



## 2023 FHYC HOLIDAY RACE SERIES

### Notice of Race

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club (FHYC) is the Organizing Authority for the Holiday Race Series. This series was established to provide an opportunity for sailors in the area to enjoy friendly competition while celebrating the holidays on the water.

#### 1. RULES

1. 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.
2. The US Sailing prescriptions to the RRS will apply.
3. The current NC-PHRF Regulations
4. The current US Sailing Safety Equipment (USSER) for Near Shore events.
5. Rule 26 is changed (see NoR 4).

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. The race is open to boats holding a current NC-PHRF Rating Certificate. For rating information visit [www.ncphrf.com](http://www.ncphrf.com).
2. Eligible boats may enter by downloading the form on the FHYC website at [www.fhyc.us](http://www.fhyc.us) found under the Racing tab and submitting a completed copy to [r.rubarb@gmail.com](mailto:r.rubarb@gmail.com).
3. All entries will need to have a Liability Waiver on file with FHYC. If you completed an FHYC Waiver in 2022 you need not submit a new one.

#### 3. FEES

1. There is a \$15 after-race party fee for each boat. It can be paid at the party or in advance with a check made out to FHYC and delivered to 905 Spar Court, New Bern NC by mail or put in the FHYC box at that location. The collected fees will be used to cover costs of awards and after party refreshments. Registration for each race should be received no later than 12 noon the Thursday before each race and can be emailed to [r.rubarb@gmail.com](mailto:r.rubarb@gmail.com).

#### 4. RACING FORMAT

1. There are two race classes.

**Navigator Class** – Rule 26 will apply to the first start only. This changes Rule 26. No Spinnakers are allowed in this class. Races will be conducted using a pursuit start wherein a boat's handicap is applied pre-race. Each Navigator class boat is responsible for noting their finish time and reporting to the Committee Boat. An official race will require at least 3 boats starting the race.

**Spinnaker Class** – Will follow the same rules and same procedures as the Navigator Class. The only difference is they will be scored against only other declared Spinnaker class boats. At least 3 boats are needed to start to make this an official class.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

1. The first signal is scheduled for 1300 on each of the race days as follows:

New Year's Day	Sunday January 1, 2023
Valentines Day	Saturday February 11, 2023
St. Patrick's Day	Saturday March 18, 2023
Halloween	Sunday October 21, 2023
Thanksgiving	Saturday November 25, 2023

#### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the FHYC under the RacingTab on the FHYC website ([www.fhyc.us](http://www.fhyc.us)) on or about the Thursday before the race.

#### 7. VENUE

1. Racing will be conducted on the Neuse River southerly of the entrance to Northwest Creek.
2. If current health restrictions allow, an after-race reception will be held at a location to be announced prior to race day.

#### 8. THE COURSES

1. The course to be sailed and each boat's start time will be announced after 1200 on the Friday before each race.
2. The marks of the course will be the government day markers on the Neuse River unless otherwise stated.

#### 9. PROTESTS & PENALTY SYSTEM

1. There will be no formal protest process or hearings. This changes RRS 61.
2. RRS 44 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Term

penalty.

## **10. SCORING**

1. If a race is shortened, a boat's score will be determined by multiplying her rating expressed as a Time-on-Time value (e.g. 650/550+PHRF) by her elapsed time.

## **11. COMMUNICATION**

1. The “Official Notice board” will be emails sent to all entrants.
2. The race committee will monitor and broadcast on VHF Channel 78.
3. Each boat is responsible for recording its finish time and using their VHF radio to report the results to the Committee Boat.

## **12. PRIZES**

1. There will be an Award for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both classes. Awards for 3<sup>rd</sup> place will require a minimum of 5 boats in a class.
2. Other prizes may be given by the Organizing Authority.

## **13. INSURANCE & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

1. Each participating boat must be insured with a valid third-party liability policy.
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.
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.

## **14. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Russ Robinson (715-416-1439) or [r.rubarb@gmail.com](mailto:r.rubarb@gmail.com).