



## 2026 AZALEA BOWL REGATTA

Cape Fear Community Sailing  
Carolina Yacht Club | Wrightsville Beach, NC  
March 27 - 29, 2026

### NOTICE OF RACE

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#### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the ISSA Procedural Rules, the ICSA Procedural Rules, the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules, the prescriptions of US SAILING (US Sailing prescriptions to Rule 63.1 is deleted), this NOR, and the Sailing Instructions (SIs). RRS Appendix P will apply and may be modified by the Sailing Instructions.

#### 2. FORMAT & ELIGIBILITY

**College Fleets:** One Team (A & B) may enter from each ICSA member school previously approved by the ICSA Inter-Conference Regatta Coordinator. The college fleet is limited to 20 teams. Berths awarded based on region: SAISA 9, MAISA 5, NEISA 3, PCISA 2, Other 1. Berths are first-come, first-served based on paid registration. A waitlist will be started. Teams from any conference may be awarded a berth after February 27, 2026.

**High School Fleets:** One Team (A & B) may enter from each ISSA member school. The high school fleet limit is 20 teams. Priority will be given to varsity teams. First-come, first-served based on paid registration. Composite teams will be placed on a waitlist and may be accepted. Teams on the waitlist will be notified after February 27, 2026.

#### 3. BOATS & SAILS

All races will be held in C420s. A damage deposit of \$150.00 must be provided at or before check-in. A Venmo or check option will be provided. Teams may not race without a deposit. Mast floats may be required.

**College Fleets:** All boats will be entered in a fleet-race rotation format. Boats and sails will be provided.

**High School Fleets:** All boats will be entered in a fleet-race format. Each high school team is responsible for providing the boat they will sail; class-legal 420 and a dolly. High school teams will sail the boat they bring, there will be no rotations. If you are interested in attending, but can't bring a boat, contact the regatta co-chairs. Sails will be provided.

#### 4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

##### **Friday, March 27, 2026**

- 1230 Check-in
- 1300 Optional practice
- 1630 Learning Opportunity - stay tuned! (concludes at 1800)

##### **Saturday, March 28, 2026**

- 0830 Report time
- 0900 Check-in Ends
- 0930 Competitors Meeting
  - Racing to follow immediately after the Competitors' Meeting
- 1800 Dinner & College Sailing Forum (Timing could be adjusted based on racing.)

##### **Sunday, March 29, 2026**

- 0830 Report Time
- 0845 Competitors Meeting
  - Racing to follow immediately after the Competitors' Meeting
- 1430 No warning signal for College after this time
- 1500 No warning signal for High School fleets after this time
- Awards ceremony immediately after racing concludes

#### 5. COMPETITORS MEETING, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & CHECK-IN

All teams shall check in at the registration table in the sound-side tent on Friday afternoon, March 27, or Saturday morning, March 28. There will be a competitors' meeting on Saturday and Sunday before racing. Sailing Instructions and other documents will be posted on [CapeFearCommunitySailing.org](http://CapeFearCommunitySailing.org) and on Techscore. Sailing instructions will be updated by Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Paper copies will NOT be available.

Parking in Wrightsville Beach is limited. Each team will be given one parking pass. On Saturday, the regatta will provide access to limited street parking and spots in the sound-side boatyard. On Sunday, competitors may park in the CYC lot. Parking information will be provided via email within one week of the regatta. Sailors, coaches, and spectators can use CYC's bathroom and locker room facilities. **Dogs are NOT allowed on Carolina Yacht Club property at any time.**

Boat trailers may be parked in the north lot adjacent to the CYC main parking lot from 1600 on Thursday, March 27 to 1830 hours on Sunday, March 29. Boats may be kept on dollies in the CYC sound side lot for the duration of the regatta. CYC security cameras cover these areas.

#### 6. ENTRIES & ENTRY FEES

Online registration must be completed and paid in full. Registration can be accessed at [CapeFearCommunitySailing.org](http://CapeFearCommunitySailing.org). Entry fees are \$85.00 for each college team and \$125.00 for each high school team.

- High School Composite on a waitlist will be notified after February 27, 2026.

- College team berth assignments will expire at 10:00pm on Thursday, February 27, 2026, and teams on the waitlist will be notified of acceptance.
- Registration fees will increase by \$50 on Friday, February 28, 2026, for all teams not on the waitlist.
- All registrations must be complete by March 10, 2026.

Each entry fee includes four Saturday dinner tickets per team and one parking pass. Additional dinners are \$17.00 each and are [available for pre-purchase](#) until Friday, March 20, 2026. No dinner tickets will be available for purchase at the regatta.

## 7. T-SHIRTS

Rooster is again serving as our t-shirt sponsor. Rooster Hooded Quick Dry UVF 50+ Long-Sleeve Tech Shirts will be available at a discounted price of \$30.00 each when pre-ordered and prepaid by February 27, 2016. [Shirts can be purchased online](#). A limited number of tech shirts will also be sold at the event for \$37.00.

## 8. SAILING AREA/LAUNCHING

The sailing area for all fleets will be in Banks Channel. There will be one race course with different starts for high school and college teams. College boat rotations will be done based on sailing location. College sailors will rotate into the next boat in the sequence every three (3) races and when switching divisions. High schools will not rotate boats.

## 9. PARTICIPATION

All teams must complete the online RP forms in Tech Score. Failure to comply will result in a 20-point penalty, per ISSA PR 4.3(a). No hearing is required.

Team pinnies must be worn. A 10-point penalty will be applied to the division in which the sailors did not comply, per ISSA PR. 2.5 (b). No hearing is required.

With the exception of RRS 3, each school shall compete in all scheduled races, or if unable to compete, shall take care of their assigned boat in each race. Any school breaking this rule without permission from the Race Committee is subject to severe disciplinary actions by the ICSA.

All sailors should bring their own refillable water bottles. Water refill stations will be available.

## 10. COACHING

Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors, and other team support personnel shall not go afloat from 1800 on Friday, March 27, until after racing has ended on Sunday, March 29. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors, and teams associated with the infringing support personnel.

For high school teams, an adult school representative/advisor is required to accompany each team and be responsible for their conduct on and off the water. The team representative, who may be an advisor, coach, or parent, is expected to have full authority to obtain medical treatment for team members and the ability to access the team's proficiency to sail in varied conditions that may be encountered.

One Coach Representative will be appointed by the regatta co-chairs. The Coach Representative will be allowed minimal communication with the Race Committee via VHF radio for feedback purposes only. Any suggestions from teams shall be directed to the Coach Representative. The penalty for failure to comply with this requirement may result in the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing team personnel.

## 11. SCORING

The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules. There will be no throw-outs. This regatta will use electronic RP Forms using the TechScore program. Scores can be viewed through TechScore.

## 12. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in both the college and high school fleets.

## 13. COLLEGE SAILING FORUM

There will be a short presentation on Intercollegiate Sailing following dinner on Saturday night. Students and parents interested in information about college sailing in general, or specific collegiate programs should plan to attend.

All colleges should plan to be represented.

- Bring a poster, sign, or your burgee to identify your sailing team
- Provide information about your school and sailing program
- Consider a small giveaway - stickers, buttons, cups, etc.
- Please read 2026 Azalea Bowl Regatta College Night Information for more details on the dinner. This will come via email after registration is closed.
- NOTE:
  - Zim Sailing is back as our College Night Sponsor. Get ready for great prizes!
  - College Night will be held in the large tent on the sound side. Each college team will have a designated space. We'll have professional audio and visual tools for college teams to use. Bring your best pitch!

## 14. DRONE USAGE

No one may operate an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone) during the Azalea Bowl Regatta without specific permission from the OA. Content from OA-authorized drones should only be used for promotional purposes for the event. If the content is used for coaching or similar purposes, it shall be made available to all competitors at the same time and not during competition hours. In considering requests for Drone operation, the OA shall consider the following:

- All Drones shall be operated in accordance with federal, state, local, and institutional regulations.
- No more than two and preferably no more than one Drone shall operate over any one race.
- Drone operators must complete an operations form and check in with the OA before taking flight. Forms will be available at registration.
- Drones shall remain at least 50 feet above water level during the race.
- Any video footage taken by the Drone shall be made available to all teams competing in the race. Details on how to share footage will be stated on the drone operations form.
- Footage is admissible in a protest hearing.
- The OA may deny or revoke Drone flying based on current/forecasted weather conditions, and also for not following the above guidelines.

## 15. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation. Photography or video

obtained by personal cameras, professional photographers, including drones, are not admissible during a protest hearing.

#### **16. RISK STATEMENT AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.