

**26th ANNUAL  
BILL WILKERSON MEMORIAL TROPHY RACE**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**Notice of Race**

**This race was established to memorialize Bill Wilkerson's contribution to New Bern area sailing and to provide an opportunity for sailors in the area to enjoy friendly competition on the Neuse River.**

**1. Management and Rules:**

- a. FHYC is the organizing authority.
- b. The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- b. The US Sailing prescriptions to the RRS will apply.
- c. Boats shall comply with N.C. Wildlife Commission and U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations.
- d. NC-PHRF handicapping and ratings will be used. For rating information visit [www.ncphrf.com](http://www.ncphrf.com)

**2. Eligibility:** This race is open to boats in the New Bern area with a current NC-PHRF rating certificate and which meet the general requirements of one of the three classes defined in paragraph 4 below. Entry instructions (**April 18 deadline**) are found on the last page below and at [www.fhyc.us](http://www.fhyc.us) (under the 'racing' tab).

**3. Fee & Red Sail Park Party:** The entry fee is \$15 which includes a social/awards party at Red Sail Park after the race.

**4. Classes:** Three or more boats will constitute a class. Anticipated classes are Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Navigator. One Design classes may be added. The Spinnaker class will have a rating adjustment noted in paragraph 9 (Handicapping) below.

**Class Definitions:**

*Navigator*

- a. No boat specifically designed for racing
- b. Only Dacron sails
- c. Two of these four additional requirements must apply:
  - 1) Windlass or pulpit mounted anchor
  - 2) Dodger or bimini in place
  - 3) Youngest sail 5 years old or older
  - 4) Bottom paint 3 years old or older

*Non-Spinnaker*

- a. Any boat which does not meet the requirements for the Navigator Class above, and does not fly a spinnaker of any type during the race

*Spinnaker*

- a. All other boats which can use spinnakers as desired

**5. Schedule:**

Skippers' Meeting	None
Race Briefing by VHF ch 78A	1245
First Signal	1300
(Start order/planned start times and course information to be provided 21 Apr by email to all registered boats. Postponement/adjustments may be made on the water by Race Committee)	
Post-race Awards/Party	about 1700 Red Sail Park

**6. Sailing Instructions:** Sailing Instructions will be available on the FHYC web site under the Racing Tab ([www.fhyc.us](http://www.fhyc.us)) on or before Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Start:** The start line will be between the staff flying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end of the line, and an inflatable mark on the port end of the start line.

The race will be started using Rule 26 five minute sequence.

There will be a single warning signal and starting signal for the highest rated boat(s) - all others following in descending order of their PHRF ratings at their starting delay time. As noted in para 5, start delay times will be provided 21 Apr by email to all registered participants.

Postponement/adjustments may be made on the water by the Race Committee and communicated by VHF 78A

**8. Course:** Race is planned to be a single 2 to 3 hour distance race. Course will be located on the Neuse River in the general vicinity of Broad and Northwest Creeks using navigational marks or orange inflatable marks. Depending on wind direction the start will be within approximately 1 mile of Northwest Creek marker 1N. More details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

**9. Handicapping and Scoring:** Handicapping will be determined by the PHRF time on distance method and start time adjustments will be applied for each boat as noted in para 5. The ratings for spinnaker class boats will be lowered by 15 seconds per mile for purposes of determining the single Wilkerson trophy winner (see para 10 below). Placement for class awards will be the order of finish.

In the event that the race is shortened the race will be scored using time on time. Each boat's corrected time will be calculated based on their individual start time and recorded finish time.

**10. Awards:** Awards will be provided based on the number of entrants in each class. Coffee Mug awards with an etched line picture of your boat, name and event will be awarded to the top finisher in each class. The first overall FHYC boat to cross the finish will win the traveling Wilkerson Cup.

**11. Point of Contact:** Race Chair Al Lang 252-864-9111 or [al@sjyachts.com](mailto:al@sjyachts.com)

**Entry/Registration Wilkerson Memorial Trophy Race**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**Entry deadline is noon April 18, 2023.**

**Single handed boats are allowed.**

**Fee is \$15.**

**Mail or drop in the Brown Box a signed entry form and fee to:**

Al Lang  
907 Osprey  
New Bern NC 28560

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Name \_\_\_\_\_ Make and Length \_\_\_\_\_

Sail # \_\_\_\_\_ PHRF Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Spinnaker \_\_\_ Non-spinnaker \_\_\_ Navigator \_\_\_

**Waiver:** As a condition of participation in this FHYC regatta, I assume all risk of accident or loss to my vessel, myself and my crew while participating in all regatta activities of FHYC and release FHYC and those acting on its behalf from any liability arising from my participation in this FHYC regatta. I recognize that sailing activities can be hazardous and my participation in this FHYC sponsored event is voluntary on my part and I am therefore assuming all risk of loss or injury when I choose to participate. I also agree during the race to be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_