



Notice of Race - 2024 NYRA Parrothead Regatta

- 1. Rules:** *The Neuse Yacht Racing Association (NYRA)* is the organizing authority, and the race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2. Eligibility and Entry:** Anyone who would like to play is welcome. Registration is online through NYRA's Regatta Network site: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28449>, or find the link at: www.nyra.org Boats without a current NC PHRF rating are encouraged to apply for one (<http://www.ncphrf.com>); PHRF ratings are handicaps which allow boats of different sizes and speeds to sail against each other; The NC PHRF committee can assign a handicap for your boat based on years of data for similar boats racing in North Carolina's conditions. Don't want to register with NC PHRF? No worries, the Race Committee will assign a rating based on our best guess!
- 3. Entry Fee:** The entry fee shall be Free. Free. Free. Free. Free. (Donations are accepted, and membership in NYRA is encouraged to help us build sailing on the Neuse! Join here: https://www.regattanetwork.com/membersgmt/NYRA/membership_registration_start.php.)
- 4. Classes:** Anticipated classes are *Spinnaker (Yes, you may fly the big sail if there is a downwind leg), Non-spinnaker, and Multi-hull*. Two or more boats will constitute a class. All boats regardless of class will start in descending order of their PHRF ratings, a "Pursuit Start.", with the slowest boats starting first, and faster boats then trying to pass them (and shoot them with weapons of water - no trash [i.e. balloons] in the water please!) on the way to Oriental
- 5. Schedule:**

9:30 am	Competitor's Meeting at Blackbeard Sailing Club
10:55 am	First Start sequence begins (First, slowest boat scheduled to start at 11:00)
4:00 pm-ish	Dock Party and Awards - Public Town Docks
- 7. Sailing Instructions:** Sailing Instructions will be available online at the event website: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28449>
- 8. Venue and Course:** On the Neuse River, starting near Marker#17 (across from Fairfield Harbour and Blackbeard Sailing Club), leaving #8 to port, then #1AC to port, and finishing at 1SC (formerly Oriental #1)
- 9. Handicapping and Scoring:** Handicaps will be determined by the PHRF time on distance method, each boat will be given a start time prior to racing. The order of finish will be the order of placement.
- 10. Awards:** Boats that finish first in their class will win a valuable prize.
- 11. Free Dockage:** The Town of Oriental is offering Parrothead racers limited, free dockage at the Town Docks. Space is available first come, first served. NO RAFTING IS ALLOWED - SHRIMP IS IN SEASON, AND RAFTING CAN RESULT IN BOATERS GETTING BLOCKED IN BY TRAWLERS. No power or water at the Town Docks, but slips and rooms may be available at the Oriental Marina and Inn (<https://orientalmarina.com>) with amenities like electricity for A/C - not for free. but very nice.

12 INSURANCE, SAFETY & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Each boat must be insured with an adequate valid third-party liability policy. 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 error, 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,