



Notice Of Race 2024

Southport Cup Long Distance Regatta

Captains Meeting - September 13, 6pm, Morningstar Marina*
Long Distance Race - September 14, 9am, Ocean Start

1. **Rules** – The race will be governed by Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021 - 2024, including US Sailing Prescriptions, Notice of Race (NOR), Sailing Instructions (SIs) published for this regatta, and any on-water modifications given prior to the race.
2. **Eligibility and Entry** – This recreational regatta is open to self-righting monohull and multi-hull sailboats at least 20' in length. Monohull boats must have a valid NC-PHRF rating prior to the race. Monohull boats not having a valid NC-PHRF Certificate shall be assigned a temporary PHRF rating by the Race Committee. Multihull boats will not be required to have a PHRF rating. All competing boats must comply with US Sailing and US Coast Guard safety standards and regulations and have an operational marine VHF radio on board.
3. **Theme** – The regatta theme is "Who is the best long-distance sailor in the Cape Fear region". Bring your attitude and best sailing! Bring it on!!
4. **Registration** – Completion and submission of the registration form is required prior to the start of the Captains Meeting. Registration forms are available through the SYC website at www.sycnc.org/racing or you can request a form by emailing SYC Fleet Captain, Stan Wright, stan.wright80@gmail.com .

5. **Slip Reservations can be made at Morningstar Marina*** (previously the Southport Marina) . This marina is located at ICW Mile Marker 309 (N 33' 55.00, W 78' 01.45) or 606 W. West Street, Southport, NC 28461. Reservations can be made by calling the Dockmaster at Morningstar Marina (910.457.9900). For more information visit their website at <https://www.morningstarmarinas.com/>.
6. **Regatta Fees** – Competitor's fee is \$100 per boat and includes one free hat per boat and food for captain and crew at the award ceremony. Cash bar.
7. **Notices** – Notices and changes will be posted online at sycnc.org/racing, or sent via submitted emails of registrants, or texting submitted phone numbers, and/or transmitted on VHF channel 78 at regular intervals up to the published time start time.

8. **Schedule of Race Events**

Date/Time	Event	Location
09/13/24, 6:00 pm	Captains Meeting	Morningstar Marina, Southport
09/14/24, 9am	Regatta Start	Ocean, South of Oak Island Lighthouse
09/14/24, 5:00 pm	Awards Party	American Fish Company

9. **Regatta Description** – This is a recreational regatta consisting of one long distance race defined as 20 nm or more, with at least 10 kt of wind at the start. If the race doesn't meet these conditions, the race length may be adjusted accordingly. The race will feature a single, conventional start for all self-righting monohull and multi-hull sailboats. The start line is in the ocean just south of the Oak Island Lighthouse. The finish line will be at the American Fish Company pier (finish line between an orange flag on the railing of the American Fish Company and the Oak Island Lighthouse).
10. **Sailing Instructions** – The Sailing Instructions will be discussed at the Captains Meeting.
11. **Awards** – Individual awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place monohull finishers. The first place 'overall' monohull winner will have his/her boat name placed on the perpetual Southport Cup plaque as the best sailor in the Cape Fear region. If the long distance/ wind conditions are not met, and the race length was reduced, the overall winner will receive an asterisk (*) on the perpetual plaque. If there are 2 or more multihull boats, an award will be presented to 1st place.
12. **Disclaimer of Liability** - Competitors will participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Southport Yacht Club, American Fish Company and Morningstar Marina will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. Each boat owner must read, understand, and sign the waiver of liability that is included with the registration form.

13. Contact Information

- a) Sponsoring Authority: Southport Yacht Club, PO Box 10696 Southport, North Carolina 28461.
- b) Registration: visit syncnc.org/racing or email the Fleet Captain..
- c) Fleet Captain/Race Officer: Stan Wright, (919) 815-3539, stan.wright80@gmail.com
- d) Protest Chair: Eric Hoffman, (919) 349-1417, eric@mvfastco.com

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