



Blackbeard's Epitaph

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S IN THE WINDS

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From the Commodore

More boats are slowly trickling back to the club. George Hall is back in his slip with a new Awl Grip paint job on his hull. I understand the Parkers and the Talberts are bringing their boats in soon, so the slips will slowly fill back up. The last boat was pulled from the woods several weeks ago, with the removal of Chuck and Willie Warner's boat. I watched the whole operation, and it was impressive. They brought in a 175 ton crane to do the final hoist.

You have all received a copy of the new Dock Policy document, along with a cover letter. Please make sure that you take steps to comply, as we will be doing an audit on Workday to see where everyone is at. It is important for the good of all that we have 100% participation and compliance.

The men's bathhouse has a sparkling new shower installed, through the combined effort of Arnold Giles and Bill Braun. We will replace the other bad one, towards the end of the year. Sorry ladies, your showers are still in good shape. We are probably 6 weeks away from beginning to replace the A dock electrical systems, as we are awaiting bids from electrical contractors. We are also waiting for bids on dredging the boat ramps.

The annual installation dinner dance was a success, with great food from the Flame and music by a new DJ. The annual awards were won by Bill and Jan Green, Chuck and Willie Warner, and Dan Bornarth. The coveted Bucket Award was won by Special Ed Doughty for his night swim off C dock. We already have a nominee for next year, right Richard? Thanks for checking my boat bottom while you were swimming around.

As far as membership, we are down 11 members from our max of 200 member families. We have 7 nominees ready to bring in during Spring Workday, so we still have four openings to fill. If you know if anyone who is interested, bring them to the club and show them around. We also have slips available, for the first time in a long time.

SPRING WORKDAY is scheduled for MARCH 10TH, so mark it down. Bill Braun, our new Vice Commodore is getting his list together and will post the jobs on the Website. Be sure and check to make sure you bring the right tools. As always, bring your appetites to enjoy the pig and chicken cooked by Chef Terry Hanchey and his rowdy crowd of assistants. I have ordered good weather for that weekend, so come out and join your fellow sailors.

Dave Whitney

BSC DOG COMMITTEE REPORT By Larry Sorenson

It has been a mild winter and that means we will have a bumper crop of fleas and bugs coming soon. So let us get prepared for them. Many dogs have an allergic reaction to the fleabites and this turns into a skin problem. Veterinarians make a lot of money on skin allergies that can be prevented, if you control the fleas.

Blackbeard's tip to responsible dog owners: The key to success when you are dealing with fleas is to treat all the infected areas at the same time. Most people make the mistake of just trying to kill the fleas on the dog. The fleas will jump back on the dog within just a few days. Treat the dog, carpet in the house then the yard all on the same day. Treat the house and carpet with the aerosol foggers and the yard with a good insecticide. Look for products that kill the fleas, eggs and larvae. This works for cats too. Most flea shampoos the little to NO residual effect. It is also the beginning of the heartworm season.

NC-PHRF Renewals Due

Racers should have gotten copies of their certificates in the mail in late January. Please check the upper right corner of the certificate for the expiration date. If it reads February 28, 2012 or earlier, it needs to be renewed quickly to make it into the NC-PHRF Yearbook which will be published late March. Of course, renewals or new applications will be accepted throughout the year as always.

The first meeting of the NC-PHRF Committee will be at BSC beginning 1100 on February 26. This is an open meeting and ratings can be changed at that time. Again, ratings appeals can be submitted any time later, but will not necessarily be given immediate decisions.

February, March & April Racing Events

February 18 Race Management Seminar has been rescheduled. See below.

February 25 is the NYRA Commodore's Ball Regatta. This is a standalone one-day event, followed by the Commodore's Ball (duh!). NYRA members get a discount to enter and discounts for dinner and the annual NYRA awards. Contact Bill Jarvis at 252-637-7748 or bjarvis1@suddenlink.net

February 26 is the NC-PHRF Committee meeting, 1100 at BSC. See above.

March 31 & April 1 is the NYRA Invitational Regatta. Besides being a big event for San Juans, PHRF classes and others are welcome. It is also a NYRA Boat of the Year event. It will be held at Bridgeton Harbor Marina again this year with the usual great deals on dockage for the weekend. Contact Bill Jarvis at 252-637-7748 or bjarvis1@suddenlink.net

April 14 is the new date for the Race Management Seminar in Oriental. J. D. Prosser, a well-known Regional Race Officer and USSA Judge will conduct the session. There is a charge, and details can be found on www.oriental dinghy club.com. Click on the "Race Management" tab. Or contact Ken Small at 252-249-0140 or smallkencarol@gmail.com.

April 28 & 29 will be the ECB Cup Regatta at Blackbeard. This is an ICRC Team event, and we need to put together a large and strong team to defeat nemesis Oriental Dinghy Club. BSC Team Captain Arch Altman will be recruiting everyone. We have a couple of "Team Blackbeard" caps left for new skippers or crew. Having a big team, especially including lots of cruisers and San Juans is key. Contact Arch Altman at 919-306-1567 or raleighwood-cab@aol.com.

BEST OF TIMES

By Mark Brennesholtz

They just got better and better as the Winter Series wore on an on! The last races were chilly and blustery January 21st. Going into the day, *Compass Rose* was one point ahead of Ed Doughty's *New York Times*, but came out of the day two points behind in the spinnaker class. Congratulations Ed, Tinka and the rest of the crew. On CR, we started out with the #3 and a reefed main, changed to the #2 and reef for the second race, but we did not fly the chute. In the end, that hurt. Simo Waananen's Heinritz 38 also improved greatly over the course of the series and came in third overall, followed by Charlie Nelson, Lee King, and Dave Furna, who won the final race.

In the non-spin group, Pete Thorn continued his winning ways with a first and second and held onto first place for *Charisma* by a comfortable eight points. John Jackson (FHYC) was second in *Aquilla*, Ed Webber (FHYC) drove *Longview* to third on a tiebreaker with Arch Altman's *Julie*.

It was a remarkable winter series with no races cancelled due to cold or light air. I think this is the first time in my eleven years of racing here that we have completed twelve races. Great job of Race Committee by Bill Jarvis and he and Olwen even hosted the final social.

Charlie Nelson in *Water Phantom* attempting to overtake *Compass Rose* on the final day of the Winter Series. Charlie had the best day of the series and finished fourth in the spinnaker standings.
(Zahradka photo).

New York Times (right center) dueling with *Divine* in the final race of the Winter Series. Ed Doughty and his crew raced *NYT* to the series spinnaker championship.
(Zahradka photo).

A GOOD END TO A BAD YEAR By Eddy Parker

It was a tough year in the Parker household. First Sarah broker her arm at sailing camp, two weeks later I rolled my foot on the foreguy at the end of the Parrothead race down in Oriental and ended up with a compound displaced fracture of my leg. The experience of getting to the hospital is a good story in its own right, but I'll save that for another day. Two weeks after that, Hurricane Irene came to visit. A boat broke free during the storm, destroying my Brown Eyed Girl and several other boats in our club. In addition, my house on the river was flooded. Two weeks after that, my Jennifer had her gallbladder removed and hernia surgery. We definitely did our share to keep the doctors in new Mercedes

Instead of sitting around whining about bad luck, as soon as I was out of my cast I talked my good friend Ed Doughty into racing his boat in the winter series if the Brown Eyed Girl team got together and took care of all the logistics. Needless to say, this boat is very different from a 36.7, so it took us a couple of races to figure her out in the light winds of the early races. By the end of the series, we had the boat really rolling. For the last day of racing, we went into the race one point behind the leader, Compass Rose. Winds were steady in the high teens/low 20s with some gusts up near 30, temps in the 60s with overcast skies – perfect conditions for a boat like a NY40. In the first race, we put up a smaller spinnaker and as you can see on the video posted in Sound Off on the BSC website, it wasn't up to the task of one of the big puffs. Just before the spinnaker blew apart, I told everyone we would wait till this next big puff came through and jibe for the leeward mark. The jibe came off pretty easy once we got the shreds of the spinnaker down.

For a bunch of old guys and girls, and a couple of marines up in the real world, we handled this mishap decently well, having the jib up and drawing in less than a minute and everything cleaned up and sailing again in 2 minutes. On the last beat of the second race, our jib sheet parted and we had the lazy sheet run around in less than a minute. Final results, New York Times

won the series by 2 points getting a first and second in the last two races. A fitting birthday present for Ed on his 64th birthday, this explains why Ed was singing that Beatles song all day (When I'm 64). We might be a bunch of hack sailors, but we know how to have a good time. This year's winter series was great fun, with a great turnout of boats, warm weather for every race, some light air days, some windy days and good socials after every race. Thanks to Special Ed for taking the crew of Brown Eyed Girl out for a good time this winter. Full results can be found on the NYRA website at <http://www.nyra.org>

PROSPECTIVE BSC MEMBERS

The following have applied for membership in Blackbeard Sailing Club. Any Member wishing to provide input on these applications should contact the Membership Committee Chairman, Ken Caviston, at 919-491-6151 or kcaviston@suddenlink.net.

Mark & Mary Hittner—New Bern
Brad Humphries—New Bern
Kathy & Joe Gormley—New Bern

OFFBEAT

For those of you (ahem) “old geezers” who own a Laser (and others who don't), you get a kick out of this website: http://propercourse.blogspot.com/2011_04_01_archive.html

Sailing Anarchy—Where the Status Quo Blows-- http://www.sailinganarchy.com/index_page1.php

Live Sail Die <http://livesaildie.com/> An interesting pre-race photo of Hobie Cats (scroll down to bottom)

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

With the accessibility and convenience of the Internet on phones, virtually any and all information is at one's fingertips. The revolution of the iPhone and its applications, or apps, has taken the technology world by storm and leaves no field of interest unexplored, including all elements of sailing. Apple & iTunes supplies an app for every need, concern, want, and interest for sailors. Whether you're learning the ropes or have had a lifetime of experience, 'there's an app for that' on the iPhone. Listed below are a few of the top sailing applications for iPhones, check them out and see which ones best fit you!

For the Skipper-in-Training:

- **SailX**

Simulating a full-featured sailing environment, learn the ins and outs of sailing and racing through this communally interactive app. Through the SailX tactical trainer, get access to real-time regattas and communicate with other online sailors in addition to simulated sailing environments. The app features three racing formats (fleet, team, match-race), five boat types

(laser, catamaran, skiff, team, keelboat), and tons of simulations ranging from wind effects to sheet control. SailX allows you to get access to live regattas while simulating real life scenarios, so you can be knowledgeably ready for anything.

- **You-Tack Pro**

For those who still need to brush up on their racing rules, You-Tack Pro is any captain's dream. The app is a comprehensive way of learning and reviewing all the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing through illustrations, explanations, 3D animated quizzes, definitions, and description. This easy to use app tests your sailing knowledge through simulations of real life scenarios; some of the quizzes include 'Sailing Upwind', 'Windward Mark', and 'Learning Signals'. An added bonus: the quizzes are taken from the International Sailing Association Federation Case Book for 2009-2012. Save your quiz results and specific rules in the favorites folder for a quick brush-up before any race.

For the 'can't-get-enough-sailing' enthusiast:

- **Live Skipper**

One of the first multiplayer sailing games for the iPhone, Live Skipper is a virtual regatta simulator. Create a boat, choose sails, watch the weather, and start competing in races around the world with real virtual opponents. This app brags a 50,000+ player community, with the favorite feature being the real weather conditions simulated. With a new race beginning every Friday, only one of the competing boats can come in first place. Now you can get your sailing fix on or off the water.

This information was contributed by Ali Tortorello, from Boston University, whose family sails out of Cedar Point YC in Westport CT to the website:

http://www.jsablog.com/jsa_jibe_talk/team-racing/

ETYSA NEWS

By Doug King

We just received a contribution of \$350 dollars from the Triangle Sailing Association (based in the Raleigh-Durham "Triangle Area" not people who sail Triangles). The TSA was also a major contributor for the Bob Whalen memorial which purchased one of our Optis.

Right now we are working on a plan for storage. We need a secure dry place to keep all the rudder, centerboards, spars & sails. Blackbeard is also planning a new storage building and we are hoping to work together on it.

BSC Schedule for 2012

March 9, 2012 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
March 10, 2012 Spring Workday & Orientation

April 8, 2012 Easter
April 13, 2012 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
April 14, 2012 Covered Dish Social
April 28/29, 2012 ECB Cup Race Regatta (catered meal)

May 4, 2012 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
May 13, 2012 Mothers' Day
May 28, 2012 Memorial Day

June 2/3, 2012 First Citizens Cup Regatta
June 8, 2012 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
June (Date TBD) Clark Cup/Boy Scout Regatta

July 4, 2012 Independence Day
Hot Dog Lunch

July 13, 2012 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM

August 10, 2012 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
August 11, 2012 Marine Yard Sale, 8.00am
Shrimperoo and Raftup, 4.00 pm

August 25/26, 2012 BSC One Design Regatta

September 3, 2012 Labor Day

September 7, 2012 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
September 8, 2012 Covered Dish/Nominations

October 19, 2012 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
October 20, 2012 Fall Workday & Orientation

November 02, 2012 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
November 03, 2012 Covered Dish Social / Annual Meeting & Elections
November 17, 2012 SJ21 Turkey Trot / Speight Sugg Memorial Race
November 22, 2012 Thanksgiving Day

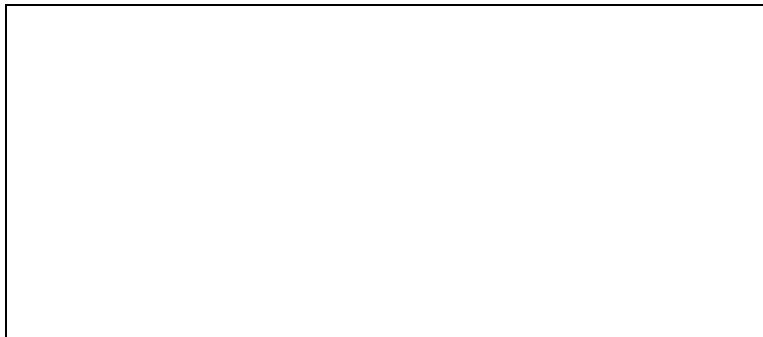
December 07, 2012 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
December 08, 2012 Covered Dish Social

December 25, 2012 Christmas Day
December 31, 2012 New Years Eve at BSC

January 1, 2013 New Years Day
41st Fred Latham Regatta

January 11, 2013 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
January 12, 2013 Officer Installation, Awards & Dinner/Dance

Dates & Events are Subject to Change. Socials begin at 5:30 pm. Dinner served at 6:30 pm. Deadline for the Epitaph is the 11th of each month.



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