



Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club

“2024 Spring Racing Series”

Catboats: Saturdays, March 16th through June 8, 2024

Dinghies: Sundays, March 17th thru June 2, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

2/5/2024

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	Each sailor and coach boat crew member are required to have life jackets and shoes on board. Juniors (17 and under) must wear US Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices from when 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 while the engine is running.
2	SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2.1	The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available after 1200, March 10, 2024, on the website: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27559 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, coach vessels, keelboats, and catboats 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. Keelboats will race with catboats if at most three keelboats are in attendance.
4.3	Eligible boats must enter by completing the online Registration Form and Waiver at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27559 . Payment is accepted on Regatta Network only and must be paid before joining the series. <u>All competitors are advised to register in advance.</u>
4.4	Juniors (17 and under), including crew, if any, are required to have a parent or legal guardian fill out and sign the waiver portion of the registration form.
4.5	<p>The Jr. Sailing Director will assign sail numbers before the start of the first race of the series to <u>all</u> boats registered without sail numbers.</p> <p>Junior and senior dinghy sailors are not permitted to change sail numbers during the series unless they are changing classes or have a defective sail. The Sailing Director and the PRO must be notified of any number changes before the start of any day's races.</p> <p>All boats must have numbers on both sides of their sails.</p>
5	FEES
5.1	The entry fee for both series, or a portion thereof, is \$35 for adult skippers or \$25 for juniors, which will be due at registration on Regatta Network. All competitors are advised to register in advance so that the Race Committee can staff accordingly.

6	SCHEDULE
6.1	<p>Racing dates and First Warning times for the Spring Series are:</p> <p><i>Catboats:</i> Saturdays, March 16 through June 8, <i>except</i> March 23 & April 27th; First warning 1pm.</p> <p><i>Dinghies:</i> Sundays, March 17 through June 2, <i>except</i> March 31, April 21, and May 26th; First warning 2pm.</p> <p>Races may be cancelled due to weather or lack of participation. All efforts will be made to inform sailors before any schedule revisions.</p>
6.2	<p>Dinghy sailors will have a skippers meeting on <i>Sunday, March 17</i>, at noon to review the Sailing Instructions. All skippers are urged to attend whether or not you plan to race that day.</p> <p>Catboat/Keelboat skippers will meet at noon on <i>each race day</i> to set the course for the day.</p>
6.3	No warning signal will be made for dinghies after 1600.
7	VENUE
7.1	<p>The Dinghy venue is the Beaufort River, bounded north by the Beaufort Memorial Hospital and south by the McTeer Bridge.</p> <p>The Catboat/keelboat venue is the Beaufort River, bounded by downtown Beaufort and marker G39.</p>
8	THE COURSES
8.1	The sailing courses will be shown in Attachment B of the Sailing Instructions.
9	PENALTY SYSTEM
9.1	RRS Rule 44.3 does not apply.
10	SCORING
10.1	<p><i>Six races</i> must be completed to constitute a series for each class.</p> <p>Skippers must sail five or more race days to receive a final score in the series. This Modifies RSS A2.2</p>
10.2	RRS Rule A5.3 shall apply. “Coming to the starting area” means sailing to the area of the starting line.

<p>10.3</p>	<p>If a sailboat cannot complete a race within the designated time limit specified in the Sailing Instructions (SI) for that particular race, it will be scored as DNF (Did Not Finish). All boats scored DNF, DNS, DSQ, OCS, and NSC will receive a score of one more than the number of boats that <i>started</i> the race.</p> <p>It is important to note that this rule modifies Rule A5.2. The first sentence of Rule A5.2 shall be modified to read "one more than the number of boats <i>starting</i> that race." This does not change Rule A2.2.</p> <p>Boats that receive DNC "Not Coming to the starting area" will be awarded two points more than the boats that actually start the race. This rule modifies Rule A5.2.</p>
<p>10.4</p>	<p>The Rule A4 Low Point System, less excludable scores described here, will apply to dinghies. There will be one throw-out after the first six races completed and one throw out for every three races completed thereafter. This modification will change rule A2</p> <p>Catboats and keelboats will be scored by their finish position, with the day's 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 four days, one if four days are completed, and a total of two if seven or more days are completed.</p>
<p>10.5</p>	<p>Sailors racing in SAYRA Junior Grand Prix events shall not be scored for any BYSC races missed while exclusively representing BYSC at SAYRA events. Throw-outs will be calculated based on the number of BYSC races sailed.</p>
<p>10.6</p>	<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, minus throw-outs.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS</p>
<p>11.1</p>	<p>Mark and Safety Boats shall be marked with the US Sailing RC flag for easy identification and safety purposes.</p>
<p>11.2</p>	<p>All support vessels must 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, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, before, 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: 1st place for two boats; 1st and 2nd places for four boats; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for five or more boats. Boats sailing in SAYRA Junior Grand Prix events shall be required to sail in 50% or more of the races available after excluding race days when participating in the SAYRA events.
14	FURTHER INFORMATION
14.1	For further information contact: Read Clarke –Fleet Captain & Primary PRO readclarke@gmail.com Noah Kipar – BCSB Sailing Director sailingdirector@beaufortsailing.com Richard Beesley - Racing Committee Chairman beesley.richard@gmail.com Paul Kowalski - BYSC General Manager gm@byscnet.com 843.522.8216