



The Neuse Yacht Racing Association
presents the 33rd Annual Labor Day Race



The Johnson Lexus Cup Regatta

August 31, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

The Neuse Yacht Racing Association (NYRA) is the Organizing Authority for this event.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing; the prescriptions of USSailing; the N.C. Wildlife Commission; and U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T - Arbitration applies.
- 1.3 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. Completed and signed Applications must be received no later than 1 week prior to the regatta.
- 2.3 Upon sufficient notice prior to the start of the race, a provisional/temporary NC-PHRF rating may be issued.

3. ENTRY

Eligible Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker boats may enter online at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30043>

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee for all classes is \$40.00. A late fee of \$5.00 is added to entries submitted after 1930 on August 25. Entries close Friday August 30 at 2300.
- 4.2 Current Members of US Sailing, or FHYC, or NYRA or BSC receive a \$5 discount.
- 4.3 Sunday evening Shore Party tickets at the Riverfront Convention Center may be purchased for \$22 per person during race registration, or independently through the Event Storefront:

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Saturday - there is a feeder race from New Bern to Oriental on August 30, organized by the Fairfield Harbor Yacht Club - the 41st Oar Race Regatta - information and registration may be found here: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29986>
- 5.2 Sunday -
 - 0900 Competitor's meeting on the deck at the *Oriental Harbor Marina and Inn*.
 - 1055 First signal
 - 1730 Shore Party begins – See NoR 14 SOCIAL.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website on Regatta Network by or before 1200 Aug 30 2025.

7. COURSE

- 7.1 The Course will be defined in the Sailing Instructions..
- 7.2 Course to be sailed by all boats will be approximately 22 miles on the Neuse River between Oriental and Neuse River Government Markers 17 and 19 (across the river from Blackbeard Sailing Club and Fairfield Harbour); In the event weather necessitates a significant postponement, the start location may be moved upriver to affect a shortened course and new start times will be announced via VHF 78A.

8. FORMAT, CLASSES AND SCORING

- 8.1 The race format will be a Pursuit Start using PHRF Time-on-Distance ratings. Each boat will be given a specific start time at the Competitors Meeting.
- 8.2 Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Fleets may be split into classes dependent upon the number of entries.
- 8.3 The order of finishing shall be the order of placement, subject to resolution of protests.

9. AWARDS

Awards will be based on the number of entries in each class or fleet.

10 SAFETY CONDITIONS AND ABANDONMENT

- 10.1 Racing may be canceled or abandoned at the discretion of the RO 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 as soon as the determination has been made.

12 INSURANCE, SAFETY & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Each boat must be insured with an adequate valid third-party liability policy.
- 12.2 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 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.

13 DOCKAGE

For those traveling from other areas to sail in this regatta and the FHYC's Oar Race, the Organizing Authority will endeavor to locate complimentary dockage on Friday night prior to the Oar Race.

14 SOCIAL

At the **New Bern Farmer's Market** catered by Hark's Soul Food:

Happy Hour at 5:30 pm - Appetizers and Cash Bar -Edible Art - Beautiful Display of Assorted Fruits

Dinner Buffet at 6 pm

Shrimp and fish tacos

The trimmings-cilantro,lime tomato,onions lettuce, cabbage slaw
2 salsas 1-Avacado based 1-Red salsa (Rojo)
Cold black bean avocado & corn salad
Dessert-Blueberry and Lemon Churro Bars

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For questions or further information, please contact NYRA at:
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