



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

October 3

Blackbeard Regatta/ETYSA Auction

October 7

Clubhouse Clean up @8AM

October 10

BoD Meeting @ 9:30AM

Fall One Design Series

October 17

Fall Workday

October 24

NYRA Halloween Regatta

BSC Octoberfest

November 7

Fall One Design Series



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From the Commodore

Ahoy mates!

We continue to celebrate our country's 250th birthday with historical readings, music and theater all around us.

The warm breezes of summer have given way to the cooler rhythms of fall with its change of colors.

Racing events are in full swing with the Ensign/ SJ21 One Design Series, Full Moon Regatta, Blackbeard Regatta & Auction (ETYSA benefit) and NYRA Winter Series on deck.

On our social side the following is included, club house clean, workday, Octoberfest and the Annual Membership Meeting.

Come out and join in the fun.

See you out there!

Cliff

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ETYSA Fundraiser; October 3rd - 4th

by Joan Boenig

The next annual ETYSA fundraiser will be held October 3-4th. It includes a Regatta and a silent auction. For our new club members, Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association (ETYSA) is a day camp that operates during the summer to teach sailing to youth ages 8-17 years old. The camps run from June-August and take place at BSC. They also have a race team that competes against other youth sailing teams. The program has resulted with one sailor that competed in the Olympic Trials, and many others who have competed in regattas and some join our members as crew for regattas. Several of the youth campers have become certified sailing instructors and returned to serve as assistant coaches. These youth are the future of sailing.

The Silent Auction and Regatta is a fundraising event for the program. Our members and friends of members donate items that are new or slightly used and we put them on display in the clubhouse for bidding. We also accept gift cards and other items to bid on and appreciate anyone who is willing to solicit businesses for donations. ETYSA is a 501c non-profit organization.

If you sign up for the Regatta and need some extra crew, reach out to Vance and he will see which of our youth sailors are available to crew.

You can also show your support by becoming a member of ETYSA for \$50 per year to support this great organization at ETYSA.org.

For more information or questions, reach out to me (Joan Boenig). If you need a place to store donated items before the auction, reach out to Vance. I will be at the clubhouse on October 2nd to accept donations.

More information about the Regatta and dinner on Saturday evening will be coming soon.

Fair Winds,

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President of ETYSA BOD

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2026 Cruise Committee Schedule

- **October 17-18 Minnesott Beach, NC**
 - A fun Autumn raft up party at one of the nicest white sand beaches on the Neuse River!
- **December TBD New Bern XMAS Flotilla**
 - Throw on your big boy/girl pants and come out to brave this cold, but fun, night watching the boats all lit up for Christmas!



Fall Workdays Coming! Advance Clubhouse Workday Wed October 7th, 8 to 11

Hello all,

I invite you to join us on Wednesday, October 7th from 8-11 as we deep-clean the clubhouse 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
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WORKDAY

TOGETHER WE KEEP BSC BEAUTIFUL

OCTOBER 17

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Many Hands Make Light Work!

BBQ LUNCH SERVED AT NOON!

BSC

LEND A HAND.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
LOVE YOUR CLUB.

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Queen Anne's Revenge Junior Regatta

by Mark Hansen

The third annual Queen Anne's Revenge Junior Regatta on September 12th was an amazing success! With 26 boats registered between the C420 and Optimist classes representing five separate junior sailing programs, the regatta showcased what junior sailing is all about in Coastal North Carolina.

The weekend kicked off on Friday evening with a welcome social graciously hosted by the Parker family. Eddy manned the grill and served up burgers and brats while everyone readied themselves for a day of racing.

Saturday morning brought sunshine with a very light southerly breeze. Boats poured in, rigs went up, and Blackbeard Sailing Club was once again bustling with the energy that only comes with a regatta. Regatta chair Mark Hansen made his opening remarks at the competitors meeting and turned the floor to Stephanie Davies, who was the PRO for the C420 and Optimist RWB fleets. Arch Altman and ETYSA Race Team coach Chris Beisner then gave their briefing for the Optimist Green fleet and soon after boats were on the water.

The light and shifty breeze made for challenging conditions for both the race committee and the sailors, but all persevered. The possible threat of afternoon thunderstorms had a few on edge but the storms never materialized, and the sea breeze filled in as the day wore on. Parents and spectators lined the docks to watch their respective sailors compete. The floating docks on our new wave attenuator offered front row seating for the Opti Green fleet. By 1500, the C420 and Opti RWB fleets both had five races in and headed for the dock. The Opti Green Fleet, with all their energy and enthusiasm, were able to get in a whopping NINE races!

Soon the waterfront was once again alive with activity as sailors, coaches, parents, and spectators converged at the clubhouse to de-rig and debrief. Kona Ice was there waiting for them to serve up something cold to help beat the heat while musician Ed Prophet played his guitar for the crowd. Evolution Sails were on-site to show their support for junior sailing and to showcase their services.



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Queen Anne's Revenge Junior Regatta (continued)

Dinner was catered by Sara's restaurant. With everyone having eaten, it was time for awards. Chris Beisner did an amazing job introducing the Opti Green Fleet. When each sailor was introduced, Chris handed them their award and gave special commentary, recognizing their individual efforts on the water that day. Mark Hansen then gave out the trophies for the C420 and Opti RWB fleets, which were hand-crafted and painted by Vance and Janet Hikes.

The ETYSA Race Team was well represented on the water. Team members Noah Phillips and Gray Wilkie took First Place in the C420 class while Andrew Connolly and Scarlett Hansen took Third Place. A special shout out goes to ETYSA Race Team sailor Emmett Switzer, who was the lone ETYSA representative in the Opti fleet in his debut regatta. For more details on how the ETYSA Race Team did, please read Coach Chris Beisner's article in this month's Epitaph.

At the end of the day, a great time had been had by all. Each year the Queen Anne's Revenge regatta grows more and more, and the positive feedback received is amazing. However, these regattas don't happen by themselves, and the huge amount of effort put forth to make these events happen needs to be recognized. Many thanks to the Blackbeard Sailing Club Board and Officers, the ETYSA Board, the ETYSA Race Team parents who made sure there was no shortage of helping hands, and all of the volunteers from Blackbeard Sailing Club both on and off the water.



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Sunday Sunfish Sailing

by George Sechrist

Almost every Sunday from April to June, and September to November, a fleet of Sunfish gather at 1400 in the Inner Harbour of Fairfield Harbour for some spirited dinghy racing. We are a very diverse group of about ten sailors, over half of whom are members of BSC, some from FHYC, and some who are unaffiliated. The fleet consists of male and female, old and not so old, and experienced racers and novice sailors. All are welcome to sail.

Our fall season started on 9/13, and counting the spring series, we have completed 22 races, usually sailing four or five per day. The current standings have George Sechrist in first place, Al Lang in second, and DJ Moore in third. We use a unique scoring system that rewards a combination of performance and participation, with no throwouts, so scores can change rapidly. After our grand finale we gather for an awards/pizza party and just a little rum. Thanks to Joan Wilson, our race committee, and all of the helpers and mark boat captains that make this all possible.

So for all of you sailors with a Sunfish full of cobwebs, we encourage you to come on out and join the Sunday fun. I can guarantee that you will never stop learning something by sailing the "fickle winds of the inner harbor." For more information please contact our fleet captain Jerry Rezab or me.

SUNFISH			PLACEMENT				SCORING						
		Date:	09/27/2026								Spring 2026	Fall 2026 to date	Total 2026 to date
		YTD # of Races	Race #				Race #						
Competitor	Sail #		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4			
Sechrist, George	(80)367	26	1	2	1	2	11	10	11	9	100	61	161
Frank, Eric	32	22	5	3	4	4	7	9	8	7	47	76	123
Moore, DJ	24	20	2	4	2	3	10	8	10	8	61	56	117
Atwater, Nate	46903	14	3	1	3	1	9	11	9	10	63	39	102
Fidgeon, Jill	13	25	4	6	10	10	8	6	2	1	46	55	101
Lang, Al	3696	14									85	0	85
Sousa, Lee	2932	29	7	8	5	7	5	4	7	4	36	35	71
Hittner, Mark	3171	16	6	5	6	5	6	7	6	6	29	38	67
French, Heather	8187	17	8	10	7	6	4	2	5	5	13	26	39
Rezab, Jerry	850	11	10	9	DNF	DNS	2	3	0	DNS	0	32	32
Anderson, Jeff	8	9	9	7	8	8	3	5	4	3	13	15	28
Sousa, Brian	82091	12	DNF	11	9	9	0	1	3	2	4	14	18

The remaining dates for the fall series in Fairfield Harbour's inner harbor are **Sundays at 2PM on Oct 4,11,18,25.**

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ETYSA Well Represented in /Queen Anne's Revenge Regatta

by Chris Beisner

Mad props to all the members of ETYSA's Junior Race Team that competed in the Queen Anne's Revenge (QAR) regatta held at BSC on Saturday, September 12th. This was the first regatta for several members of the team.

ETYSA was well represented in the 420 fleet, fielding six of the 11 crews.

-  Noah Phillips / Gray Wilke
-  Andrew Connolly / Scarlett Hansen
-  Henry Foster / Lucy Horne
-  Beau Phillips / Owen Brock
-  Henry Tanner / Giuseppi Piccini
-  Whit Foster / Will Orman

Names underlined are members of ETYSA's junior race team.

Congratulations to ETYSA JRT members Noah Phillips and Gray Wilke for taking top honors in the 420 division. Noah and Gray came across the line first in three out of five races.

ETYSA's Emmett Switzer sailed in the Opti RWB division. Emmett is new to the Opti - this was only his 3rd time in the boat. He is learning quickly and is already showing signs of becoming a strong competitor.

ETYSA JRT head coach, Chris Beisner, is happy with the results from the QAR. "Our kids did great, especially considering the level of competition we faced," he said, talking about the team. With boats from Carolina Yacht Club (Wilmington, NC) and from Raleigh-Durham, ETYSA had 2 boats in the top 3 of the 420 fleet. When asked about what regatta is next for the team, Coach Beisner isn't sure. "I need to discuss this with the team to see what they want to do. There are regional regattas on the calendar, but they all require travel. With any luck, we can find one that most of the team and their parents are comfortable committing to." For now, he'll content himself with having the kids sail mini races during practice, which are held every Sunday afternoon at BSC.

[Click here](#) to see the full results from the QAR.



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Election of Officers and Directors for 2027

The Nominating Committee has offered the following slate for the upcoming election.

The candidates are (their bios appear on the next few pages):

Commodore: Cliff Lennox

Vice Commodore: Charlie Batchelor

Rear Commodore: Bruce Woods

Treasurer: Stephanie Davies

Secretary: Joan Wilson

Directors: (2 positions for 2 years, 1 position for 1 year))

Mark Hittner

Blake Sohn

Jurie Swart

Len Urgeleit

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All members in good standing (owing less than \$50 for 30 days) will receive a ballot by email (Election Buddy) in mid-October with the results announced at the General Meeting in November.

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Cliff Lennox for Commodore

Our Club is in great shape.

We have accomplished many things this past year - Completed the first phase of the Wave Attenuation and Dock Improvements. Organized another successful spring workday event with 125 plus members participating, Initiated our dredging permit application. Held successful racing and cruising events.

We continue to work on the Capital Development Plan involving six committees that will identify, prioritize, apply budgets, timelines and funding opportunities for future projects. We have set up up to host the SunFish Southern Regional Championships and Weta's National Championship regattas in 2027.

But WE have more to do!

With your support, we seek to continue the progress of maintaining and make improvements to the club's facilities. Put into construction B Dock Improvements. Continuation of club deck railing/ resurfacing and enhancements to the club house are on the list of future programs. Keeping the club an inviting and attractive facilities to grow membership and support the club's youth sailing, race, cruise and social programs.

I am honored to be considered for this position.



Charlie Batchelor for Vice-Commodore

Sailing Experience

I became a Blackbeard member in 2011. I have served on the BOD for 2 years in 2012. I love cruising and sailboat racing. I learned to sail in 1970 in Hawaii while in the Air Force. The training boat was a bulb fin keel Rhodes 19. After 2 years there, I departed USAF and came home to Jacksonville, Florida to start my college at University of Florida.. Bought a Snipe and sailed/raced for several years. In my senior year, I bought a Hobie 14 Canary special edition. I sailed/raced that boat for 3 more years. Since then I have owned a Caprie 15, Chrysler Buccaneer 18, Quick Step 21, Freedom 28 cat ketch, and my current sailboat, a 1979 Bristol 40 cutter (S/V JAZZ). In the winter of 2023, I took JAZZ to Bahamas. I have six segments on the ICW to/from Florida and six segments on ICW north to Virginia. I have delivered sailboats from Newport Ri. ,Annapolis, Georgetown Sc. to the New Bern area. I also had a 13 day delivery with three club members, on an Amel 53 from Aruba to Myrtle Beach.

Professional Experience

USAF 1967 - 1972 as a Medic assigned to Dental clinic. I exited military service with one year of college. I completed college under GI bill with a BS degree in Forest Management (basic pre med plus extra calculus). I was hired by AT&T in 1980 and retired with 28 years in 2008. While at AT&T, I was a Quality



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Charlie Batchelor for Vice-Commodore (continued)

Engineer, Print shop manager with 72 direct reports, Project Manager and a Network Process Engineer in Raleigh from 1996. I also server as Chapter President of AT&T Telephone Pioneers Shadeland chapter in Indiana (AT&T's volunteer organization) for 3 years. With a \$400k balance sheet. we supported grade school education and projects for the elderly. In 2008 after retirement, I studied for two months and attained my PMP (Project Management Professional) national certification. I went back to AT&T for 3 years as a Contractor. After that I helped an owner start a Batteries Plus store in Raleigh form the ground up. I was there about a year and a half.

Goals as Vice Commodore

I will support all current projects that keeps BSC pointing towards the future. I believe we have very talented members and need an increase their participation in club management, projects and socials. It is my goal to balance future project costs and grow BSC's net balance. I believe our future must be derived from younger sailors, racing regattas and new members moving to eastern North Carolina area with sailboats. I believe all members should have fun in the enjoyment of sailing activities and strive to preserve the future of Blackbeard Sailing Club.

Bruce Woods for Rear-Commodore

I am running for election to the position of Blackbeard Sailing Club Rear Commodore, which will become vacant at the end of 2026.

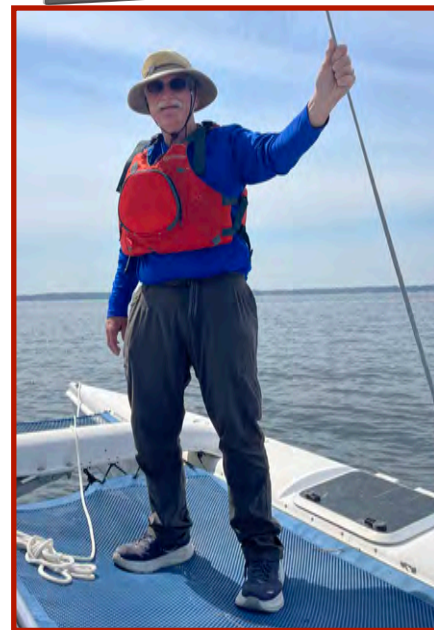
I have been a BSC member for 13 years, have had boats in each of the areas, served as dry storage captain, was on the 50th Anniversary committee, cruising committee, helped out with Shrimp-a-roo, and have served on the board of directors for two terms, expiring at the end of this year.

The Board of Directors terms have been supportive of the goals approved by members in our survey of 2022, primarily the focus on funding and implementing the wave attenuation project and the re-build of B dock. I enjoyed supporting the officers of the club in adopting the financial plan and approving budgets for repair and the new website.

We have B dock to finish, and proposals for other projects to evaluate. I would like to continue to represent the will of the membership; once we get the major projects funded and underway. I think we should re-survey the members to see if there are any other projects work pursuing, and also understand the limits of what should be done.

Some ideas I have include working on communications, outreach, committee management, and fostering the goals we have to use our assets wisely for the purposes of sailing, maintenance, and seeing how the members can make positive contributions to working together for success in sailing our boats.

Please think about what you want the officers and board to work on, and if you think I can help the club by becoming Rear Commodore, I will appreciate your vote.



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Stephanie Davies for Treasurer

I have held the office of Treasurer at BSC since January 2016. During that time I have negotiated a new banking relationship which eliminated several ongoing fees. I manage and track CD's at various financial institutions to maximize the interest earned and to provide the ready cash for the various capital projects ongoing at the club. If elected for another term, I am happy to continue this important work.

My husband and I have been members of BSC for 15 years and have over 30 years of sailing experience, both on the Pacific coast in a heavy 43' cutter and we just sold our 30' center cockpit sloop, *Jeanne Too*. We have cruised in the Chesapeake and local waters.

As well as fulfilling the duties of Treasurer, I assemble and edit the monthly BSC Epitaph, ably assisted by Tom & Sandy Bass and Jaime Redniss. I am a co-chair of the membership committee, in charge of Race Committee and race management. I respectfully ask for your support as I seek re-election.



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Joan Wilson for Secretary

Hello, BSC members! My name is Joan Wilson, and I am running for Secretary for the 2027 Board of Directors of Blackbeard Sailing Club. I grew up in Pennsylvania and sailed with my family on the Chesapeake Bay. I am a retired CPA with 15 years working for a regional CPA firm in PA and 20 years working in Controllershship at The DuPont Company. When I retired in 2018, my love of sailing brought me to New Bern, and I found a home in Fairfield Harbour just around the corner from BSC.

I joined BSC in 2020 and purchased a Hunter 36 named Latitude Adjustment, which is located on BSC's A dock. In November 2021, I assumed the role of BSC Quartermaster, responsible for obtaining supplies for the clubhouse facilities. Since the beginning of 2022, I have been co-chair of the BSC Regatta Committee, and I help coordinate the weekly Fun Sails. I have been an active member of the race committee for one-design regattas, and I am the chair of the Shoreside Committee, which organizes the social activities for the regattas. In addition, I have administrative responsibilities for the Membership and Website Committees. I was appointed by the Board of Directors in early 2026 to assume the role of Secretary.

BSC is an amazing club with an incredible group of members who volunteer to make it work! I'd be honored to continue to serve on your 2027 Board of Directors.



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Mark Hittner for Director

Hello BSC members. I am running for the position of Director and here is my background:

2001 - Retired from my builder/remodeler business

2005 - My wife Mary and I arrived at the BSC front gate on the Fall Workday. We signed on as race crew with Mark Brennescholtz that day. The three of us are still racing together but now on Blue Note.

2012 - Joined BSC with 25' and 19' trailer boats. Added the Ensign "Blue Note" in 2016.

2021, 2022, 2023 - Served as Vice Commodore

Larger projects initiated and/or supervised:

Launch ramp extension, drainage correction, swale and silt trap at the picnic shelter, general drainage

Bathhouse restoration after hurricane Florence

A-Dock sidewalk and grounds restoration after Florence reconstruction

Supervision of asphalt and gravel driveway installation

Development of the Annex storage lot

Added handrails to Bathhouse and Clubhouse decks and bathrooms

Added shades to deck with help from Vance Hikes

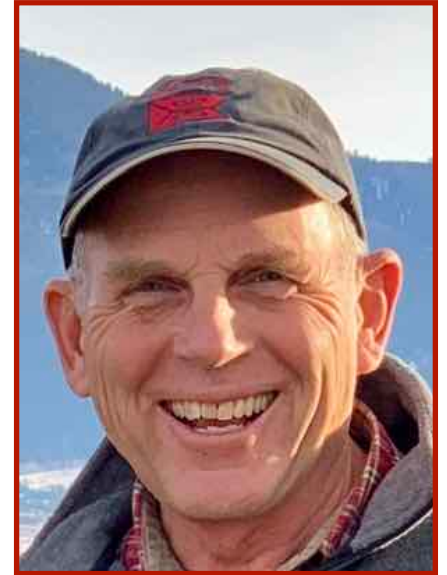
Deck maintenance and then helped with replacement

Presently member of the Attenuation Committee and chair of the Grounds/Shelter committee

I am considered to be fiscally conservative and voted to approve the yearly rate increases that are now being implemented. I believe they are adequate to meet the needs of BSC. At this time, I prefer not to burden the club with a bank loan but that is a Membership decision not the Board's.

As a recipient of a Commodore's Award and Board of Directors' Award, I ask for your vote.

Mark Hittner



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Blake Sohn for Director

It has been a privilege to serve as Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore at Blackbeard Sailing Club over the past three years. During that time, I have had the opportunity to lead and support a number of initiatives that advanced the Club's goals and mission. These include the website upgrade, the B-Dock attenuator project, efforts to strengthen volunteerism, and serving as Fleet Captain for the Ensign/San Juan races. Additionally, the committees I have managed, especially racing and social/shore side, have delivered outstanding work. This includes events that brought members together and enriched the Club. I want to thank all the experienced volunteers for their efforts who made this work possible and who made my role so rewarding.

Because my personal priorities continue to evolve, I will be stepping down from the Vice Commodore position at the end of the year. My hope is to remain serving the Club on the Board as a Director. If elected, one of my focuses will be improving financial transparency and pushing for an internal financial audit. Whether or not I am elected, I look forward to continuing to volunteer some of my time on other committees and contributing my skill set to the Club.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful organization and its members. I respectfully ask for your vote for a Director position so that I may continue to serve Blackbeard Sailing Club and its members.

Blake Sohn



Jurie Swart for Director

Karin and I have been members at BSC since August 2024 and BSC as a facility is absolutely beautiful and amazing. How blessed are we with this sailing club.

My wife Karin and I made many friends, participated in many cruises on our Beneteau 361 with friends and we are so thankful for this club.

We also participated in the 2025 Winter racing season and loved it. The people are absolutely wonderful and makes everything even better.

I am encouraged to participate to preserve and maintain our facility, to do my part, serve and care for the club. This is why I volunteer to run for a board position.



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Jurie Swart for Director (continued)

I am an engineer. Scope the work and let me get to it.

I worked at Comcast for many years and currently I am working for Marriott international ensuring network devices are compliant to standards.

I plan as board member to support our leaders and standby them to accomplish our vision and maintain our club to be best of our ability.

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Len Urgeleit for Director

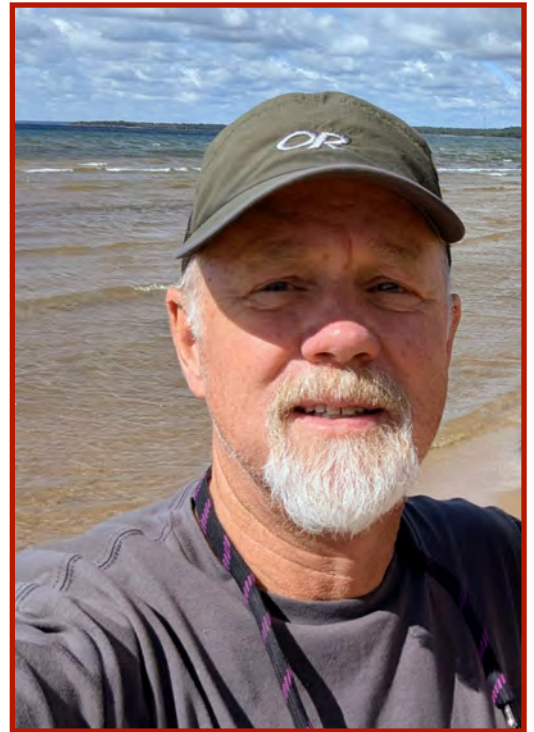
I am running for a board of directors position. In 2025, I joined BSC shortly after moving to Fairfield Harbour from Spokane, WA. I immediately got involved in crewing for the weekly fun races, Ensign racing, and more recently San Juan 21 racing. I have participated in other club regattas and NYRA racing as well. In addition to crewing, I enjoy racing my Pearson 28' in the weekly Tuesday fun races. I had never raced before joining this club. It has been a lot of fun so far.

Since joining BSC, I have volunteered to be on the finance committee and assist with the long-range planning committee. I have enjoyed being able to assist in this area for the management of the club.

My past career background is in building renovation and remodeling. I have a degree in architecture, but after working as an intern architect, I quickly switched over to construction management. I have owned my own business as a general contractor focusing on re-developing distressed commercial buildings by converting them into updated residential, office, and other commercial uses. In the latter part of my career I worked as a small remodeling contractor and worked hands-on in the majority of the trades.

I feel that I can use the knowledge and skills I have learned along my path of life to assist in the continuing success of Blackbeard Sailing Club. I look forward to seeing the club prosper and evolve to meet the needs of its current members.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Full Moon Memories

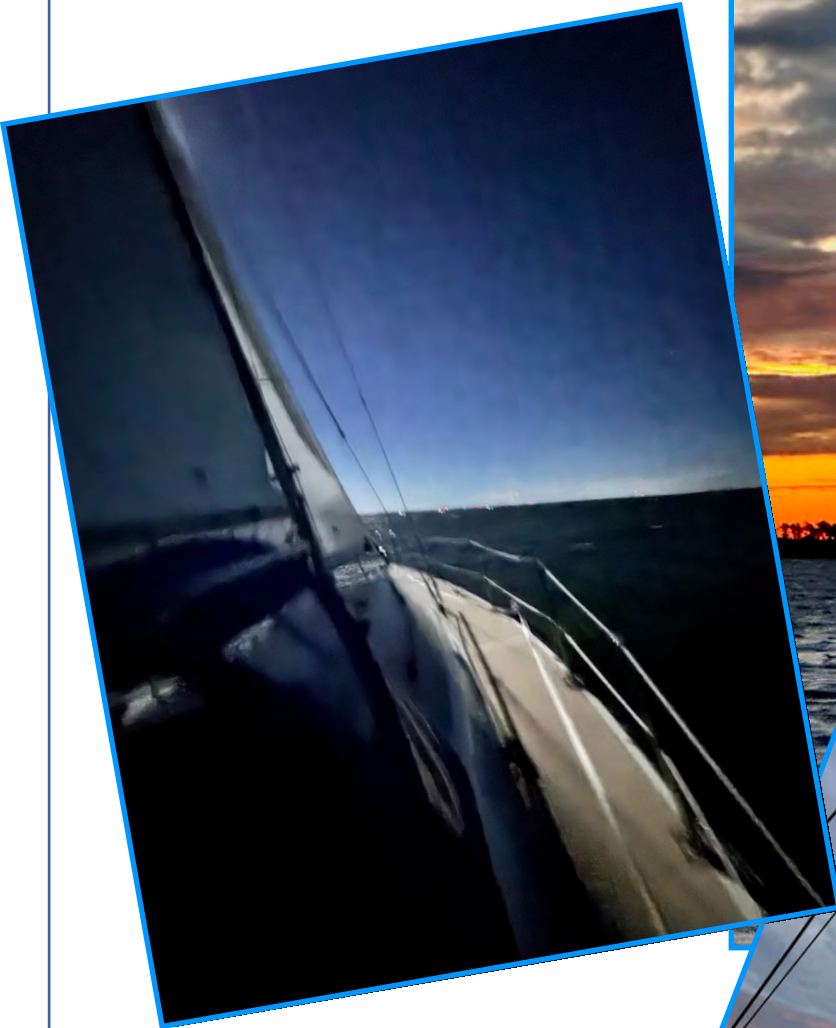
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Full Moon Memories

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A Few Dock Reminders

We are in the middle of Hurricane Season, so make sure your boat is in order - anchors, rode, dinks, dock boxes and everything else is ready.

Check your Hurricane Plan:

-  Correct phone numbers (yours and your buddy's)
-  Equipment is located and correctly documented on the plan
-  Engine runs, and importantly, dock lines can be untied

If we make the call to leave the docks, commit time for your boat and to help with club supplies and equipment - BBQ grills, garbage cans, dock boxes, carts, bikes etc...



The marina is for all intents and purposes - full. Vacant slips have blank yellow boards on them. Rates for slips are posted under the clubhouse. We are generating a new waiting list. One needs to be a member, and actually own the boat, to request a slip for it.

Finally, the end of A dock is not to be used, unless one is onboard the whole time the boat is there. B dock slips need the space for coming and going to their slips, and your boat may have to move at a moment's notice. C dock allows for 2 or 3 tie-ups. Contact the Dockmaster for overnight use.

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2026 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee (ICRC)

1/16/26

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	One-Design		Location
More races, events and contact information are listed on next page!							
Sep 7	Mon		LABOR DAY				
Oct 3-4	Sat-Sun	BSC	Blackbeard Regatta (ETYSA Benefit) *	X			New Bern
Oct 9-11	Fri-Sun	NCO	Oriental Cup ^P	X			Oriental
Oct 31	Sat		HALLOWEEN				
Oct 31	Sat	NYRA	Halloween / Winter Race 1 *	X			New Bern
Nov 14	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 2 *	X			New Bern
Nov 21	Sat	BSC	Turkey Trot Regatta		X		New Bern
Nov 26	Thu		THANKSGIVING				
Dec 5	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 3 *	X			New Bern
Dec 19	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 4 *	X			New Bern
Dec 25	Fri		CHRISTMAS				
Jan 9, 2027	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X			New Bern
Jan 23, 2027	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 6 *	X			New Bern
Feb 6, 2027	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 7 *	X			New Bern
Feb 20, 2027	Sat	NYRA	Commodore's Ball Regatta *	X			New Bern

* NYRA Boat of the Year Race

Clark Cup Series

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Additional Events of Interest

Blackbeard One Design Series - located on the Neuse River near Upper Broad Creek, New Bern, NC.

Spring Series: 6 Saturday races on Mar 28; Apr 4, 18 & 25; May 2 & 9.	
Fall Series: 6 Saturday races on Sep 19 & 26; Oct 3, 10, & 24; Nov 7 (awards & social TBD.)	
Three races per day, first signal at 1255. Contact: Blake Sohn at blakesohn@gmail.com or (612) 481-9696.	

Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) Weekly PHRF Fun Sails

Pursuit starts based on NC PHRF ratings - open to everyone at no cost, no club affiliation required.	
Day of the week and time based on weather and daylight hours. Notifications via email distribution list.	
Contact Joan Wilson sail_kitty@hotmail.com or Ed Thompson edthompson2@comcast.net	

Oriental Dinghy Club (ODC) Keel Boat Races

Spinnaker on Saturdays: Mar 28; Apr 18; May 16; Jun 27; Jul 11; Aug 8; Sep 5 & 26; Oct 24; Nov 7 & 14.	
JAM PHRF Buoy on Saturdays: Mar 28; Apr 18; May 16; Sep 5 & 26; Oct 24; Nov 7 & 14.	
JAM PHRF Distance/Pursuit on Saturdays at 1PM: Jun 27, Jul 11, Aug 8	
Contact Bob Slook for info at bslook@gmail.com or (732) 740-5591.	

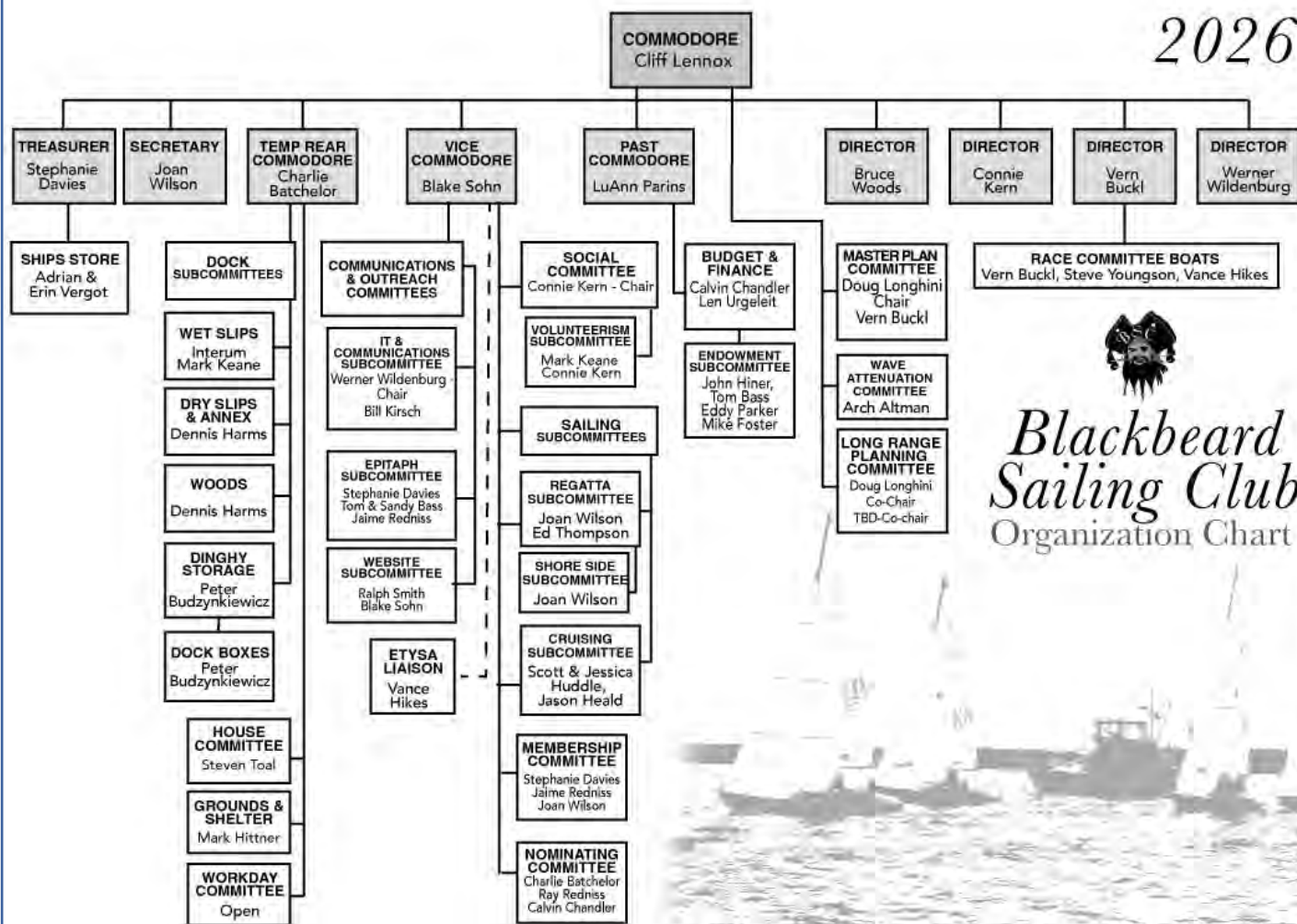
Sunfish Racing	>FHYC Sunfish Races - near the boat ramp on Fairfield Harbour Inner Harbour; 3 to 6 races per day, first signal at 2PM				
	Spring Series: 7 Sunday race days on Apr 12, 19 & 26; May 3, 17 & 24; Jun 7.				
	Fall Series: 7 Sunday race days on Sep 13, 20 & 27; Oct 4, 11, 18 & 25. (Awards & social following Oct 25 races.)				
	Contact Jerry Rezab for info at geraldrezab@yahoo.com or (252) 288-4124.				
	>Oriental Dinghy Club (ODC), Oriental NC				
	Dinghy Races on Sundays: Mar 29; Apr 19; May 17; Jun 28; Jul 12; Aug 9; Sep 6 & 27; Oct 25; Nov 8 & 15.				
	Lasers, 420s & FJs may be chartered at regatta site. Contact info@bowtosternboating.com				
	>Hot Toddy Winter Series at Blackbeard Sailing Club, New Bern NC				
	2025 Schedule on Saturdays: Dec 6, 20.				
	2026 Schedule on Saturdays: Jan 3, 18(Sunday), 31; Feb 14, 28; Mar 7(make-up if needed), 21; Apr 4.				
	Contact Jude Brown for info at heyjfb@earthlink.net or (240) 671-5771.				

Miscellaneous	2025 Date	Day	Club	Event	Location
	Apr 10-12	Thurs-Sun		Oriental Boat Show	Oriental NC
	Apr 15-19	Wed-Sun		Charleston Race Week	Charleston SC
	April 17-19	Fri-Sun		CAT Small Boat Racing Event	New Bern NC
	Jun 1-26	Mon-Fri	BSC	ETYSA Youth Sailing Camps	New Bern NC
	Jul 6-31	Mon-Fri	BSC	ETYSA Youth Sailing Camps	New Bern NC
	Oct 10-11	Sat-Sun		Mumfest	New Bern NC

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

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Photographer Chris Davies and Aiden at rest while taking photos at the Queen Anne's Revenge Junior Regatta
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