



**Neuse Yacht Racing Association  
2025 Invitational Regatta**

March 22-23

**NOTICE OF RACE**

The Neuse Yacht Racing Association (NYRA) is the Organizing Authority for this regatta. Blackbeard Sailing Club is the host venue.

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing; the prescriptions of US Sailing; the NC Wildlife Commission; and US Coast Guard 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.
- 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](http://www.ncphrf.com). Completed and signed applications must be received no later than one week prior to the regatta. A temporary PHRF rating may be issued dependent upon sufficient notice prior to the start of the regatta.

**3. ENTRY**

- 3.1 Anticipated fleets are Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Navigator.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at NYRA's Regatta Network page for this event <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29410>.

**4. FEES**

- 4.1 The entry fee for all fleets is \$45.00. A late fee of \$15.00 is added to entries submitted or paid after 2200 on March 17, 2025. Registration closes at 2200 on March 20, 2025.
- 4.2 Members of US Sailing receive a \$5.00 discount, and NYRA members receive a \$5.00 discount.
- 4.3 Saturday evening Shore Party tickets may be purchased for \$20.00 each while registering or separately online by clicking the link below.  
**[2025 NYRA Invitational - Purchase Shore Party Tickets](#)**.

## **5. SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday March 22**

- 0900 Competitors' meeting on the deck at Blackbeard Sailing Club
- 1055 First signal
- 1530 No races will be started after this time
- 1730 Shore Party at Blackbeard Sailing Club

### **Sunday March 23**

- 0955 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 21, 2025.

## **7. COURSES**

- 7.1 Courses to be sailed will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. All courses will be 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 on Saturday and a single medium distance race on Sunday.
- 7.3 The Navigator fleet will sail a single 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 for Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker fleets will be determined using time-on-time calculation.
- 8.3 Corrected scores for the Navigator fleet will be determined using time-on-distance calculation.
- 8.4 Class splits for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker fleets will be dependent upon entries.
- 8.5 There will be no class splits in the Navigator Fleet.
- 8.6 One completed race will constitute the regatta.

## **9. PRIZES**

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded based on the number of competitors in each class and fleet.
- 9.2 This regatta is the first event of the 2025 NYRA Boat of the Year competition.

## **10. CANCELTION OR 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 and posted on the event website 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. Contact [neuseyachtracing@gmail.com](mailto:neuseyachtracing@gmail.com) if interested.

## **13. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For questions or further information, please contact [neuseyachtracing@gmail.com](mailto:neuseyachtracing@gmail.com).

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Restrictions Governing Navigator Fleet Boats 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 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.