



Notice of Race (NOR)

Thirsty Thursday Portsmouth Race Series for Spring and Summer 2026

Location: Blackbeard Sailing Club (New Bern, NC)

Spring Series: 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28,
6/4, 6/11, 6/18

Summer Series: 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3,
9/10, 9/17, 9/24

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (adapted to US sailing Rules 2025-2028), various Class Rules and regulations set for the NC Wildlife Commission and the US Coast Guard
- 1.2 Sections T2, T3, and T4 of RRS Appendix T (“Arbitration”) apply
- 1.3 Section V1 of Appendix V-Alternative Penalties applies. This changes Rule 44.1.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing instructions will be available on the [Blackbeard Sailing Club website](#) prior to the first event in the Spring Series.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 Event is open to all dinghies 20ft and under with a Portsmouth Yardstick Rating (DPN).
- 3.2 Any skipper with an eligible boat may compete in any race within the Series – Spring or Summer – by completing an entry form and waiver, and submitting the completed and signed documents to the RC at the Competitors meeting of the first event of the Series in which the skipper intends to compete; completed entry forms and waivers may also be emailed to the Series co-chairs but must be sent 48 hours prior to the skipper’s first race of the Series
- 3.3 All boats shall be sailed according to their Class Rules with the following exceptions:
 - 3.3.1 The use of non-compliant class sails or “practice” sails may be used;
 - 3.3.2 The use of electronics capable of displaying “distance to line”, “time to line” or similar metrics shall not be used by any boats, regardless of class, unless said boats are disabled or the skipper promises or pinky swears to ignore these inputs

3.4 A skipper may compete in different boats throughout the series provided that each boat meets the eligibility requirements.

4. FEES

4.1 There are no fees for the Series; however, donations to cover the cost of food served may be requested by the Series Chair(s).

4.2 Participants are encouraged to serve on Race Committee one night during the Series.

5. SCHEDULE & RACE TIMES

5.1 The schedules for the Series are:

Spring: 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18

Summer: 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24

5.2 The schedule times for each Series event are:

16:45 – Competitors Meeting and check-in

17:30 – warning signal of 1st race

6. COURSES

6.1 Courses may consist of windward/leeward, triangle, or Olympic configurations

6.2 Courses will be determined by RC on the day of each Series event

6.2 Courses will be set up on Upper Broad Creek in the vicinity of BSC.

7. MARKS

Marks will be temporary drop marks (such as tetrahedrons and balls), government and/or private Aids to Navigation, or a combination thereof.

8. SCORING

8.1 Each event of the Series will act as a stand-alone regatta and will utilize the Low-Point Scoring System as described in RRS Appendix A and using each boat's Portsmouth Handicap Rating (DPN).

8.2 One completed race shall constitute a regatta

8.3 A boat's score each night shall consist of the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1

8.4 Scoring for each Series – Spring and Summer – will be determined using the High Point Scoring System based on finishing position attained by a skipper for each regatta he or she participates in.

8.5 First place points will be awarded to skippers who volunteer for RC, limited to one night in each Series. In the event of a tie (between 2 or more boats), series points awarded for RC service shall not be used to determine the tie-break.

9. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 errors, 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, hypothermia or other causes.

10. Awards

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each Series. The date, time and locale of the awards presentation will be determined prior to the end of each Series and communicated via email to all Series participants.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

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