



NYRA ParrotHead Regatta

Notice of Race

July 19, 2025



NYRA Neuse Yacht Racing Association, New Bern, NC is the Organizing Authority (OA) and host for the regatta.

This regatta is a fun, low-cost event that sails from the Neuse River near Blackbeard Sailing Club to the marina in Oriental, NC. We encourage inviting other NYRA members and sailors. Non-members are ENCOURAGED to sign up to be a NYRA member to attend this event at [NYRA Membership](#)

1 Rules:

1.1 The events will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the NC-PHRF Regulations, and the rules of the NC Wildlife Commission and the US Coast Guard.

2 Eligibility:

- 2.1 Anyone who would like to race is welcome to registration online through NYRA's Regatta Network site: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28443>, or find the link at: www.nyra.org
- 2.2 Boats without a current NC PHRF rating are encouraged to apply for one at link (<http://www.ncphrf.com>); PHRF ratings are handicaps which allow boats of different sizes and speeds to sail against each other; The NC PHRF committee can assign a handicap for your boat.
- 2.3 If you don't want to register with NC PHRF, the Race Committee will assign a rating based on best guess!

3 Fees:

3.1 There is no entry fee. (Donations are accepted, and membership in NYRA is encouraged to help us build sailing on the Neuse!)

4. Classes:

- 4.1 Anticipated classes are Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Multi-hull.
- 4.2 Two or more boats will constitute a class.
- 4.3 Regardless of class, boats will start in descending order of their PHRF ratings, (a "Pursuit start.") with the slowest boats starting first.

5 Schedule:

0930 Competitor's Meeting at Blackbeard Sailing Club
1055 First Start sequence begins (First, slowest boat scheduled to start at 11:00)
1800-ish Dock Party and Awards - Public Town Docks

6 Sailing Instructions:

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available online at the event website: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29843>

7 Course:

On the Neuse River, starting near Marker#17 (across from Fairfield Harbour and Blackbeard Sailing Club), leaving #8 to port, then #1AC to port, and finishing at 1SC (formerly Oriental #1)

8 Scoring:

- 8.1 Based on their PHRF time-on-distance rating, each boat will be given a start.
- 8.2 The order of finish will be the order of placement.

9 Awards:

- 9.1 Boats that finish first in their class will win a “fun” prize.

10 INSURANCE, SAFETY & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1 Each 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 to race is hers alone.’ By participating in these events 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 errors, 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.’

11 Further Information:

- 11.1 The Town of Oriental is offering Parrothead racers limited, free limited reserved dockage at the towndocks.com .
- 11.2 Space is available first come, first served.
- 11.3 NO RAFTING IS ALLOWED - SHRIMP IS IN SEASON, AND RAFTING CAN RESULT IN BOATERS GETTING BLOCKED IN BY TRAWLERS.
- 11.4 No power or water at the Town Docks, but slips and rooms may be available at the Oriental Marina and Inn (<https://orientalmarina.com/reservations/>) with amenities like electricity for A/C

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