

Cape Fear Yacht Club for Youth Sailing

2024 Around Oak Island Regatta

DRAFT Notice of Race

October 12, 2024

After a five year hiatus, it is time to test the thickness of those hiking pants and your ability to apply sunscreen in the longest Sunfish regatta in N.C. Oak Island is 14 miles long and one mile wide making for a 28+ mile regatta.

The record time is 4 hours 57 minutes and 25 seconds held by local, Glenn Walker.

The race will begin and end near Safe Harbor Marina promising a gentle start down the ICW before it meets the confluence of the Cape Fear River and sailors turn toward Old Baldy on Bald Head Island. Sailors choosing to hug the coast will pass another lighthouse and two piers before making it through the narrow Lockwood Folly Inlet. The backside of the island provides a relaxing sail under two bridges and **back to the yacht club for cold beverages and awards.**

1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, Sailing Instructions and class rules (**as amended by Sailing Instructions**).
2. The regatta is open to **Sunfish class sailboats**. Sunfish Midget, Juniors, Seniors and Masters will share a common start and be scored together.
3. Trophies will be awarded as follows:
 - A. Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd (will denote division and overall winners where appropriate)
 - B. For each division of the class if
 1. < 3 boats, 1st place
 2. < 6 boats, 1st and 2nd place
 3. 6 or more boats, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies
4. **Registration** will be held at the [Cape Fear Yacht Club](#) on Friday, October 11 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm and Saturday, October 12 from 7:30 to 8:00 am. Advance registration is encouraged and can be completed [online here](#) on RegattaNetwork.com \$80 per boat. \$50 for junior skippers under the age of 19. Registration includes racing, chart, T-shirt, awards. Participants must register by September 15th to receive a t-shirt.
5. Warning Signal for the race will be at 9:00 am.
6. Racers will be "finished in place" if they have not crossed the finish line by 5 pm.
7. All boats must display a unique identifying number on their sail.
8. Sailors will be required to sign a Release, Waiver and Retention of Rights Agreement. Sailors under the age of 18 will require a parent's or legal guardian's signature.
9. Venue Events will take place at the Cape Fear Yacht Club. Launching of Sunfish will be done at the N.C. Wildlife Ramp on Fish Factory Road and off the beach Dutchman's Creek Park.
10. On-water safety coverage does not start until Saturday.
11. Rain date is Sunday October 13th with first signal at 9:00 am.

FRIDAY "Pre-Game"

5:30 - 8:30 Check In at Cape Fear Yacht Club - receive T-shirt, laminated chart, sailing instructions. Enjoy cold beverages, heavy appetizers and let the trash talking begin!

SATURDAY “RACE DAY”

7:30-8:00 Late Check-In at Cape Fear Yacht Club

8:00 Skipper’s Meeting at Beach/Dutchman’s Creek Park

9:00 Warning Signal - The warning signal will sound at roughly 9 am. The start and finish line will be in the vicinity of Safe Harbor Marina. A laminated navigation chart will be provided at registration.

The start time is set approximately 1 hour before low tide (Southport end of island). High tide is at 4:22 pm (Southport). Sailors must circumnavigate the island clockwise.