

# Notice of Race Blackbeard First Citizen's Cup/Ensign Regatta



Sept. 24th - 25th, 2016  
Blackbeard Sailing Club  
New Bern, North Carolina

Blackbeard Sailing Club cordially invites all PHRF, Ensign and San Juan (SJ) 21 sailboats to attend the First Citizen's Cup/Ensign Regatta. Classes attending may include: All PHRF boats 21 feet or longer with a current PHRF, Ensign's and SJ 21'. Participating boats shall comply with N.C. Wildlife Commission and Coast Guard safety regulations.

**1. Rules:** This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Please note that rule 44.1 has changed from a two turn penalty to a one turn penalty.

**2. Classes:** This is combined one-design / PHRF regatta for mono-hull sailboats. **Large PHRF boats, Ensign's & SJ 21 will race among their respective boats. PHRF boats will be classed and scored via 2016 ICRC rules (A. <= 120, B. 121- 194, & C. >= 195**

**3. Registration:** *Pre-registration fee of \$30.00 will be online and is highly recommended. See the link below.*

- a. US Sailing members may deduct \$5.00 and must provide their USSA member number.
- b. Late Registration commences at 8:00 PM on Thursday September 14th and runs through 8:30 AM September 24th (race day) via Regatta Network for an additional fee of \$10.00. You may also pay your late fee in person at Blackbeard September 24<sup>th</sup> from 8-8:30 AM. \*\*\* Please note that completing the Regatta Network registration data fields during pre-registration period without payment does not constitute registration. We hope that you will save your hard earned money and register on time.

**4. Location & Courses:** Races will be held in the vicinity of Neuse River markers #17, #19, and Broad Creek #2 near New Bern, NC. Courses shall be formatted in either a triangle windward leeward or windward leeward and include time limits.

**5. Sailing Instructions:** The sailing instructions will be available online (see link at bottom) on or before September 19, 2016 and also available for your convenience at the skippers meeting prior to race day one.

**6. Radio Communications:** The R/C will monitor and attempt to broadcast on VHF Channel 67 to keep competitors informed of general race information, class starting sequence, start count-downs, premature starts, etc.

**7. Awards:** Awards will be presented in the clubhouse subsequent to the final race on Sunday.

## 8. Schedule:

### Saturday, August 24, 2016:

08:00 AM

09:00 AM

10:55 AM

### Sunday, August 21, 2016:

09:55 AM

Late Registration closes (location BSC Clubhouse)

Competitors Meeting on the clubhouse deck.

Approximate time of the Warning Signal for the first race.

First Warning Signal for first buoy race, subsequent race(s) to follow at the discretion of

the R/C. No races to be started after 1:00 PM.

**9. Berthing:** If you wish to arrive by water and sleep on your boat, a limited amount of free slips are available at Blackbeard Sailing Club on a first-come, first-served basis. For details contact Blackbeard Sailing Club Dockmaster Bill Drechsler at [billhotchoc@hotmail.com](mailto:billhotchoc@hotmail.com). Please include your Length, Beam and Draft in your email. Free camping is also available on site at Blackbeard. The club's bathhouse is nearby and available for your use.

**10. Dinner:** Dinner will be burgers, brats and fixin's and a limited amount of adult beverages. Dinner tickets are \$9.00. Eat in BSC's air conditioned club house or on the deck. Dinner will be served as soon as practical once sailors return to shore. Please pay for your meal when you check in at the club. Cash, check or charge to member account (BSC members only).

**11. 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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Online Registration and Regatta Information: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/2016>