



BOW WATCH

BEAUFORT YACHT & SAILING CLUB

APRIL 2024

COMMODORE JASON RUHF



Dear Members,

Thanks to all who attended the Spring Meeting and Flag Raising this Friday past. Here are some takeaways from the meeting if you were not in attendance. Work is beginning on construction of the North Dock which we hope to have high functioning in time for Lowcountry Regatta at the end of June. Please respect their space and help ensure a safe environment for the construction of this new pier head. Please be sure to mark your calendars for these important dates:

Boater Safety Course – April 20th

Safety on the water is our top priority. We are hosting a Boater Safety Course on April 20th, essential for new members and a great refresher for our seasoned sailors. This course covers everything from navigation rules to emergency procedures. Attendance is highly recommended to ensure we all contribute to a safer sailing environment.

Adult Sailing Class – Starting April 3rd

Whether you're a beginner looking to learn the ropes or an experienced sailor aiming to hone your skills, our Adult Sailing Class is the perfect opportunity. Starting on April 3rd, this series will cover sailing fundamentals, advanced techniques, and everything in between. Don't miss the chance to elevate your sailing prowess.

Cat Boat Rally Reception – April 27th

Join us for the Cat Boat Rally Reception on April 27th, an evening dedicated to celebrating the unique charm and history of Cat Boats. This event promises good company, lively discussions, and insights into one of sailing's most beloved boat types. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow enthusiasts and share in our collective passion for sailing.

VX One Regatta – May 18th and 19th

The excitement builds as we approach the VX One Regatta on May 18th and 19th. This event showcases the competitive spirit of our club and offers a thrilling spectacle for sailors and spectators alike. Whether you're participating or cheering from the sidelines, it promises to be a highlight of our sailing season.

Pool Opens – May 1st

Just in time for the warmer weather, our pool opens on May 1st. We are working hard to get the pool deck cleaned, repaired, and repainted in advance of this date and will be in need of volunteers to aid in this effort. Knotley Crew will also be gearing up here shortly and will be looking for volunteers. Please let us know if you are interested in helping produce family social events around the pool and club.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

Jason Ruhf

Commodore, BYSC



From the bulletin board



Bocce Tournament
Bocce Court at BYSC

April 6, 2024 2pm-6pm

Register by Wednesday April 3rd
\$20 per person
Single-elimination
BYSC Bocce Rules
Water provided, BYOB
Bring your own chair
Closed-toe shoes
Member-guest welcome

Please join us for practice
Fridays 4pm-6pm, Watch, Learn & Play

www.byscnet.com

Marge 843-575-8999

John 843-575-8998

Engaging in the ancient pastime of bocce unveils a tapestry of delights. This timeless game, a tapestry woven with threads of camaraderie and competition, beckons players of all ages and talents to partake in its mirthful dance. Whether amidst familiar faces or newfound companions, bocce's embrace fosters a realm of unity and joy, where bonds are forged and laughter reigns supreme.

Mastering the art of bocce unveils a path of simplicity laced with the intricate steps of skill and strategy. From novices seeking leisurely pastime to seasoned contenders craving the thrill of competition, bocce weaves a spell of challenge and delight for all who dare to engage. Whether in pursuit of relaxation or victory, bocce promises an enriching journey of play and camaraderie.

With its portable allure, bocce transcends boundaries, inviting players to revel in its charm under the open sky, on sandy shores, or within the confines of a designated court. This versatile gem sparkles in any setting, offering a gateway to joy and activity in a multitude of landscapes. Embracing bocce's enchantment promises not just amusement, but a gateway to connection, relaxation, and a vibrant way to partake in the tapestry of life.

SIGN UP HERE

Embark on a voyage into the unknown with an adult sailing class, a gateway to realms of wonder waiting to be explored. Delve into the art of navigating the winds and waves, unlocking a treasure trove of skills and a boundless sea of possibilities. Whether seeking solace in the embrace of the ocean's whispers or forging bonds with fellow adventurers, this odyssey promises growth, camaraderie, and a tapestry woven with threads of newfound courage. Let the tides of time carry you towards horizons where age is but a number, and every cresting wave whispers the promise of freedom and endless discovery.

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Adult SAILING

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



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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- 7 weeks of wholesome fun
- Boating experience
- Sailing experience

✉ Noah Kipar Sailing Director sailingdirector@beaufortsailing.com

☎ 843-522-8216 or 828-279-3707

Summer
Vibes

Beaufort Community Sailing & Boating is a non-profit organization that supports sailing & boating at all levels for every age & demographic in Beaufort SC.



Beaufort Community
Sailing & Boating



*****IS HIRING!!!*****

Summer Sailing Camp 2024

-Lead Instructors-

**Competitive
Pay!**

**Housing
Provided
if Needed**

**Great Summer
Job for College
Students!**

**June 10th -
August 2nd
(excluding week
of July 4th)**

**Beaufort,
South Carolina**

**Mon-Fri
8:30-5:30**



-Must have sailing and powerboating experience-

Contact:

SailingDirector@BeaufortSailing.com to apply!



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BYSC

2024

SUMMER CAMP

ADDRESS: 30 YACHT CLUB DRIVE, BEAUFORT SC 29907

- FISHING/ BOATING
- KAYAKING/PADDLEBOARDING & SAILING
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- FIELD GAMES
- COURT GAMES
- POOL
- WATER STATIONS



MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS

- CAMP REGISTRATION \$325 PER WEEK
REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 4TH

MAKING THE BEST SUMMER MEMORIES!!
843-522-8216
BYSCSUMMERCAMP2@YAHOO.COM



CAMPERS AGE:
RISING 1ST GRADE - 12 YRS OLD

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING
13 & 14 YRS OLDS

TIME:
8:30AM - 4:00PM

WEEKS:

- ONE:** JUNE 10-14
TWO: JUNE 17-21
THREE: JUNE 24-28
FOUR: JULY 8-12
FIVE: JULY 15-19
SIX: JULY 22-26



We still have spots
available in week 5 & 6!!



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SUMMER SAILING CAMP 2024

WITH BEAUFORT COMMUNITY SAILING AND BOATING
AT THE BEAUFORT YACHT AND SAILING CLUB

****EARLY BIRD SIGN-UP \$340/WEEK****

****FOR BYSC MEMBERS ONLY****

****2/12/24 - 2/23/24 ONLY****

-JUNE 10-14

--JUNE 17-21

---JUNE 24-28

-----JULY 8-12

---JULY 15-19

--JULY 22-26

-JULY 29-AUG 2

CAMP WILL RUN:

9AM - 5PM

AGES 8-16

\$340/WEEK EARLY BIRD MEMBER SIGN-UP

\$380/WEEK AFTER 2/23/24

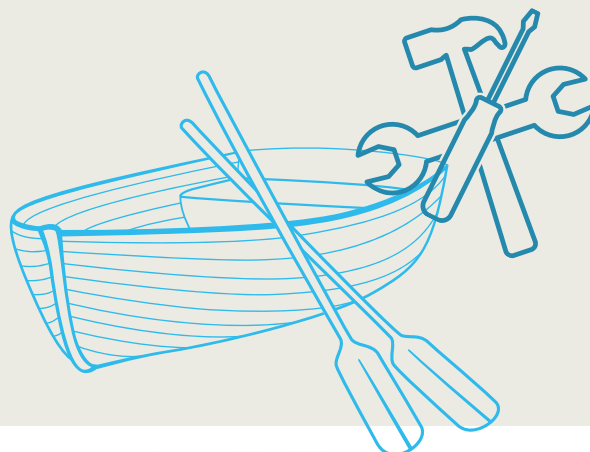


Scan QR
Code
to register

<https://theclubspot.com/register/camp/mME5TZlwNn/class>

Beaufort Community
Sailing & Boating

CONTACT NOAH KIPAR AT
SAILINGDIRECTOR@BEAUFORTSAILING.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



Boatbuilding Course!

Coming this Summer!!

-Ages 8 and up-

Brought to you by:



When: July 8th - 12th

M-F from 9am - 12pm

Friday @12pm - boat launch!

Where: Beaufort Yacht and
Sailing Club

Cost: \$320 Per Student

Capacity: 5 students

minimum, 10 maximum



REGISTER
HERE



Scan QR Code



<https://theclubspot.com/register/camp/GLQQW8abjA/class>

Contact Noah Kipar → SailingDirector@BeaufortSailing.com

STEAK NIGHT

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BYSC SAILING UPDATE!!!

Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club  **JUNIOR SAILORS**

**ARE HEADING TO THE OPEN SKIFF NORTH
AMERICAN UN-REGATTA APRIL 19-21!!!**



BYSC SAILORS ATTENDING:

- JOHN OWENS-
- MAX WHITMORE-
- WARREN EGAN-
- BRADLEY FABIAN-
- CAMERON WILLIAMS-
- WILLIAM LOVIN-
- BAKER SCOTT-
- ADAM LUZNY-
- BLAKE LESESNE-
- AUSTIN LESESNE-
- LOGAN PENN-
- MARCEL MARSHALL-

New SC State Law RE: Teens & Boating

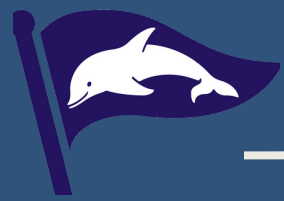
A new South Carolina state law took effect August 18, 2023 requiring teens to take a boating course if they wish to go out on a boat on their own anywhere on state waterways. The new requirement covers individuals currently 16 years old and younger. The new law states any type of watercraft including jet skis or anything with a 10 horsepower engine or greater. The Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club and Beaufort Sail & Power Squadron, now known as America's Boating Club of Beaufort in conjunction with SCDNR will host a free four-hour Safety Boating Class on April 20, 2024. This course will be held at the Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club, 30 Yacht Club Drive, off Meridian Road on Lady's Island. You may select one of the two sessions being offered on this day. One will be from 8:30am – 12:30pm and the second will be from 1:30 – 5:30pm. The course is free and all material will be furnished however, attendees should bring materials to take notes. A test will be administered at the conclusion of the class. Upon successful completion of this class, SCDNR will issue a waterproof certificate for each applicant. Interested individuals should go on-line to register, using the links provided below.

SC Boating Education Class – April 20, 2024 – morning session

SC Boating Education Class- April 20, 2024 – afternoon session

Applicants are encouraged to register for either one of the classes as soon as possible as there are a limited number of seats for each class. Other states that have implemented versions of this program have seen a very significant decrease in boating accidents and injuries, particularly for younger boaters. For additional information email Commander Frank Gibson at fgibson@islsc.net.





A MARITIME TRADITION: BURNING OF THE SOCKS

Contributed by: Jean Story
April 01, 2024



On Good Friday, BYSC members celebrated the beginning of Spring at the annual members meeting with an oyster roast and a ceremonial burning of the socks. The concept of burning socks on the equinox began almost 50 years ago when Captain Bob Turner, Manager of the Annapolis Yacht Yard, shed his dirty socks, dropped them in a paint-roller tray, sprinkled them liberally with lighter fluid and put a match to them. According to Bob, by the end of winter, his socks often were "ruined from all the paint, varnish and fiberglass he used when working on other people's boats (OPBs)". The below is reprinted from the Herrington Harbor Blog.

As the legend goes, the winter of 1977-78 was a particularly cold and snowy one on the Chesapeake Bay. Boatyard worker and sailing enthusiast Bob Turner had decided he had enough of the cold weather. Leaving work on the first day of spring that year, he gathered some colleagues to celebrate the end of winter by burning their socks after work, a symbolic farewell to winter as the group of boat builders, sailors, and watermen intended to forgo wearing socks until the cold weather returned. "I told them, 'I'm not putting them on again until next winter. Period,'" he later recalled to Baltimore Magazine. Bob's defiant gesture ultimately became a Chesapeake Bay tradition celebrated every year around the Vernal Equinox, the day signaling the beginning of Spring and for Chesapeake Bay mariners, the start of boating season.

Other sailors joined in, ceremoniously stripping off their socks and burning them because once boating season starts, nobody wears socks. According to Bob, sailors... "don't wear socks unless the temperature drops below 30 degrees Fahrenheit and winds increase to 17 knots. That's when the "wimp-chill factor" kicks in. But, at all other times, sailors must wear boat shoes sans socks".

The Maritime Museum in Annapolis resurrected Turner's tradition a dozen years ago and thanks to the Internet, its popularity has spread.



The Beaufort Scale

Brent V.W. Putnam, Editor
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Rear Admiral Sir Frances Beaufort (1774-1857) is credited with standardizing the scale that now bears his name. In the past, British naval officers would record weather conditions in their logs, but the descriptions were inconsistent because every officer had their interpretation.

Beaufort's first recorded scale use was in his private log while commanding the HMS Woolwich on January 13, 1806. His original scale was qualitative and based on observations of how the wind affected a British man-o-war, ranging from "just sufficient to give steerage" to "which she could show no canvas," rather than being calibrated to a scale of wind speeds.

In 1838, the British Royal Navy standardized on Beaufort's scale, requiring all officers to record "the force of the Wind and the appearance of the Atmosphere...every hour" in their log books. Over the next century, the scale was modified to accommodate the advent of steam and expanded to include wave heights and effects on land.

However, it was not until 1939 that the International Meteorological Committee standardized on values obtained from an anemometer 20 feet (6 meters) above sea level, despite various attempts to match wind speed to Beaufort's force numbers.

Since the Beaufort Scale is qualitative, it describes how the wind affects the sea and objects on land, providing context that can help us better understand the conditions we encounter than a simple number. For example, when it comes to reefing, a big catboat such as a Marshall 22 will benefit from a reef when the wind exceeds 15 knots and a second reef when the wind approaches 20.

NOAA Weather Radio reports current weather conditions, but weather can be very local, so it's best to rely on local instruments. Absent this, we might use the wheel's feel and the heel's angle to inform us about when to reef, but by then, we're already off the dock, and it's best to reef before casting off.



WIND WORDS

continued

Read Clarke, Fleet Captain



If we observe dust and loose paper blowing around, small branches moving on trees, and small waves with frequent whitecaps or “white horses” on the water before leaving, we’re seeing the effects of a moderate breeze – F4, which is about 11-16 knots – and should probably tie in one reef.

If the wind quietens while we are sailing and we need to shake out that reef, we may describe the conditions in our log as ripples with the appearance of scales and no foam crests. On shore, flags droop, but we can see smoke drifting downwind. Beaufort’s scale calls this “light air.”

The Beaufort scale provides context and helps us understand the severity of weather conditions. For instance, during the Fastnet race in 1979, five boats sank, 15 people died, and over 70 percent of the fleet abandoned the competition. Although there were 60-knot winds, the number lacked context. The Beaufort Scale describes Force 10 as “very high waves (20-30 feet) with long over-hanging crests, sea white with densely blown foam, heavy rolling, lowered visibility.” Ashore, a Force 10 storm, uproots trees and causes “considerable structural damage.”

We live in an era where we can precisely measure almost everything, including wind speed, but measurements are meaningless without context. Although it was developed more than 200 years ago, the Beaufort Scale still has utility because it provides that detail.

Force	Wind (Knots)	WMO Classification	Appearance of Wind Effects	
			On the Water	On Land
0	Less than 1	Calm	Sea surface smooth and mirror-like	Calm, smoke rises vertically
1	1-3	Light Air	Scaly ripples, no foam crests	Smoke drift indicates wind direction, still wind vanes
2	4-6	Light Breeze	Small wavelets, crests glassy, no breaking	Wind felt on face, leaves rustle, vanes begin to move
3	7-10	Gentle Breeze	Large wavelets, crests begin to break, scattered whitecaps	Leaves and small twigs constantly moving, light flags extended
4	11-16	Moderate Breeze	Small waves 1-4 ft. becoming longer, numerous whitecaps	Dust, leaves, and loose paper lifted, small tree branches move
5	17-21	Fresh Breeze	Moderate waves 4-8 ft taking longer form, many whitecaps, some spray	Small trees in leaf begin to sway
6	22-27	Strong Breeze	Larger waves 8-13 ft, whitecaps common, more spray	Larger tree branches moving, whistling in wires
7	28-33	Near Gale	Sea heaps up, waves 13-20 ft, white foam streaks off breakers	Whole trees moving, resistance felt walking against wind
8	34-40	Gale	Moderately high (13-20 ft) waves of greater length, edges of crests begin to break into spindrift, foam blown in streaks	Whole trees in motion, resistance felt walking against wind
9	41-47	Strong Gale	High waves (20 ft), sea begins to roll, dense streaks of foam, spray may reduce visibility	Slight structural damage occurs, slate blows off roofs
10	48-55	Storm	Very high waves (20-30 ft) with overhanging crests, sea white with densely blown foam, heavy rolling, lowered visibility	Seldom experienced on land, trees broken or uprooted, “considerable structural damage”
11	56-63	Violent Storm	Exceptionally high (30-45 ft) waves, foam patches cover sea, visibility more reduced	
12	64+	Hurricane	Air filled with foam, waves over 45 ft, sea completely white with driving spray, visibility greatly reduced	



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Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR
MEMBERSHIP PALOOZA

**SATURDAY, MEMBERS
JUNE 15 CELEBRATION**
11AM-7PM

FUN FOR ALL AGES

Enjoy all amenities

Snowball market, Tennis, Bocce, Pickleball, Boating,
Sailing, Kayaking Paddle Boarding, Pool Party,
Awards Ceremony
Catered dinner: tickets available soon
For more information:
bysc.events@gmail.com



The Catboat Rally

April 25th — April 27, 2024



For your information packet
Please contact: "Woody" Norwood
email: snorwood3@me.com Phone: 678-427-2937

April 24th-27th

Join us for an unforgettable adventure sailing experience on the Intracoastal Waterway in the captivating Low Country, SC. All catboats at least 15 feet LOA or longer are welcome to participate. During the day, we'll test our sailing skills in fine conditions while enjoying each other's company in the evenings. Sailors from across the country, including Missouri, Michigan, Chesapeake Bay, and New England, will come together for this remarkable event. The three-day sailing event promises to be a thrilling experience. Sailors will embark on a 20nm journey from Beaufort to Hilton Head on the first day. On day 2, they'll sail from Hilton Head back to Beaufort, and on the third day, they'll sail 8 nm north up to the Coosaw River and then back to Beaufort. The event features six races, but only the best five races will be counted. This historic sailing event is not to be missed. Get in touch with Woody Norwood for more information and be part of this inspiring experience. snorwood3@me.com