

FHYC
NOTICE OF RACE
JOHN WALSH MEMORIAL OAR RACE
New Bern, NC
Saturday, May 20, 2017

Regatta: The 34nd John Walsh Memorial Oar Race will be a distance race from Fairfield Harbour to Oriental. This race commemorates the evacuation of Dunkirk and the perpetual trophy, displayed by FHYC, is an oar used during that historic event. This race also serves as a feeder race for the NYRA race from Oriental back to New Bern, which will be held Sunday, May 21. Participation in the NYRA race 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. **Cruising class boats without a rating will be assigned a rating.** Entry is via online registration by midnight Thursday, May 18, at [http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13892 - _home](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13892_-_home) .

Fees: The registration fee is \$35.00 with a \$5.00 discount for US Sailing members. Fees are payable in cash or check, payable to FHYC, at the skippers' meeting.

Classes: There will be classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker, cruising and multi-hull boats.

Further divisions, based on number of entries, may be made at the Race Committee's discretion.

Cruising class will be defined as follows:

1. no boat specifically designed for racing allowed
2. only dacron sails. no spinnakers
3. powered winches allowed
4. two of four additional requirements must be met:
 - a. windlass or pulpit mounted anchor
 - b. dodger/bimini in place
 - c. youngest sail 5 years old or older
 - d. bottom paint 3 years old or older

Schedule: Saturday, May20:

The **skippers' meeting** will be held at Northwest Creek Marina at **0900**.

The first **warning signal** is scheduled for **1055**.

There will be a cash bar social at the Tiki Bar at the Oriental Marina with **awards presented** at **1730** on the lawn by the Tiki Bar.

Sailing Instructions: Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers' meeting and online at regattanetwork.

Course: One race is scheduled. The start will be set in the vicinity of Northwest Creek marker #1. The finish will be near Oriental marker #1.

Scoring: The race will be a pursuit start using PHRF time on distance handicapping. All boats other than the spinnaker class boats and multi-hulls declaring a spinnaker will receive a 15 second 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 winner, the first boat to finish, 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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