

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club
NOTICE OF RACE
JOHN WALSH MEMORIAL OAR RACE
New Bern, NC
Sunday, May 20, 2018



Regatta: The 35th John Walsh Memorial Oar Race commemorates the evacuation of Dunkirk, and the perpetual trophy which is kept on display by FHYC, is an oar used during that historic event. The Oar Race is a distance race on the Neuse River, with a social and dinner the same day.

Rules: The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

Eligibility and Entry: Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club is the organizing authority. The race is open to all sailboats with a NC-PHRF or FHYC rating. **Cruising class boats without a rating will be assigned a rating.** Entry is via the form available on the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club website (www.fhyc.org) under "2018 Oar Race," Registrations deadline is midnight Wednesday, May 16

Fees: The registration fee is \$35.00 . This includes 2 dinners, additional dinners \$10 each. Fees are accepted in check payable to FHYC. The cut-off for registration is May 16.

Accommodations: Slips are available in Fairfield Harbour at a cost of \$20/night. Contact Dan Argientieri 252-638-5338 by May 19

Classes: There will be classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker, cruising and multi-hull boats.

Further divisions, based on number of entries, may be made at the Race Committee's discretion.

Cruising class will be defined as follows:

1. no boat specifically designed for racing allowed
2. only dacron sails. no spinnakers
3. powered winches allowed
4. two of four additional requirements must be met:
 - a. windlass or pulpit mounted anchor
 - b. dodger/bimini in place
 - c. youngest sail 5 years old or older
 - d. bottom paint 3 years old or older

Schedule: Sunday, May20:

The **skippers' meeting** will be held at Red Sail Park in Fairfield Harbour at **0900**. For a ride to the Skipper's Meeting, contact Georgie Jackson 637-9781 or jackson.jy@gmail.com

The first **warning signal** is scheduled for **1055**.

The social, Award Ceremony, and dinner will be held at the Robinson residence at 905 Spar Court in Fairfield Harbour.

Sailing Instructions: Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers' meeting and online at FHYC.org and at regattanetwork.com.

Course: One race is scheduled. The start will be a pursuit start with racers time of start based on their PHRF rating and the distance of the course. The planned course will be 20 nm, and the finish will be near the mouths of Broad Creek and Northwest Creek.

Scoring: The race will be a pursuit start using PHRF time on distance handicapping. All boats other than the spinnaker class boats and multi-hulls declaring a spinnaker will receive a 15 second per mile allowance on their handicap. This allowance will be applied by the race committee.

Radio Communication: The race committee will use **VHF channel 78** to advise competitors.

Awards: Awards will be given in each division depending on the number of entries. The overall winner, the first boat to finish, will have its name added to the perpetual trophy and receive a miniature replica.

Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4. 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 regatta.

Insurance: Entry into this regatta certifies the owner of the participating yacht is insured with current third- party liability insurance.

Further Information: Contact Georgie Jackson 637-9781 or jackson.jy@gmail.com

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<http://www.ncphrf.com/>