



2025 Harkers Island Regatta

Notice of Race

July 19, 2025

Organizing Authority-Oriental Dinghy Club



Set sail on an exciting **10-mile Sunfish race** around a beautiful island!

Your registration is 100% tax-deductible thanks to the Pamlico Coastal Activities Council, a **501(c)(3) nonprofit organization**.

Eligibility	<u>Sunfish and SOL class sailboats</u> : <u>All experienced sailors</u> are welcome. <u>Beater class</u> : Experienced sailors with an older Sunfish, older sail, wooden dagger board and wooden rudder may elect to compete in the Beater class, which will be scored separately for special awards. <u>All boats</u> must display a unique identifying number on their sail. Sailors will be required to sign a Release, Waiver and Retention of Rights Agreement. <u>Sailors under the age of 18 will require a parent’s or legal guardian’s signature.</u>			
Venue	East end of Harkers Island (Shell Point) at the Cape Lookout National Park Headquarters launching area. Directions are below.			
Registration and Fees	Registration is on RegattaNetwork.com. Saturday registration fee includes racing, chart, hat, awards, safety boats, and a display of the regatta drone video and pictures during the dinner. Rates are based on skipper age on race day. See below what is included with Dinner.			
		Adult Skipper	Youth Skipper (10-18 yr)	After July 10th
	Saturday Race	\$65 per boat,	\$45 per boat,	\$75 / \$55
	Saturday Dinner	\$30 per person	\$15 per person	
<u>FRIDAY</u>				
Practice Sail 12:30 PM	On-water safety coverage does not start until Saturday, but I encourage all new sailors to this event to participate in a casual practice sail around the island led by local sailors. If you’d like to join, be on the water at the National Park launching area and ready to sail <u>prior to 12:00 PM</u> . A casual dinner will be served afterwards at a location and time that will be shared that day.			
<u>SATURDAY</u>				
Check-In 9:30-11:00	Sailors need to check-in on Saturday from 9:30 to 11:00 at 1729 Island Road, Harkers Island (George Evans’ house). A laminated navigation chart, and a cap will be provided.			
Skipper’s Meeting 11:45	A skipper’s meeting will be held at the park service picnic shelter area at Shell Point.			
Racing 1:30 PM	The warning signal will sound at roughly 1:30PM. The start and finish line will be in the vicinity of Shell Point. The start will be between the race committee boat and a mark, then and sail through a gate of two marks. The finish line will be between the committee boat and a mark (color and shape to be announced in Sailing Instructions and at Skipper’s Meeting).			

Appetizers & Dinner 5:30 PM	<p>Sailors and their friends and family are invited to the fabulous Saturday dinner starting around 5:30pm at 112 East Drive, Harkers Island, NC 28531. Dinner includes appetizers, an entree, drinks (Dark & Stormys, beer, wine, and nonalcoholic beverages), and dessert (including a rum cake competition). Please register before July 15th. The later you register, the more likely we'll run out of what you want.</p> <p>Entertainment includes screening of race videos and photos, including the traditional spectacular drone videos (weather permitting).</p>
Awards	<p>An engraved perpetual trophy will be awarded to the Sunfish and Sol first-place finishers. Based on participation awards will also be given to the top 3 finishers in the racing class, and age ranges, top finisher in the beater class, top female, top youth (under age 19), and the winning rum cake chef.</p>
<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>	
Rules	<p>The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028)</p>
Safety	<p><u>Sailors must wear water shoes and PFDs</u></p> <p>Sailors are reminded to review the Inland Rules of the Road governing navigation in restricted waters. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the National Park grounds or launching area.</p>
Parking & Unloading	<p>Sailors should off-load Sunfish and gear onto the lawn near the registration table. Due to restricted parking space, please move vehicles (and trailers too large to fit onto the lawn) to the museum parking lot across Island Road as soon as possible to allow others access.</p>
Shoreside Activities	<p>The launching site has a lawn with shaded picnic tables. Bathrooms are available near the picnic tables and at the Waterfowl Museum across the street. Bring a kite to fly, game to play or visit the Waterfowl Museum. Ferry service is available to visit the lighthouse at Cape Lookout National Seashore.</p>
Camping & Lodging	<p><u>Tent camping</u> is available on Harkers Island on the MOBYC grounds (1729 Island Road, a few houses up from the National Park launching site) and at the Harkers Island Sailing Club (1272 Island Road, with Sunfish beach launching area off Sunset Lane). The grounds will be open for campers starting Friday morning.</p> <p><u>Lodging</u>: On-island rental rooms and houses are available from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose's Vacation Rentals (252) 728-2868 www.rosesvacationrentals.com • Spectrum Rental Properties (252) 652-2473 https://www.spectrumproperties.com/harkers-island/ (formerly Mangum Rentals) • VBRO www.vrbo.com • Seaside Apartments (252) 241-9229 <p>We suggest you make reservations early.</p>
RV Hookups	<p>RV hook-ups are available at Rose's Rentals www.rosesvacationrentals.com (252) 728-2868.</p>
Directions	<p>From the Beaufort area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow Rt. 70 east to Harkers Island Road (gas station on right hand side, no traffic light, but there are signs). • Turn right and follow Harkers Island Road over the new bridge onto Harkers Island (Harkers Island Road becomes Island Road once you are on the island). • Follow Island Road almost to its end. • The National Park launching area is on the right-hand side. • The Waterfowl Museum (officially the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center) is directly across the street at 1785 Island Rd.
Contacts	<p><u>Prior to the regatta</u>: Sailharkers@gmail.com</p> <p><u>During the regatta</u>: Sonya Dean 919-271-9899, Alex Dean 919-271-9899 or Paul Welles 252-670-8267</p>

