



**Neuse Yacht Racing Association
Commodore's Regatta 2024**

NOTICE OF RACE

The Neuse Yacht Racing Association (NYRA) is the Organizing Authority for this regatta.

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing; the prescriptions of USSailing; the N.C. Wildlife Commission; and U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations.
- 1.2. The Navigator (formerly Cruising) Fleet entrants must adhere to the "Rules Governing Cruising Fleet Boats for ICRC Races (see Attachment 1)
- 1.3. RRS 26 is changed for the Navigator Fleet starts.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T - Arbitration applies.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix V - Alternative Penalties, Section V1 applies.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. The regatta is open to sailboats 21 feet or longer LOA with a current NC PHRF rating certificate.
- 2.2. NC PHRF rating certificates may be obtained at www.ncphrf.com. Completed and signed Applications must be received no later than 1 week prior to the regatta. A provisional/temporary PHRF certificate may be issued dependent upon sufficient warning prior to the start of the regatta.

3. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION:

- 3.1. Anticipated fleets are Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Navigator Class.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by registering online at NYRA's Regatta Network page for this event. <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27618>

4. FEES:

- 4.1. Fees for competing and social event are described on the Registration Form attached hereto.
- 4.2. Members of US Sailing receive a \$5 discount, and NYRA members receive a \$5 discount.

5. SCHEDULE:

Saturday February 17

0900 - Competitor's meeting at Blackbeard Sailing Club

1055 – First signal for racing

1800 – Shore Party and Annual Awards Ceremony at *Confluence at the Double Tree (Lawson Room)*.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event page on Regatta Network by or before 1200 Friday, February 16th.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. Courses to be sailed will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. All courses will be sailed on the Neuse River southerly of Duck Creek and in the general vicinity of Broad and Northwest Creeks.
- 7.2. Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker fleets will sail either Windward/Leeward or Triangle courses.
- 7.3. The Navigator will sail a medium distance race with a modified pursuit start
- 7.4. Dependent on the number of entrants and differences in ratings, the Navigator Class may be divided into rating bands, each of which will have its own start.
- 7.5. All starts and finishes will be recorded by the Race Committee

8. SCORING AND HANDICAPS:

- 8.1. The Low Point System as described in Appendix A of the RRS will be used for scoring.
- 8.2. Corrected scores will be determined using time-on-time calculation.
- 8.3. Class splits for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes will be dependent upon entries. There will be no class splits in the Navigator Fleet.
- 8.4 One completed race will constitute the regatta.

9. PRIZES:

- 9.1. Prizes for the regatta will be awarded based on number of entries in each class and fleet.
- 9.3 2023-24 Winter Series awards, together with Boat of the Year, Crew of the Year, and Sportsman of the Year awards will be presented at the Commodores Regatta Dinner on February 17, 2024.

10. SAFETY CONDITIONS AND ABANDONMENT:

- 10.1. Racing may be canceled or abandoned at the discretion of the PRO at any time prior to or during racing.
- 10.2. Notice of any cancelation prior to race day will be sent to all registered skippers via email as soon as the determination has been made.

11. INSURANCE, SAFETY & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

- 11.1. Each participating boat must be insured with an adequate valid third-party liability policy.
- 11.2. 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 error, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increases 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. DOCKAGE:

The OA will attempt to find local dockage for any boats wishing to travel from other areas to sail in this regatta. Contact the board at if interested.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION:

For questions or further information, please contact neuseyachtracing@gmail.com

ATTACHMENT “A”
RULES GOVERNING NAVIGATOR CLASS RACES

NYRA recognizes the need to make accommodation for boat owners who may not wish to maintain their boat at the performance level implied by a standard NC-PHRF certificate. These boats are welcome to race in Navigator Class. Therefore, the following guidelines are issued for those boats.

1. No boats specifically designed for racing are allowed.
2. Only Dacron sails are allowed. No spinnakers are allowed.
3. Powered winches are allowed.
4. Each boat shall have a current NC-PHRF rating certificate.
5. Two of the four following additional Cruising Class requirements will be met, based on the statements of the boat owner at the time of registration.
 - a. Windlass or pulpit mounted anchor
 - b. Dodger/Bimini in place
 - c. The youngest sail to be 5 years old or older
 - d. Bottom paint 3 years old or older

REGISTRATION 2024 NYRA COMMODORE'S REGATTA

Register online - link may be found at <https://www.nyra.org>(under the "Race Registration" tab)

Registration fee \$30.00 _____

Late Fee (after 1930 on February 15th) \$15.00 _____

Discount for members of US Sailing – *Member Number* _____ (-\$5.00) _____

Discount for members of NYRA (-\$5.00) _____

Donation to the Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association \$ _____

Meal tickets at Confluence at the DoubleTree (Lawson Room)

(\$40x. _____) for NYRA members \$ _____

(\$45 x _____) for Non NYRA members. \$ _____

If paying by check, please Make check payable to NYRA

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Skipper _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Boat Make _____ Length _____ PHRF Rating _____

Sail Number (*required*) _____ Boat Name _____

Spinnaker _____ Non-spinnaker _____ Navigator _____ Multi-Hull _____

Register online at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/TBD>

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. Each competitor is responsible for any and all liability claims which may result from their participation and shall be adequately self-insured or covered by third party insurance. 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 each day's racing. Each entrant accepts the fact that 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.