

NOTICE OF RACE
FHYC – John Walsh Memorial Oar Race
New Bern, NC
Saturday, September 5, 2015

Regatta: The 32nd Oar Race will be a distance race from Fairfield Harbour to Oriental. This race commemorates the evacuation of Dunkirk and the perpetual award is an oar used during that historic event. This race also serves as a feeder race for the Michelob Ultra Cup (Oriental back to New Bern), which will be held Sunday, September 6. Participation in the Michelob Ultra Cup, organized by NYRA, is not required.

Rules: The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

Eligibility and Entry: Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club is the organizing authority. The race is open to all sailboats with a NC-PHRF or FHYC rating. Entry is via online registration by Wednesday, September 2, at www.regattanetwork.com/event/10490_____

Fees: The registration fee is \$35.00 with a \$5.00 discount for US Sailing members.

Classes: There will be classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker and multi-hull boats. Multi-hulls will not be eligible for the overall award. Further divisions, based on number of entries, may be made at the Race Committee's discretion.

Schedule: Saturday, September 5:

The **skippers' meeting** will be held at Northwest Creek Marina at **0830**.
The first **warning signal** is scheduled for **1100**.
There will be a cash bar social at the Tiki Bar at the Oriental Marina with
awards presented at **1830** on the lawn by the Tiki Bar.

Sailing Instructions: Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers' meeting or online via regattanetwork.com/event/10490_____

Course: One race is scheduled. The start will be set in the vicinity of Neuse River markers #17 and #19 and Upper Broad Creek #2. The finish will be set at Oriental marker #1.

Scoring: The race will be scored using time on time handicapping. For the purpose of determining the overall winner of the Oar Race, non-spinnaker boats will receive a 15 seconds per mile allowance on their handicap. This allowance will be applied by the race committee.

Radio Communication: The race committee will use **VHF channel 78** to advise competitors.

Awards: Awards will be given in each division depending on the number of entries. The overall winning mono-hull will have its name added to the perpetual trophy and receive a miniature replica.

Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4. Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Insurance: Entry into this regatta certifies the owner of the participating yacht is insured with current third-party liability insurance.

Further Information: For information please contact Mark Hittner at 252-638-5728 or mark.hittner@yahoo.com

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