



## 2023 Neuse River Regatta

### Notice of Race

October 7, 2023

### In Memory of Georgie Jackson and Dave Whitney

Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC), Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club (FHYC), and Neuse Yacht Racing Association (NYRA) is the Organizing Authority for the event.

#### 1 RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as changed by the following and/or the Sailing Instructions:

- 1.1 The US Sailing prescriptions to the RRS will apply.
- 1.2 The current NC - PHRF Regulations.
- 1.3 The current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Near Shore events.
- 1.4 Rule 26 is changed (see NoR 4.)

#### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The race is open to boats holding a current NC-PHRF Rating Certificate or having obtained a provisional rating from the committee. For rating information visit [www.ncphrf.com](http://www.ncphrf.com) or contact Ed Thompson at 609-685-4732.
- 2.2 Racing will be conducted for spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter on Regatta Network [www.regattanetwork.com/event/27082](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27082) by 1800 on October 6, 2023.

#### 3 FEES

Entry fee is \$10 which includes dinner for skipper, crew, and guests.

#### 4 RACING FORMAT

- 4.1 Rule 26 will apply to the first start only. This changes rule 26.
- 4.2 Races will be conducted using a modified pursuit start wherein boats will be grouped by handicap intervals with ratings applied pre-race. This also changes rule 26.

#### 5 SCHEDULE

- 0930** Skippers' meeting on the deck at BSC.
- 1155** First Signal – one race scheduled.
- 1700** Social on BSC deck.
- 1730** Dinner at BSC clubhouse, BYOB. Dinner will go on even if racing is cancelled.

#### 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on Regatta Network by 2200 on Thursday, October 5, 2023.

## **7 VENUE**

Racing will be conducted on the Neuse River in the area of Northwest Creek N1, Neuse River 11, and Neuse River 26.

## **8 THE COURSE**

- 8.1 The course and start times will be provided at the Skippers' meeting at 0930 on the day of the race.
- 8.2 The marks of the course will be government marks on the Neuse River but may also include a mark, designated W, to weather of the start line.

## **9 PROTESTS & PENALTY SYSTEM**

There will be no protests or scoring penalties. If you break a rule, do your turn.

## **10 SCORING**

Each boat's score will be her corrected time determined using time-on-time and her PHRF or assigned rating.

## **11 COMMUNICATION**

- 11.1 The "Official Notice Board" will be on Regatta Network.
- 11.2 All boats shall monitor VHF Channel 78A and 16.

## **12 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded based on the number of participants.

## **13 SAFETY CONDITIONS**

- 13.1 Racing will be abandoned if, at the time of the start, sustained winds exceed 20 knots over a two-minute period.
- 13.2 If at 1000 on the day of the race thunderstorms are expected between 1100 and 1400, racing may be abandoned.

## **14 INSURANCE & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 14.1 Each participating boat must be insured with a valid third-party liability policy.
- 14.2 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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 the race.
- 14.3 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.

## **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, contact Ed Thompson (609) 685-4732 or [edthompson2@comcast.net](mailto:edthompson2@comcast.net), or Joan Wilson (610) 357-7476 or [sail\\_kitty@hotmail.com](mailto:sail_kitty@hotmail.com).