

2025 THISTLE SOUTHEAST CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

June 21 – 22, 2025



Blackbeard Sailing Club
1215 Barkentine Drive
New Bern, NC



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: The 2025 Thistle Southeast Championship Regatta is organized by the Carolina Sailing Club and the Blackbeard Sailing Club in conjunction with Thistle Fleet 155. This is a Thistle Blue Chevron event.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix V Alternative Penalties will apply.
- 1.3 [NP] Use of Life Jackets (unless made mandatory by display of the Y flag) is encouraged.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI) will be available after 1800 on June 15th at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29844>. Participants are asked to print a copy of the SI before arriving.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The race committee may communicate safety, OCS boats, and general information to assist in the management of the event via VHF radio.
- 3.2 Except in an emergency, retirement, or notification of a protest, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive data or voice communication that is not available to all boats. VHF radio channel 72 will be utilized.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to all Thistle Class boats with dues paid.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required entry fee online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29844> by 1600 on June 20th.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$80 per boat, \$5 discount for all US Sailing Members. A \$15 late fee will apply to all registrants after midnight on June 17th.
- 5.2 A catered Italian dinner is available Saturday night at a fee of \$25 per plate. This is **not** included in the registration fee and must be ordered separately. Please pre-order your dinners on the storefront of the Regatta Network event site
- 5.3 Registration for skippers 25 years or younger is free.

6 SCHEDULE

- Saturday 6/21/2025 Boats Setup 0800 – 1200.
 - 1100 – Competitors Meeting
 - 1200 – Launch boats
 - 1300 – First Warning signal
 - 1730 – No warning signal will be made after 1730
- Sunday 6/22/2025
 - 0830 – Launch boats
 - 0930 – First Warning signal
 - 1230 – No warning signal will be made after 1230

VENUE

7.1 The regatta location is Blackbeard Sailing Club at 1215 Barkentine Drive, New Bern, NC 29560.

7.2 The racing area will be on the Neuse River, in the vicinity of markers 17, 19, 1N and 2, near Upper Broad Creek, or in Upper Broad Creek.

8 COURSES

A windward/leeward course will be used and will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

9 SCORING

9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

9.2 Up to five races may be sailed.

9.3 A boat's regatta score shall be the total of all of her race scores.

10 RISK STATEMENT

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 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 PRIZES

Prizes will be given.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DIRECTIONS TO THE BLACKBEARD SAILING CLUB:

Blackbeard Sailing Club
1215 Barkentine Drive, New Bern, NC (located in Fairfield Harbour)

Website: <https://www.blackbeardsailingclub.org/>

Blackbeard Sailing Club is located within the southeast side of the gated Fairfield Harbour community. From New Bern, or Highway 70, take Highway 55 East toward Oriental. Turn right at the Broad Creek Road stoplight and continue for approximately 5.5 miles to the Fairfield Harbour entrance gate on the left. Turn right onto Coral Reef Drive and then left onto Barkentine Drive. Gate codes will be provided under additional documents closer to the date of the regatta.

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, info@newbernkoa.com.

Local Condo Rentals may be available for rental from Resort Management Group- Condo rentals in Fairfield Harbour 252-638-8011 <http://www.ncrmg.com>

There are also hotels and B&Bs available in New Bern.