**  
NYRA Invitational & Neuse River Regatta
- April 15**  
Your Taxes Due
- April 17 - 21**  
Charleston Race Week
- May 4 - 5**  
Cinco de Mayo One Design
- May 27**  
Memorial Day



## Blackbeard Sailing Club

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## From the Commodore:

Happy Spring!

As I write this, the clouds are moving in, and the weekend forecast is for rain and windy conditions. The NYRA Invitational and the "Hot Toddy" Sunfish race day, scheduled for this weekend (3/23-24), have been postponed. At least the blustery weather should hasten the end of pollen season. After that mess has passed, we can clean up our boats and get going on the sailing season.

Many thanks to everybody that turned out with tools and ample elbow grease for the workday! I heard a few people comment on the number of cars, and I saw people working on projects everywhere. From the bathhouse steps to the docks, annex and woods, the work was well in hand.

Thanks also to the cooks and lunch crew for the excellent fare! It takes dedication to spend the night tending a pig while it roasts, and the results were

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## From the Commodore

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excellent! All the food was great, and the entire kitchen/serving crew deserves kudos for their efforts. I didn't get a headcount for the lunches served, but I know we had a great crowd.

It looked like the afternoon cruising seminar was a big hit too; I saw a large group on the docks. Thanks to Jeff Tsai and Scott Huddle for putting that together! Perhaps we should have more on-the-dock seminars. If you have ideas for a subject to address, please tell Scott and/or Jeff.

The "auction" of abandoned gear went well. Thanks to Peter Budzynkiewicz for identifying items that needed to be cleared from the racks and sent to new homes.

I know that there's frustration about our website being down for so long. Trust that the pros are working as hard and as fast as possible to get it back up.







Fair breezes,

*LuAnn*

## From the DockMaster - Tying up in a Slip at BSC

Club documents show rope size for boat weight, and so on. Forms for the required paperwork are also found on the website.

Minimum requirements:

-  Insurance with Blackbeard as "named insured"
-  Slip license agreement
-  Boat registration
-  Hurricane plan which includes a buddy if you are out of town
-  Double lines on all 4 corners
-  At least 1 spring line - two is better

Take the time to find a workable setup with dock lines so it is easy to come and go. Use SS shackle on outside piling rings to address chafe. At the very least, use an attachment that will minimize chafe. Be sure to use the outside ring for one line, and the inside ring for the other. If there is a failure with one, the other is backup.

Tie the boat such that it will be able to go up and down. We have storms with gusts upwards of 40-50 knots sometimes. Be prepared.

High water seems to be less of an issue for tying up. Low water can leave boats "hanging" on their bow and stern lines, particularly small boats.

Having the loop or eye on the line attached to the boat is easy to come and go at the slip. It is however almost impossible for the dockmaster to adjust lines around pilings. Consider using line on the boat and loops at the dock. However, loops in spring lines do work. Never use the cleats on the pilings to hold the boat. Lines must be wrapped around the piling and then cleated off. (Illustration below)

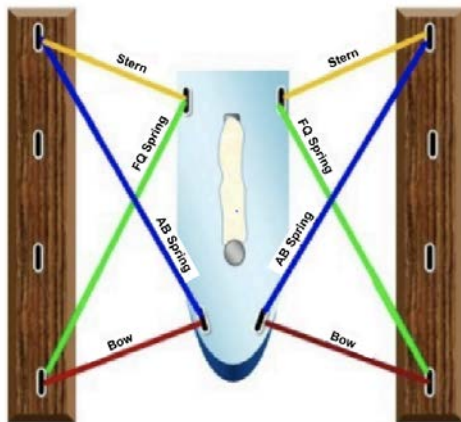
Consider not locking the hatch. If you have a leak, a stuck float switch, or any issue, the dockmaster or someone on site needs to get in.

Look around the docks. There are many examples of good and bad jobs. Then decide which works best for you.

There is fire hose around for chafe protection on the lines. Just ask.

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## Tying Up Your Boat!



## Did you Know...? We Have a Pump-Out!

- 🚤 Go to C dock with no or minimal wind. Be careful, there is shallow water in the area.
- 🚤 Tie up with lines that are on the pilings. Consider fenders before going over to the pump-out station.
- 🚤 Lay out the entire hose on the dock, connect to boat pump-out fitting. Adapters are in the orange box on the wall. If you lose one in the drink, tell the dockmaster.
- 🚤 Connect to boat in off position. Turn on the power switch, open the valve slowly.
- 🚤 When it seems done, close the valve and then turn off the power switch.
- 🚤 Use a hose to rinse and fill the tank. Then repeat the process.
- 🚤 You can always make an appointment with the dockmaster for help.

## 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](mailto:shikshikoluk@gmail.com)



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The 2024 NYRA Invitational Regatta  
Rescheduled for April 13-14  
in conjunction with the  
2024 Neuse River Regatta in memory of  
Diane Foster & Jackie Moniak



*Diane Foster*



*Jackie Moniak*

You are invited to join fellow sailors to race in the Neuse Yacht Racing Association Invitational Regatta/Neuse River Regatta, a 2-day event on April 13-14, 2024!

With safety in mind, and predicted wind in excess of 30kt for both Race Days, the Principal Race Officer and the Organizing Authority made the decision to postpone the 2024 NYRA Invitational, originally scheduled for March 23-24, 2024. The regatta will now be held in conjunction with the Neuse River Regatta on April 13-14, 2024! The combined event will be counted as a Boat of the Year event. A revised Notice of Race will be issued shortly, with more information about this new event!

Held on the beautiful Neuse River downriver from New Bern, NC in the general vicinity of Broad and Northwest Creeks, the regatta is open to sailboats 21 feet or longer LOA with a current NC-PHRF rating certificate. Anticipated fleets are Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker and Navigator. Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker fleets will sail either Windward/Leeward or Triangle courses on Saturday and a medium distance race with a modified pursuit start on Sunday. The Navigator Fleet will sail a medium distance race with a modified pursuit start on both Saturday and Sunday. Shore party will follow Saturday racing at Blackbeard Sailing Club. Additional information may be found in the attached Notice of Race (NOR).

Eligible boats may enter online at NYRA's Regatta Network page for this event <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27710>. The entry fee is \$45.00. Members of US Sailing receive a \$5 discount, and NYRA members receive a \$5 discount.

Shore party tickets may be purchased for \$20 each while entering or separately online by clicking this link [2024 NYRA Invitational Regatta - Purchase Shore Party Tickets](#).

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## Web Site Update



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## Blackbeard Sailing Club

An exceptional club that sets the standard for sailing activities, membership enjoyment, facilities, and value.

### HIGHLIGHTED BSC EVENTS

- Feb 3 NYRA Winter Series #7
- Feb 10 Board Meeting Live and Zoom
- Feb 11 Superbowl party
- Feb 17 NYRA Commodore's Regatta and Dinner
- Feb 18 Friends of Jackie Moniak
- Mar 2 PHRF meeting /Mar 2 Fundraising dinner
- March 16 Spring Workday



As many of you are aware our Blackbeard website was compromised with malware at the beginning of 2024. After becoming aware of the issues, the web team, Jeremy LeRay, Lee Toderick and our web partner (Brand Scrubbers) worked diligently to identify and repair the issues. In March our site was deemed "clean of the malware". The good news is

inspection determined no confidential data appears to have been compromised. The bad news is, efforts to rebuild the site have been slow due to finding more and more issues during testing.

Moving forward the following are steps being taken:

- Our web team has been requested to rebuild and repost up-to-date data on our current site. The site will continue to have limited availability. Certain functionality to members (with login) may or may not be available as we work to repair things as quickly as possible.
- The board voted last week to spend additional funds to procure additional security software to protect and secure our current site from being compromised again.
- The board voted in February to initiate exploration for solutions to replace and enhance our site with alternative website platforms. This is being done in parallel to getting our current site back up. Two solutions are being examined currently and look promising. More details will come shortly.

**We thank you for your patience and understanding. All efforts are being made to get one of our main communication tools back up and available for our members and our sailing community. A special thanks should go out to Jeremy and Lee for their amazing extra efforts.**

Blake Sohn

Communications Committee Chair

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## Workday Clubhouse Crew

Photos by Susan McCrocklin

Many thanks to the crew who cleaned the clubhouse the week before workday. They vacuumed the floors, as well as vacuumed the flags; they literally cleaned the clubhouse from top to bottom. Again...Many thanks.



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Photos by Susan McCrocklin



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## Workday Spring 2024

by VC Cliff Lennox

Workday Spring 2024!

We again had very successful clubhouse deep clean and workday events. The BSC membership came out in full force to reacquaint with each other, meet our new members, have a great lunch, and get a tiny bit of work done in-between.

Blake Sohn's new volunteer signup.com was 65% filled on the very first evening it went live, so we needed to expand on the volunteer counts and received over 85 positions well in advance.

That tiny bit of work accomplished resulted in part with new name boards, replacement of light bulbs, testing of electrical systems, hog slat refastening, replacement deck boards and re-support of railings along B Dock, other item repairs on the docks, splitting cord wood in the Annex, renumbering of shore slips, replacement of a dinghy rack and storage platform, new bathhouse deck boards and step boards, new vanity lights in the men's bath house, new PA speakers installed in the clubhouse, bicycle tune-ups, weeding and mulching of planter beds, power washing, plus yard and shore clean-ups and so much more.

Jeff Tsai and Scott Huddle organized a wonderful primer for the start of our cruising season. Seminars included Coast Guard Auxiliary safety talks and inspections, and brief member seminars from installing solar panels to docking, anchoring tips, sailing with pets and children, and anchoring with radio headsets.

Lastly, we need not forget about our orphaned equipment auction organized by Peter Budzynkiewicz. Many deals were to be had! We raised \$1,106.00 to be utilized in part for facility improvements to enhance youth sailing programs.

Thank you to the many people who contributed to make these events run smoothly. Special recognition goes to Susan McCrocklin and her team for leading the pre-workday clubhouse clean, George Hall and his team for our pig roast, Doug & Holly Grintz for Fire House chickens, Connie Kerns for breakfast omelets, Jane Staveley, Mary Hittner, Eve & Ed Thompson and new member teams for preparing and serving lunch, Workday Captains Peter Budzynkiewicz, Ed Doughty, Scott Huddle, Mark Hittner, Paul Mills, Bill Tazelaar, along with work leaders Skip Byrum, Jeff Boenig, Chris Davies, Vance Hikes, Chris Moorman, Doug Longhini, Blake Sohn, Ed Thompson, Jeff Tsai, Joan Wilson, Mark Weinheimer and Chris Weed, to name a few.

Y'all made it so easy - all I did was run and hide to not get in your way!

## Workday Eats

by Jane Staveley

All the effort at BSC's Spring Workday was rewarded by a delicious lunch of pulled pork, barbecued chicken, homemade baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, rolls, cupcakes, and cookies. Thanks to the pig cooking crew (George Hall, Bill Braun, Scott Wade, and Billy Starr), pig transporter and barbecue sauce maker (Arch Altman), the chicken crew (Doug and Holly Grintz), the bean maker (Mary Hittner) and all of the other folks who pitched in to pick up the food and drinks, set up, and clean up (organized by Connie Kern). Special thanks to Amy Keane who organized the group of new members who served the food (Don and Liz Dill, Neill Graham, Dennis Harms, Bill Rixey, Meg and Fionna Somers).



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## Workday Pig Crew & New Members

Photos by Susan McCrocklin



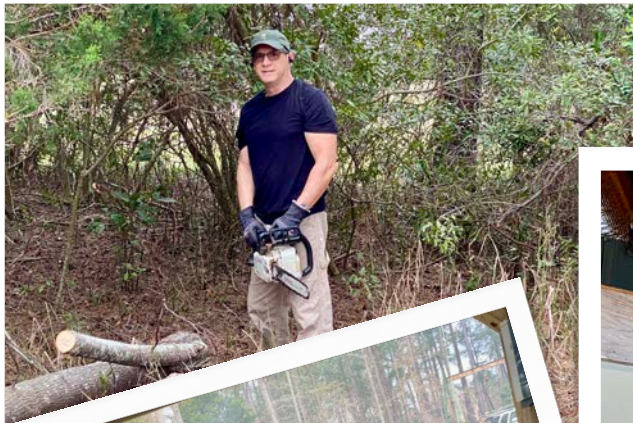
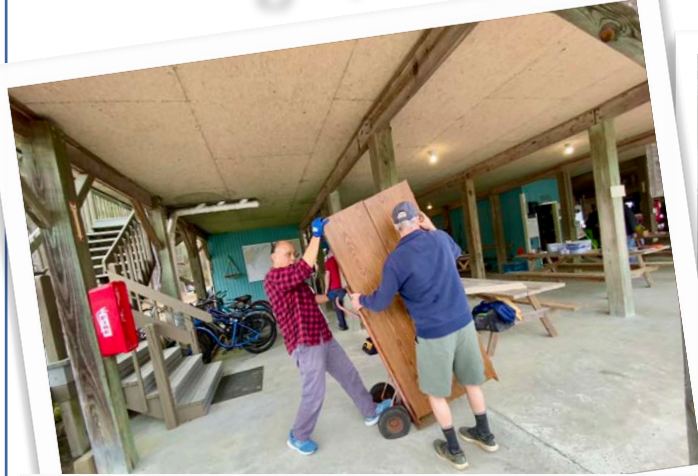
Dennis Harms, Neill Graham,  
Fionna Somers, Liz and Don Dill  
and Bill Rixey.



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## Workday Gallery

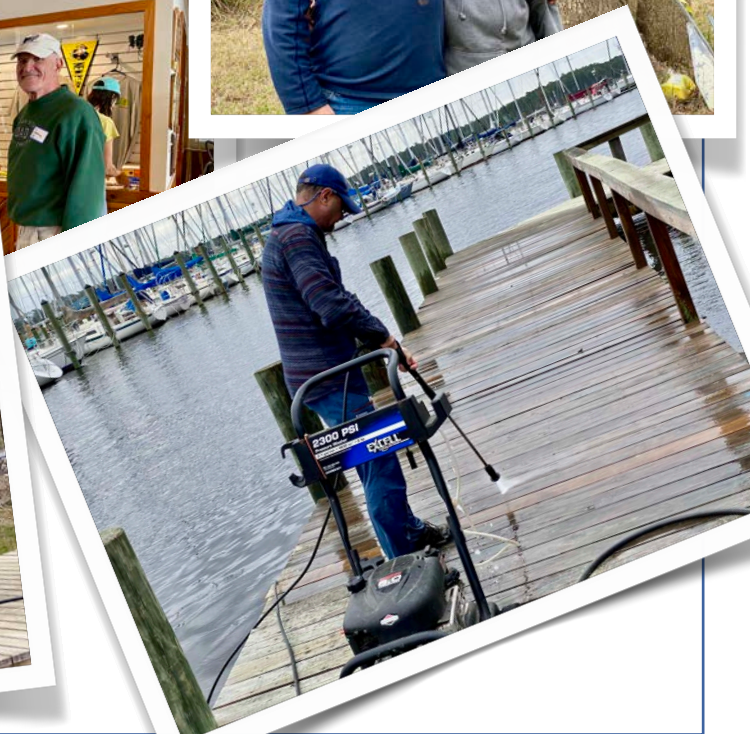
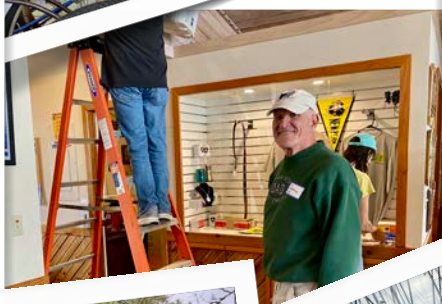
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## Welcome New Members Chris & Becky Wilkes

Hello! We are Chris & Becky Wilkes from Durham, NC. We are in our mid-50s, recent empty nesters with 3 grown kids who all sailed with Scouting. Our goal is to complete some cruising certifications and to purchase a 34 plus foot monohull cruising boat for weekend trips within the next year.

We both learned to sail years ago on a Sunfish in a Wake County Parks & Recreation program. Over the years we've had multiple trailer sailboats, including a Catalina 22 for many of those years. Our family were past members of the Triangle Sailing Association, which is where we first found out about Blackbeard's Sailing Club and made multiple trips to Oriental & Beaufort. In spring of 2010 we completed the US Power Squadron's "America's Boating Course." Currently, we each have Hobie Sailing Kayaks which are a lot of fun in warm weather.

Chris has been crewing with Charlie Nelson for two years on *Water Phantom* in the NYRA Winter Series.

Chris is a project manager and cloud-based web developer with a background in communications and is a long-time do-it-yourselfer for plumbing and electrical projects. He has past experience as a youth robotics coach. Becky works for UNC doing graphic design and cartography and loves to swim and camp. She is also a member of a Brazilian drumming group called Durham Batala. Two years ago, we adopted a 14 pound terrier mix rescue dog named Glimmer.

We're interested in meeting more sailing friends and someday participating in Blackbeard's Cruising Committee events. We bring a love of the outdoors and a willingness to help our fellow sailors, especially if we can learn something new!

## Volunteers Needed for Social Activities!

First - thanks to those that have volunteered to lead the social events thus far this year (Karen Powers and Mal Harwood for the Super Bowl Party, Joanne Doughty for the St. Patrick's Day Party, and Michele DePietro and Julia Thomson for the Easter Potluck). Now we are looking for volunteers to help with our traditional events such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Hot Dog Lunch (July 4), 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](mailto:jstaveley@nc.rr.com))    Connie Kern ([serene.health.reflexology@gmail.com](mailto:serene.health.reflexology@gmail.com))










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## Cruising Seminar

By Jeff Tsai, Photos by Bill Jarvis

Blackbeard Sailing Club's cruising seminar held on the afternoon of the spring workday was well attended by over 30 members. Hank Steinfeld from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 20-4 opened the session with topics on electronic signal devices and recent changes on the fire extinguisher regulations. Scott Huddle deployed an offshore life raft donated by Glenn Sikes and Michelle DePietro. The life raft was manufactured in 1968 and last re-certified in 2000. The life raft did inflate, but it lost a lot of air after a few hours, and totally deflated by the evening. Jeff Tsai deployed a 15-year-old automatic inflatable PFD with the original CO cartridge. It also inflated and the bear was saved!

After the opening, members visited boats on A and C docks to hear what fellow members have learned from their cruising experiences. Big THANK YOU to the following members who shared various topics:

-  Billy Starr - solar system, refrigeration set-up and food preparation
-  Scott and Jessica Huddle - anchoring and sailing with pets
-  Paul Mills - tying up your boat at slip
-  Jim and Joni Floyd - first aid kit, anchor wash down and anchor frog
-  Bruce and Nancy Woods - communication using headset and rafting etiquettes
-  Chris, Michelle, and Lily Moorman - cruising with kids/grandkids
-  Ian Prince - dinghy embark/disembark safety

Thank you also to all BSC members who came out to support this event!



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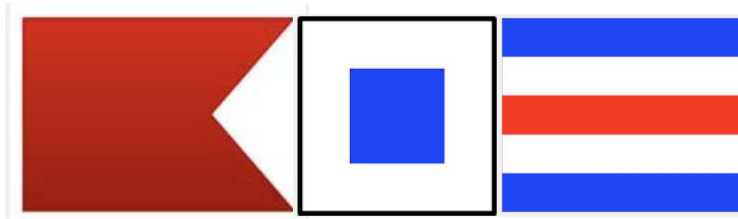
## Recommended First Aid Kit

by Jim & Joni Floyd

AfterBite Pen	Alka Seltzer Plus tabs
Anti-Diarrheal meds	Antiseptic Wipes
Aspirin 325 mg	Assorted Band-aids
Assorted Gauze Pads	Butterfly Closures
Bactine Spray	Benadryl
Bleed Stop	Blistex Lip Balm
Cold Packs (Instant)	Cotton Balls
Dramamine Tabs	Eye Shields
Heat Packs (Instant)	
Hemostats, Tweezers, Scissors, Safety Pins (large)	
Icy Hot Pain Cream	Lighter
Mosquito Spray/Wipes	Lidocaine
Orajel	Neosporin
Protective eyeglasses/sunglasses	Pepto Bismol Tabs
Q Tips	Pocket First Aid Booklet
Solar Blanket	Salon Pas
Sports Tape Wrap	Solarcaine
Sterile Eye Drops	Steri-Strips
Surgical Tubing Suture Kit/Tray	Sunscreen 50/70
Syringes (for wound irrigation)	Swimmers Ear
Sterile gloves	Tourniquet
Tide Go-Pen	Tongue Stabilizer (pop stick)
Tums Antacid tabs	Triangular Bandage
Waterproof Tape	Tylenol

Current list of medications for Captain and Crew

Remember to check your first aid kit at least ONCE a year. Check expiration dates and make adjustments/additions according to YOUR needs.



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## *Cruising Forward*

Ahoy Mates!

It's time for our annual cruise to Oriental during the Boat Show weekend. Whether you are looking for a relaxing weekend, the chance to stroll through the streets downtown, or look at sailing accessory exhibits from street vendors, this will be a fun weekend for everyone. From April 12 - 14, 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 the Oriental Marina (252-249-1818). There will be street vendors, live music, etc. Feel free to sail to Oriental on Friday or Saturday morning and we will all rendezvous there. If you would like to buddy boat with somebody, please email Scott Huddle at [scott.c.huddle@gmail.com](mailto:scott.c.huddle@gmail.com).

See below for boat show website. Last year proved to be exciting for everyone at the afternoon gathering.

[www.orientalboatshow.com](http://www.orientalboatshow.com)



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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.

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 Marina phone number to (252) 249-1818. 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 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 4<sup>th</sup>: 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

*For you overachievers, the 2025 Nautical Co-Op of Oriental's Seminar Series will be on Saturday mornings beginning February 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. These are conducted via ZOOM and will begin at 9 am and last approximately 60 minutes. The seminars are listed below:*

-  February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Diesel Engine Maintenance and Getting Your Engine Ready for the Coming Season
-  February 10<sup>th</sup> - The 10 Commandments of How To Tie Up Your Boat
-  February 17<sup>th</sup>, - Auxiliary Systems - AC, Refrigeration and Plumbing
-  February 24<sup>th</sup> - The 10 Commandments of Docking your Boat
-  March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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](mailto: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.

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](http://neusesail.wildapricot.org).

Date	Day	Event Description
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June 14 - 17	Friday - Monday	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 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.
July 20 - 21	Saturday - Sunday	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 Oriental Marina Inn (252-249-1818), or anchor out.
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.
October 5 - 6	Saturday - Sunday	Destination TBD, make-up for canceled trip.
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
<b>More races, events and contact information are listed on next page!</b>									
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
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Sun</b>		<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>						
May 25	Sat	FHYC	John Walsh Memorial Oar Race	X	**	**			New Bern
<b>May 27</b>	<b>Mon</b>		<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>						
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
<b>Jun 16</b>	<b>Sun</b>		<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>						
<b>Jul 4</b>	<b>Thu</b>		<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>						
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
<b>Sep 2</b>	<b>Mon</b>		<b>LABOR DAY</b>						
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
<b>Oct 31</b>	<b>Thu</b>		<b>HALLOWEEN</b>						
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
<b>Nov 28</b>	<b>Thu</b>		<b>THANKSGIVING</b>						
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**

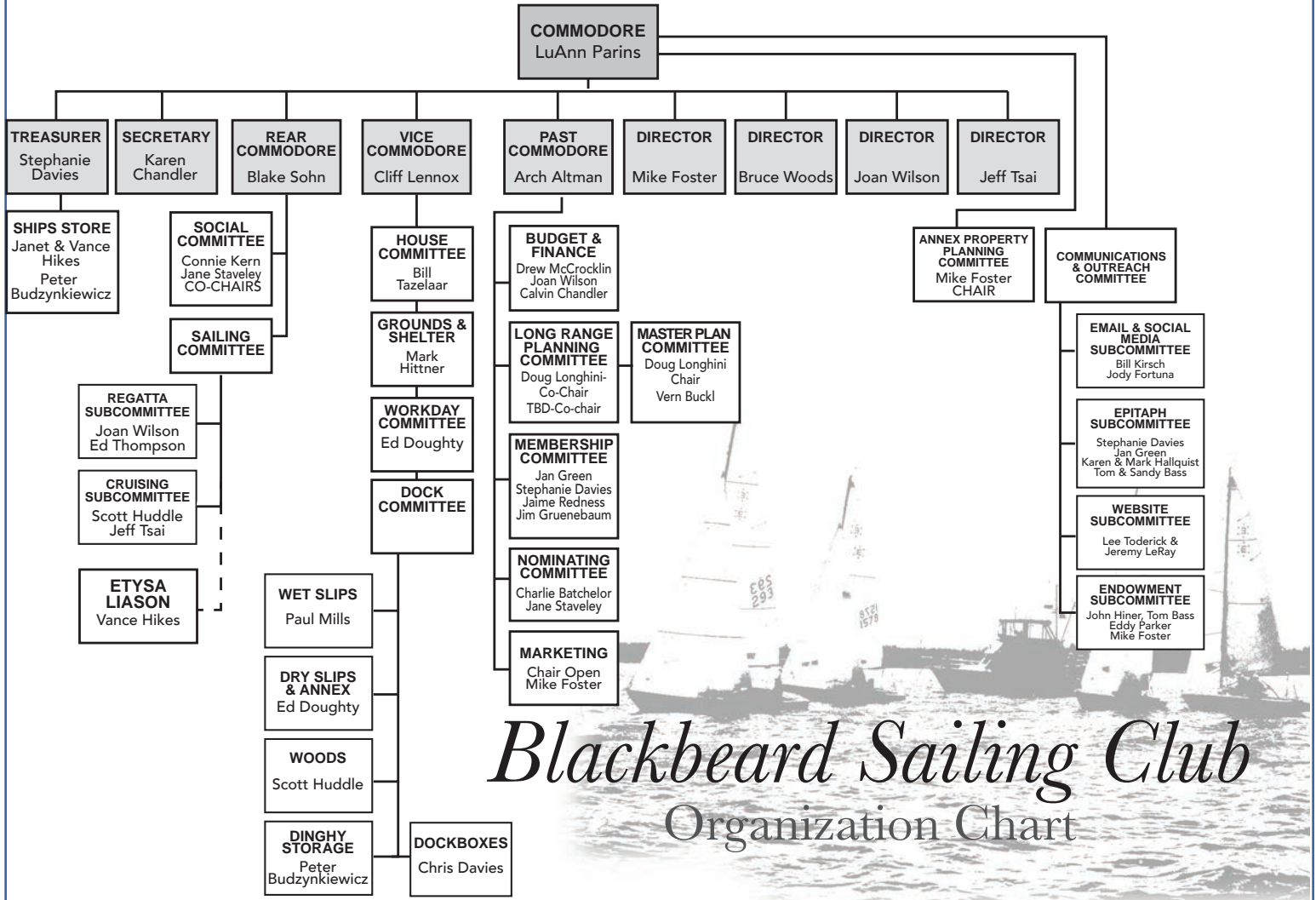
**Contact Sonya Dean for info at sonyafm@hotmail.com or (919) 271-9899.**

<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	<b>2024 Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
	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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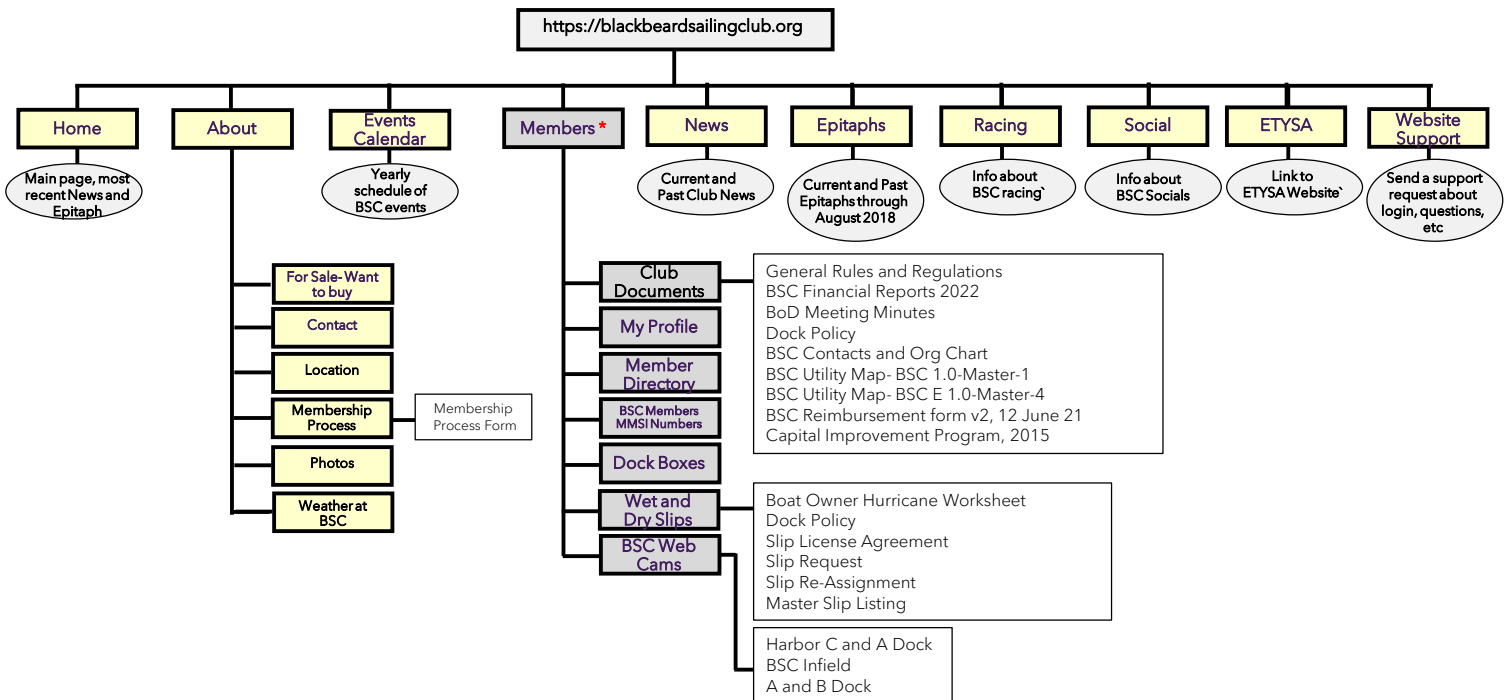
## New Website Map

by Lee Toderick

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

- 🚢 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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Photo by Susan McCrocklin

*New Member Mike Reeves and two of his girls!*



Children in appropriate life jackets. Don't you just love the pink sandals and purple life jacket.

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[blackbeardsailingclub.org](http://blackbeardsailingclub.org)

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](mailto:bsceptaph@yahoo.com).



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