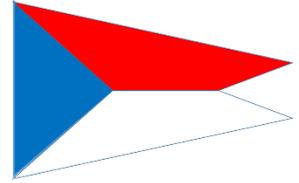




2026 Bottoms Up Regatta and Carolinas District Championship



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Carolina Sailing Club
Host: Thistle Fleet 155

Vista Point at Jordan Lake State Recreation Area
April 25th - 26th, 2026

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 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.**
- 1.4 **Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1600 on April 22nd on the Regatta Network event site: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31186>. Skippers are asked to print a copy of the SI before arriving.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be on the signal vessel trailer at the Vista Point parking area.
- 3.2 The race committee may communicate safety, OCS boats, and general information to assist in the management of the event via VHF radio. 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, together with the required entry fee, here: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31186> by 1000 April 25th.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$50 per boat, \$5 discount for all US Sailing Members. A \$15 late fee will apply to all registrants after midnight on April 19th. A Pig Picking Dinner is available Saturday night at a fee of \$15 per person (vegetarian options will be available). Please pre-order your dinners on the

storefront of the Regatta Network event site.

5.2 All skippers 25 years or younger sail for free but will have to purchase meals.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Friday 4/24/2026

- If you plan to arrive on Friday and need a place to store your boat, contact Howard Mendlovitz
- ***Boats cannot be stored mast-up at Vista Point on Friday night***

6.2 Saturday 4/25/2026

- 0800 – Vista Point gates open
- 1100 – Competitors Meeting
- 1200 – Launch boats
- 1300 – First Warning signal

6.3 Sunday 4/26/2026

- 0800 – Vista Point gates open
- 0930 – First Warning signal
- 1230 – No warning signal will be made after 1230

7. VENUE

Jordan Lake Vista Point – 2498 N Pea Ridge Rd, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Once you go through the gate, follow the road all the way until the end. NOR Attachment One (1) shows the parking and racing areas.

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 5 races may be sailed.

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

9.4 Scoring will be provided for all registered boats for the Bottoms Up Regatta and for boats registered in the Carolinas District for the District Championship.

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 awarded.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact regatta chairperson Howard Mendlovitz (mendlovitz@unc.edu, 919-210-9644)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At Vista Point

- Note that this is a Clean Regatta. Please bring a reusable cup and refillable water bottle
- There is a \$10 per vehicle per day entrance fee at Vista Point.
- Once your boat is launched, please sail away from the dock as quickly as possible to clear the ramps for other boats as dock space is limited.

After Racing

- There will be a social and dinner Saturday night at Crosswinds Boating Center on Jordan Lake. The address of Crosswinds Boating Center is 565 Farrington Road, Apex, NC 27523-8063
- There are showers at Vista Point

Housing

- Local fleet will do our best to house as many people as possible. Please indicate in the registration process if you are interested in housing.
- Camping
 - Camping reservations can be made at this site:
<https://www.ncparks.gov/state-parks/jordan-lake-state-recreation-area/camping>
- Area Hotels
 - Courtyard Chapel Hill, 100 Marriott Way, Chapel Hill, NC (919) 883-0700
 - Comfort Inn, 1411 E Williams St, Apex, NC (919) 387-4600
 - Hampton Inn & Suites Chapel Hill/Carrboro 370 E Main St, Carrboro, NC (919) 969-6988
 - Candlewood Suites Apex Raleigh Area 1005 Marco Dr, Apex, NC (919) 387-8595

Attachment 1 – Sailing Area

