

General Press Release
Albemarle Sound Sailing Association
Albemarle Challenge Cup Sailing Regatta
September 11-13, 2026

The 2026 edition of the Albemarle Challenge Cup Sailing Regatta was held at the Albemarle Plantation in Hertford, NC and hosted by the Osprey Yacht Club, September 11-13, 2026. Fifteen boats participated in three tightly grouped classes which produced great racing, with two boats opting to fly spinnakers with an eight second PHRF adjustment. Skippers and crew got in three races on Friday, even though racing was delayed multiple times when the winds decided to give out. Racing was postponed again on Saturday while boats and their crew waited for the winds to fill in. After the winds filled in, one race was completed and the second race was suspended and eventually abandoned when a storm to the SW drew its air from the east, creating gale force conditions in minutes. Sunday dawned with a forecast of thunder storms and lightning, similar to Saturday, and the Race Committee voted to cancel racing for the day.

Six races were planned for the three day regatta and four were completed. Results from PHRF A class (4 boats) 1. Ken Attkisson, Lift Ticket (J 27), Edenton Yacht Club; 2. Greg Florence, Go with the Flo (Bristol 38.8), Roanoke Island Yacht Club; 3. Scott Vickery, Knot so Fast (Baltic 39), Pasquotank River Yacht Club. Results from PHRF B class (6 boats) 1. Chuck Moncees, Newfie Dancer (Olson 25), Roanoke Island Yacht Club; 2. JE Darnell, Endearment (Pearson 33) Osprey Yacht Club; Mike McGauvran, Odyssey (Catalina 37), Osprey Yacht Club; Results from PHRF C class (5 boats) 1. Hal Murray, Evil Twin (J 24) Edenton Yacht Club; John Sams, Ember (Ranger 22), Edenton Yacht Club; 3. Nick Handres, Rascal (Ericson 35), Osprey Yacht Club.

Since 1985, the Albemarle Challenge Cup has been awarded to the club with the best four overall finishes. This marks the 41th anniversary of the club championship. This year, for the second year in a row, the Albemarle Cup was awarded to the Edenton Yacht Club in Edenton, NC.



Members of the Edenton Yacht Club from left to right, Chris Haislet, Mike Burke, Doug Lane and Hal Murray, accept the Albemarle Challenge Cup from Regatta Race Director, Greg Florence, far right.

Special thanks to our hosts, the Albemarle Plantation, Osprey Yacht Club, and Dock Master JE Darnell. Additional thanks to all our sponsors who support yacht racing on the Albemarle Sound; AP Marina, Sound Golf Links, AP Realty Company, Farm Bureau Insurance with offices in Edenton, Elizabeth City and Hertford, Evolution Sails, TSO Armor and Training, Sound Boat Brokers, Hall Auto Group of Elizabeth City, The Turnery, Swells'a Brewing, Silk Marine Canvas, Regulator, Town Bank, and Elizabeth City Rowing Club. Race Committee Chair, Greg Florence; PRO, John Pynn

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