



Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club
2026 Wilkerson Cup - April 12
NOTICE OF RACE

The Neuse Yacht Racing Association (NYRA) is the Organizing Authority for the regatta.
Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) is the host venue.

1 RULES

- 1.1** The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); rules of the NC Wildlife Commission; and US Coast Guard safety regulations.
- 1.2** The Navigator Fleet entrants must adhere to the “Rules Governing Navigator Fleet Boats” (see Attachment A.)
- 1.3** Rule 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.
- 1.6** Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”.

2 SAFETY CONDITIONS AND ABANDONMENT

- 2.1** Racing may be canceled or abandoned at the discretion of the Race Committee at any time prior to or during racing.
- 2.2** Notice of any cancellation prior to race day will be sent to all registered skippers via email as soon as the determination has been made.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event page on Regatta Network by or before 1200 on Friday, April 10, 2026.

4 COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1** Communications with competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on Regatta Network: [2026 WilkersonCup- Notices to Competitors](#).
- 4.2** While on the water the Race Committee will monitor and attempt to broadcast on VHF Channel 78A.

5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1** The regatta is open to sailboats 20 feet or longer LOA with a current NC PHRF rating.
- 5.2** NC PHRF rating certificates may be obtained at www.ncphrf.com. Completed and signed applications must be received no later than one week prior to the regatta. A provisional/temporary PHRF rating may be issued dependent upon sufficient warning prior to the start of the regatta.

6 ENTRY

- 6.1** Anticipated fleets are Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Navigator.
- 6.2** Eligible boats may enter by registering online at NYRA's Regatta Network page for this event: [2026 Wilkerson Cup - Entry 30786](#).

7 FEES

- 7.1** Fees for competing and social events are described on the Entry Form attached hereto.
- 7.2** FHYC, BSC, and US Sailing members receive a \$5 discount.

8 SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 12, 2026

- 0900** Competitors' meeting at the BSC clubhouse.
- 1155** First signal for racing; no races to be started after **1500**.
- 1700** Shore Party (Pot Luck) and Awards at Red Sail Park.
Not unlimited Beer and Wine provided.

9 COURSES

- 9.1** Courses to be sailed will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. All courses will be sailed on the Neuse River in the general vicinity of Upper Broad and Northwest Creeks.
- 9.2** Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker fleets will sail either Windward/Leeward or Triangle courses.
- 9.3** The Navigator fleet will sail a single medium distance race with a modified pursuit start.
- 9.4** Dependent 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.

10 SCORING

- 10.1** The Low Point System as described in Appendix A of the RRS will be used for scoring.
- 10.2** Corrected scores will be determined using time-on-distance calculations.
- 10.3** Class splits for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker fleets will be dependent upon entries. There will be no class splits in the Navigator fleet.

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: 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 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.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded based on number of entries in each class and fleet.

12.2 First Navigator boat to finish will be awarded the Wilkerson Cup..

13 DOCKAGE

The OA will attempt to find local dockage for any boats wishing to travel from other areas to sail in this regatta. Contact Leigh Hart at DOL123@mac.com if interested.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For questions or further information, please contact DOL123@mac.com

Attachment 1

Rules Governing Navigator Fleet Boats

NYRA recognizes 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 rating certificate. These boats are welcome to race in Navigator Class with the following guidelines:

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 certificate, or provisional/temporary NC-PHRF rating, is required.
5. Two of the four following additional requirements must be met, based on the statements of the boat owner at the time of registration.
 - a. Windlass or pulpit mounted anchor is in place.
 - b. Dodger/Bimini is in place,
 - c. Youngest sail used is 5 years old or older.
 - d. Bottom paint is 3 years old or older.

ENTRY 2026 WILKERSON CUP

Register online - link may be found at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30786>
(under the "Race Registration" tab)

Registration fee \$30.00 _____

Late Fee (after 1930 on April 10th) \$15.00 _____

Discount for members of FHYC, BSC or US Sailing – *Member Number* _____ (-\$5.00) _____
(only one discount allowed)

Donation to the Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association \$. _____

If paying by check, please Make check payable to FHYC Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Skipper _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Boat Make _____ Length _____ PHRF Rating _____

Sail Number (*required*) _____ Boat Name _____

Spinnaker _____ Non-spinnaker _____ Navigator _____ Multi-Hull _____

Register online at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/TBA>

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. Each competitor is responsible for any and all liability claims which may result from their participation and shall be adequately self-insured or covered by third party insurance. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after each day's racing. Each entrant accepts the fact that the safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper, who shall ensure that the boat is entirely sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

