



**Neuse Yacht Racing Association
2024 NYRA Invitational Regatta**

March 23-24

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 and the prescriptions of USSailing; the N.C. Wildlife Commission; and USCG Required Equipment for Recreational Vessels.
- 1.2 The Navigator Fleet entrants must adhere to the "Restrictions Governing Navigator Fleet Boats for NYRA Races" (see Attachment A.)
- 1.3 RRS 26 is changed for the Navigator Fleet and for all boats on Sunday.
- 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. Dependent on sufficient notice prior to the start of the regatta, a temporary NC-PHRF certificate may be available.

3 ENTRY

- 3.1 Anticipated fleets are Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Navigator.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter online at NYRA's Regatta Network page for this event
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27710>

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee for all classes is \$45.00. A late fee of \$15.00 is added to entries submitted after 1930 on March 21, 2024.
- 4.2 Members of US Sailing receive a \$5 discount, and NYRA members receive a \$5 discount.
- 4.3 Shore Party tickets may be purchased for \$20 each while registering or separately online by clicking this link [2024 NYRA Invitational Regatta - Purchase Shore Party Tickets](#).

5 SCHEDULE

Saturday March 23

0900 Competitor's meeting on the deck at Blackbeard Sailing Club

1055 First signal

1730 Shore Party – details TBA

Sunday March 24

1055 First signal

Awards as soon as practical after racing

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event page on Regatta Network by or before 1200 March 22, 2024.

7 COURSES

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

8 SCORING AND CLASS SPLITS

- 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 fleets 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 will be awarded based on number of competitors in each class and fleet.
- 9.2 This regatta is the first event of the 2024 NYRA Boat of the Year competition.

10 CANCELTION 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 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 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 DOCKAGE

The OA will attempt to find local dockage for any boats wishing to travel from other areas. Contact neuseyachtracing@gmail.com if interested.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

ATTACHMENT A

Restrictions Governing the Navigator Fleet for NYRA 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 the Navigator Fleet providing they comply with the following:

- a. Boats specifically designed for racing are not eligible.
- b. Boats are to sail with Dacron sails only, and without use of spinnakers.
- c. Powered winches may be used without penalty.
- d. A NC-PHRF rating, or provisional NC-PHRF rating, is required for all boats.
- e. Two of the four following additional Navigator Fleet requirements must be met:
 - i. Windlass or pulpit mounted anchor is in place.
 - ii. Dodger and/or bimini, if any, is in place.
 - iii. The youngest sail used is at least 5 years old.
 - iv. Bottom paint is at least 3 years old.