

# 2025 SeaWind Spring Regatta Carolina Classic Series - Race 1

Saturday April 5th, 2025  
Queen City Model Yacht Club #342

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



### 1 RULES AND GOVERNANCE:

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28* modified by Appendix E Radio Sailing Racing Rules.
- 1.2 All boats must conform to the AMYA SeaWind Class Rules 1-1-24.
- 1.3 The I Flag rule will be in effect for this event.
- 1.4 Rule 30.1 I Flag Rule is modified as follows: If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall sail across an extension (around the end of the starting line) so that her hull is completely on the pre-start side before she starts.
- 1.5 Rule 31 Touching a Mark is modified as follows: While racing, a boat shall not touch a starting mark before starting, a start or finish mark while starting or finishing, or a finishing mark after finishing. There is no penalty for touching any other mark on the course while racing.
- 1.6 Rule E3.4 is modified as follows: A one-minute start sequence will be used. The warning signal to start the sequence will be verbally announced followed by the one-minute preparatory signal.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be verbally announced at the competitors' meeting or when necessary, during the race day.

### 3 CODE OF CONDUCT:

- 3.1 Major regattas offer significant public exposure to our sport. Inappropriate competitor behavior can reflect negatively on that exposure. All participants are advised that their actions will be under scrutiny, not only by the public, but also by the race officials. Kindly behave with dignity and respect for each other, the hosts and race committee and above all any spectators. Any behavior which is deemed to be a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship may result in a protest in accordance with RRS #69.

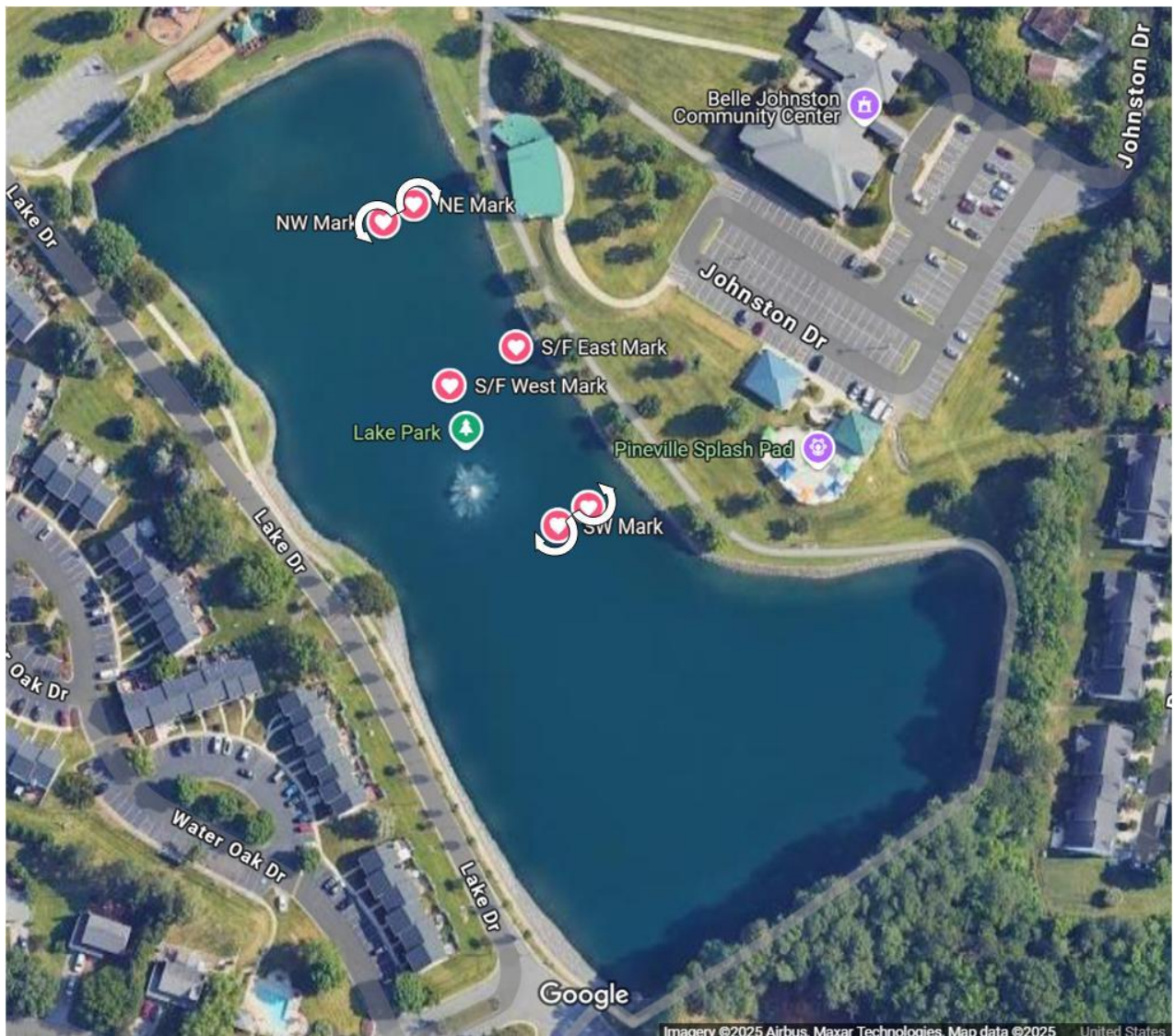
**4 SCHEDULE:**

4.1 Schedule of events.

Day/Date	Time	Activity
Saturday April 5, 2025	9:00-9:45 am	Check-In
	9:45 am	Competitors Meeting
	10:00 am	First Race
	12:00 pm	Lunch Break
	12:30 pm	Racing Resumes
	2:30 pm	End of racing - no race shall be started after this time
	3:00 pm	Awards

**5 RACING AREA:**

5.1 Pineville Lake is adjacent to the Belle Johnston Community Center. 1000 Johnston Rd., Pineville, NC 28134.



## **6 COURSE:**

- 6.1 Due to lake size restrictions a fixed course and permanent marks are used.
- 6.2 There are two course options depending on wind direction: left to right (SE to NW) or right to left (NW to SE).
- 6.3 The direction of the race starts, and the number of laps (if more than one) will be announced prior to the warning signal by the Race Director (RD).
- 6.4 Windward and Leeward marks are gates.

## **7 MARKS:**

- 7.1 All marks are white buoys.

## **8 OBSTRUCTIONS:**

- 8.1 The fountain on the lake is an obstruction. The point where the water from the fountain contacts the lake defines the obstruction.
- 8.2 The near shoreline of the lake is shallow and has many rocks that may or may not be visible. If a boat hails for room to maneuver along the shore, please comply as soon as possible.
- 8.3 Disabled or grounded boats: Boats that become grounded can be rescued using the pole located near the dock. A boat that is physically assisted from shore while racing will be scored as DNF for that race.

## **9 THE START:**

- 9.1 A one-minute countdown sequence will be used (see 1.6 above).
- 9.2 Only voice hails, required by Rule E3.8. for individual recalls, will be used.
- 9.3 A five-minute hold may be requested by any competitor. Limit one per competitor per regatta.

## **10 THE FINISH:**

- 10.1 A boat that has finished must NOT re-enter the course side or re-cross the finish line. The first offense is a warning, second offense may be a DSQ for the race for breaking Rule 23.1 (A boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing).

## **11 HEARING REQUESTS:**

- 11.1 Protests should be settled on the water. If in doubt do your penalty turn and sail on.
- 11.2 Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing, changing RRS 61.2. They shall be made orally to a member of the race committee within five minutes of when the last boat finishes the race in which the incident occurred.
- 11.3 Protests and requests for redress will be heard immediately following the race in which the incident occurred OR after the last race of the day using the guidance in Attachment A – Guidance for Expedited Hearings.
- 11.4 Parties to a protest shall be called orally by hailing that the protest hearing is opening. It is the responsibility of the parties to come to the hearing without delay accompanied by any witness. No other notice of the hearing will be given. This changes RRS 63.2.
- 11.5 The decisions of the jury shall be final.

## **12 SCORING:**

- 12.1 The Low Point System of The RRS Appendix A2 shall apply with the following additions:
- 12.2 Unlimited races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 12.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score(s) for each six races completed.

## **13 SAFETY:**

- 13.1 Launching and retrieving boats will be done from the dock only.
- 13.2 Boats can be followed along the entire course from the shoreline. Use caution when walking along the shoreline and watch for tripping hazards.
- 13.3 Climbing down the rock slope is discouraged, but if you must, do so with extreme caution and at your own risk.
- 13.4 No wading in the water is allowed.
- 13.5 A rescue boat is available if a boat becomes disabled or caught on a mark. Please contact the RD for assistance.

## **14 PRIZES:**

- 14.1 Awards will be given for first, second and third place finishes.

## **15 RISK STATEMENT:**

15.1 All those entering or taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility. Queen City Model Yacht Club (AMYA #342), regatta staff & Race officers, and or any other parties involved in the organization of this event refuse all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury, or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water because of entering or participating in the event covered by the official Notice of Race. At all times, the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves including the decision to participate or continue shall rest with the competitors and participants. By entering this event, it is deemed that you accept these conditions. Competitors and participants are advised to ensure that they have adequate insurance that provides coverage for public liability and their injury in the Country and County of this event.

### **A. Attachment A - Guidance for Expedited Hearings**

- A.1 Each party will have approximately 1 minute to state their case
- A.2 The judge may question the parties and call witnesses. The parties may not call witnesses but may have witnesses available for the judge. This changes RRS 63.6
- A.3 The parties will be excused while the judge determines the facts and bases of decision on those facts.
- A.4 The judge will call back the parties and give them the judge's decision.
- A.5 The judge will inform the race committee of all decisions and will determine the penalty for a disqualified boat, which may either be a penalty as calculated as per rule 44.3(c) or as stated in RRS A5.2 or E7.