

Colington Yacht Club



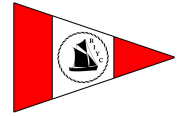
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## ***ASSA Albemarle Challenge***

### ***NOTICE OF RACE***

***September 10-13, 2026***

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

***A portion of the proceeds will benefit five local charities throughout the Albemarle Sound area***

**ORGANIZED BY:** Albemarle Sound Sailing Association (ASSA)

**HOSTED BY:** Osprey Yacht Club and The Albemarle Plantation (AP)

**ELIGIBILITY:** The regatta is open to all fixed keel, monohull boats with a valid and current PHRF Rating for the race dates. Centerboards that extend from the keel are allowed. Classes for multihulls, or spinnaker will be considered by the Regatta Committee if four (4) or more boats in that class enter, attend, and race. You may find our current [ASSA PHRF rating form](#) here or you may apply for a PHRF of the [Chesapeake Rating form](#) here. **This will be the last year we use ASSA or Chesapeake PHRF. Beginning in 2027, we will be using NC PHRF.**

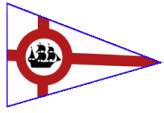
**Note:** The PHRF Committee of the ASSA will review the Chesapeake or ASSA PHRF form submitted with your registration for accuracy. Boats must have a valid and current PHRF form for the dates of the race to be allowed to participate in the regatta. Boats without a valid and current PHRF rating form 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 September 6, 2026..

**REGISTRATION:** Eligible boats may enter by completing the [Electronic Registration Form](#) **AND** paying for your entry fee and dinner tickets on line at [Pay Registration On-line](#). **OR**, you can send a check payable to ASSA for the total amount (\$100 for registration and \$35 for each dinner ticket) to ASSA Commodore, 1402 Harbour View Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27944. All registration forms and fees are due by **August 28, 2026**. When your registration and check are received, you will receive an email acknowledgment. Late registration will be \$150 if postmarked on or after August 29, 2026. There will be no refunds after August 29, 2026. ***If you raced in the spring ASSA Albemarle Sprint, give yourself a \$25 registration discount!!!***

**RACE AREA:** Both short, intermediate, and distance race courses are planned around 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 Scuppernon River entrance, and west of the Red 2P Entrance Marker to the Perquimans River.

### **SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND RACING**

- Thursday, September 10: Welcome Reception and check-in for all skippers and crews from 5-7 under the tent at Dockside Park.
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 11, 12, 13: Racing around drop and government marks. There will be one day of 3 short races, one day of 2 middle distance races, and a day of 1 long race. Races and days will be announced in advance based on predicted weather conditions. **Spinnakers will be allowed in all races and classes and must be declared on the registration form. Each boat flying a spinnaker will receive an 8 sec/mile adjustment on their PHRF rating.**
- Evening activities, socials, and an award gathering are planned.
- Continental Breakfast will be held each race day at 7:30 a.m. with a Skippers meeting beginning at 08:00 a.m. at the OYC Clubhouse next to the Dockside Cafe. Race Course diagrams will be on display. Racing starts each day 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 the 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](mailto:dockmaster@albemarleplantation.com) to make arrangements for an assigned slip.



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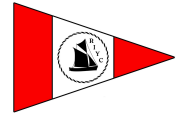
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**RACING CLASSES:** The monohull fleet will be divided into classes based on PHRF with the goal of creating competitive racing. Spinnakers will be allowed in all classes and races. Skippers who plan to fly a spinnaker must declare their intent on the registration form. **Boats flying a spinnaker will receive an 8 second/mile adjustment on their PHRF rating. Spinnakers include symmetrical, asymmetrical, Code Zero, Drifters.**

**RULES:** [The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028](#) and the [Prescriptions of US Sailing](#) will govern the regatta, except for changes noted in the Sailing Instructions. Sail Numbers that are legible on both sides of the mainsail are required. Electric Winches are allowed for skippers and crew who demonstrate a need.

**SCORING:** Time-on-time and PHRF rating will be used for scoring.

**AWARDS:** Awards will be given in each class. Member Clubs that have four or more boats will be eligible for the Albemarle Challenge Cup.

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

**CREW FINDER:** We will create a Crew Finder database and share this information with all skippers. If a skipper is in need of crew for part or all of the regatta, they can use this database to review crew qualifications and contact individuals directly. Here is the link to share with anyone who may be interested in crewing on a boat in the ASSA Fall Regatta. [Crew Finder Link](#)

**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 ([2026 ASSA Club Contact List](#)) or Greg Florence at [gwfflorence335@gmail.com](mailto:gwfflorence335@gmail.com).

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Next year, 2027, the Albemarle Sound Sailing Association (ASSA) will be moving to the North Carolina PHRF system for handicapping all boats for ASSA races. The ASSA will no longer be calculating PHRF handicaps and will no longer accept Chesapeake PHRF ratings. Please help us spread the word so no one is blindsided by this after this 2026 racing season is over. We will continue providing support, and assistance for those who need help during this transition. For more information, to prepare for the 2027 racing season, go to [North Carolina PHRF](#)