

*ASSA Albemarle Challenge
NOTICE OF RACE*

September 28, 29, 30, October 1, 2023

Hosted by Osprey Yacht Club - Albemarle Plantation - Hertford, NC



ORGANIZED BY: Albemarle Sound Sailing Association

ELIGIBILITY: The regatta is open to all keel boats. A multihull and/or spinnaker class may be added if four (4) or more boats in that class enter, attend, and race. **ALL** boats must have a valid and current PHRF rating dated 2023. You may find our [ASSA PHRF rating form](#) here. Or, you may apply for a PHRF of the [Chesapeake Rating](#) here.

REGISTRATION: Eligible boats may enter by completing the [attached entry form](#) and sending it with the registration fee of \$75 to ASSA Treasurer, 109 N. River Circle W., Hertford, NC 27944 postmarked by September 14, 2023. Checks should be made payable to ASSA with ASSA Regatta on the memo line. Be sure to include your e-mail address. When your registration and check are received, you will get an email acknowledgement. Late registration will be \$100 if postmarked after September 14, 2023.

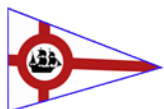
RACE AREA: Both round the buoys and distance race courses will be set using drop and government marks in the area of the Albemarle Sound, south of the Yeopim River entrance, east of NC Rt 32 fixed bridge, north of the Scuppernong River entrance, and west of the Red 2P Entrance Marker to the Perquimans River.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND RACING

- September 28: Welcome Reception and check-in for all skippers and crews from 5-7.
- September 29, 30, October 1: Racing around drop and government marks. There will be one day of 3 short races, one day of 2 middle distance races, and one day of 1 long race. Races and days will be scheduled, announced well in advance, and be based on predicted weather conditions.
- Evening activities including socials and Sunday Awards Dinner are planned.
- A Skippers meeting and Continental Breakfast will be held each race day, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the OYC Clubhouse. Racing begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Visiting yachts will be allowed to dock their boats free of charge on a space-available basis at the Albemarle Plantation docks for the duration of the event. Visiting yachts in AP slips may arrive Sunday before the event and depart the Saturday following the Regatta. If shore power is needed at any time during your stay, a charge of \$10.00/day will be assessed. Please contact OYC Dock Master, J.E. Darnell at 252-426-4037, dockmaster@albemarleplantation.com to make arrangements for an assigned slip.

RACING CLASSES: The fleet will be divided into classes with the goal of creating competitive racing based on PHRF rating. Spinnaker and multihull boats will have separate classes if 4 or more boats enter, attend, and race.

RULES: [The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024](#) and the prescriptions of the US Sailing will govern the regatta, except changes noted in the Sailing Instructions. **Sail Numbers that are clearly legible on both sides of the mainsail are required. Electric Winches will be allowed.**



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SCORING: Time on time scoring will be used.

SAFETY: All vessels must comply with USCG safety requirements. Racing may be canceled or postponed if Small Craft Warnings are posted by NOAA for the area.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Fundamental Rule, 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

QUESTIONS: Contact your club's ASSA representative ([2023 ASSA Club Contact List](#)) or Greg Florence at gwflorence335@gmail.com.