

2026 NOTICE OF RACE
Carolina Yacht Club, Wrightsville Beach, NC

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Carolina Yacht Club is the organizing authority.

2. RULES

2.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Eligibility requirements for competitors are that they shall be regular, sailing or seasonal members of the Carolina Yacht Club, the spouses or children of those members and others invited. For the Ancient Mariner's race the minimum age for competitors shall be 50.

3.2 All one-design boats 20' or less with a minimum fleet size of 3.

3.3 All boats shall display sail numbers on both sides of the main sail in accordance with Rule 77 and Appendix G

3.4 Eligible boats must enter by completing the registration through Club Spot. All crew must be listed. Late registrations and crew changes may be done at the stern of the Signal Vessel until the first warning signal. Any boat registering on the water must finalize registration in Club Spot within 24 hours of the completion of that day's races in order to be scored. Boats unable to access Club Spot must so indicate to the recorder and provide all information needed to properly register the boat within 15 minutes of the official docking time of the Signal Vessel.

3.5 Wearing of a personal flotation device is **required in Sunfish, Laser, 420's and Melges 15 but will be at the discretion of the competitor in Lightnings, unless signaled otherwise by the Race Committee.**

3.6 420 competitors using CYC 420s must rig a mast float for all scheduled races unless exempted by the Waterfront Director.

3.7 Use of non class legal sails is permitted.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 The schedule of race dates, make-up dates, the time of first warning signal, and number of races each day is attached and listed on the club website.

4.2 The attached schedule also indicates for each race day whether there will be a competitor's meeting. Competitor's meetings, if held, will start approximately one hour before the day's first scheduled warning signal for events sailed in the Sound and two hours before the day's first scheduled warning signal for events sailed in the Ocean.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions and this Notice of Race will be available each race day at the notice board next to the flagpole at the soundside gazebo and on Club Spot.

6. RACE AREA

The races will be sailed in the Banks Channel and Motts Channel area of Wrightsville Sound west of the club and/or in the ocean near Masonboro Inlet.

7. COURSE(S) TO BE SAILED

The course(s) that may be sailed each race day will be described in an attachment to the sailing instructions or will be depicted on the course board in the gazebo if there is a competitor's meeting. If there is no competitor's meeting, the specific course to be sailed for each race will be displayed on the course board at the stern of the race committee signal boat.

8. SCORING

8.1 Sound and Ocean series races

- A. The low point scoring system, rule A4.0 modified by rule A9 will apply.
- B. Rule A5.3 will apply to the Spring Series, Sound Series, Ocean Series, and Fall Series races.
- C. With 12 races scheduled for the sound series and 15 for the ocean series, four (4) shall be completed to constitute a series.
- D. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores except where prohibited by the rules:
 - 1. When six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 2. When ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

3. When fifteen (15) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three (3) worst scores.

E. Competitors who do not compete in a race of this series **due to participation in US Sailing, SAYRA or District Championship level** events or due to serving as a member of the race committee for this series shall be scored for that race using the average of points earned in the total of the 3 consecutive races either immediately before or after their absence. **Redress for these activities shall be limited to 3 races in a series.** These constructive results shall also count toward the races required for qualification and calculation of discards.

8.2 For all races other than the sound and ocean series races:

A. The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

B. No score will be discarded unless changed by a separate NOR. This changes rule A2

9. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- One prize 3 to 5 boat fleet
- Two prizes 6 to 10 boat fleet
- Three prizes 11 to 15 boat fleet
- Four prizes 16 to 19 boat fleet

10. RISK STATEMENT

10.1 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 drawing, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes."

**Carolina Yacht Club Wrightsville Beach, NC 2025
SCHEDULE OF REGATTAS**

Date/Regatta/First Warning/ # of Races:

March 21	Spring Series #1	1300	3 Races
April 11	Spring Series #2	1300	3 Races
May 9	Spring Series #3	1300	3 Races
May 16	Ocean Series #1	1300	3 Races
May 26	Sound Series #1	1800	2 Races
June 13	Ocean Series #2	1300	3 Races
June 23	Sound Series #2	1800	2 Races
July 14	Independence Day & Sound Series #3	1800	3 Races
July 18	Ocean Series #3	1300	3 Races
July 25	Ancient Mariner	1500	3 Races
August 11	Sound Series #4	1800	2 Races
August 15	Ocean Series Makeup	1300	**if needed
August 29	Ocean Series #4	1300	3 Races
September 7	Labor Day	1300	3 Races (1st 2 will be SS makeup if needed)
September 22	Sound Series #5	1800	2 Races
September 26	Ocean Series #5	1300	3 Races
October 3	Fall Series #1	1300	3 Races
October 17	Fall Series #2	1300	3 Races
Nov 21	Fall Series #3	1300	3 Races
Jan 1	New Years Regatta	1300	3 Races