



ENSIGN FLEET #19 & SAN JUAN 21 FLEET #8



NOTICE OF RACE

Spring & Fall Series 2026

BlackbeardSailingClub.org

3/14/2026 V3.1

Jointly, Ensign Fleet #19 and San Juan Fleet #8 is the Organizing Authority for the series. Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) is the host venue.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028*, and by the Ensign Class or San Juan 21 Class Rules, except as either are changed herein and/or by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.”
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) applies and is changed to a 20% penalty.
- 1.4. Outboard engines shall be removed from the transom while racing.
- 1.5. Ensigns shall be “wet sailed” during each series.

2. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 All competitors shall be familiar with rule 1.1 Helping Those in Danger and the general means and **methods of rendering assistance**.
- 2.2 The Boat Owner or a designated Owner’s Representative is responsible for the safety of the boat and its crew, as well as the conduct of the crew before, during, and after racing, and compliance with the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

All Ensigns and San Juan 21s are eligible to compete. Skippers may enter either or both series by submitting the entry forms and required fee(s).

4. FEES

The ENTRY fee for each series is \$100.00 for Ensigns and \$50.00 for San Juan to be submitted prior to racing in a series.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Spring Series: Saturdays, Mar 28, Apr 4, 18, 25, May 2, and 9
- 5.2. Fall Series: Saturdays, Sep 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 24, and Nov 7
- 5.3. The first signal will be at 1255 on each race day except for 3/28 which will be at 1455. Three races are intended each day, however, no warning shall be made after 1530.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be posted on the BSC website and emailed to each entrant.

7. **VENUE**

- 7.1. Race headquarters and social events will be at BSC.
- 7.2. The sailing area is the Neuse River and Upper Broad Creek in the general vicinity of BSC.

8. **COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be defined in the sailing instructions.

9. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to “A boat may take a one-turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.”

10. **SCORING**

- 10.1. A minimum of two boats are required to constitute a race.
- 10.2. One completed race shall constitute each series.
- 10.3. Appendix A5.3 shall apply.
- 10.4. Appendix A2.1 is changed as follows:

Scores for each series will be calculated as follows:

<u>Races</u>	<u>Throwouts</u>		<u>Races</u>	<u>Throwouts</u>
01-07	0		14-17	3
08-09	1		18 & up	4
13.	2			

11. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

[DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

12. **PARTIES & AWARDS**

- 12.1. Parties will be held following the last scheduled race of each series. Date and time TBD.
- 12.2. The Boat of the Year Award shall be determined by the sum of the Spring and Fall series scores.
- 12.3. Awards will be presented at the Fall party.
- 12.4. All racers, substitute crew, and RC crew, together with their significant others, are invited.

13. **RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 13.1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “*The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone*”.
- 13.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - i. they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
 - ii. they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and/or omissions;
 - iii. their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - iv. provision by the event organizer of a race management team, mark boats, and other officials and volunteers, does not relieve the competitors of their own responsibilities.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat must be insured with an adequate valid third-party liability policy.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For questions or additional information, contact Blake Sohn, at blakesohn@gmail.com, or at 612-481-9696.

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2026 Ensign Fleet 19 & San Juan 21 Fleet 9 Spring Series Entry Form

Skipper/owner(s) _____

Email _____

Boat name _____ Sail # _____

I (we for jointly owned boats) agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Ensign Class or San Juan 21 Class rules.

WAIVER: As a condition of participation in this series, I assume all risks of accident or loss to myself or my crew while participating in all regatta activities of BSC and release the BSC and those acting on its behalf from any liability arising from participation in this regatta. I recognize that sailing activities can be hazardous under certain circumstances and my participation in BSC sponsored regatta activities is voluntary on my part and I therefore assume all risks of loss or injury when I choose to participate.

Signature: _____ Home phone _____

Address _____

Entry form and fee of \$100.00 for Ensigns and \$50 for San Juans must be received prior to the first Spring race day. Make checks payable to the fleet's captain, Blake Sohn, & send to: Blake Sohn, 6211 Cardinal Dr, New Bern 28560

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Boat name _____ Sail # _____

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Address _____

Entry form and fee of \$100.00 for Ensigns and \$50 for San Juans must be received prior to the first Fall race day. Make checks payable to the fleet's captain, Blake Sohn, & send to: Blake Sohn, 6211 Cardinal Dr, New Bern 28560