

BOW WATCH

BEAUFORT YACHT & SAILING CLUB

AUGUST 2022/COMMODORE RANDY ATKINS



Ahoy BYSC!

To all of you who have escaped to cooler climates, it is hot and humid in The Lowcountry! But, the breeze on the Beaufort River has been constant and refreshing for all who have partaken. Summer Camp wrapped up on July 22 and the BCSB Sailing Camp concluded six weeks of classes and training this past Friday. Aside from almost predictable thunderstorms around 4:00 each day for a couple weeks, all was well and good, and both camps can be considered phenomenally successful. Some great memories will be etched in the minds of over 500 children who came, experienced, and excelled. We will do it again next year!

August is always a seemingly slow month around the Club but there is still a lot going on. Pickle ball play continues regardless of the temperature and the pool certainly is the primary scene of relief from the heat. Friday night pool parties have been very well attended and will continue into September. Please be aware that lifeguard shifts will be adjusted to accommodate 11 – 5 coverage on the weekends and will end for the season on September 5.

The slower pace around the Club doesn't mean there isn't a lot of planning and preparation underway behind the scenes. The annual Pluff Mud Regatta will be staged on September 17 & 18 and the Notice of Race has already been posted and promoted with the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (SAYRA). Pluff Mud is a big event for us and turnout of volunteers for land and water tasks will be critical to its success. Please be alert to emails and web postings for opportunities to contribute time and expertise.

Also watch for updates on the planned Labor Day BBQ on the lawn near the playground pavilion. That September 5 event will be catered, and I am confident our events coordinator will have games and other fun things planned for us all. There is also boat safety planning underway. Weekend courses will be offered in October for two age groups; 12-to-16-year old's and another for ages 16+, so keep an eye out for specifics. Flexible scheduling will hopefully attract strong support and attendance for that very important subject matter.

I am writing this Letter on Final Friday, looking forward this evening to another great Sunset gathering on the porch. Connie has been busy preparing a new recipe (for her) that we'll share with all attendees. If I didn't see you and offer a greeting, I hope all is well and good wherever you are and whatever you're doing. Be safe, cool and happy until we meet again.

In the meantime, see you at the Club in due time!

All the best,

Randy

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TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Justine Lucas was born and raised in Toronto, Canada. She and her husband Chase moved to Beaufort, where he was based, in 2019, and Justine joined the BYSC team in 2021 as our office manager. Justine has made many positive changes in the office in the short time she has been here. She is always supportive and encourages the positive growth of our staff members.

Prior to moving to Beaufort, Justine was a high school business teacher in Toronto. She loves ice skating and is an accomplished synchronized skater. In her free time, she enjoys baking, playing with her children, and date nights with her husband.

Justine and her husband are members of the Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club along with their 3 sons and sweet baby girl. We are grateful to have Justine as part of our team.

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BEAUFORT COMMUNITY SAILING & BOATING

SAILING CAMP 2022

BCSB had a great Summer Sailing Camp this year! Noah Kipar and his team hosted 84 different students throughout the summer, some local and some from as far away as England. Beginning sailors learned about the anatomy of the boat, knot tying, points of sail, and basic sailing theory. The advanced sailors continued to build on their skills in racing tactics which included navigating different race courses, starting tactics, sail trimming, boat tuning, and trying out different boats. They mixed things up when sailing conditions were poor with Sailing Jeopardy, knot tying relays, diving contests, river swims, boat bailing relays, and trips to the sandbar! BCSB's team of instructors did an excellent job all summer keeping students engaged, having fun, and staying safe! Many thanks to all of the great students and instructors for an awesome summer of sailing!!



BOAT BUILDING CAMP 2022

This summer BCSB hosted its first ever Boat Building Camp, led by the Lowcountry Maritime School from Charleston, SC. The course ran from July 11 to July 15, and 10 students worked together to build two 12' wooden rowing skiffs. Students learned about the different processes in boatbuilding, parts of the boat, and the different kinds of wood used. They also gained experience using drills, impact drivers, hand saws, hand planers, and tape measures. The students and instructors did an excellent job building the two skiffs, and they got to take their newly built boats out on the water for test rides! The camp was a huge success and BCSB will definitely be integrating the course into its seasonal calendar for kids and adults, so please stay tuned for the next Boat Building Camp!

From the Crow's Nest



WATER AEROBICS

Meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday unless the weather or pool maintenance prevent use of the pool. This activity is free for BYSC members. Please bring a "fat" pool noodle (3-inch diameter) and put your name on it! Wear sunscreen. It is also recommended that you wear sunglasses and a hat. You might want to wear a sun guard shirt and water shoes. You can bring water or something else to stay hydrated but remember no glass containers. If you have any questions, please contact: Linda Fraser sewblue@comcast.net

PICKLEBALL

Monday:	9:00am-10:00am Beginner series
Monday:	10:30am-11:30am Intermediate series
Tuesday:	9:30am Open play, co-ed, all levels
Wednesday:	5:30pm Open Play
Thursday:	9:30am Women, all levels
Thursday:	9:30am Players new to the game
Friday:	5:30pm Men, skilled
Saturday:	9:30am Open play, co-ed, all levels

Download the Team Reach app; use group code 29907



September 17&18
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Labor Day Party
Tickets available soon

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SAILOR SPOTLIGHT



BYSC Sailor Heading to ILCA 4 World Championship in Portugal

Arabella Duer, daughter of Chris & Tauri Duer and sister of Lachlan Duer, has earned a berth at the 2022 ILCA 4 World Championship in Vilamoura Portugal August 13-20.

Arabella began her sailing career at BYSC at the age of 4 in the BYSC Summer Camp on Sunfish. After sailing a few regattas with her dad in JY15s at BYSC, she spent a summer at the BCSB Learn to Sail at the age of 9 and was immediately hooked. She dove right in and went to her first travel regatta - an 80-boat green fleet at the Junior Olympic Sailing Festival in Jensen Beach. Since then, Arabella has attended every regatta, clinic, practice, and camp that she could.

Now 15 years old, Arabella has won the ILCA District 12 Championship, Top Female in District 12, 5th in District 13 Championship, and 3rd in the district 12 Grand Prix series. These achievements, along with strong finishes at the ILCA Atlantic Coast Championship and Nationals in 2021, have earned Arabella a berth to represent Team USA at the ILCA 4 World Championship in Portugal! According to the Star Sailors League (which ranks competitors in classes globally), she is ranked #6 female in the USA and #101 female in the world in the ILCA 4, a class she just stepped into in 2020.

Arabella's success in sailing has been due to two main factors - her passion and her determination. She is unquestionably in love with sailing in all of its forms. She would be on the water every day if it were possible. It wouldn't matter if it were a perfect warm and breezy afternoon or if she were getting bombarded with freezing rain and knocked over. She'd be out there. Arabella is driven to improve and views each time on the water as an opportunity to become a better sailor. She seeks feedback and competition and practices over and over to implement new skills until she has them mastered.

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In addition to the ILCA dinghy, Arabella is sailing and campaigning keelboats like the J22, J24 and J70, getting into the Melges 15 class and finishing up her career in the O'Pen Skiff (ranked #2 in the USA and #5 in the world, according to SSL Rankings).

From Arabella:

"My goals for 2022 and beyond are to keep sailing, compete with the best, and have fun. Before ILCA Worlds, I want to improve on my stamina for the long upwinds of this much longer course. I also want to attend as many regattas as possible with large fleets so I can practice and improve my starts. My goal for ILCA 4 Youth Worlds is to gain experience in waves, be able to compete against the best sailors in the world and make new friends. By competing against sailors from other countries, I will be able to see different techniques in boat handling and will later be able to try them out to see if any of those different styles make me faster. For the future, I want to try out different boats, be part of a top ranked college team, and qualify for the Olympics."

Keep up to date on the regatta results here: <https://2022ilca4youth.ilca-worlds.org/>

Good Luck to Arabella from Beaufort!

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NO GIRLS ALLOWED

Ever wonder why there are two “yacht clubs” in Beaufort? The original Beaufort Yacht Club was formed as a private Men’s Club on January 15, 1908, and consisted of 24 members. The elected officers included Commodore E.D. Raney, Vice Commodore F.W. Scheper Jr., and Rear Commodore J.M. Lengnick. The club occupied the waterfront rooms at the back of the old post office building at Bay and West Streets (the Beaufort Yacht Club is in the same location today) and members eventually added on a “pavilion” which extended out over the waterfront (see c. 1950 photo). While this was a Men’s Club (it remains “Men Only” to this day), the pavilion area of the clubhouse was enjoyed by all local citizens during the annual July regattas as the site of sailboat launches and awards presentations during race week. The club became inactive in the early 1920’s and the building was used as a residence for several years by Capt. And Mrs. W.P. Roberts. In 1929 a group of local sailors purchased the Betty B and initiated the revival of formal racing in Beaufort. These “new” Beaufort Yacht Club members applied for and were given a state charter in 1931 under Commodore F.W. Scheper and Vice Commodore E.B. Rodgers, and in 1936 acquired the original yacht club building back from the Roberts family.

When the Henry Chambers waterfront park was constructed in 1979, significantly altering and improving the landscape of the downtown waterfront, the Beaufort Yacht Club was also undergoing renovation. Led by local builder Skeet Patterson, also a Yacht Club member, the original building was moved back from the waterfront to its current location adjacent to the building which until recently housed the Common Ground Coffee Shop. Per plans approved by the city, the building (minus the pavilion) was moved back and also raised one story. With the new foundation having a smaller footprint than the original building it supported, the result was a wider walkway from Bay Street through to the waterfront park (see photos from current day and 1979).

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By mid-century many members, particularly the younger ones, were dissatisfied with the direction of the club, which was organized originally as a “social and sporting” club. They wanted more focus on sailing, and as well, wanted their family members to be a part of the social activities. The leadership of the yacht club at the time, however, preferred to remain a private “Men’s Club” and refused to give up the charter or the name “Beaufort Yacht Club” to those that advocated a reorganization of the club. In 1967, a group of younger members formed the new Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club and purchased the Kinghorn home and land on Meridian Road on which the BYSC sits today. The new club was opened to both men and women who wanted to advance the sport of sailing in Beaufort. The first regatta sponsored by the new BYSC was held in April 1967, with the boats launching from downtown, as the existing residential structure was undergoing renovations to become the “clubhouse” that we enjoy today. Among other improvements over the years, a pool was added to expand the club’s appeal to families.

Due to space restrictions, this article on the evolution of the BYSC from the original Beaufort Yacht Club is extremely condensed and leaves out lots of interesting details, most of which were gleaned from archival articles in the Beaufort Gazette.

I hope to include stories from members beginning with the September Bow Watch; stay tuned for MEMBER SPOTLIGHT features!

