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**2015 TRIANGLE TANGO REGATTA - COLLEGE SAILING IN RALEIGH**  
NC State, Duke, and UNC compete at Lake Wheeler in Raleigh on April 4th

RALEIGH, N.C, APRIL 4, 2015 - Saturday, April 4th, NC State Sailing hosts the 2nd Annual Triangle Tango Regatta at Lake Wheeler Park in Raleigh featuring college sailors from NC State, Duke, and UNC. This annual event is the *only major college sailing event* held in the Triangle. Introduced in 2014 as an training event for the three Research Triangle area University sailing programs, the regatta remains collegial, but has increased in competitiveness. With the growth and development of college sailing on the national level, these three schools are lucky to have such close proximity for training and competition.

"The Triangle Tango regatta is competitive, fun to watch, and offers a great chance to showcase our program right here at home where we train," said NC State head coach Dana Magliola. "College sailing, although fiercely competitive, is also characterized by an environment of sportsmanship. We want to see all three of these teams do well in our conference, but in our backyard we sail to win."

In the regatta, sailors from the three Research Triangle area Universities will compete in two divisions, A-fleet and B-fleet, with individual fleet races scored collectively to determine the overall Regatta winner. This co-ed regatta will be sailed double-handed (a skipper and crew) in a traditional college sailing dinghy, the Flying Junior sloop-rigged dinghy, or more affectionately known as the "FJ." The lowest finishes consistently throughout a regatta, and thus as in golf, lowest score wins the event. The race course for the regatta may change depending on conditions, but college sailing events generally sail at least 6 sets of races in a regatta with more possible. Sailors rotate boats after races to ensure fair competition.

"We train with these teams a few times each season and race against them almost every weekend in regattas all over the East Coast," said NC State Sailing Team captain Paulina Spencer (Jr., Raleigh, NC). "So we're especially pumped to have them at home and more importantly to win our home regatta."

With over 230 colleges and universities competing in the United States and Canada, college sailing is organized through the [Intercollegiate Sailing Association \(ICSA\)](#), and through regional conferences. The host school, NC State, and both Duke and UNC are active members of the [South Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association \(SAISA\)](#) conference. Intercollegiate sailors compete in dinghy fleet racing, double-handed and single-handed sailing, as well as team, match, and off-shore racing competitions during Fall and Spring seasons. Active in Raleigh since 1954, NC State is North Carolina's oldest college sailing program. The Triangle Tango Regatta is organized by NC State Sailing through the organizing authority of the South Atlantic Conference. NC State is a proud member of US Sailing. The SailPack Foundation supports sailing at the University, as well as across North Carolina. For more information about the program or Foundation, visit [www.SailPack.org](http://www.SailPack.org).

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