



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

December 6

Winter Series #3

December 13

BoD @ 9:30

December 20

Winter Series #4

December 25

Merry Christmas

December 31

New Year's Eve Party

January 1

New Year's Day Lunch

Fred Latham Regatta



Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

Holiday Greetings Mates!

Together we start the 54th year of Blackbeard Sailing Club's succession.

The club has grown from its original conception, both in membership and facilities.

This New Year rings in a good outlook for the Club as we embark to construct and enjoy the security of new wave attenuation for our marina, and dockage for event vessels as an extension of the Annex property acquired in 2020. Moving forward other improvements to parts of the property will happen. We are in a good financial position, with full membership and a wait list.

When this edition of the Epitaph is published, the 54th running of Fred Latham Memorial and afternoon Fun Sail racing events will take place January 1st. There will be plenty to eat from break-

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fast to dinner.

On January 17th, the Installation Dinner will be held. It is a dress up event (only gold tee-shirts with embroidered ties maybe ok), catered meal, and music. We have a limit on the number of attendees, please sign up early. Information is included within this issue.

Let us not forget about the camaraderie, friendships, and stories of the past as we continue to forge ahead with new events and relationships to add to the history of this wonderful club and all the work each one of you has contributed each day. Remember that Blackbeard is a volunteer run club. If you haven't yet become involved in an event, either social, cruise, or a regatta, please step up. We need YOU!

Happy New Year to all from the Commodore!

Cliff

To Blackbeard Members,

It's been my honor to sit in the Commodore's chair for the past two years. As you may recall, I was Rear Commodore for the three previous years. During these years I have learned quite a bit and been repeatedly impressed with the talents and generosity of spirit of our members. I've shared the Board of Directors' table with incredible people that have the welfare of all Members and the continued prosperity of our Club in mind.

As I move to the Past Commodore's chair, I am grateful to Cliff Lennox for taking over as Commodore. Blackbeard couldn't ask for a better person to shepherd us through the big upgrades to the facility as well as the ongoing day-to-day business of the Club. I'll be around to back him up for the year, but I doubt he needs it. He has an excellent Board to work with! Blackbeard Sailing Club is in excellent hands.

Thank you for your trust and confidence.

See you on the water,

LuAnn



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*Please join us for Blackbeard's
2026 Installation Dinner
January 17th*

Cocktails at 5:00 BYOB
Dinner served at 6:15
Catered by The Flame

Hors D'oeuvres:

Marinated Chicken Skewers
Spinach and Feta Stuffed Mushrooms
Deviled Eggs with Baby Dill Shrimp

Dinner Buffet:

Caesar Salad, Dinner Rolls & Whipped Butter
Beef Tips in Bourguignon sauce with Mushrooms
Grilled Bourbon Glazed Salmon
Oven Roasted Vegetables
Sugar Snap Peas seasoned with Lemon Pepper
Asiago Scalloped Potatoes

Dessert:

Praline Bread Pudding with Whipped Cream

Beverages:

Sweet and Unsweet Tea, Regular and decaf coffee

After dinner and before dessert:

Officers and Directors will
be introduced and awards will be presented.

Cost of \$40.00/person will be applied to your member
account. Seating is limited and advance reservations are
required, so please respond to Joan Wilson at
Sail_kitty@hotmail.com (610-357-7476)
no later than Friday, January 9".

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Fun Sails every week! - Part 1

by Paul Mills

The Fun Sails take place on Tuesday afternoons: 4pm in the summer, 1pm in the winter. The race starts either at N1 outside NW Creek or Red 2 at Broad Creek. These races are for everyone, BSC members or not. One's boat PHRF rating is used to get you in the right start time, so it's not a mad rush at the start. If you don't have a rating the funsail gurus will get you one!

Deb and I have had a sailboat all along, but it was not until we joined in on these sails that we learned to actually make our boat SAIL! What a wonderful experience and top it off with a genuine and friendly social component - perfect. Email Peter, one of the leaders of the Fun Sail group and BSC member, at pbudzy7385@aol.com. Get on the email list so you can see what the Fun Sail group is doing. Then find a boat to sail with and to see what is up, or take your own boat out. There is also a crew list, to be on or to tap.

The Neuse River is a premier sailing area. The more you get out and enjoy, the better it gets.



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Fun Sails every week!

by Paul Mills

Here is a typical race announcement:

Winter race schedule

Good morning!

Forecast at **1PM** today is temperature in the mid 60s and wind from the North at 5-7 kts. Course and start times are below. If you've already indicated that you plan to sail, your boat name is in the top section in **bold**. Reply to all if you intend to join us.

Please provide your finish time on VHF channel 72 to Dutch Wind.

Have fun and be safe!

Start with **1N** to **port** (between 1N & the yellow ball)

Leave 19 to starboard (within 100 ft of the mark)

Round 17 to port

Leave 19 to port (within 100 ft of the mark)

Finish with **Red 2** to **port** (between Red 2 & the yellow ball)

Distance is ~5.25 nm



Typical Summer schedule:

Good evening!

Forecast at **4PM** tomorrow is temperature in the high 90s and wind from the East at 6-7 kts. Course and start times are below. If you've already indicated that you plan to sail, your boat name is at the top in **bold**. All others, reply to all if you intend to join us. **Please provide your finish time on VHF channel 72 to Dutch Wind.**

Have fun and be safe!

Start with **Red 2** to **starboard** (between Red 2 & the **yellow** ball)

Round 17 to starboard

Leave 19 to port (within 100 ft of the mark)

Finish with **1N** to **starboard** (between 1N & the **yellow** ball)

Distance is ~4.01 nm

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Fun Sails every week! - Part 2

by Paul Mills

Did you know that Blackbeard hosts a hidden gem. It is a sailing program that is larger than the Ensign Fleet, the San Juans and NYRA combined. It is open to all, not just BSC members.

To date in 2025 this group has held 36 events with a total participation of 34 different boats ranging from a Melges 15 to a Beneteau 47.

You ask yourself who these people are? It is the Blackbeard Open Sailing Group. This program is 100% self funded through coordinators and donations. Only the clubhouse at Blackbeard is utilized for after racing parties, which are held approximately every other month. The Race committee boat is not used. We use the government marks for the course and the honor system for finish times.

The philosophy behind this program, which is in its 4th year at Blackbeard, is to have fun while learning how to sail your boat better.

To address the different levels of experience in racing a PHRF format is used with a staggered start. What this does is give some of the boats that are more designed for cruising a handicap against the more race oriented boats. This has been proven out with a number of small boats either winning or finishing up in the pack. You hard core racers can be assured that there is plenty of competition with close mark roundings and tight finishes. The spread in many races are a few seconds between boats. The cruisers maybe not so exciting, but fun. For those looking for photo finishes, the opportunity is there.

The other thing that we strive to do is help skippers that are trying to learn, or become more proficient get hooked up with experienced individuals with them as potential mentors.

All races are open to anyone on the Neuse River with a PHRF rated boat and usually held on Tuesday afternoon in the winter and Tuesday evening in the Summer.

If interested in learning more or being put on the distribution list please contact your race coordinators.



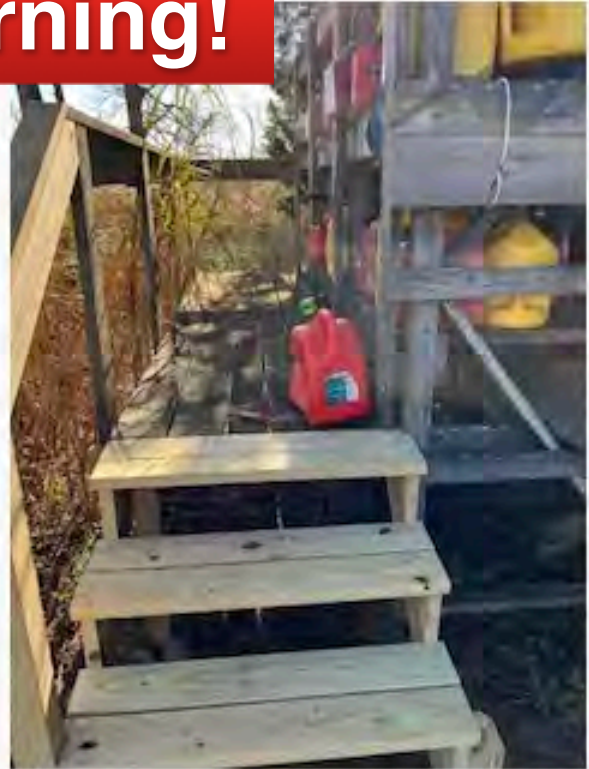
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FUEL STORAGE RACK

FILLED TO CAPACITY !!

Last Warning!



Members,

THE FUEL STORAGE RACK IS FILLED TO CAPACITY!

Excess containers are not allowed on the walkways or roof. **Please Remove!**

All containers require members name and phone #.

Yellow tags are available in the tool room if needed.

Unmarked containers **will be disposed** of in January.

Cliff Lennox

Commodore

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Shore Side!

by Blake Sohn



Blackbeard Members,

It is bittersweet to announce that **Janet Jonas and Dave** are stepping down from heading up our amazing Shoreside sailing committee. They both have been integral in providing top notch meals for our sailors and Race Committee staff. The club always gets big kudos because of Janet's team's efforts. Please congratulate them the next time you run into them. We all wish them well on their next sailing adventures.

I would also like to recognize Janet's dedicated team who rarely get the acknowledgment they deserve. A special thanks from the officers and Board to:

The Shoreside core crew has been Janet Hikes, Mary Lang, Susan Budzynkiewicz and as of late Vicki Meginnis.

Other regular volunteers have been:

Olwen Jarvis

Al Lang

John Peck

Karen Powers

Eve Thompson

Julia Thomson

So with that we are now in search of their replacement. We trust that there is going to be someone or couple who will step up. To that person you will have the benefit of having Janet there to answer a question. An added bonus is that she has compiled a "How To" binder that will make this job easy peasy.

If you are interested in taking over from Janet and Dave, please reach out to me with questions or your interest via phone. 612-481-9696

Blake Sohn

Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore-elect

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French & US Racing Models

by Ritchie Thomson

French Racing Model

The reason the French are such high performers in offshore sailing is that they have a platform to support the sport. For example, there is a defined pathway for young, talented sailors to attend training camps throughout France. The French have also made a business model out of offshore sail racing so sailors don't have to have deep pockets to perform well in the sport. Sailors do need to have enough know-how to help a sponsor benefit from their project—like an offshore race—and communicate how the project's values align with the company's values. That helps sailors guarantee corporate funding for their sporting projects, which is mutually beneficial for both parties.

Charlotte Yven, for example, is a strong sailor and was supported from a young age within the French system due to her talent. She's living proof that with a well-funded and well-supported system for skills development, girls can win races too. She's the first woman to reach the podium in the Solitaire Race's 55-year history.

U.S. Racing Model

In the U.S., on the other hand, sail racing is elitist and it's an owner-driver environment in most fleets. So unless you're the one making a lot of money, you're not going to be the one making decisions—it's hard to get into leadership positions onboard.

In junior sailing, in contrast, the U.S. has a good development platform. Erica says that there are a lot of opportunities for young sailors in New England where she participated in her high school team and on her college team. However, once you graduate, it's like falling off a cliff, she explained.

Welcome New Members

Pauline Britten

My name is Pauline Britten. I have lived in Cape Carteret since 2001. I was a respiratory therapist for a number of years. One of my achievements that I'm most proud of is creating and developing a pulmonary rehabilitation program designed for people with various lung diseases. I'm still very passionate about this field.

My goal is to be accepted into the Blackbeard Sailing Club to enrich my life and become a more confident sailor. I'm excited with the prospect of being around experienced sailors. I'm willing to volunteer in any capacity within my ability.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Welcome New Members

Jeff Michael

- I have always loved sailing, as far back as I can remember
- One of my undergraduate schools was the SUNY Maritime Academy (Merchant Marine)
- My interests include every type of sailing craft from Wingboards, Windsurfers, Kite Boards, Dinghies, Coastal and Off Shore

Sailing Experience

- I've been sailing since childhood, my first boat was a Sunfish
- Most recently the "Commodore's Cruise" to Manteo for the Sea Scouts.
- In 2025, Jan to Apr I sailed single-handed a new (to me) 50 Gulfstar Ketch from Galveston, TX to Beaufort, NC, this trip included a 680 nautical mile off shore (about 130 nm off shore) passage directly from Key Biscayne, FL to Beaufort, NC.
- Prior to that in 2023 and 2024 I participated in the "Commodore's Cruise" to Ocracoke and Cape Lookout respectively for the Sea Scouts.
- In 2017 I single-handed my Gulfstar 41 from Fort Pierce, FL about 120 nautical miles off shore to Cape Romain, SC in a dual-mission to view the total eclipse of the sun that year and bring the boat from FL to NC due to increased requirements to take care of my aging mother.
- Prior trips included sailing the 41 from Boston, MA to Fort Myers, FL, to Key West, to the Dry Tortuga's, and many short trips around Florida's West Coast
- Other boat trips include the WindRider 17 (not the Rave) on our annual "Everglades Lack of Challenge", where we sail trailerable boats around the Everglades and attend the start of the "Everglades Challenge"

Other Interests and skills that may be applied to sailing

- Stainless steel work: solid rod work, tubing, sliders, knobs (including knurled knobs), etc
- I've built several trailers from 7-ft (folded to fit in an 8-ft pickup), to 30-ft enclosed in steel and aluminum.
- Canvas work, I made the entire cockpit enclosure for the Gulfstar 41 and the Mizzen cover
- Spearfishing is my favorite sailing-related activity.

Boat Info

- Gulfstar 50 Center Cockpit Ketch
- Gulfstar 41 Center Cockpit Ketch (for sale \$27,000)
- Nacra 5.2 catamaran
- Windrider 17 trimaran
- Windrider Rave 17 foiling trimaran
- Pirate 15 Dinghy
- Several other small sailing dinghies
- A few windsurfers
- A kiteboard (which I'm not too great at riding...yet)



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Portsmouth Dinghy Racing Series

by Chris Beisner

In early May 2025, Mark Hansen approached me to see if I would be interested in racing my MC (scow) in an open dinghy class series. Having recently purchased the MC and realizing quickly I needed time on the water to learn the boat, I jumped at the chance. With that, Mark and I put our heads together and came up with the Thirsty Thursday Portsmouth Series. (In case you are not aware, Mark is a professional pirate - the series name speaks to his "thirst" for rum and, from what I'm told, "pillaging".)

Portsmouth racing is very similar to PHRF racing. Each make and model of boat has an assigned numeric handicap value which is then plugged into an algorithm - the Portsmouth Yardstick* - along with a boat's elapsed time to finish a race. The result is the corrected time for that race. As with PHRF, this allows boats of different makes (e.g., 420s, Flying Scots, ILCAs, MCs, Melges 15s, etc.) to compete head-to-head. No, it's not perfect, but for competitors like me and Mark, that don't have the luxury of racing one-design exclusively, this system is a viable alternative since it means more time on the water and more boats on the line.

**If you are interested in learning more about this handicapping scheme, check out the [Portsmouth Yardstick page on Wikipedia](#).*

And that is what the dinghy series is all about: getting out on the water and having fun competing in "small" boats. (We define "small" in the NOR as boats under 20 feet that do not have a keel.) And there were several of us (9!) who did just that. We had a good time and got in some decent races.

Now that we've gotten a taste of what this series could be, we want to get more sailors involved. This means YOU! Even if you don't have your own boat, there are options - either as crew or as the skipper of a loaner boat. Mark and I will help those interested find rides. In terms of who this series is for, it's really anyone but to help drive home the point, refer to the list below to see if you qualify:

- Anyone who enjoys sailboat racing and wants a low stress setting in which to participate - the America's Cup this ain't
- Anyone looking to get better at racing, the racing rules, tactics, starts, etc.
- Anyone looking to get out of the house for a couple of hours and do something that doesn't involve your phone, tablet or computer - this alone is worth the price of admission (which is \$0 BTW) says the guy who works for a software company

If you are interested, please reach out to me and / or Mark. Note that interest does NOT mean commitment. Interested parties will be added to our What's App community feed where we make race announcements, post the NOR and SIs, and otherwise stay in touch without having to manage text threads or email chains. From there you can decide if you want to participate in a single race, an entire series, help with race committee, hang out with us in the pavilion after we get off the water and fire up the grill, or do none of the above. All are welcome.

Chris Beisner

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Dinghy Series Feedback Requested

by Chris Beisner

As Mark and I prepare to work out the details of the 2026 dinghy series, we ask for feedback from those interested. Specifically, we want to know what we can do to improve the experience. Our ultimate objective is to get as many as many sailors as we can out on the water.

To get this ball rolling, we've put together a brief survey that we ask members to complete by the end of January. Submissions are anonymous so feel free to be candid in your responses. The more constructive criticism we receive the better our chances of getting closer to the bullseye.

[Please click here to take the survey.](#)

Results of the 2025 Thirsty Thursday Series & sometimes Saturday, Portsmouth Race Series

The inaugural season of Portsmouth dinghy racing consisted of 6 events split between a summer series (4) and a fall series (2). Nine skippers participated:

Dylan Barbour	Graham Foster	Jim Hickman
Chris Beisner	Aiden Hansen	Ed Thompson
Andrew Connoly	Mark Hansen	Jim Waggoner

Summer Series Winner: Aiden Hansen

Sailing a 420 with either Andrew Connoly (3 events) or his sister Scarlett (1 event) as crew, Aiden dominated the series with 3 event wins (out 4).

Fall Series Winner: Mark Hansen

Mark, sailing with his wife Kristen, won the fall series on their super-fast Melges 15.

Congrats to Team Hansen - Aiden, Scarlett, Kristen and Mark - for being the (made up just now title) **"2025 BSC Dinghy Champions"**. Nicely done!

Special thanks to:

- Our junior sailors that participated in the series: Aiden, Scarlett, Andrew, Dylan and Graham. I appreciate the opportunity to get humbled by all of you on the race course. You guys rock!
- Crew members: Regina Ali, Jonathan Brown, Andrew Connoly, David Gillespie, Dennis Harms, Kristen Hansen, Scarlett Hansen, Ed Thompson. You don't get the same glory that a skipper does, but many of us would be unable to compete without your help. For that, we are grateful.
- Jim Hickman for coming out regularly and competing even when the wind was cranked way up
- Jim Waggoner for supporting the series through his volunteer efforts on RC, regularly competing in the series, and helping sell the series to the club's board
- Mark Hansen for getting this series launched and for getting the club to sponsor the series

2026 RACE SCHEDULE

Provided by Inter-Club Racing Committee (ICRC)

Updated 12/28/2025

Date	Day	Club	Event	PHRF	One-De-sign		Location
More races, events and contact information are listed on next page!							
Jan 1	Thu	BSC	Fred Latham Regatta		X	SJ21	New Bern
Jan 1	Thu	BSC	New Year's Fun Race	X			New Bern
Jan 1	Thu	ODC	Instead of Football Regatta	X			Oriental
Jan 10	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 5 *	X			New Bern
Jan 24	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 6 *	X			New Bern
Feb 7	Sat	NYRA	Winter Race 7 *	X			New Bern
Feb 21	Sat	NYRA	Commodore's Ball Regatta *	X			New Bern
Mar 21-22	Sat-Sun	NYRA	NYRA Invitational *	X			New Bern
Apr 4-5	Sat-Sun	BTS	NCSU Collegiate Regatta		X	Collegiate Only	Oriental
Apr 5	Sun		EASTER				
Apr 11	Sat	BSC	"Around the Course" Rules Seminar	Seminar by Jerry Thompson			New Bern
Apr 12	Sun	FHYC	Neuse River Regatta	X			New Bern
May 2-3	Sat-Sun	NYRA	Cinco de Mayo One-Design Regatta #				New Bern
May 10	Sun		MOTHER'S DAY				
May 23	Sat	FHYC	John Walsh Memorial Oar Race *P				New Bern to Oriental
May 24	Sun	NYRA	Johnson Lexus Cup Regatta *P	X			Oriental to New Bern
May 25	Mon		MEMORIAL DAY				
May 30-31	Sat-Sun	ODC	Dragon's Breath Regatta *P				Oriental
Jun 13-14	Sat-Sun	BSC	Spring One-Design Regatta		X		New Bern
Jun 20	Sat	PSC	Indian Island to Ocracoke P				Pamlico
Jun 21	Sun		FATHER'S DAY				
Jul 4	Sat		INDEPENDENCE DAY				
Jul 4	Sat	BTS	Cape Fear Festival Regatta		X		Oriental
Jul 18	Sat	NYRA	Pamlico Regatta (to Oriental)	X			New Bern to Oriental
Jul 18	Sat		Harkers Regatta		X	Sunfish only	Harkers Isl
Aug 22-23	Sat-Sun	BSC	Burgaw One-Design Regatta		X		New Bern
Sep 7	Fri		BORNEO				
Sep 11-13	Fri-Sun	ETYSA	Ben Ann's Revenge Junior Regatta	Dinghy Regatta, under 18 yrs old			New Bern
Sep 19	Sat	BTS	Watts Creek Regatta		X	Under 20 ft	Oriental
Sep 26-27	Sat-Sun	NYRA	Moon Overnight Regatta	X			New Bern
Oct 3-4	Sat-Sun		Blackbeard Regatta (ETYSA Benefit) *	X			New Bern
Oct 9-11	Fri-Sun		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

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Ensign & SJ21 Fleets Races - located on the Neuse River near Upper Broad Creek, New Bern, NC.

Spring Series: 7 Saturday races on Mar 28; Apr 4, 9(Thu), 18, 25; May 2, 9.

Fall Series: 7 Saturday races on Sep 19, 26; Oct 3, 10, 17, 24; Nov 7. (Awards & social following Nov 7 races.)

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: Apr 4 & 25; May 16; Jun 13 & 27; Jul 18; Aug 8; Sep 5 & 19; Oct 24; Nov 7.

JAM PHRF Buoy: Apr 4 & 25; May 16; Jun 13; Sep 5 & 19; Oct 24; Nov 7.

JAM PHRF Distance/Pursuit at 1PM: Jun 27, Jul 18, 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: 6 Sunday race days on Apr 19 & 26; May 17 & 31; Jun 7 & 21

Fall Series: 8 Sunday race days on Sep 6, 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) 249-4124.

>Bow to Stern (BTS), Oriental NC

Dinghy Races: Apr 5 & 26; May 17; Jun 21 & 28; Jul 19 & 26; Sep 6 & 20; Oct 25, Nov 8.

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: Dec 6, 20.

2026 Schedule: Jan 3, 18, 31; Feb 14, 28; (make-up if needed), 21; Apr 4.

Contact Jude Brown for info at heyjfb@embarqmail.com or (248) 711-5771.

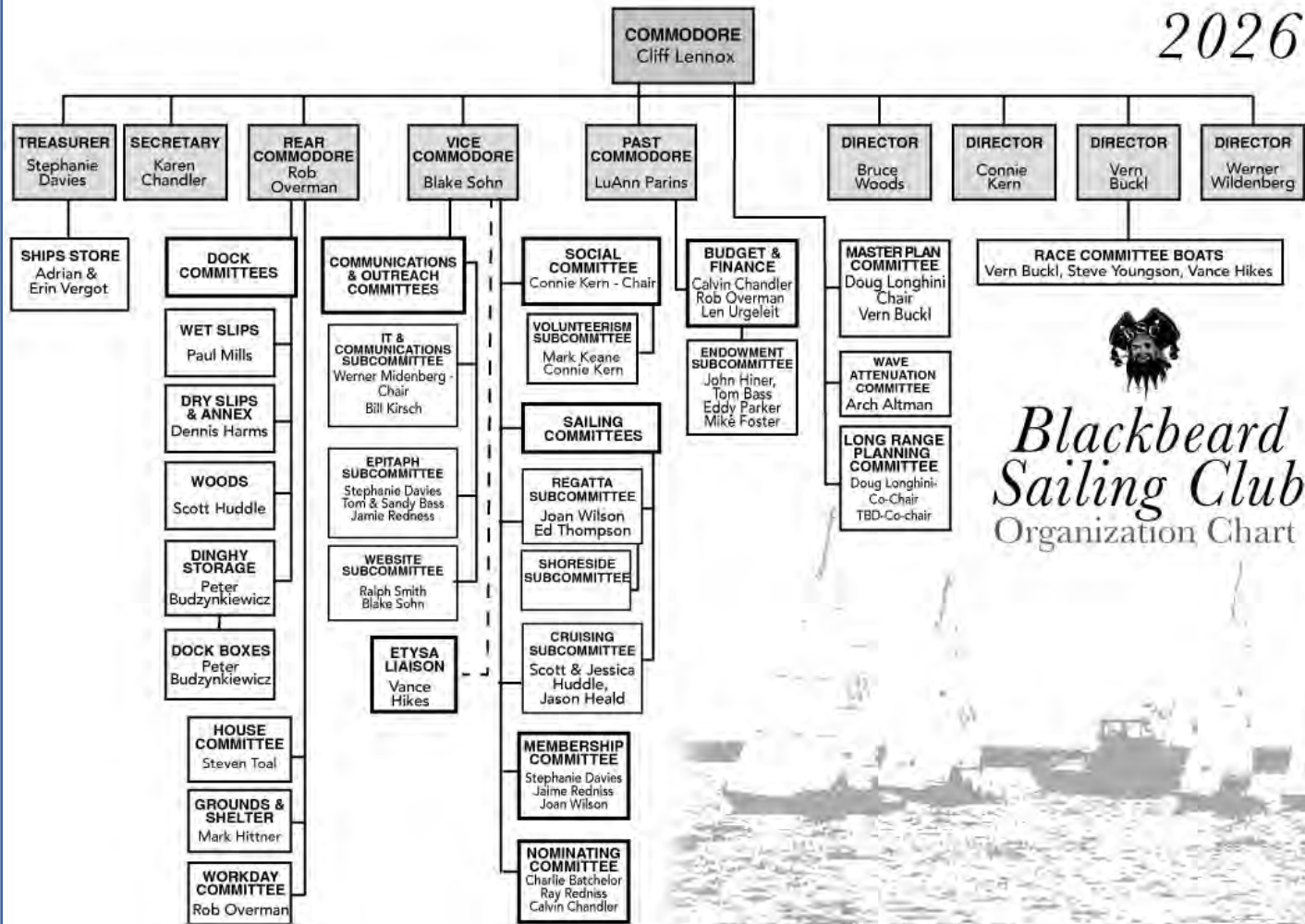
Miscellaneous

2025 Date	Club	Location
Apr 10-12	Thursday Sun	Oriental Boat Show
Apr 15-19	Wednesday	Charleston Race Week
April 17	Fri-Sat	CAT Small Boat Racing Event
Jun 1-2	Sun-Fri	ETYSA Youth Sailing Camps
Jul 6-31	Sun-Fri	ETYSA Youth Sailing Camps
Oct 10-11	Sun	Mumfest

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BTS	Bow To Stern	Jim Edwards	info@bowtosternboating.com	(252) 249-2424
ETYSA	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
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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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Blackbeard Sailing Club

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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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Tom & Sandy Bass, Jaime Redniss
and Stephanie Davies

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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