



2022 Neuse River Regatta Notice Of Race

October 1, 2022 (incl. A1 & A2)

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club (FHYC), with the assistance of Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) and the Neuse Yacht Racing Association (NYRA), is the Organizing Authority for the event.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as changed by the following and/or the Sailing Instructions:
 - 1.1.1 The US Sailing prescriptions to the RRS will apply
 - 1.1.2 The current NC - PHRF Regulations.
 - 1.1.3 The current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Near Shore events.
 - 1.1.4 Rule 26 is changed (see NoR 4)

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The race is open to boats holding a current NC-PHRF Rating Certificate. For rating information visit www.ncphrf.com.
- 2.2 Racing will be conducted for Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Cruising boats.
 - 2.2.1 The following criteria applies to Cruising boats:
 - (a) only Dacron sails are permitted;
 - (b) powered winches are permitted;
 - (c) boats must not have been specifically designed for racing;
 - (d) at least two of the following conditions are true:
 - i. the boat has a windlass or pulpit mounted anchor;
 - ii. a dodger or bimini is in place;
 - iii. the newest sail is at least 5 years old;
 - iv. bottom paint is at least 3 years old.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter on Regatta Network <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25329> by 1800 September 24, 2022.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Entry fee for racing is \$10.00 and is to be paid online.
- 3.2 Tickets for the Saturday evening dinner are available at \$20.00 per person, which may be paid online. Dinner tickets are also available by placing your check payable to FHYC with the notation "Neuse River Regatta" in the FHYC box next to the mailbox at 905 Spar Ct, New Bern, NC 28560 no later than Saturday, September 24 at 6 pm.

4 RACING FORMAT

- 4.1 Rule 26 will apply to the first start only. This changes rule 26.
- 4.2 Races will be conducted using pursuit starts wherein a boat's handicap is applied pre-race. This also changes rule 26.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 There will be a skipper's meeting at 0930 at BSC.
- 5.2 One race is scheduled the first signal for which will be at 1055 on Saturday, October 1, 2022.
- 5.3 There will be a social and dinner after the racing at Blackbeard Sailing Club, 1215 Barkentine Drive, New Bern 28560 at 1700. The dinner will go on even if racing is cancelled.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing instructions will be the Standard Sailing Instructions as published as Appendix S of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 6.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be emailed to all Registrants within 7 days of their registration.
- 6.3 Scratch sheets showing entrants, the course to be sailed and boat starting times will be emailed to all entrants by 2100, on Sept 30.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted on the Neuse River in the area between Northwest Creek N1, Neuse River 11, and Neuse River 26.
- 7.3 For a complimentary (2-night) slip at BSC, contact Ron Leo docks@ronleo.com 252-665-0572

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be as defined in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The scratch sheets will set out start times for each possible course.
- 8.3 The marks of the course will be government marks on the Neuse River but may also include a mark, designated W, to weather of the start line.
- 8.4 The length of the course will be determined by the expected conditions.

9 PROTESTS & PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 The rules of Appendix V apply with the following changes:
 - 9.1.1 The second sentence of V1 does not apply.
 - 9.1.2 V2(b) is changed to a 20% Scoring Penalty.
- 9.2 The rules of Appendix T apply with the following change:
 - 9.2.1 T1(b) is changed to a 20% Scoring Penalty.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 A boat's score will be determined by their finish place.
- 10.2 If a race is shortened, boats' scores will be determined by the lowest corrected time, calculated by multiplying each boat's elapsed time by $650/(550+PHRF)$.

11 COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 The "Official Notice Board" will be emails sent to all registrants.
- 11.2 The race committee will monitor and broadcast on VHF Channel 78A.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 There will be an award for the top 3 finishers in each class.
- 12.2 There will be an award for the first boat to finish.
- 12.3 The first FHYC boat to finish will be awarded the Wilkerson Cup.
- 12.4 Other prizes may be given by the Organizing Authority.

13 SAFETY CONDITIONS

- 13.1 Racing will be abandoned if, at the time of the start, sustained winds exceed 20 knots over a one minute period.
- 13.2 If at 1000 on the day of the race thunderstorms are expected between 1100 and 1400, racing may be abandoned.

14 INSURANCE & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 Each participating boat must be insured with a valid third-party liability policy.
- 14.2 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 race.
- 14.3 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper, who shall ensure that the boat is entirely sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For questions or further information please contact Barb Robinson, Commodore FHYP, Neuse River Regatta Chair, (715-781-7737) or ribaldness@gmail.com.