



Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club

“2026 Fall Racing Series” September 20 through November 15, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

7/21/2026

Organizing Authority (OA): Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club
30 Yacht Club Drive, Beaufort, SC

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1	RULES
1.1	The event is governed by the rules as defined in <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing</i> .
1.2	Each sailor and coach boat crew member is required to wear a life jacket and shoes. Juniors (17 and under) are required to wear US Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices from the time they leave the dock until they return, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. All other competitors shall comply with RRS 40.
1.3	All coach and support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the helmsman while the engine is running.
2	SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2.1	The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available by 1200, September 13, 2026, on the website: https://byscnet.com/register/regatta/kUUKD3uP75/class Additionally, they will be available on the BYSC Official Notice Board located on the clubhouse riverside porch and during on-site check-in.
3	COMMUNICATION

3.1	All support vessels, coach vessels, keelboats, and catboats shall carry and monitor a working VHF radio capable of communicating on standard channels.
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4	ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
4.1	The event is open to all one-design dinghy boats 20' or less, catboats with a minimum LOA of 15', and Keelboats. BYSC members and non-members are invited.
4.2	The Race Committee reserves the right to combine dinghy classes. Keelboats will race with catboats if fewer than three (3) keelboats are in attendance.
4.3	Eligible boats are required to enter by completing the online Registration Form and Waiver at: https://byscnet.com/register/regatta/kUUKD3uP75/class Payment is accepted on Club Spot only and must be made before joining the series. <u>All competitors are advised to register in advance.</u>
4.4	Juniors (17 and under), including crew, if any, are required to have a parent or legal guardian fill out and sign the waiver portion of the registration form.
4.5	The Jr. Sailing Director will assign sail numbers before the start of the first race of the series to <u>all</u> boats registered without sail numbers. Junior and senior dinghy sailors are not permitted to change sail numbers during the series unless they change classes or have a defective sail. The Sailing Director and the PRO must be notified of any sail number changes before starting any day's races. All boats must have one or more numbers, or one or more letters, or a combination of numbers and letters, clearly discernible on both sides of their sails.
5	FEES

5.1	The entry fee for both series, or portion thereof, is \$35 for adult skippers or \$20 for juniors, due at registration on https://byscnet.com/register/regatta/kUUKD3uP75/class
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6.1	All races are on Sundays. Racing dates and First Warning times for the 2026 Fall Series are: <table><tr><td><u>Dinghy</u></td><td></td><td></td><td><u>Catboat</u></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><u>September</u></td><td></td><td></td><td><u>September</u></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Pluff Mud (GP)</td><td>Sat & Sun</td><td>12-13th</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Lake Norman (GP)</td><td>Sat & Sun</td><td>19-20th</td><td>Sunday</td><td>20th</td></tr><tr><td>Fall Series #1</td><td>Sunday</td><td>27th</td><td>Sunday</td><td>27th</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><u>October</u></td><td></td><td></td><td><u>October</u></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Fall Series #2</td><td>Sunday</td><td>4th</td><td>Sunday</td><td>4th</td></tr><tr><td>Augusta (GP)</td><td>Sat & Sun</td><td>10-11th</td><td>Sunday</td><td>11th</td></tr><tr><td>Fall Series #3</td><td>Sunday</td><td>18th</td><td>Sunday</td><td>18th</td></tr><tr><td>Fall Series #4</td><td>Sunday</td><td>25th</td><td>Sunday</td><td>25th</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td><u>November</u></td><td></td><td></td><td><u>November</u></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Fall Series #5</td><td>Sunday</td><td>1st</td><td>Sunday</td><td>1st</td></tr><tr><td>Columbia (GP)</td><td>Sat & Sun</td><td>7-8th</td><td>Sunday</td><td>8th</td></tr><tr><td>Fall Series #6</td><td>Sunday</td><td>15th</td><td>Sunday</td><td>15th</td></tr></table> Races may be cancelled due to weather or lack of participation. All efforts will be made to inform sailors in advance of any schedule of revisions.	<u>Dinghy</u>			<u>Catboat</u>		<u>September</u>			<u>September</u>		Pluff Mud (GP)	Sat & Sun	12-13th			Lake Norman (GP)	Sat & Sun	19-20th	Sunday	20th	Fall Series #1	Sunday	27th	Sunday	27th						<u>October</u>			<u>October</u>		Fall Series #2	Sunday	4th	Sunday	4th	Augusta (GP)	Sat & Sun	10-11th	Sunday	11th	Fall Series #3	Sunday	18th	Sunday	18th	Fall Series #4	Sunday	25th	Sunday	25th						<u>November</u>			<u>November</u>		Fall Series #5	Sunday	1st	Sunday	1st	Columbia (GP)	Sat & Sun	7-8th	Sunday	8th	Fall Series #6	Sunday	15th	Sunday	15th
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6.2	All participants will have a skippers meeting on Sunday, September 27, at noon to review the Sailing Instructions. All skippers are urged to attend the meeting, whether they plan to race that day. Catboat/Keelboat skippers will meet at noon on each race day, starting on September 20 to set the course for the day.																																																																																
6.3	No warning signal will be made for dinghies after 1630.																																																																																

7	VENUE
7.1	The dinghy venue is the Beaufort River, bound north by the Beaufort Memorial Hospital and south by the McTeer Bridge. The catboat/keelboat venue is the Beaufort River, bounded by downtown Beaufort and marker G39.
8	THE COURSES
8.1	The courses to be sailed will be shown on Attachment A of the Sailing Instructions.

9	PENALTY SYSTEM
9.1	RRS Rule 44.3 does not apply.
10	SCORING
10.1	Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series for each class.
10.2	Skippers must sail 50% of the race days to receive a final score in the series. This Modifies RSS A2.2
10.3	RRS Rule A5.3 shall apply. “Coming to the starting area” means sailing to the area of the starting line.

10.4

If a sailboat cannot complete a race within the designated time limit specified in the Sailing Instructions (SI) for that race, it will be scored as TLE (Time Limit Expired). All boats scored **TLE**, DNF, DNS, DSQ, OCS, and NSC will receive a score of one more than the number of boats that **finished** the race within the time limit.

It is important to note that this rule modifies Rule A5.2. The first sentence of Rule A5.2 shall be modified to read "one more than the number of boats **finishing** that race within the time limit."

Boats that receive a DNC "Did not start, did not come to the starting area" will be awarded two points more than the number of boats that started and **finished** the race within the time limit. This rule modifies Rule A5.2.

If for whatever reason a registered sailor acts as crew on another boat in the same class to which that sailor is registered, that crew member will receive a score of two points more than that of the skipper of the boat to which the sailor acts as crew. In no case shall the crew member be scored points equal to or higher than those awarded to boats that did not finish the race.

10.5	For ALL classes, the Rule A4 Low Point System will apply fewer excludable scores as described here. Throw-outs for races completed: none if fewer than 6 races; starting at 6 races, there will be one throw for the first six races and one per every 3 races thereafter. This modifies rule A2. (subject to Catboat discussion)	
10.6	Sailors racing in SAYRA Jr Grand Prix events shall receive credit for any BYSC races missed while representing BYSC at SAYRA events and will be scored an average of all their BYSC series races sailed less throw-outs. Throw-outs will be calculated based on the number of BYSC races sailed.	
10.7	Competitors on the race committee will receive credit for the races missed and will be scored AVGAD, an average of all their series races sailed, less throw-outs.	
11	SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS	
11.1	Mark and Safety Boats shall be marked with the US Sailing RC flag for easy identification and safety purposes.	
11.2	All support vessels are required to monitor the course channel on a VHF radio and be ready to assist with safety when requested.	
12	RISK STATEMENT	
12.1	RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.	
12.2	Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.	

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13	PRIZES
13.1	Prizes will be awarded based on the number of boats of each class sailing 50% or more race days: 1st place for two boats; 1st & 2nd places for four boats; 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for 5 or more boats.
14	FURTHER INFORMATION
14.1	For further information contact: Jeff Gephart – Fleet Captain, jeff.gephart88@gmail.com 423-605-7440 David Eberspacher – Catboat Class Captain eberdymj@gmail.com Noah Kipar – BCSB Sailing Director sailingdirector@beaufortsailing.com Hugh Nichols - Racing Committee Chairman HJN100@hotmail.com Paul Kowalski - BYSC General Manager gm@byscnet.com 843.522.8216 Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club 30 Yacht Club Drive Beaufort, SC 29907 843.522.8216

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