



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

August 8

BoD Board @ 9:30

August 22-23

Gurganus One Design /Regatta

September 5 - 7

Cruise to Beaufort

September 11 - 12

Queen Anne's Revenge Regatta

September 19

BoD Board @ 9:30

September 26

Ensign Series Starts

September 26

NYRA Full Moon Overnight Regatta

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From the Commodore

Ahoy mates!

Summer has finally arrived! After weeks of cloudy skies, maybe we wished too hard. It's been a little too hot, but it's wonderful to see the sunshine and enjoy these beautiful days around the marina. We hope everyone is making the most of the season and enjoying all that summer has to offer.

Racing, Cruising, and Sail Camp events are well underway. Remember Hurricane season is also upon us. Please revisit your Hurricane plan, reach out to your "Sail Buddy", check your ground tackle, all with the hope it's not to be used.

See you out there!

Cliff

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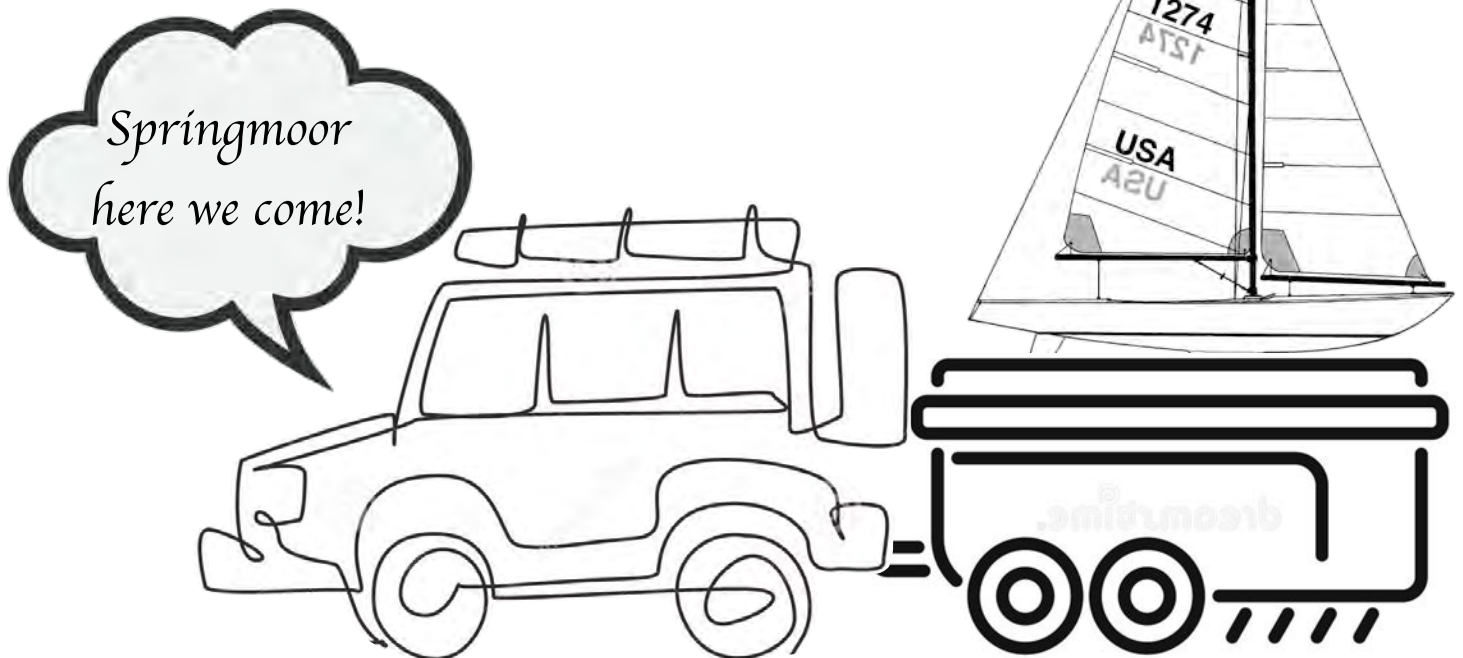
Moving to Raleigh... but Still Members!

Doug & Kathie King moved to our community in 2007 and have been longtime members at Blackbeard Sailing Club. They have been vital in serving in many areas from Blackbeard to FHYC. They have made countless friends in Fairfield Harbour. They will be missed.

They are moving to Springmoor in Raleigh August 10. Their emails and cells will stay the same.

Drop by and say goodbye Friday, August 7 between 5-7 at 6107 Castleton Court. Feel free to bring an appetizer and your beverage.

Hosted by Greg & Christine Bryon



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Cruising Forward

The cruise to Ocracoke was a big hit. Jurie and Karen on *Wruff Life*, Charlie on *Jazz*, Jason on *Sweet Jane*, Cliff on *Latitude Adjustment*, Dave on *Liberty*, Scott and Jessica on *Methuselah*. Everyone met up on Thursday night at Teaches Hole. We met Joan who arrived by ferry and went to Smacnally's for dinner. Charlie demanded a table and Jason alerted the hostess that we needed a waitress to get served. After that, it was smooth sailing as we had a delicious dinner on the water and talked about our sailing adventure. On Friday, most folks made their way to the beach, either walking, by bicycle, or by dinghy. The second night, some members played Farkle, while others had a makeshift potluck at the ferry station picnic area. Some listened to local music at the restaurants, while others played cards. Some left Ocracoke on Sunday morning to make it back for work in time for Monday, while others stayed an extra day and went to the beach one last time. A good time was had by all!



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Cruising Forward (Continued)



2026 Cruise Committee Schedule

- **September 5-7 Beaufort, NC**
 - Let's go have some fun in Beaufort for Labor Day weekend! Anchor with us at Taylor's Creek or book yourself a slip in one of the marinas. Either way we'll all meet and party it up properly for the unofficial end of summer!
- **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!

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This is Your Chance

Four confirmed teams offer professional and amateur sailors the opportunity to race more than 27,000 nautical miles around the world in the spirit of the original Whitbread Race.

Nine teams are now preparing for the 2027 McIntyre Ocean Globe Race, with further entries expected before the fleet is complete.

Crew opportunities are currently available aboard *Translated 9*, *Galiana*, *Explorer* and *Outlaw*.

Translated 9 applications are open worldwide until 26 July 2026, with previous ocean-racing experience not required.

The four-leg race starts in Europe on 12 September 2027 and is planned to visit Cape Town, Auckland and Punta del Este before returning to Europe in April 2028.

Crews will navigate without GPS, electronic charts or satellites, relying on sextants, paper charts and traditional seamanship and SSB radios.

The Race is broadcast LIVE 24/7 via a special one-way YouTube channel, "OGR WINDOW LIVE."

The 2027 McIntyre Ocean Globe Race is calling for adventurous sailors ready to take on one of the most demanding and life-changing challenges in ocean racing.

Nine teams are currently preparing for the second edition of the fully crewed, retro round-the-world race. Seven yachts have announced participation, while two further entries—one British and one French—remain confidential ahead of their formal announcements. Organizers expect the fleet to continue growing, with up to 14 yachts anticipated on the start line.

Four confirmed campaigns are now recruiting sailors for individual legs or the complete circumnavigation.

Italian Swan 65 *Translated 9*

Finnish Swan 55 *Galiana*

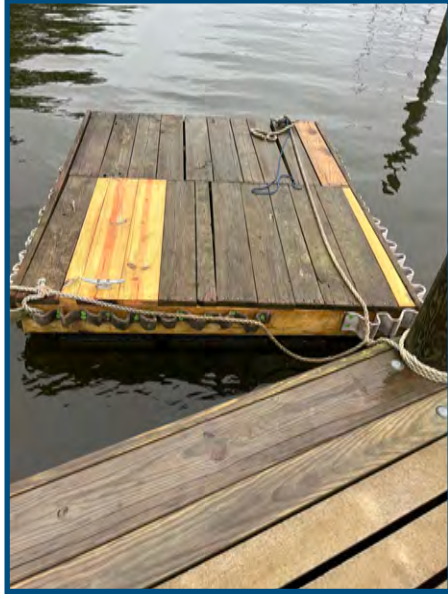
Australian Swan 57 *Explorer*

Australian Baltic 55 *Outlaw* —



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Thank you



Thank you to Chris & Michele Morman for repairs to the work float.

Ship Store

With the summer sun still beating down upon us on our sailboats, you need to make sure that an errant wind doesn't whisk away your Blackbeard hat! The store now carries nylon clip hat tethers to keep them secured during your adventures. They are available for \$3 and you can contact storekeeper Erin Vergot (252-229-1942) should you need one.



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A Few Dock Reminders

Hurricane season is here, 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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CRUISE COMMITTEE EVENTS

★ *Set your course for adventure!* ★



LABOR DAY *Cruise*

★ TO BEAUFORT ★

 **SEPTEMBER 5 – 7, 2026**

Join us for a relaxing long weekend cruising to beautiful Beaufort, NC! Enjoy scenic views, great company, and unforgettable memories.



SCENIC
CRUISE



GOOD FOOD
& FUN



EXPLORE
BEAUFORT



GREAT
COMPANY

MINNESOTT *Beach Trip*

OCTOBER 17 – 18, 2026

Let's head to Minnesott Beach for a relaxing weekend on the water and by the shore! Sun, sand, friends, and lots of fun.



BEAUTIFUL
BEACH



RELAX &
UNWIND



PADDLE &
EXPLORE



EVENING
GATHERINGS



To sign up or with questions,

CONTACT YOUR CRUISE DIRECTORS:



JASON HEALD



SCOTT HUDDLE



JESSICA HUDDLE

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Welcome New Members



John & Ann Crehore

Ann's love of sailing began early, with some of her fondest childhood memories spent crewing for her father on Lake Wylie. Together, they sailed in many regattas at the Catawba Yacht Club in Charlotte; on a Lightning, a Columbia 22, and later a Hobie 18. John learned to sail at Camp Sea Gull, where he is now celebrating his 50th year of involvement with the Camp.

John and Ann fell in love on the Neuse River in the summer of 1984 while serving as sailing counselors at Camp Sea Gull and Camp Seafarer. Sailing and

the Camps have remained an important part of their family's story: both of their children attended the Camps and later served on the sailing staff. Last year, their daughter was hired as the Senior Program Director at Camp Seafarer, which inspired them to move from Charlotte to the banks of the Neuse River in New Bern in January.

Since 2002, Ann and John have enjoyed many trips to the BVI, where they have bareboat chartered catamarans and continued building wonderful memories on the water. Ann earned her US Sailing Cruising Catamaran Endorsement from Offshore Sailing School in 2013 and her US Sailing Small Boat Instructor Level 1 certification in 2015. John earned his ASA Cruising Catamaran certification in 2009 from Bow to Stern Boating in Oriental. Together, John and Ann have also served as Volunteer Coordinators for several Southeast Opti Championships, as well as the Sunfish Worlds Regatta held at Camp Sea Gull. In 2019, the Crehorees joined the Catawba Yacht Club, where John served on the Yards & Docks committee, and Ann served as Vice Commodore for two years.

Today, the Crehorees own a Sunfish and are looking forward to purchasing a larger sailboat once they have a slip where they can keep it and enjoy sailing as often as possible.

As they settle into life on the Neuse River, Ann and John are excited about the possibility of joining Blackbeard Sailing Club and look forward to making new friends, sharing time on the water, and becoming part of the club community.



Peter Frey

Hello my name is Pete I moved to North Carolina in 1999 from the Rocky Mountains to learn about boats and sailing. I built THISTLES at great Midwest Yacht company on my way to New Bern in Ohio and purchased my first sailboat, a HOBIE 16, I put the HOBIE on the beach next to Dixie fertilizer as the new bridge, here in New Bern, was being constructed and I sailed it 250 days in a row...

then life took over and I did a lot of things including racing in NYRA, and working at Hatteras yachts for 17 years, starting my own business (12 years ago) going through over 99 feet of boats, including restoring a 40 foot Herreshoff Meadowlark which I lived on for a short period of time in new Bern, North Carolina. I want to join Blackbeards because I want to sail with other sailors.

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Hal & Corine Medlin

Personal: Hal Medlin is a retired small businessman from Benson, NC. Hal managed his family business, Medlin Country Hams, for some 35 years after graduating from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Medlin Hams enjoyed steady growth and moved into a new plant during this time. Medlin Hams closed down most operations in the early 2000's.

Hal met and later married his wife Corine while living in Raleigh in the 80's. Corine is originally from Guam and followed her family around the world while doing God knows what before settling in North Carolina. Corine enjoyed a successful career as Legal Secretary/ Paralegal in Raleigh before retiring in 2021. Corine became the best crew Hal had which included winning the first race she sailed in.



After closing Medlin Hams, Hal began working with Layline Yacht Racing Equipment in Raleigh as a technical sales associate for 5 years until they were sold. Layline was a catalog/e-commerce business specializing in equipping racing boats from dinghies to 50 footers with hardware, running and standing rigging as well a technical gear.

After leaving Layline Hal became caregiver for his parents until their passing.

Hal and Corine currently are splitting their time between Benson and Fairfield Harbour with their dog Piper, where he and his wife Corine recently purchased a townhome in West Winds. Hal's time in Benson includes working with the Benson Lions Club for the past 31 years and delivering meals on wheels.

Sailing: As a small child Hal was like many of his generation and glued to a black and white tv's watching countless westerns watching cowboys and Indians until in 1959 came a new show featuring an 85' Alden Schooner, TIKI, leading viewers to Drama and Adventure with Captain Adam Troy in the South Pacific and French Polynesia. So fascinated, he knew as a six or seven year old that sailing would become part of his future some way or another. Although he begged his parents Harold and Margaret to send him to sailing camp they scoffed at the idea calling that silly. It would not be until graduating college that he could begin his sailing journey. He still watches James A. Michener's, Adventure in Paradise.

Hal's first boat was a Hobie 14. Although fun and wet Hal yearned for something a little more traditional. Bill Myatt was a boat dealer in Raleigh at the time selling Daysailers, Tanzers and Flying Scots I believe. Bill put Hal into a Tanzer 16 and wished him well. Before leaving he noticed a brochure on the counter advertising a "Coastal Sailing Class" at Topsail Beach. Thinking that he had never been on a vacation before, grabbed a brochure and signed up. His family had a place just up the road in Surf City so this worked out well. The class was being put on by sailors from High Rock Sailing Club, mostly SJ 21 sailors, and one Del Foster who said Hal, you're with me. Del sailed and raced the Daysailer 17' which was similar to my Tanzer 16. We spent the next week on that boat sailing in a 15 kt sea breeze every day, all day. He learned more in that week than in the next five years. Thank You Del.

Del pushed him to join the Carolina Sailing Club and to contact the local Tanzer fleet. Hal and Corine enjoyed sailing the Tanzer for a number of years ending up as class measurer for a few years before moving to a J/22. Hal sailed the 22 with the CSC mostly in a winter series for a few years before the club decided the J/22 wasn't a good fit with the club. While trying to build up the J22 fleet got to know Paul Wells who was to become the J/ Boat dealer in the area and was able to sail with Paul here in New Bern and the coast on a number of J/boats. Other adventures included a few winter series on a C&C 36 as well a many regattas on different boats including cup races from Oriental to New Bern, State Championships off the coast and PSC Race to Ocracoke Island as well as skippering a Viking Long Boat in Roskilde on our last trip.

What adventures await?

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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!							
Jul 4	Sat		INDEPENDENCE DAY				
Jul 4	Sat	BTS	Croaker Festival Regatta		X	FJ/420/SF	Oriental
Jul 18	Sat	NYRA	Parrothead (to Oriental)	X		New Bern to Oriental	
Jul 18	Sat	HISC	Harkers Island Regatta		X	Sunfish only	Harkers Isl
Aug 22-23	Sat-Sun	BSC	Gurganus One-Design Regatta #		X		New Bern
Sep 7	Mon		LABOR DAY				
Sep 11-13	Fri-Sun	ETYSA	Queen Anne's Revenge Junior Regatta	Dinghy Regatta, under 18 yrs old			New Bern
Sep 19	Sat	BTS	Greens Creek Regatta		X	Under 20 ft	Oriental
Sep 26-27	Sat-Sun	NYRA	Full Moon Overnight Regatta	X			New Bern
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.

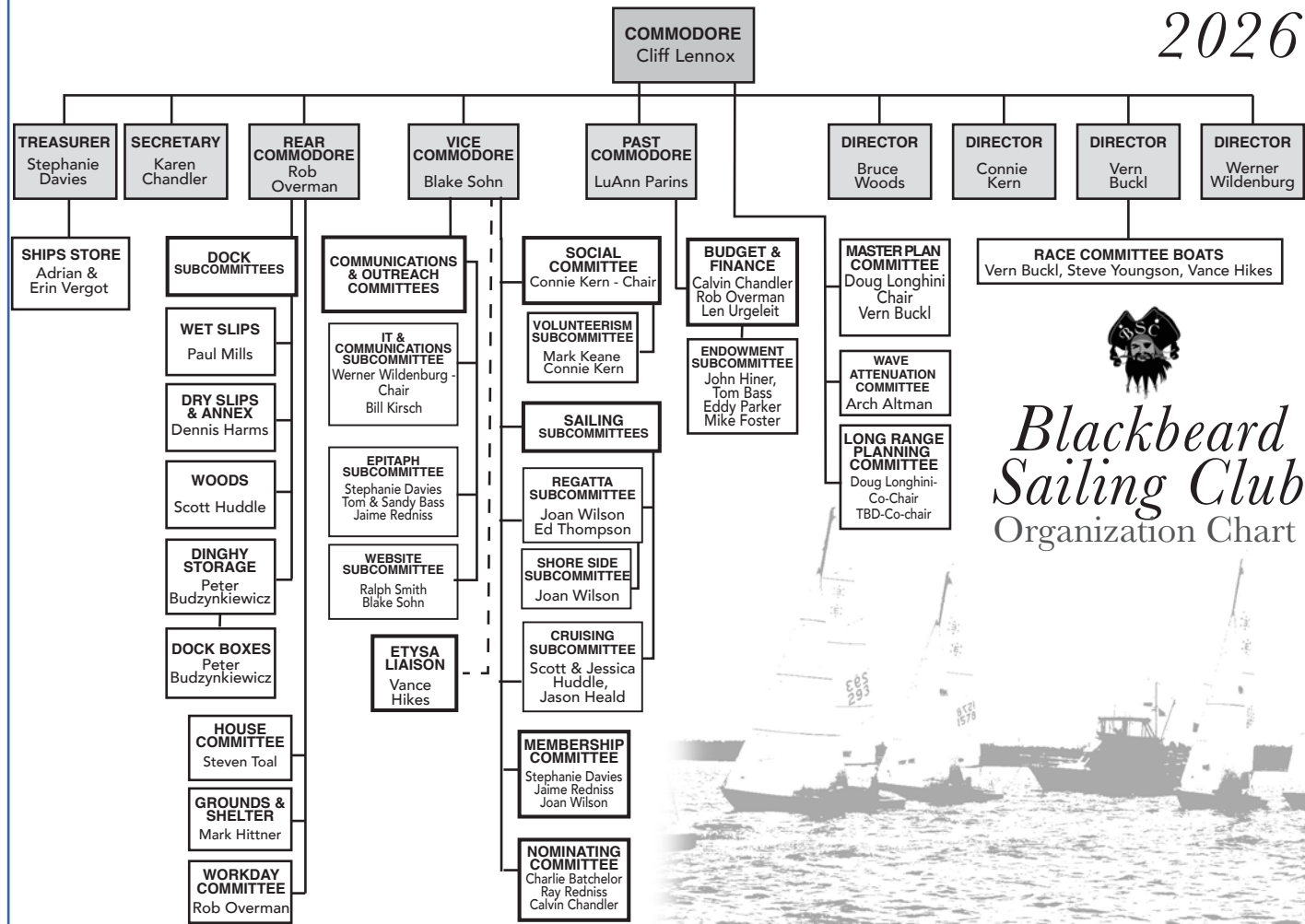
Miscellaneous

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	ETYS Youth Sailing Camps	New Bern NC
Jul 6-31	Mon-Fri	BSC	ETYS Youth Sailing Camps	New Bern NC
Oct 10-11	Sat-Sun		Mumfest	New Bern NC

Club	Club	Representative	eMail	Telephone
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BTS	Bow To Stern	Jim Edwards	info@bowtosternboating.com	(252) 249-2424
ETYS	Edward Teach Youth Sailing Assn	Clare Brock	clbrock@embarqmail.com	(252) 671-7462
FHYC	Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club	Leigh Hart	dol123@me.com	(919) 801-7123
FLT 8	San Juan Fleet 8	Jeff Thomas	jennjeff@suddenlink.net	(252) 638-1493
FOM	Friends of the Museum (Beaufort)	Brent Creelman	brent@maritimefriends.org	(252) 728-1638
HISC	Halkers Island Sailing Club	Sonya Dean	sonyafm@hotmail.com	(919) 271-9899
ICRC	InterClub Race Committee	Joan Wilson	sail_kitty@hotmail.com	(610) 357-7476
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NYRA	Neuse Yacht Racing Assn	Stephanie Davies	stephaniejaedavies@gmail.com	(949) 533-5543
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SCOO	Sailing Club of Oriental	Rick Fears	rickfears42@yahoo.com	(916) 759-9546

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2026 Board of Directors & Departments



**Volunteers are not paid, not because
they are worthless but because
they are priceless.**

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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 bscepitaph@yahoo.com.



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Photo of New Member Peter Frey's Boat

