



2024 BYSC Spring Invitational **Regatta**

May 18-19, 2024

Organizing Authority: The Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club (BYSC)

NOTICE OF RACE 3.22.24

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.
- 1.2 The 2024 VX One Southeast Championship Series Notice of Race applies to this event.
- 1.3 Life jacket and shoes are required for each sailor. Shoes shall be worn while launching or retrieving your boat due to oyster shells.
- 1.4 All boats shall have bow numbers.
- 1.5 All boats shall give way to commercial traffic, such as: barges, law enforcement.
- 1.6 ICW 242 (across from the club) shall not be passed toward western shore.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 2.1 The event is open to all VX One sailboats.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration for the regatta as well as reservations for all guest meals, prior to the cutoff date/time of Saturday, May 18, 2024, 9:00am, at:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27909> or at byscnet.com (which will connect you to Regatta Network).
- 2.3 Registrations are not complete until paid for on Regatta Network.

3. FEES

- 3.1 Adults: \$150 per boat for payment made by May 5, 2024. A \$25 late fee will be charged for payments made after that date.
- 3.2 Guests will become temporary members of BYSC upon registration.
- 3.3 Continental breakfast will be provided each morning.
- 3.4 Steak dinner on Saturday night. Two (2) dinners are included in registration. Additional dinners are available at \$25 each and may be reserved and purchased on Regatta Network. No meals will be available for purchase onsite.
- 3.5 Lunches are on your own.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Friday, May 17, 2024.
 - 6:00pm. Racing packets available.
 - 6:00pm. You are welcome to attend the BYSC Sunset Friday social time.
- 4.2 Saturday, May 18, 2024
 - 9:00am. Competitor's Meeting.
 - 11:00am. Warning for 1st race. Other races to follow.
 - No warning signal will be given after 4:00pm.
 - 6:00pm. Attitude adjustment.
 - 7:00 pm. Steak dinner.
- 4.3 Sunday, May 19, 2024
 - 10:00am. Warning for 1st race. Other races to follow.
 - No warning signal will be given after 2:00pm.

5. SCORING:

- 5.1 The number of races to be sailed depends on weather conditions and time availability.
- 5.2 One race completed will constitute a regatta.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Will be available prior to May 12, 2024 on Regatta Network, in your race package and on the BYSC Official Notice Board.

7. RACING AREAS AND COURSES: There are three areas that may be used for racing depending on wind conditions and time availability. A copy of an appropriate chart will be provided in your race package.

- 7.1 Ft. Fremont area. Approximately 7 nm south of BYSC near the junction of the Beaufort River and the Broad River at the ocean. Tows will be provided if necessary. All boats must have an appropriate tow line on board.
- 7.2 The Sands. Approximately 3 nm south of BYSC at the junction of the Beaufort River and Battery Creek.
- 7.3 BYSC. Starting/finishing in the Beaufort River in front of BYSC.
- 7.4 Courses will be described in more detail in the Sailing Instructions.

8. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at Their Own risk. See *RRS Rule 4. Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

9. **AWARDS.** Awards will be presented to the top three (3) boats in the final standings.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

10. RAMP LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVING FOR ROAD TRAILERS

- 10.1 Safe launching for road trailers is usually 3 hrs before or after high tide.
10.2 Launching from the jib boom on the dock is available any time after 9am on Sat. and 8am on Sun. Sailors are advised to bring their own bridles.

10.3 Tides for Beaufort/BYSC:

- Saturday: **High tide at 6:05am and 6:46pm. Low tide is 12:11pm.** This means that if you plan on **ramp** launching you should consider **launching before 9:00am on Sat.** or Fri, night and docking overnight. Retrieving on the ramp Sat. will be ok.
- Sunday: **High tide is at 6:54am. Low tide is at 12:54pm.** Safe launching at ramp with vehicle would be **before 10:00am and retrieving after 4:00pm.**
- Jib boom launching is not affected by the low tide.

10.4 Tides for Ft. Fremont area near Port Royal Sound.

- Saturday: **High tide at 5:15am and 5:56pm. Low tide is 11:37am.**
- **Sunday: N/A**

11. VHF RADIOS

- 11.1 VHF radios are mandatory for safety communication as well as other information from the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
11.2 Except in an emergency a competitor shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. No other electronic communication devices are allowed.

12. CLUB AMENITIES.

- 12.1 The pool and tennis/pickleball courts are open to regatta guests during regular club hours.
- 12.2 Limited electrical hookups are available upon request. A bathhouse (with showers) near the pool is available.
- 12.3 **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED ON THE CLUB GROUNDS.**
- 12.4 Camping is available on club grounds but please check in with the General Manager for preplanned camping locations.
- 12.5 BYSC members have offered to provide lodging in their homes to entrants and their immediate families. Please contact John Potter at the Regatta Chairman information below.
- 12.5 Most hotel chains are represented in the Beaufort area.

13. DIRECTIONS TO BYSC.

- 13.1 From the north: follow Rt 21 south, follow Bus. 21 through downtown Beaufort and over the Wood's swing bridge. Take the first right onto Meridian Rd. In approximately 1 mile turn right on Yacht Club Drive.
- 13.2 From the south: follow SC 170 over the Broad River Bridge and in ¼ mile turn right onto SC 128. In two miles at the first stoplight turn right onto Rt. 21. Go to the third stoplight with Hardees', CVS, Advance Auto Parts, gas station on the corners. Turn right and proceed over the McTeer Bridge. In ½ mile turn left onto Meridian Dr. In approximately 1 mile turn left onto Yacht Club Drive.

14. CONTACTS.

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