



Blackbeard's Epitaph

Save These Dates:

February 7

Winter Series # 7

February 14

BoD @ 9:30 & Valentines Day

February 21

NYRA's Commodore's Regatta & Ball

March 4

Clubhouse Spring Cleaning

March 7

BoD @ 9:30

March 14

Workday

March 21

NYRA Invitational



Blackbeard Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

Happy February Mates!

Well... January flew by quickly. We had a great gathering and comfortable weather for the Fred Latham Memorial New Year's Day Race with the afternoon Fun Race and plenty of FOOD. Mid-month we welcomed another great turn out for the Installation Dinner. The latter part of the month has us who have stuck around stoking up the fireplaces.

Our friends who have ventured to the south and Bahamas are posting regularly on the their Blogs (links can be found on the BSC Website Cruising page), Face Book, and Google Groups. Fun stories, photos, live action cameras and maps are featured on these sites. Check them out!

Also check out the BSC Website for its new look and features! Please give a shout out to the Website committee members who have been hard at

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work updating and making this a useful tool.

The calendars are more inclusive with our racing, cruising, social and affiliated programs.

Look for improvements with the B-Dock camera addition, marina and storage mapping, form fill for slip applications, and the new Volunteerism Committee's web page explaining how their efforts will help enhance BSC.

Speaking of calendars: SAVE THE DATE for the BSC Winter Seminar Series which are back to break up our winter blues.

February 28th 9:30 - 12:30 Seminar #1F - Intermediate Level Racing /Cruising How To
with lunch served after.

Six informative topics will cover the following: General Racing, Racing Starts, Racing, Finishing, Storage Licensing Agreements and Cruising Topics by our member experts giving out pearls of wisdom for those of us needing great strategies in racing and cruising with various wind and sea conditions.

See ya'll out on the water!

Social Planning

Thank you to everyone who participated—both in person and via video conference—in the Social Committee planning meeting on January 17. Your ideas, time, and enthusiasm are what keep our club vibrant and connected.

If you were not able to attend the meeting but would like to volunteer to help with an existing event or organize a new social at the clubhouse, please contact Connie at BSCsocialrsvp@gmail.com.

Members who are interested in organizing a new social event are encouraged to email Connie to determine open dates. A brief description of the type of event being planned would be appreciated if you know it. Date available could determine the theme of the event. We welcome and encourage members to host social events that are open to the entire membership. We simply ask for patience as dates must be requested in advance so we can honor existing commitments and ensure smooth coordination.

A special thank you goes to Joan Wilson for stepping into the open position of Shoreside Chair. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

The many events held at Blackbeard Sailing Club rely on collaboration and cooperation among dozens of volunteers. From setup and cleanup, to food hospitality, and even taking trash disposal - every detail matters. We are grateful for the strong spirit of volunteerism that continues to make BSC a special place!

Connie Kern, NCC LCMHC
646.588.8176



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Volunteering

I am pleased to announce the formulation of a new committee for Volunteerism. This committee will be working hard to increase the awareness of volunteering opportunities for our members as well as an incentive program that will reward those volunteers for their efforts. Watch for more information to come on this shortly.

Thanks to Mark Keane and Connie Kern for their efforts here. The new committee website page that describes their work and a volunteering calendar is here

<https://www.blackbeardsailingclub.org/social-volunteercalendar>

I will leave you with words from our illustrious past commodore Ken Gurganus.

Sincerely your Vice Commodore - Blake Sohn

"We encourage all our members to step forward at any time they notice a need, or feel the desire to head up a committee or serve their club in any other way. Never feel like you have to be asked to help in the operation of this club, just step forward, as this is your club, and your participation is not only appreciated, it is essential for the functioning of Blackbeard."

A Message from the Commodore

The membership of Blackbeard continues to grow and evolve as we welcome new members to our club this spring, and again this fall, bringing a host of new energy, talent, and enthusiasm. Since the creation of Blackbeard Sailing Club, the founding members set forth a tradition of volunteering their time and effort to keep this club functioning. Even today, that strong tradition of supporting your own club with individual effort continues to be the binding force that holds us all together. We encourage all our members to step forward at any time they notice a need, or feel the desire to head up a committee or serve their club in any other way. Never feel like you have to be asked to help in the operation of this club, just step forward, as this is your club, and your participation is not only appreciated, it is essential for the functioning of Blackbeard.

The mandate set forth by our founding members continues to be the driving force behind everything we do, the more we put into it, the more we all benefit from our efforts. Make a commitment to serve your club at some level this year! This is your Club, and only your continued support can keep it the very best.

Ken Gurganus

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Clubhouse Spring Cleaning



Hello all,

I invite you to join us on Wednesday, March 4th, 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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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 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 result in a few seconds between boats. The cruisers maybe not so exciting, but, they still result in opportunities to have fun. For those looking for photo finishes, the opportunity is there.

The other thing that we strive to do is help skippers who are trying to learn, or to 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 coordinator, Peter B. pbudzy7385@aol.com.



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Save the date for Winter Seminar #1

Feb. 28, 9-12

Intermediate level racing/Cruising how to

We are pleased to announce the first seminar in our series. Our own in-house experts will be giving out pearls of wisdom for those of us needing great strategies, racing and cruising in various wind and sea conditions.

Please email vicecommadore@blackbeardsailingclub.org to RSVP. A Zoom meeting invite to be sent prior to meeting once your RSVP to those that can not attend in person. Pizza & Beverage will be served for those in attendance at a \$5 charge. Each presenter will take questions at the last 10 minutes of their 20 min. presentation. Who should attend: New BSC sailing members, cruisers and intermediate level sailers interested in racing.

9:30 CHRIS BEISNER - General sailing

- Race documents - NOR and SIs
- How to de-power your boat in big winds
- Light winds
- Anticipating shifts and puffs

10:00 BLAKE SOHN - Racing Starts

- Basic start prep
- Start strategies

10:30 MARK WIENHIEMER - Racing

- Basic trim - Sail shape and traveler sail twist
- Getting your head out of the boat
- Compass - look for a reason to tack and wind oscillation
- Tweaking - Back/forestay tension - what wind, what tension

11:00 CHRIS BEISNER

- Finishing - Tips and strategies
- What to do between races
- Back ashore - Protests

11:30 DOCK MASTER - Paul Mills/Cliff Lennox

- License agreements
- Slip/Rack requests and reassignments
- Dock tie ups
- Hurricane plan

12:00 CHARLIE BATCHELOR - Cruising

- Anchoring
- Flotilla etiquette
- General Nuese River navigation and hazards

12:30 LUNCH (pizza and beverage)

NOTE: Topics and agenda are subject to change.

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Welcome New Members Suzie & Grant Tibbetts

We feel a club is the best way to connect with a community of other sailors for mutual education, information and fellowship on and off the water whether racing or cruising, planning, teaching, working together or just hanging out talking about life.

Sailing: Grant's first sail was to join a friend for a regatta in CO during high school and the hook was set. Subsequent opportunities were sporadic as our USAF travels allowed but a Navy course in Annapolis and rental opportunities over the years as our USAF travels allowed including the Chesapeake, mountain lakes, and SF bay.

Suzie joined Grant in these adventures on our honeymoon 35 years ago. Sailboat ownership didn't happen until 2016 when, having moved to Washington, we enjoyed a Farrier F82R trimaran from, but cruising mode called us after a 2021 rental. We then owned, refurbished, cruised and raced a Catalina 320 from 2021-2025, and now await next boat.

Clubs: We got involved with South Sound Sailing Society from 2014 with Grant racing quite a bit on diverse keelboats 30-38 feet. We did various community sailing introduction events free to the public, teaching, more racing and some mini-cruises. We joined the Olympia Yacht Club in 2022, participating on various teams (i.e. Kitchen) and committees (i.e. Safety & Education) and various sweat equity projects while serving, sailing and cruising with members of this mixed sailing and motor yacht club.

Cruising Forward

Ahoy Mates! We are so excited to announce the 2026 Cruise Committee Schedule at BSC!!! This year we have scheduled dates that reflect our efforts to honor other events and holidays where sailors might have other obligations. With that said, there are only so many weekends in the season to do our thing, and I'm sure that is respected as well!

Jessica, Scott and Jason would like to announce the addition of Ken Gasch as a back-up member of the Cruise Committee. WELCOME, KEN! We are thankful for your offer to help out and welcome your participation!

Of course, the dates listed on the schedule below are subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. We will send out updates a couple of weeks prior to each cruise with more details and to coordinate departure times. We also may add events, such as the raft up at Pirates Island after the Spring/Fall workdays when the dates are known.

Thank you! ... your humble Cruise Committee -

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Cruising Forward (continued)

2026 Cruise Committee Schedule

- **April 10-12 Oriental Boat Show**
 - Join us in Oriental for their annual boat show! Anchoring is near the bridge while spots are available (try to get there early!), otherwise anchor outside of the rock jetty.

- **May 9-10 Blue Angels show out of Cherry Point**
 - Returning in 2026 for their amazing arial acrobatics! Join us on the Neuse River/Slocum Creek as these incredible pilots jet past the tops of our masts and perform their famous air show!

- **June 25-28 Ocracoke or Cape Lookout (weather will dictate the destination)**
 - Our "BIG" cruise for the season, this is the chance to get out for some blue water fun! Swimming, snorkeling, beach fires, etc.!!

- **July 4th New Bern**
 - A fun, short cruise under the bridge to New Bern AFTER the hotdog lunch at BSC to watch some fireworks!

- **July 24-26 River Dunes NC**
 - Since it was such a big hit last year, it was decided before we left that it would become an annual sail! Top notch docking service, pool, hot tub and other amenities are among the many enticements provided for a mini vacation a short distance from our home port!

- **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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WASTE OIL, DIESEL, AND GASOLINE

BSC will be providing barrels for the disposal of WASTE OIL, DIESEL & GASOLINE.

An agreement with Noble Oil/Clean Harbors has been made for its legal disposal.

The barrels will be on site by the fuel storage area from early Feb and expect to be picked up around mid-March.

Please do not place antifreeze, paint, or other types of cleaners/solvents in these barrels, to do so will void the agreement with the carrier.



TREE CUTTING

Tree cutting and removal was performed on January 23rd

Four dead trees and three other trees impeding access to rack storage were removed.

Two trees had recently fallen on our neighboring fence with the Flowers.

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Winter Series Weather Can't Decide

by Mark Brennesholtz,
Photos by Chris Davies

On *Blue Note*, we have a custom that beer is served after the races on warm days. Hot spiced cider (generously laced with Captain Morgans) warms us up on cold days. This winter series is about even. There were races December 6 and 20, and on January 10. January 24 was cancelled due to bitter cold, freezing rain, snow forecast, etc. Smart move. Races on February 7 will decide the final pecking order for the NYRA Winter Series.

But racing in the Navigator Class (10 boats) has provided 5 races and Spinnaker fleet has completed 15. In the Nav fleet, Paul Mills in *Vertical Wind* and Ed Thompson on *Dutch Wind* are tied for first, with Sheldon Shikoluk in *Puffin* and the Scott's *Dulcinea* in striking distance.

The Spin fleet, *Patriot* (Jonathan Brown) and *Blue Note* are the only boats that have sailed all 15 races so far. *Blue Note* has a slim standings lead. Ed Doughty's *Bad Fish* didn't show on



Blue Note (Hittner/Brennesholtz) on December 20. *Blue Note* has a slim Winter Series lead going into the final races. December 20 was definitely a "hot spiced cider" day.



Tom McKnight's big *Anathema* pooches around the yellow course change dark ahead of *Patriot*. Several wind shifts caused changes during the December 20 spinnaker races.

January 10 but holds a good lead over *Anathema* (Tom McKnight) for third place. Tom had some sail problems in January and missed 3 races.

February racing is wrapped up with the NYRA Commodore's Ball Regatta on February 21. Then we can relax and repair for a month before the NYRA Invitational on March 21. The Ensign/San Juan Spring Series begins March 28.



A tight windward mark rounding with Jonathan Brown's *Patriot* around, followed by *Anathema* and *Bad Fish* on December 20.



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by Mark Brennesholtz,
Photos by Chris Davies

NC-PHRF Annual Meeting

I cannot tell a lie, the PHRF handicap committee will hold its annual meeting on February 22. We will meet in the BSC Clubhouse at 11:00 and the meeting is open. The committee chaired by Mark Weinheimer will review boat ratings, appeals if any, and other agenda items. Guests are welcome.



Ed Doughty's *Bad Fish* prepares to set the chute.

Navigator class start on December 20. From left Ed Thompson in *Dutch Wind*, Kevin and Gary Scott in *Dulcinea* and Arch Altman in *Mighty Fine 2.0*. *Dutch Wind* is tied for first going into the



Sheldon Shikoluk's Cape Dory *Puffin* is in third place for the Winter Series.

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Two in One Dockmaster Messages

by Paul Mills

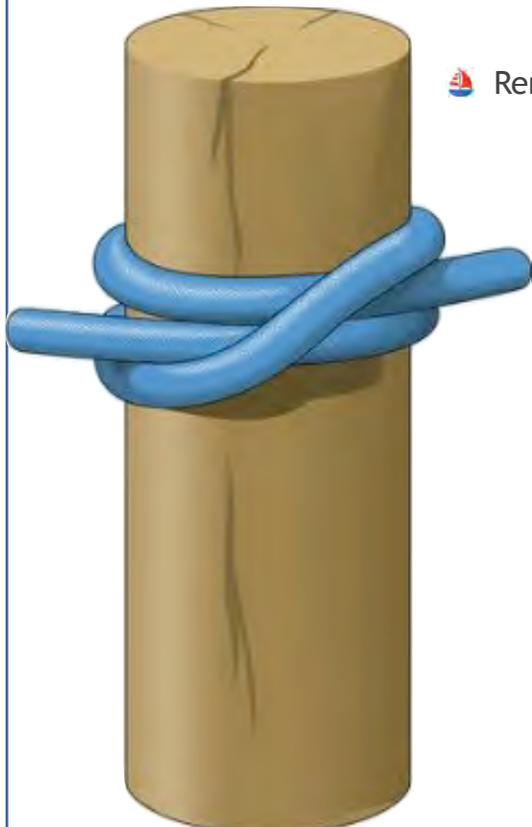
Insurance: *Wet slip boat insurance requires*

-  Members shall provide the club with a certificate of insurance and always maintain the insurance while the vessel is using the club facilities.
-  Vessels in wet slips require a minimum of \$300,000.00 liability coverage naming Blackbeard Sailing Club as additionally insured.
(Home owners policy is not appropriate).
-  Vessels/Trailers in shore slips require a minimum of \$100,000.00 liability coverage naming Blackbeard Sailing Club as additionally insure



Dock Walkabout Observations:

-  Numerous boats have their lines attached directly to the cleats on the pilings. The dock lines need to be secured to the piling and tied off on the cleat in such a way that the load is on the piling not the cleat.



-  Remember, two lines on each corner of the boat and at least one spring line. Leave enough slack for high or low water

Paul Mills
 Dock Master
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Wilkerson Cup - April 12th

FHYC Racing - 2026 Wilkerson

Planning is underway for big boat racing for 2026. The first on the schedule is the Wilkerson Cup, traditionally run on the day after FHYC's Commissioning Day. This year it is on Sunday 12th April. Choosing this day means that the boats are in the water and ready to sail. So, there is no excuse for not participating. Typically, there are two courses, one is round the government marks (ATONs) out on the Neuse. The specific course and distance is chosen depending on the forecast wind speed and direction.

The other course is typically a windward/leeward course around specifically set marks. The boats who sail this course are generally smaller boats. There may be separate classes for spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats.

Wilkerson Cup 12 April

Classes – Navigator, Spin, Non-spin

Enter at:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30786>



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!							
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	Wilkerson Regatta	X		New Bern	
May 2-3	Sat-Sun	NYRA	Cinco de Mayo One-Design Regatta #		X	New Bern	
May 10	Sun		MOTHER'S DAY				
May 23	Sat	FHYC	John Walsh Memorial Oar Race *P	X		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	X		Oriental	
Jun 13-14	Sat-Sun	BSC	Spring One-Design Regatta #		X	New Bern	
Jun 20	Sat	PSC	Indian Island to Ocracoke P	X		Pamlico	
Jun 21	Sun		FATHER'S DAY				
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.

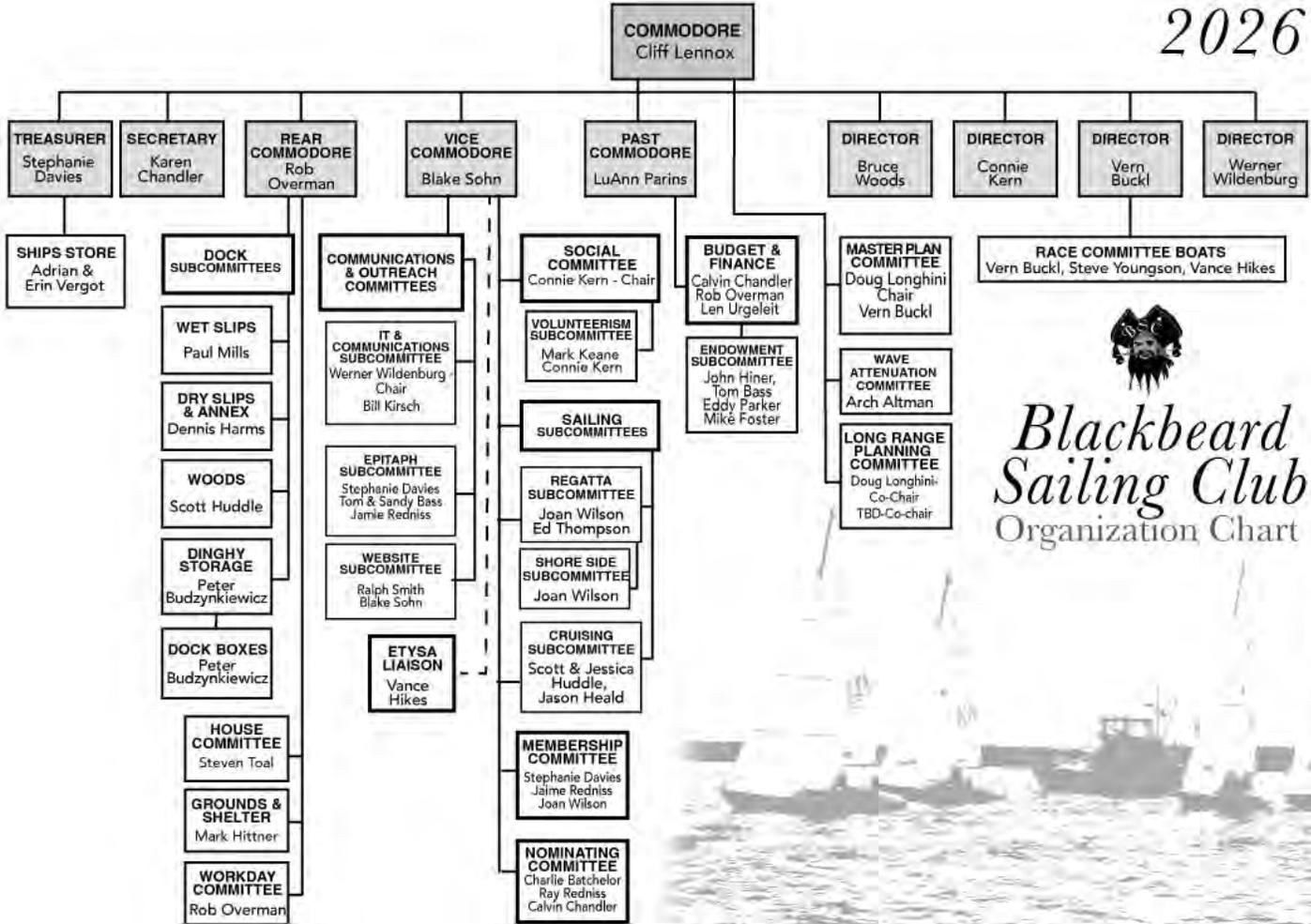
Miscellaneous

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	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

Club	Club	Representative	eMail	Telephone
BSC	Blackbeard Sailing Club	Joan Wilson	sail_kitty@hotmail.com	(610) 357-7476
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
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
NCO	Nautical Co-op of Oriental	Todd Cox	toddcoxvt@gmail.com	(802) 999-7572
NYRA	Neuse Yacht Racing Assn	Stephanie Davies	stephaniejaedavies@gmail.com	(949) 533-5543
ODC	Oriental Dinghy Club	Don Munn	donmunn@gmail.com	(919) 274-7625
ODC	Oriental Dinghy Club	Todd Cox	ODC.race@gmail.com	(802) 999-7572
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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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Club Location

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1215 Barkentine Drive
New Bern, NC 28560
N35° 03.75 W76° 56.85

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Website

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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