

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Oktoberfest Regatta
September 27-28, 2025
Chatham Sailing Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS — latest version and included amendments).
- 1.4 Racing rule 42.3(h) will be changed as follows to 42.3(i) which states
"Sailing instructions may, in stated circumstances, permit propulsion using an engine or any other method, provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race."

2. ENTRIES

Competitors may enter through the regatta network, event number _____
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30322>
Payment of \$95 can be made online or via cash or check on the day of the race, before the 1st gun.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1 Dates of Racing

Dates	27 September 2024	Racing at 1100
Dates	28 September 2024	Racing at 10:00
Classes A (Spinnaker & J24) & Class B (Non-Spinnaker and Cruising)		

3.2 Number of Races

Class	Number
A	5
B	5

Minimum of 1 races over 1 day must be completed to consist of a regatta.

- 3.3 Scheduled time of warning signal is 1055 on Saturday and 9:55 on Sunday September 28-29. The last race shall begin before 1500 on Saturday and 1400 on Sunday.

4. CLASS FLAGS

Class A should display a Yellow Flag
Class B should display a Green Flag
One Design – if at least 3 boats register in a single design, we will consider another class with separate scoring and start.

5. RACING AREAS

Primarily in the Wilmington River and perhaps into the Wassaw Sound depending on wind direction and speed.

6. THE COURSES

6.1 The courses will be laid out to take best advantage of wind and location. Hopefully 2 days of windward and leeward legs.

6.2 Courses will be announced via VHF Channel 71 and indicated on a notice board on the committee boat.

7. MARKS – STARTING AND FINISH LINES

7.1 The courses will consist of a start line and windward/leeward marks. The start line will consist of the committee boat on the right displaying an orange start line flag and a yellow barrel mark on the left end of the start line. Windward mark will be a yellow tetrahedron. Leeward mark will be an orange tetrahedron (possible substitution of a government aid to navigation). All marks are rounded to port. All government aids to navigation must be adhered to unless they are specified as rounding marks for a course.

7.2 The start line is OPEN after the start of each race until the beginning of the next one.

7.3 The finish line will be the start line.

8. THE START

8.1 Races will be started by using the RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

8.2 All boats intending to race should check in by passing by the stern of the committee boat and announcing their sail number.

8.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for the other races.

8.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

9. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

9.1 If course changes are made they will be done in such a way as to not affect any vessel already on the leg of the course being changed. In the event of a change, there will be an announcement on VHF 71, and a mark boat will be on station at the last turn before the change to make sure each boat skipper is aware.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM - The Scoring Penalty, per the RRS.

11. PROTESTS

We hope that any protests can be settled on the water by the parties involved.

If an external judgement is required, protests shall be delivered to the Primary Race Officer via text (563-505-6521) within 30 minutes after the end of races. She will call the involved parties by telephone to hear complaints.

12. SCORING

12.1 The scoring will be the low point system.

12.2 One total race must be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races.

(b) When 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. TRASH DISPOSAL

Any boat observed littering the river will be marked DSQ for 1 race.

14. PRIZES

1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize gifts will be given out each to Class A and B and single design (J24).

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.