

#### Dear Members,

First I am excited to offer congratulations to Noah and our Juniors on the BYSC Race Team who traveled to the O'Pen skiff Nationals and performed admirably across the board. Kids came from all over the world to compete in Augusta, Ga where three of our Juniors distinguished themselves on the international level. I would like to specifically congratulate Max Whitmore & Warren Egan who placed 2nd and 4th respectively in the U12 division and also to John Owens who placed 5th in the Open Division. Great works guys, keep up the hard work!

In other news I am very happy to announce the first piles of the North Dock have been driven! This dock will provide much needed space on our waterfront with an extra 140 linear feet of dock space, launch capacity for dinghies, and six additional permanent storage spots for club boats and RIBs. While we are all excited to see its progress, I ask that we please respect that space and do not encroach on Smithbuilt's ability to conduct a safe work environment on land and in the water. We presently anticipate its completion some time in June, so please be patient, respect the barriers and do not walkout on it until such a time that we announce its completion.

Much thanks to our staff, volunteers who recently repaired and repainted the pool deck. Their efforts have left it looking pristine and ready for the official open on May 1st. Starting May 24th, our much-loved pool parties are back. We are looking for volunteers rot sponsor a Friday night cookouts so please plan on volunteering one Friday to provide pizza or hotdogs and gather with friends and family for evenings filled with fun, music, and poolside relaxation. As always, these events are made richer by your participation and enthusiasm. Let's make this season a memorable season.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Beaufort Community Sailing & Boating President Nathan Akers and his wife Jessica on the birth of their first child Isla.

The weather is here, look forward to seeing all of you at the club! Regards,
J. Ruhf
Commodore, Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club







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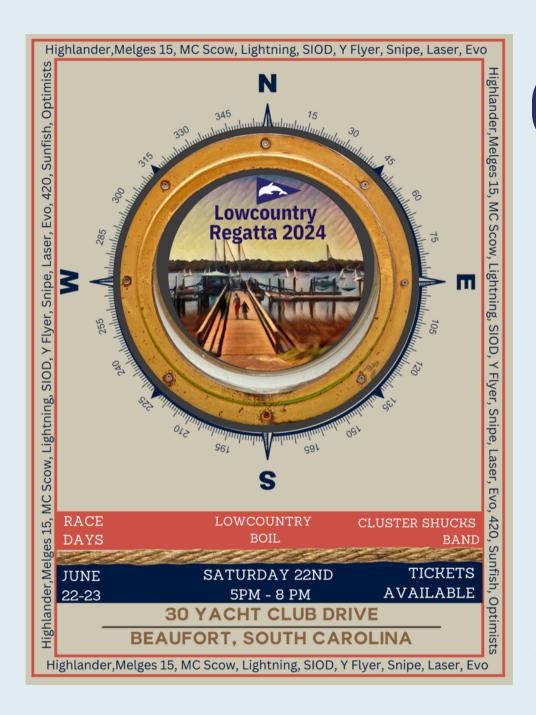
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It's a fun zone for all.





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John Potter from BYSC won the VX One Florida State Championship in March at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (Miami) over 23 boats from the southeast, Newport, NY, Canada, etc.

He had 14 points despite an 18th in the first race when his high school crew went overboard. 2nd and 3rd were tied with 18 points. Finishes were 18 (TO)-1-1-2-7-1-2.

### WIND WORDS

Sailing Stories of Compassion, Technique or Inspiration Read Clarke, Fleet Captain

#### Sailing is Life-long & Life-changing

Submitted by Frank Pontious

Sailing is an activity that can be enjoyed throughout life and has the potential to significantly impact it. It doesn't matter if you're seven or eighty-seven years old; once you catch the sailing bug, you'll find a boat or water-connected activity you and your family can enjoy together.

Sailing is an excellent way to promote family bonding and mental and physical well-being. It teaches young sailors how to operate sail and power boats and imparts valuable life skills such as responsibility, equipment maintenance, social interaction with peers, and outdoor athletic activity in the sun and water. Additionally, it provides a unique opportunity for young sailors to learn how to interact with adults who share the same interests.

Sailing and boating can create a bond between families and help them stay connected. Parents can get involved in many ways, such as volunteering and supporting even if you're not a sailor. By doing so, you may learn something new along the way. This fosters a strong bond within the family, and as children grow up, the family can become even more involved while having fun together. One of the most significant events in my life was when my whole family rented two 34-foot boats in the Virgin Islands. My son and his family captained one boat while the other boat was occupied by my other son, daughter, me & Marilyn. It was an enjoyable experience to have a family of skilled sailors vacationing together. Could there have been some racing involved? Perhaps. The entire experience seemed possible because everyone had been involved in the sport from a young age.

Those who enjoy boating, particularly sailing, share a deep love for the water. There are numerous opportunities to get involved on the water:

- Sailing: If you have experience sailing dinghies such as the Opti or the Sunfish, you already have the foundational skills to sail larger boats like blue water keelboats. With focus and dedication, you can apply the same mechanics to any vessel you set your mind to. The basics of sailing remain the same.
- Racing: If you enjoy competition, this sport is among the most highly competitive. It considers various factors such as wind, current, athletic activity, technical aspects of your boat, and the rules of racing. It is a lot of fun and can distract you from daily challenges.
- Cruising. You can explore numerous places by boat, offering a unique and fascinating experience and allowing you to discover secluded areas that most people can never see. It's an excellent opportunity to challenge yourself by navigating through different weather conditions, anchoring in unfamiliar waters, and meeting many interesting people on the same journey as you.
- Charter boat captain. Consider obtaining your captain 's license, which will allow you to take passengers aboard your vessel.
- Boat building. This career path is ideal for those interested in boat building, sail making, or mechanics to fix outboards.
- Delivery skipper. A group of delivery skippers transports boat worldwide, earning money.

As the saying goes, "just messing around with boats."

Whether you prefer sailing or power boating, the potential for fun on the water is practically limitless. Why not become part of the boating community at BYSC? You can take lessons, participate in the race committee, support junior sailing, go fishing, and even cruise with your loved ones. These activities are perfect for creating unforgettable memories with your family.







TO THE VOLUNTEERS

### Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club North Dock Start date: 04/25/2024 Smith Built, LLC A monumental occasion: The first piling for a new North Dock is in place!