

39th ANNUAL John Walsh Memorial OAR RACE
Saturday, May 21, 2023
Sailing Instructions



Management and Rules: The Oar Race shall be conducted and managed by the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club. It shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, except as altered by these sailing instructions. Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the SI shall take precedence.

Eligibility and Entry: The race is open to all Neuse River sailboats with NC-PHRF or FHYP 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.us/fhyc/) under "racing", and "2023 Walsh Oar Race NOR". No password is needed. Registration fee deadline is **5:00 pm Thursday, May 18**. Boats requiring a rating will be assigned a rating by the Race Committee.

Protests: Notice of the protest must be given to the Race Committee either on VHF Ch78 or by hailing immediately upon finishing. All protests must be presented to the Race Committee in writing within one hour after the Race Committee Boat docks, which will be announced on VHF Ch78. All protests shall be heard on the same day, at a time and place to be announced.

Scoring: The race will be a pursuit start using PHRF time on distance handicapping. Since the handicap will be applied at the start, scoring will be as finished.

Radio Communication: The race committee will use **VHF channel 78** for all race related communications.

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

Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 of "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. The waiver on the registration form must be signed by the skipper.

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

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