

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club
Notice of Race
John Walsh Memorial Oar Race
New Bern, NC
Saturday October 10, 2020

Regatta: The 37th John Walsh Memorial Oar Race commemorates the evacuation of Dunkirk. The perpetual trophy, which is kept on display by FHYC, is an oar used during the historic event. The Oar Race is single 22 mile race on the Neuse River. Due to COVID 19, there will not be any party afterwards. Awards will be given out soon after.

Rules: The race will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020](#).

Eligibility and Entry: Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club is the organizing authority. The race is open to all sailboats with NC-PHRF or FHYC 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) under "2020 Oar Race". Registration fee and additional dinners' deadline is **NOON Thursday, October 8th**.

Fees: The registration fee is \$25.00. Fees are accepted by check payable to FHYC. Payment may mailed to Georgie Jackson 1210 Pelican Dr. New Bern, NC 28560 or may be put in her brown newspaper box at this address.

Accommodations: Slips are available in Fairfield Harbour at a cost of \$20.00 per night. Contact Dan Argientieri 252-638-5338 by Wednesday October 7, 2020.

Classes: There will be classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker, cruising, and multi-hull boats. Further division based on number of entries may be made at the Race Committee's discretion. Cruising class will be defined as follow:

- No boat specifically designed for racing allowed
- Only boats with Dacron sails and no spinnakers
- Powered winches allowed
- Two of the following four requirements must also be met:
 - Windless or pulpit mounted anchor
 - Dodger/bimini in place
 - Youngest sail 5 years old or older
 - Bottom paint 3 years old or older.

Schedule Saturday October 10th:

The **Skipper's Meeting** will be held over the radio **VHF Channel 78** at **10:30 am**.

The **first warning signal** is scheduled for 1055.

Sailing Instructions: Sailing Instructions are available at fhyc.us under 2020 Oar Race.

Course: The planned course will be approximately 20 -22 nm, and start/finish will be near the mouths of Broad Creek and Northwest Creek.

Scoring: The Oar Race will use a pursuit start based on NC-PHRF numbers. The boat with the highest PHRF number will be the first to start. Classes will be Spinnaker, Non Spinnaker and Cruising. All boats, no matter their class will start based on their PHRF number. In determining who wins the Oar Trophy, all boats other than spinnaker class boats and multi-hull declaring a spinnaker will receive a 15 second per mile allowance on their handicap. This allowance will be applied by the race committee prior to the start.

Radio Communication: The race committee will use **VHF Channel 78** to communicate with competitors.

Awards: Awards will be given in each division depending on the number of entries. There will be at least one award for every 3 boats in a class. Because it is a pursuit start, the first boat to finish will have its name added to the perpetual trophy and receive a miniature oar replica.

Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, "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, or after the regatta.

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

Further information: Contact Georgie Jackson 637-9781 or jackson.jy@gmail.com

For NC PHRF rating and information visit www.ncphrf.com/

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club
John Walsh Memorial Oar Race Registration Form
Saturday October 10, 2020 New Bern, NC
Skippers Meeting on VHF #78 10:30 am

FEE \$25. Deadline for Registration is NOON Thursday October 8, 2020

Name _____

Address _____

Cell Number _____

Email address _____

Yacht name _____

Make _____ Length _____

Sail # _____ NC-PHRF/FHYC Rating _____

Spinnaker _____ Non-Spin _____ Cruising _____ Multi-Hull _____

Waiver: As a condition of participation in this FHYC regatta, I assume all risk of accident or loss to my vessel, myself, FHYC and those acting on its behalf from any liability arising from my participation in the 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.

Signature _____ Date _____

Your completed and signed form, and check payable to FHYC may be mailed to Georgie Jackson 1210 Pelican Dr., New Bern, NC 28560 or put in her brown newspaper box at the same address.

37th ANNUAL John Walsh Memorial OAR RACE
Saturday, Oct 10th, 2020
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 2017~2020, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, 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.

Crew members of each boat must reside in the same household. NO EXCEPTIONS! Single handed boats are allowed.

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Classes: There will be 4 classes:

Spinnaker Non-Spinnaker Multihull Cruising

Further division based on number of entries may be made at the Race Committee's discretion.

Cruising class will be defined as follow:

- No boat specifically designed for racing allowed
- Only Dacron sails and no spinnakers
- Powered winches allowed
- Two of the following four requirements must also be met:
 - Windless or pulpit mounted anchor
 - Dodger and/or bimini in place
 - Youngest sail 5 years old or older
 - Bottom paint 3 years old or older.

Schedule:	Skippers' Meeting	10:30am Sat Oct 10, via VHF Ch78
	Scheduled Start for First Boat	1100 Pursuit starts to follow
	Post-race Party	NONE

Communication: The RC will use **channel 78A**. Competitors are to use channel 78A for emergencies only during the starting sequence. **Check-in is not required**. Please attempt to notify the RC if you retire from the race.

The Course: One race is scheduled. The start will be a pursuit start with racers time of start based on their PHRF rating and the distance of the course. The planned course will be 20~22 nm.

The start will be near the mouths of Broad Creek and Northwest Creek, roughly between N#1 (Northwest Creek) and BC#2 (Broad Creek) and up to 1/2nm toward the middle of the Neuse River. The starting line will be between the Race Committee boat and an inflated yellow mark. Boats will be reminded on channel 78A of their start time, all boats shall be considered to be racing under RRS from the warning for the first start. Boats awaiting their start are required to keep clear of any boat that is starting. The first leg will be to windward.

The marks of the course will be designated by a course board posted near the stern of the RC boat. The letter "W" will indicate an inflated triangle set as a windward mark. Mark Numbers given will be as shown on the NOAA chart of the Neuse River, with the exception of a rounding mark in the vicinity of NR#19. If a rounding mark is needed in this area, the number "18" shall be posted. The side on which to round marks will be given in accordance with RRS, Appendix S: either the letters "P" for rounding the mark to your port, or "S" for rounding the mark to your starboard.

The Start: Boats need not check in with the RC since they will be recorded when they cross the starting line. The warning signal will be given at 1055. A white flag will be used for the warning signal for the first boat to start according to RRS 26 (5 minute sequence). Start times for each competitor will be as published. After the first start, subsequent starters will be given a countdown on VHF 78, and the white flag will be **raised with no sound** 15 seconds before the next boat's start time and **lowered with a sound** at their start time. Competitors are asked to use channel 78 only for emergencies during the starting period. Competitors awaiting their start shall keep clear of boats that are starting in accordance w/ RRS 24.

The Finish line will be at N#1, unless the course is shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

Time Limit: none. Any boats withdrawing are requested to contact the Race Committee

Protests: Notice of the protest must be given to the Race Committee either on VHF Ch78 or by hail 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.

Boats which do not comply with FHYC's Covid-19 policy of all crew being members of the same household shall not be scored as finishing.

Radio Communication: The race committee will use **VHF channel 78** to advise competitors.

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

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