

Colington Yacht Club



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Pasquotank River Yacht Club



Roanoke Island Yacht Club

***ASSA Albemarle Sprint
NOTICE OF RACE
April 25-27***

ORGANIZED BY: Albemarle Sound Sailing Association

HOSTED BY: The Osprey Yacht Club, The Albemarle Plantation (AP) and the Pasquotank River Yacht Club, Elizabeth City, NC

ELIGIBILITY: The regatta is open to all fixed, ballasted keel, monohull boats with a valid and current PHRF Rating for the race dates. Monohulls with a fixed, ballasted keel and a centerboard that extends from the keel are allowed. There will only be one (1) class for this two day race. All boats will compete in the same class. You may find our current [ASSA PHRF rating form](#) here or you may apply for a PHRF of the [Chesapeake Rating](#) here. If you raced in our Fall Regatta, your PHRF rating is still valid. Please follow the registration form directions and attach a copy.

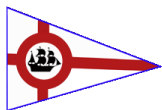
Note: The PHRF Committee of the ASSA will review the Chesapeake or ASSA PHRF form submitted with your registration for accuracy. Boats must have a valid and current PHRF form for the dates of the race to be allowed to participate in the spring race. Boats without a valid and current PHRF rating form will have their registration fee refunded. Please note that any changes to a boat's PHRF rating by the ASSA PHRF Committee may be appealed to the ASSA PHRF Committee no later than Wednesday, April 23

REGISTRATION: Entry fee is \$25. Eligible boats may enter by completing the [attached entry form](#). The entry fee of \$25 should be sent to ASSA Treasurer, 109 N. River Circle W., Hertford, NC 27944 postmarked by April 19, 2025 **OR** payment may be made at the Skippers Meeting on Friday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dockside Cafe, Albemarle Plantation. Checks should be made payable to ASSA with ASSA Spring Race on the memo line. When your registration and check are received, you will receive separate email acknowledgments for each.

RACE AREA: Two options are planned, depending on weather. The Race Committee will publish the courses to sail at least 3 days in advance based on the forecasted weather. The Race Committee may also shorten the course to sail if the weather creates unusually challenging or unsafe conditions. Saturday's race will start in the vicinity of the Yeopim River entrance at the Albemarle Plantation and finish just past the Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City, in the vicinity of PR G7 off Cobb Point. Sunday's race will start in the vicinity of PR G7 off Cobb Point, and finish in the vicinity of the Yeopim River entrance at the Albemarle Plantation. If the weather does not look favorable, the Race Committee may opt to use the back up course to Edenton and back (15 nm each way). [ASSA Race Course Options and Descriptions link](#).

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND RACING

- April 25
 - 7:00 p.m. Skippers Meeting at the OYC Clubhouse and Dockside Cafe. Dockside will be open for nourishment and libations, pay as you go. Unpaid registration fees will be collected and Sailing Instructions will be distributed and discussed.
- April 26,
 - 8:40 a.m., All skippers are asked to check in with the Committee Boat prior to 8:40 a.m.
 - 8:45 a.m., Radio Check and Time Check
 - 8:54 a.m. First Warning
 - 8:55 a.m. Standard 5 minute start sequence begins for a 9:00 a.m. mass start
 - 5:00 p.m. until? Skippers and Crew are on their own to enjoy the Elizabeth City Waterfront Saturday evening.
- April 27
 - 8:40 a.m. All skippers are asked to check in with the Committee Boat prior to 8:40 a.m.
 - 8:45 a.m. Radio Check and Time Check
 - 8:54 a.m. First Warning
 - 8:55 a.m. Standard 5 minute start sequence begins for a 9:00 a.m. staggered, pursuit start
 - 6:00 p.m. Dockside Cafe dinner and drinks on your own and awards



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RACING CLASSES: There will be one single class for this race. There will be no classes for spinnakers, multi-hulls, or light displacement-planing sport boats.

RULES: [The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028](#) and the prescriptions of the US Sailing will govern this two day race, except for changes noted in the Sailing Instructions. Sail Numbers that are legible on both sides of the mainsail are required. Electric Winches will be allowed. Use of mechanical auto pilots will be allowed for single handed skippers

SCORING: Time-on-time, low point scoring will be used based on each boat's PHRF rating for Saturday's mass start. Sunday's start will be a staggered, pursuit start based on finish times (not corrected time) on Saturday. Each Boat's points scored this weekend will be applied to points scored in the fall and one single overall boat across all classes will be recognized. A time limit will be established by the race committee and all boats outside the time limit will be scored DNF.

AWARDS: Awards will be given.

SAFETY: Straight line distance for the Elizabeth City course is 32 nm. Depending on winds and course sailed, skippers and crew may end up sailing more than 32 nm. Know your boat and crew capabilities. All vessels must comply with USCG safety requirements to include MOB equipment and procedures and a working VHF radio. Racing may be postponed, canceled, or courses shortened if Small Craft Warnings are posted by NOAA for the area. There will be no Mark Boats on the course. All vessels will be required to monitor the Race Committee VHF Channel 72 and have a working and powered up cell phone on board that is able to receive voice and text communication.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Fundamental Rule, 3, Decision to Race in [The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028](#) The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta.

QUESTIONS: Contact any club's ASSA representative ([2025 ASSA Club Contact List](#)) or Greg Florence at gwfflorence335@gmail.com.

****RACE TO THE RACE:** Skippers from RIYC and CYC are planning to have an informal "Race to the Race" during a favorable weather day the week before the Albemarle Sprint. The start will be in the vicinity of 2PP to accommodate anyone coming from the eastern end of the Albemarle Sound, CYC, PRYC, or RIYC. You can communicate your interest in participating in this informal event on your registration form.