

2024 NC COASTAL & PIEDMONT ACBS CHAPTER BOAT SHOW

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What's the plan?

Friday 10/4

- Launch or park trailered boat at Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) 1215 Barkentine Dr., New Bern, NC 28560. Or arrive via water and tie off at the assigned slip. Chapter members will be available to assist starting at 3 PM.
- Short cruise of local waters for those interested. 3:30 PM leave from BSC ramp.
- Welcome party on the deck of BSC clubhouse at 5:30 PM. \$10 per person, children under 12 free. Nonrefundable. BYOB due to BSC liquor license.
- **6:00 PM we will hold the Chapter Annual meeting with the election of officers and vote on bylaw changes.**

Saturday 10/5

- If exhibiting on Saturday, be at your assigned slip or park trailered boats at BSC by 9:30 AM
- Show 10 AM to 2 PM
- Lunch on your own
- Awards 2:30 PM
- Wrap up

What's the cost and what do I get for it?

The registration cost is \$25 for exhibitors (boats, motors, other)—no charge for additional boats. The social on Friday will cost \$10 each (catered by Sara's) and will include sandwiches, pizza, salad, chips, desserts, soft drinks. BYOB due to BSC liquor liability issues. No charge for children under 12. On Saturday we'll have free cold water and soft drinks for those registered. You may attend the welcome party without registering to exhibit. **All costs are non-refundable.**

Where do I get a registration form?

All registrations (exhibiting and welcome party) are hard copies with payment by check if mailed or payment by check or exact cash when you arrive. PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND EMAIL IT TO ALAN HILLS ASAP, but at least by Tuesday, October 1st as we have to assign spaces, print and laminate placards, and order food.

Do boat show attendees have to pay?

No. The boat show event is FREE to the public. We have publicized it on local event calendars and put up posters in the New Bern area.

Where can we stay overnight?

- You may bring an RV or tent to camp on BSC grounds. Cruisers may stay overnight on the dock. They have a nice bath house. No charge. (You may arrive as early as noon on Friday and must depart by noon on Sunday)
- There are rental condos in nearby Fairfield Harbour (various rental agencies including Airbnb, VRBO).
- There are many hotels and B&Bs in New Bern—on and off the water. Here are a few:
 - Bridgepointe Hotel 101 Howell Rd. 877-283-7713 or [website](#) (waterfront—less expensive)
 - Comfort Suites 1006 Old Cherry Point Rd 252.649.3579 (not waterfront) [website](#)
 - DoubleTree by Hilton 100 Middle St 252.658.9000 (waterfront downtown + marina) [website](#)

- Courtyard by Marriott 218 E. Front St. 252.636.0022 (waterfront downtown) [website](#)
- Club Wyndham in Fairfield Harbour (condos) 475 Broad Creek Rd. 252.638.8011 [Click here](#)

May the boats stay overnight at BSC?

Yes. This facility is gated and secure. Boats may arrive as early as noon on Friday, October 4th and must leave the facility by Sunday, October 6th at noon. We will have volunteers on hand at 2 PM on Friday to help with launching and docking.

Can BSC accommodate a cruiser?

Yes. BSC can accommodate large boats for in-water display. Cruisers may stay overnight at BSC. Slips have electricity, water, and wi-fi. This must be pre-arranged with [Alan Hills](#) so the slip can be reserved. Please do this ASAP!

Will the boats be judged?

No. There will be voting by the people, by the captains, and by the mates. Completed ballots should be placed in the box at the registration tent by 1:30 PM on Saturday.

Will there be awards?

Yes. All boats entered in the show are eligible for awards. Here is a list of planned awards:

- People’s choice—voted on by the public attending
- Longest Distance Travelled to attend—calculated by show committee using addresses
- Best sail—voted on by captains and first mates
- Best canoe/row/other—voted on by captains and first mates
- Best wood outboard—voted on by captains and first mates
- Best wood inboard/IO/jet—voted on by captains and first mates
- Best non-wood—voted on by captains and first mates
- Best Staging—voted on by captains and first mates

Is there a deadline to register?

Yes. Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

Where can I get lunch on Saturday?

BSC has a picnic shelter with grills, tables, and chairs if you want to bring your own lunch or grill something. There is also the nearby Harbour Pointe Grille at 1105 Barkentine Dr. (3 min drive) or Sara’s (Italian) located at 1150 Broad Creek Rd. (8 min drive).

What’s there to do in New Bern on Friday evening 10/4 and Saturday evening 10/5?

10/4 + 10/5 New Bern Civic Theatre “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” 7:30 PM <https://newberncivictheatre.org/>

How do I get into Fairfield Harbour?

BSC is located within the gated community of Fairfield Harbour at 1215 Barkentine Dr, New Bern, NC 28560. Note that your GPS will want you to enter the wrong gate! Follow these instructions once you get to the Fairfield Harbour sign on Broad Creek Road. From Broad Creek Road, go to the main entrance (a short distance past the fire station). You will see the manned gate on the right, **enter the gate on the left**. If the gate is closed, hit the call button. If asked, just tell them

you are going to Blackbeard Sailing Club. If the gate is open, just go in. Take an immediate right on Coral Reef Dr, then take the first left onto Barkentine Dr. This winds around until you see Blackbeard Sailing Club on the left. Pull in—the gate should be open. If it is not, call Alan Hills at 252.514.8525. **DO NOT TRY TO ENTER FROM THE BARKENTINE DR GATE FROM BROAD CREEK ROAD AS IT REQUIRES A PASSCODE WHICH WE DO NOT GIVE OUT!** If you get to this gate, you have gone too far—turn around and go back to the main gate area.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions or a problem?

Alan Hills at 252.514.8525 (cell) or ahills@suddenlink.net