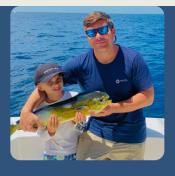
BOW WATCH BEAUFORT YACHT & SAILING CLUB

MARCH 2024 COMMODORE JASON RUHF



Dear Members,

Spring is upon us, Here's everything you need to know to make the most out of March!

Final Reminder: Sail Shed Clear-Out

This Monday marks the final call for members to reclaim any items stored in the sail shed. Please ensure that your gear is cleared unless it is associated with a boat currently registered for paid storage at the club. Any unclaimed items after this week will be appropriated, donated to BCSB, or disposed of. Don't miss this last chance to retrieve your belongings!

Clubhouse Maintenance - Volunteers Needed!

The back porch of our clubhouse is in need of a fresh coat of paint, and we're looking for volunteers to help with this project. This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the club and enjoy some fun, social time with fellow members. If you're able to lend a hand, please let us know!

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Join us for a magical evening as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Friday night at our Sunset Friday. Then on Saturday we will celebrate with Tac-ca-ron wine tasting at 6 pm. Don't forget to register on our website for a 15% DISCOUNT on cases of wine purchased during the event. It's the perfect occasion to revel in the luck of the Irish with your fellow sailors.

Weekly Open Sailing

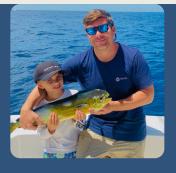
We are thrilled to announce that Weekly Open Sailing will commence on Wednesday, the 20th of March. It's an open invitation to all members to enjoy the waters, enhance your sailing skills, and share in the joy of sailing with the community.

Spring Members Meeting & Sailing Season Kickoff

Mark your calendars for the Spring Members Meeting and the Official Start of the Sailing Season scheduled for March 22nd at 6 pm. This significant event will feature a flag-raising ceremony led by our talented Junior Sailors. We encourage everyone to bring an appetizer to share as we indulge in oysters and partake in the time-honored tradition of burning our old socks. It's the perfect way to usher in the new season! It is never too late to signup for 2024 Spring Dinghy Racing Series which will begin Sunday 17-March at 1:00pm. The sunfish fleet is growing and we would love to have you and your child join us for beautiful weather and competitive fun.

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Children's Easter Egg Hunt

The club will be hosting a delightful Easter egg hunt for our youngest members on the 24th from 1 pm to 3 pm. It's bound to be an afternoon filled with joy, laughter, and lots of chocolate. Make sure your little ones don't miss out on the fun!

Bocce Tournament

We're excited to announce a Bocce Tournament scheduled for March 30th. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, it promises to be a day of friendly competition and fellowship.

Spring Adult Sailing Lessons Begin

Finally, Spring Co-Ed Sailing Classes will begin, running five sessions from April 3rd to May 8th from 5-7pm. Thanks to our coaches Sue Hamilton, John MacEvoy, and Paul Keyserling who will be conducting the classes. The format will begin in larger boats in groups of three and then move onto education in dinghies and include education on nomenclature, rigging, and sailing principles. We have nine slots available so don't delay in signing up.

We look forward to seeing you at these events and making March a memorable month.

Sincerely,

Jason Ruhf Commodore, Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club

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Help Wanted: Leadership for Children Boating & Sailing experience







Saturday, Mar 2, 2024 9 am to Noon BYSC Clubhouse

INTRODUCTORY SESSION FOR ALL OF YOU THAT ARE NOT YET MEMBERS OF THE RC VOLUNTEER TEAM, AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL RC TEAM MEMBERS TO REFRESH THEIR SKILLS.

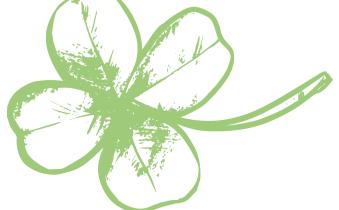
BYSC will provide the donuts! Bring your own coffee.



For those of you who are not on the team, this is a great way to give back to your club, and gain dues credit hours.

Contact: Read Clarke - RC Chairman - fleetcaptain.bysc@gmail.com

Want to learn about being a part of the sailing team?





We need 25 people to make this happen!

WINE TASTING PARTY Saturday March 16, 2024 06.00 PM





Enjoy 2 hours Sip & Savor Appetizers with Wine



SAIL SHED



March 1st All Personal items need to be removed BYSC will assume all things left behind are a donation



Come get your belongings anytime before March 1st



Spring cleaning at it best Staff will handle the cleaning after March 1, 2024

ARE YOU STORING ANYTHING IN SAIL SHED?

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General Manager :Paul Kowalski

OFFICE #











SAILINGDIRECTOR@BEAUFORTSAILING.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



Beaufort Community

Contact: SailingDirector@BeaufortSailing.com to apply!



Help Wanted: Boating & Sailing experience Leadership for Children





Full Registration Opens March 4th @ noon Sailing Stories of Compassion, Technique or Inspiration

WIND WORDS

Read Clarke, Fleet Captain

LEARN TO SAIL IN A DINGHY

Part 3 by Sue & Larry Hamilton

(Continued from last month)

Club racing is an excellent way to gain a lot of learning experience in a short amount of time. Racing allows you to measure the success or failure of your actions by comparing your boat's performance with others in the fleet. This forces you to concentrate on many aspects of getting the best performance possible from your boat. If you spend a year participating in club racing, you'll gain as much knowledge as you would in 10 years of sailing on your own. Even if you're only sometimes interested in going fast, being able to sail your boat efficiently can make you a safer sailor and keep you out of trouble. It can also be helpful in situations like bad weather or racing to return before dark.

As you spend more time practicing and sailing, you'll gradually find that you no longer need to concentrate on every maneuver. You'll be able to easily move around the boat, even in a dinghy that you once thought was unstable. You'll begin to notice the wind patterns on the water and learn how to adjust your sail before a gust hits. Your crew will instinctively move to the boat's leeward side, and you'll adjust your position to the windward side without even thinking about it. In rough weather, you'll no longer need to hold the helm with a death grip, but instead, you'll hold it lightly to feel the boat's tendencies and adjust quickly. This newfound freedom and enjoyment of sailing will open up a whole new world of possibilities for you.

The dinghy is an excellent tool for learning how to sail, regardless of your age or skill level. Spending time in a dinghy will teach you the fundamental basics of sailing. Any other type of sailboat cannot match the experience of sailing in a dinghy. You can feel the movement of the water in your body through the hull, and the wind feels purer on your face. People smile as you pass by. You may find that no matter what size boat you have, you will always want to keep a dinghy around.





Keith Newgard recently joined the BYSC team after relocating from North Carolina, where he was a chassis fabricator for NASCAR's Nextel Cup Series. In 2006, he married Ronda, and they share their home with a lively Golden Retriever named Palmer, who brings them great joy.

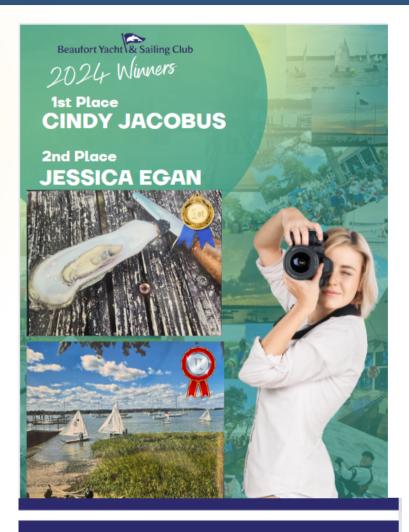
Originally from Southern California, Keith cherishes memories of snowboarding in his youth. He is a hockey enthusiast and became a licensed real estate agent in 2010. Keith has experience working with buyers, sellers, and managing his own investment properties.

Keith stumbled upon the opportunity to join BYSC through an online ad and feels grateful for finding this position. He is enchanted by Beaufort's charm and the variety of food choices available. Keith values the BYSC and is loving working on the water. Keith will mainly be responsible for our grounds and will work Friday through Monday. He has been a great addition to our staff and hopefully everyone will get a chance to welcome him.









Starting April 3rd Wednesday evenings \$250 for 6 sessions Adventure is waiting

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