



Blackbeard Regatta

Notice of Race

May 17-18, 2025

Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC), New Bern, NC is the Organizing Authority (OA) and venue host for the regatta.

**This regatta is a fundraiser for the
Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association (ETYSA)**

We encourage inviting an ETYSA youth sailor to join your crew for this event.
Contact etysacamp@gmail.com.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the NC Wildlife Commission, and the Safety Regulations of the US Coast Guard.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T - Arbitration applies.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix V - Alternative Penalties, Section V1 applies.
- 1.4 The Navigator Fleet entrants must adhere to the "Restrictions Governing Navigator Fleet Boats" (see Attachment A.)
- 1.5 RRS 26 is changed for the Navigator Fleet.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all sailboats holding a current NC-PHRF certificate.
- 2.2 NC-PHRF rating certificates may be obtained at www.ncphrf.com. Completed and signed applications must be received no later than one week prior to the regatta. A temporary NC-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. Depending on the number of entries, classes may be divided based on rating.

- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter online at [2025 Blackbeard Regatta - Enter Online](#) by **2200 on Sunday, May 11, 2025**. Late entries may be accepted until 2200 on Thursday, May 15, 2025 for an additional fee.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee for all classes is \$75.00, with a \$5.00 discount for US Sailing Members. A late fee of \$25.00 is added to entries submitted after 2200 on Sunday, May 11, 2025.
- 4.2 One entry fee includes one ticket for Saturday evening dinner. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased at the time of registration at a cost of \$15.00 each or separately online at [2025 Blackbeard Regatta - Purchase Meal Tickets](#).

5 SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 17, 2025

0900: Continental Breakfast at BSC clubhouse.

0930: Competitors' meeting on the deck at BSC.

1125: First signal for first race. More races for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes to follow as conditions permit.

1530: No races will be started after this time.

1800: Dinner at BSC clubhouse, BYOB.

Sunday, May 18, 2025

0955: First signal for first race. More races for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes to follow as conditions permit.

1230: No races will be started after this time.

Awards ceremony as soon as practicable after racing at the BSC clubhouse.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be posted online at [2025 Blackbeard Regatta - Event Documents](#) no later than 2000 Friday, May 16, 2025 and on the courtesy notice board located on the windows facing the deck at Blackbeard Sailing Club by 0830 on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Courses for Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker classes will be Windward/Leeward or Triangle around set marks to be defined in the sailing instructions.
- 7.2 The courses for the Navigator fleet will be medium distance around government marks with a "modified pursuit" start to be defined in the sailing instructions.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 Low point scoring as described in Appendix A of the RRS applies.
- 8.2 Corrected times will be determined using time-on-time calculation.
- 8.3 If 5 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 8.4 One completed race will constitute the regatta.

9 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on number of entries in each class and for overall in each fleet.

10 INSURANCE, SAFETY & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1 Each participating boat must be insured with an adequate valid third-party liability policy.
- 10.2 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

11 BERTHING

A limited number of slips may be available for overnight dockage. Please contact Paul Mills for more information (315) 369-8555 or paulmillsemail@gmail.com.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Committee chairs: Joan Wilson sail_kitty@hotmail.com or (610) 357-7476
Ed Thompson edthompson2@comcast.net or (609) 685-4732

Accommodations: Limited camping is available at Blackbeard Sailing Club on a first come, first served basis.

Camping may also be available at KOA/New Bern (252) 638-2556 or click [KOA Campgrounds - RV, Cabin, and Tent Camping on the Neuse River](#).

Rentals of condos nearby may be available through Vacation Resorts International at (252) 633-1151. There may also be hotels and B&Bs available in New Bern.

ATTACHMENT A

RULES GOVERNING NAVIGATOR FLEET BOATS FOR BSC RACES

Blackbeard Sailing Club 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 the 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.