

Sailboat Racing With FHYC

Sunfish and Dinghy Series include the Sunfish fleet and other small sailboats. The Spring and Fall Series are held on Sunday afternoons in the Inner Harbour. Spectators are welcome to come, bring their own lawn chairs, a beverage of choice, and until further notice, please wear a mask. Contact Jerry Rezab at 288-4124.

Ensign Fleet provides one design racing with a Spring and Fall Series. Ensigns are hosted by Blackbeard Sailing Club. Mark Hallquist is the Ensign contact for FHYC. Contact Mark at 717-278-0680.

Neuse River Regatta is a regatta hosted by all three local yacht clubs (FHYC, Blackbeard, and NYRA). It is held in April and its theme is to honor one or more of our local long term sailors that has contributed to all sailors' knowledge and safety of sailing. We annually honor Bill Wilkerson with the traveling Wilkerson Cup going to the first FHYC boat to cross the finish line. The only requirement for the Wilkerson Cup is that your boat "lives" in the Harbour at one of 5 marinas or docks. Contact Georgie Jackson at 637-9781.

Oar Race Regatta is a distance race of approximately 22 miles, using a NOR and SI. It commemorates the evacuation of Dunkirk in May 1940. The perpetual award in the Community Center is an oar actually used during the evacuation. The overall winner will have his or her name added to the trophy and will receive a miniature replica. This race is open to anyone who keeps their boat anywhere in eastern NC, as long as the boat has a PHRF rating. Contact Georgie Jackson at 637-9781.

Holiday Fun Races are sailed on the Saturday closest to 10 holidays during the calendar. Generally the holiday races use a pursuit start and have a "BYBO and a snack to share" party afterwards where "silly prizes" are awarded for 1st place and a drawing for any other boat that finishes the race. There is a Holiday NOR/SI and Invitation on the FHYC website under "racing". You will need to register by Thursday before the race in order to get the email start time and course.

FHYC Tuesday Fun Races start in mid-April and continue until mid-October. These races are for anyone whether beginner or expert. The typical race has a pursuit start and uses navigational marks in the Neuse River. They have an abbreviated NOR and SI. They generally have a "BYOB and snacks to share" party once a month. You need to call to get on the email list for current information. Contact Russ Robinson at 715-416-1439 or Peter Budzynkiewicz at 508-360-3684.

All events participants except in the Sunfish & Dinghy Series and Ensign Fleet races will need a PHRF rating for their boat. Contact Bill Jarvis for your rating at 876-6074 or at bjarvis1@suddenlink.net.