

2023 OKTOBERFEST REGATTA



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NOTICE OF RACE

Current as of: August 31, 2023

The Chatham Sailing Club Race Committee shares the same passion that all the local racers have for a fun and competitive Regatta. We will be hosting our annual event again this year over the last weekend of September out in the Wilmington River/Wassaw Sound. We plan a 2-day regatta with an outdoor banquet on Saturday evening.

Dates – September 22-24, 2023

Registration and updates will be posted on Regatta Network:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27028>

Schedule –

- Friday September 22, in-person registration and t-shirt pickup/purchase at the Chatham Sailing Clubhouse, Young's Marina from 7-9pm. Also, Skipper's meeting via Zoom to discuss race conditions and planned start location. Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants.
- Saturday September 23, first race start 1100 (11 a.m.), looking to complete 2-3 races by 1700
- Saturday September 23, 6pm – Evening Oktoberfest-themed banquet at Chatham Sailing Clubhouse, Young's Marina.
- Sunday September 24, first race start 1100 (11 a.m.), looking to complete 2-3 races by 1700
- Sunday September 24 – 6pm – Awards and race follow-up at Chatham Sailing Clubhouse, Young's Marina.

The Organizing Authority (OA) of the 2023 Oktoberfest Regatta is the Chatham Sailing Club Race Committee. The OA will have the authority to interpret the conditions governing the event; the right to determine the eligibility of any boat/class/rating; removal for safety violation; final ruling on rule interpretation; make changes when needed.

Safety - Please make sure all boats are safe and adhering to local, state, and Coast Guard regulations. Safety First!

1. Rules - The race will be governed by the current *rules*, as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, except as modified herein or by the Sailing Instructions.
 - 1.1 Racing rules changed as follows: Rule 42.3(h) if this rule comes into play Rule 42.3(i) can be implemented. This change will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
2. Eligibility and Entry - The regatta is open to all self-righting boats greater than 19'. Registration will be via regattanetwork.com
3. Classification - all boats will be grouped into either Spinnaker (A), Non-Spinnaker (B) or Cruising class (C). If at least 3 J-24s register, there will also be a separate class for them.
4. Fees - Entry fee per boat is \$95, which includes one commemorative t-shirt and one ticket to the dinner. Additional t-shirts and dinner tickets can be paid for in person at the club.
5. Sailing Instructions - The Sailing Instructions will be available after September 15, 2023 on our website chathamssailing.org, and via the regatta network site.
6. Penalty System - Sail a safe, fun, and honest race. If you error, do your turns. If a competitor believes you have erred, do your turns.
7. Scoring – PHRF Time-on-time corrections will apply. Low point scoring system. If at least 5 races are completed, there will be 1 throwout allowed.
8. Radio Communication - must have an operable vhf radio onboard – tune to channel 71.
9. Prizes - prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruising classes, (and J-24, if enough register).
10. Disclaimer of Liability - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.
11. Insurance - please have some for your sake and the sake of others.
12. Further Information - contact the Race Committee OA at edowens@mindspring.com