



NOTICE OF RACE

Neuse Yacht Racing Association Winter Series 2025-2026

(Including the **Halloween Regatta**)

The Neuse Yacht Racing Association (NYRA) is the Organizing Authority for this Series.
The series is hosted by Blackbeard Sailing Club with all races held downriver from New Bern.

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, including safety regulations from the N.C. Wildlife Commission and U.S. Coast Guard.
- 1.2. The Navigator Class entrants must adhere to the "Rules Governing Navigator Boats for Winter Series Races" (see Attachment A)
- 1.3. RRS 26 is changed for the Navigator Fleet starts
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T - Arbitration applies
- 1.5. RRS Appendix V - Alternative Penalties, Section V1 applies

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. The regatta is open to sailboats 20 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. Pending sufficient warning, a provisional / temporary PHRF certificate may be issued by the race committee prior to the start of the series.

3. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION:

- 3.1. Anticipated fleets are Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Navigator
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter online at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30453>
- 3.3. Competitors can register only for the initial race, the **Halloween Regatta**, or the entire series.



4. FEES:

- 4.1. Registration fees for all 7 Winter Series race days is only \$175 for all classes, and includes admission to the socials (with dinner and limited beverages) after each event for all crew and their guests. After October 26, a \$15 Late Registration Fee is added to the series cost.
- 4.2. Registration fee for the **Halloween Regatta** only is \$45
- 4.3. Members of US Sailing receive a \$5 discount, and NYRA members receive a \$5 discount.

5. RACING SCHEDULE AND COMPETITORS MEETING:

5.1. Seven Regular Race Days are scheduled for the NYRA Winter Series:

Race #	Date	Social Location (specific directions will be provided prior to the event)
Day 1	Saturday, November 1, 2025 Halloween Regatta	Eddy & Jennifer Parker's Riverfront RV park
Day 2	Saturday, November 15, 2025	Jenny Hamilton & Jeff Thomas
Day 3	Saturday, December 6, 2025 (NYRA Annual Meeting)	Joan Wilson
Day 4	Saturday, December 20, 2025	Bill & Tinka Talbert
Day 5	Saturday, January 10, 2026	Stephanie & Chris Davies
Day 6	Saturday, January 24, 2026	Brewery 99
Day 7	Saturday, February 7, 2026	Deb & Paul Mills

5.2. The First Signal for each race day will be at 10:55 am.

5.3. The only competitors' meeting for the series will be held prior to the Halloween Regatta on Nov. 1 at 9:00am at Blackbeard Sailing Club.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event page on Regatta Network prior to the first race of the series.

7. COURSES, STARTING AND FINISHING

- 7.1. Courses, starting and finishing will be defined in the Sailing Instructions
- 7.2. Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker fleets will sail either a Windward/Leeward or Triangle course.
- 7.3. The Navigator Fleet will sail a medium distance race with modified pursuit starts except for the last scheduled race day, on which they will all start on one line with the same start time.
- 7.4. Depending on the number of entrants and differences in ratings, the Navigator Fleet may be divided into rating bands, each of which will have its own start.
- 7.5. All starts and finishes will be recorded by the Race Committee

8. SCORING AND HANDICAPS:

- 8.1. The Low Point System as described in Appendix A of the RRS will be used for scoring.
- 8.2. Appendix A2 is modified as follows: if fewer than 5 races have been completed all scores will be included; if 5 or more races are completed the worst score will be excluded; if 9 or more races are completed the worst 2 scores will be excluded.
- 8.3. Appendix A 5.3 will be used to score the series.
- 8.4. Corrected scores will be determined using time-on-time calculation.
- 8.5. The PHRF class splits for the Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker fleets may be as follows:
A=<120 ; B=123>/<195; and C=>195.
- 8.6. There will be no class splits in the Navigator Fleet
- 8.7. One completed race will constitute the series

9. PRIZES:

- 9.1. Prizes will be awarded based on number of entries in each class and fleet.
- 9.2. Individual awards for the Halloween Regatta will be presented at the social following the race.
- 9.3. Winter Series awards will be presented at the Commodores Ball on February 21, 2026.

10. SAFETY CONDITIONS AND ABANDONMENT:

- 10.1. The RO for this series will be determined by the organizing authority prior to each Race Day.
- 10.2. Racing will be automatically canceled if the forecast found on Ventusky Weather (<https://www.ventusky.com/>) at noon on the day prior to racing predicts the Perceived Temperature for New Bern to be at or below 35 degrees at the scheduled start time of racing. Racing will also be automatically cancelled when the sustained wind speed as measured by the RO is above 25 knots prior to the start of a race.
- 10.3. Racing may also be canceled at the discretion of the RO at any time prior to, or during racing (including earlier than the noon decision on the day prior).
- 10.4. Notice of any cancelation will be posted on the NYRA website and sent to all registered skippers via email as soon as the determination is made.

11. INSURANCE, SAFETY & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

- 11.1. Each participating boat must be insured with an adequate valid third-party liability policy.
- 11.2. 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.

12. DOCKAGE:

The OA will attempt to find local dockage for any boats wishing to travel from other areas to sail for the Winter Series. Contact the board at NeuseYachtRacing@gmail.com if interested.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION:

For questions or further information, please contact NeuseYachtRacing@gmail.com

ATTACHMENT “A”

RULES GOVERNING NAVIGATOR FLEET BOATS FOR WINTER SERIES RACES

Recognizing 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, NYRA welcomes these boats to race in NAVIGATOR FLEET. The following guidelines are issued for those boats wishing to compete in this category.

1. No boats specifically designed for racing are allowed.
2. Only Dacron sails are allowed. No spinnakers are allowed.
3. Powered winches are allowed.
4. A NC-PHRF rating, or provisional PHRF rating, is required. all boats
5. Two of the four following additional Navigator Class requirements will be met, based on the statements of the boat owner at the time of registration.
 - a. Windlass or pulpit mounted anchor is present.
 - b. Dodger/Bimini is in place.
 - c. The youngest sail used is 5 years old or older
 - d. Bottom paint is 3 years old or older