

Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club
“2023 Spring Racing Series”
 March 25 thru June 17, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority (OA): Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club
 30 Yacht Club Drive, Beaufort, SC

1	RULES
1.1	The event is governed by the rules as defined in <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing</i> .
1.2	Life jacket and shoes are required for each sailor and coach boat crew member. Juniors (17 and under) are required to wear US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices from the time they leave the dock until they return, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. All other competitors shall comply with RRS 40.
1.3	All coach and support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the helmsman at all times while the engine is running.
2	SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2.1	The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available after 1200, March 20, 2023 on the website: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25934 . Additionally, they will be available on the BYSC Official Notice Board located on the clubhouse riverside porch and during onsite check-in.
3	COMMUNICATION
3.1	All support and coach vessels shall carry and monitor a working VHF radio capable of communicating on standard channels.
4	ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
4.1	The event is open to all one-design dinghy boats 20’ or less, catboats with a minimum LOA of 15’, and Keelboats. BYSC members and non-members are invited.

4.2	The Race Committee reserves the right to combine dinghy classes. Combined dinghy classes will start together and may be scored using the North American Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system. Keelboats will race with catboats if fewer than 3 keelboats are in attendance.																																																
4.3	Eligible boats are required to enter by completing the online Registration Form and Waiver at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25934 Payment is accepted on Regatta Network only and must be paid prior to joining the series. <u>All competitors are advised to register in advance.</u>																																																
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6.1	<p>Racing dates and First Warning times for the Fall Series are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="528 1480 1190 2047"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th></th> <th>Cat/Keel</th> <th>Dinghy</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mar 25</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>1:00pm</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr 1</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>1:00pm</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr 8</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>1:00pm</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr 15</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>1:00pm</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr 22</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>1:00pm</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 29</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>1:00pm</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 13*</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>1:00pm</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 20</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>1:00pm</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 3</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>1:00pm</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 10*</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>1:00pm</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 17</td> <td>SAT</td> <td>1:00pm</td> <td>2:00pm</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Subject to change due to potential conflicts with other events.</p>			Cat/Keel	Dinghy	Mar 25	SAT	1:00pm	2:00pm	Apr 1	SAT	1:00pm	2:00pm	Apr 8	SAT	1:00pm	2:00pm	Apr 15	SAT	1:00pm	2:00pm	Apr 22	SAT	1:00pm	2:00pm	April 29	SAT	1:00pm	2:00pm	May 13*	SAT	1:00pm	2:00pm	May 20	SAT	1:00pm	2:00pm	June 3	SAT	1:00pm	2:00pm	June 10*	SAT	1:00pm	2:00pm	June 17	SAT	1:00pm	2:00pm
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	Races may be cancelled due to weather or lack of participation. All efforts will be made to inform sailors in advance of any schedule revisions.
6.2	All participants will have a skippers meeting on Saturday, March 25 at noon to review the Sailing Instructions. All skippers are urged to attend whether or not you plan to race that day. Catboat/Keelboat skippers will have a meeting at noon of each race day to set the course for the day .
6.3	No warning signal will be made for dinghies after 1630.
7	VENUE
7.1	The dinghy venue is the Beaufort River bounded on the north by the Beaufort Memorial Hospital and on the south by the McTeer Bridge. The catboat/keelboat venue is the Beaufort River bounded by downtown Beaufort and marker G39.
8	THE COURSES
8.1	The courses to be sailed will be shown on Attachment B of the Sailing Instructions.
9	PENALTY SYSTEM
9.1	RRS Rule 44.3 does not apply.
10	SCORING
10.1	Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series for each class.
10.2	RRS Rule A5.3 shall apply. "Coming to the starting area" means sailing to the area of the starting line.

10.3	<p>A boat that does not finish, but was still competing, within the Sailing Instructions (SI) time limit for that race shall be scored DNF, and shall be scored one more than the number of boats finishing that race. This modifies Rule A5.2.</p> <p>For dinghies the Rule A5.2 first sentence shall be modified to read “.....one more than the number of boats entered in the <u>race</u>.” This does not change Rule A2.2.</p>
10.4	<p>For dinghies the Rule A4 Low Point System will apply less excludable scores as described here. Throw outs for races completed: none if fewer than 6 races; starting at 6 races there will be one throw out per 3 races. This modifies rule A2.</p> <p>Catboats and keelboats will be scored by their finish position, with the days finish positions averaged if more than one race is held. Finish positions will be adjusted by elapsed time and class rating. Throw outs for catboat and keelboat days of racing completed: none if fewer than 4 days, one if 4 days are completed and a total of two if 7 or more days are completed.</p>
10.5	<p>The North American Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system may be used for boats where the 3 boat class minimum is not met. The Low Point System as outlined in Paragraph 10.4 will apply for scoring purposes. A description of the Portsmouth System is in Attachment A.</p>
10.6	<p>Competitors serving on the race committee will receive credit for the races missed, and will be scored an average of all her series races sailed, less throw outs.</p>
11	SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS
11.1	<p>Mark and Safety Boats shall be marked with the US Sailing RC flag for ease of identification and safety purposes.</p>
11.2	<p>All support vessels are required to monitor the course channel on a VHF radio and be ready to assist with safety when requested.</p>

12	RISK STATEMENT
12.1	RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
12.2	Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, 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 series.
13	PRIZES
13.1	Prizes will be awarded based on the number of boats of each class sailing 50% or more of the races, as follows: 1st place for two boats; 1st & 2nd places for four boats; 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for 5 or more boats.
14	FURTHER INFORMATION
14.1	<p>For further information contact:</p> <p>Read Clarke –Fleet Captain readclarke@gmail.com</p> <p>Noah Kipar – BCSB Sailing Director sailingdirector@beaufortsailing.com</p> <p>Richard Beesley - Racing Committee Chairman & PRO beesley.richard@gmail.com</p> <p>Paul Kowalski - BYSC General Manager gm@byscnet.com 843.522.8216</p> <p>Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club 30 Yacht Club Drive Beaufort, SC 29907 843.522.8216</p>