

Sailing club partners with Bald Head Island

BY TRIP SMITH
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The wind was blowing and the rain wasn't falling Saturday as the UNC Sailing Club enjoyed the benefits of its newly formed partnership with Bald Head Island for the first time.

"It was unbelievable," said junior business major Logan Rowell. "There was heavy wind, and it was a big experience for people who haven't gotten to sail like that before."

Rowell, who is new to UNC this semester, used to manage the Bald Head Island Sailing Club. He started working to create the partnership between the two clubs when he transferred to UNC and joined the sailing team this year.

Bald Head's sponsorship is nonmonetary. Instead, when the

UNC club visits the island, the Bald Head sailing club will provide boats for members to use, and Bald Head Island Limited will provide housing.

Philip Womble, president of UNC's sailing club, said the club plans to take a retreat to Bald Head each semester.

Bald Head Island will also benefit from this new alliance with UNC. The UNC club will put the Bald Head logo on shirts, banners and other apparel, and will advertise for the island at its regattas.

The Bald Head sailing club also hopes to encourage students to work as sail instructors on the island this summer. Barry said Bald Head was looking for personable students with racing experience to teach the basics of sailing.

Members of both the UNC

and Bald Head sailing clubs said they think the partnership will be mutually beneficial for years to come.

"The average person in a typical yacht club is about 60 years old," said John Barry, the island's sailing club manager. "A lot of this is about getting younger people involved in sailing."

Besides giving the club an opportunity to bond as a team, Womble said the partnership will give UNC sailors valuable experience in open-sea sailing with larger boats.

Womble said the stronger, more consistent winds found in coastal sailing makes for a different experience.

"We usually sail on Jordan Lake," Womble said. "Being able to sail at the beach is a lot differ-

ent. It's more active."

This weekend, UNC club members arrived at Bald Head on Friday evening and sailed the majority of the day Saturday. Womble said the wind was strong and the rain that plagued Wilmington and surrounding islands never fell on the Tar Heel sailors.

He added that he is looking forward to future trips.

"I think this is a promising partnership," Womble said. "It's an opportunity for us to get some good sailing experience and hang out and have some fun."

The UNC sailing club meets Tuesday evenings at about 7:30 p.m., though the time varies from week to week.

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COURTESY OF PHILIP WOMBLE
Members of the UNC Sailing Club sail at Bald Head Island as part of a new partnership that allows the club to take retreats and use sailboats.

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Scholarship honors mascot

Funds travel for business students

BY CHELSEA COOPER
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The family of former UNC mascot Jason Ray has solidified plans for a scholarship for undergraduate business students.

Reflecting Ray's overseas experiences, the Jason Ray BSBA Global Scholarship will help students with travel expenses for study abroad programs.

Applications will be available in the summer of 2010.

On March 23, 2007, Ray, a senior, was struck by a sport utility vehicle as he walked beside a road in New Jersey, where he was with the basketball team for the NCAA men's basketball tournament. He died of his injuries three days later.

The Ray family, with the help of the Jason Kendall Ray Foundation, created the scholarship that fall with \$100,000.

The foundation was established by Ray's family to emphasize education, community service and Christian missionary work.

It also collects money to train missionary leaders and create opportunities for nonprofit groups that incorporate the work Ray started.

Jason's love for travel inspired his family to come up with the Jason Ray BSBA Global Scholarship, said his father, Emmitt Ray.

"He loved business and trips," Emmitt Ray said. "He was excited about life and UNC."

The foundation is still taking donations, which can be sent to the business school or to P.O. Box 6326, Concord, NC 28027.

In 2010, the scholarships will assist undergraduate business students at the Kenan-Flagler Business School to work, study or travel abroad.

The Ray family determined the criteria for choosing scholarship winners though the dean of the bachelor's degree in business administration will choose them.

The family wanted the recipients to display the same ideals as Ray, said Eddie Sartin, director of the scholarship.

"The candidates have to exhibit leadership, integrity and the same values as Jason," Sartin said.

Scholarship applicants will be evaluated based on leadership in campus organizations, excitement about life, a well-rounded lifestyle, a love of UNC and a GPA



Former UNC mascot Jason Ray died in March 2007 after being struck by an SUV.

of at least 3.2.

In addition to wearing the Rameses costume for three years, Ray, a Concord native, was an active member of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and lead singer of the band Nine P.M. Traffic.

As one of three Rameses mascots for the Tar Heels, Ray was one of the most energized students that Chapel Hill could have witnessed, Emmitt Ray said.

"Jason had the excitement of three people," Emmitt Ray said.

In addition to playing numerous roles at UNC, Jason Ray also was able to travel around the world, see life in Europe and run with the bulls in Spain.

Emmitt Ray said it was important to the family to commemorate Jason through the scholarship.

"It keeps Jason's memory alive at UNC," he said.

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