

**North Carolina Offshore Championship
May 22-24, 2015, Beaufort, NC
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. All boats shall comply with N.C. Wildlife Commission and U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations.
- 1.3. No ratings will be changed after the first Warning Signal of the first race in the regatta.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Regatta Headquarters. Regatta Headquarters will be at 507 Front Street (upstairs).
- 2.2. Race Committee VHF Hailing Channel is 72.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted between 0700 and 0800 (except as stated below) on the day it will take effect and announced over the Hailing Channel prior to the first signal off the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Race Committee may make changes to the SIs on the water by flying Code Flag "L" and announcing the changes over VHF Hailing Channel or verbally hailing a boat.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at Regatta Headquarters.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" in race signal AP.

5. Starting Area

The starting area will be approximately 2 nm east of the Beaufort Inlet Channel Marker #10.

6. Schedule

- 6.1. Competitor's Meeting is 2000 on Friday at Regatta Headquarters.
- 6.2. Two races are planned on Saturday and one on Sunday. Racing is scheduled as follows:

Saturday	Race #1	First Signal 1055	Other races to follow ASAP
Sunday	1st Race of the day	First Signal 1055	Other races to follow ASAP
- 6.3. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7. Class Flags

- 7.1. Three or more like boats may constitute a one-design class.
- 7.2. PHRF and one-design classes will be assigned a number which shall be their class flag.
- 7.3. Class flags will be:

Spinnaker	Green
Non-spinnaker	Blue
Cruising Class	White

Additional Class Flags will be announced at the competitor's meeting and announced in accordance with SI 3.1

8. The Courses

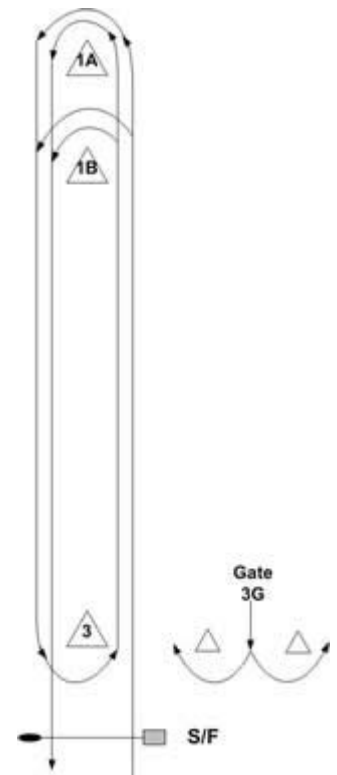
8.1. The courses to be sailed will be triangular (T) or windward/leeward (W) with a downwind finish. Courses will be posted on the signal boat. The number of LEGS will be indicated after the W or T. W4 is shown adjacent. T3 is a 3 leg triangle. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. Marks

- 9.1. Mark 1A will be an orange tetrahedron for the Spinnaker class(es).
- 9.2. Mark 1B will be a yellow tetrahedron for the Non Spinnaker and Cruising classes.
- 9.3. Mark 3 and 3G will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.4. The starting and finishing mark will be a yellow buoy.

10. Check In/Check Out

- 10.1. Prior to the warning signal of a boat's first race of each day, each boat shall check in with the race committee by sailing past the stern of the signal boat after code flag L has been signaled and hail her sail number until acknowledged by Race Committee repeating the sail number.
- 10.2. A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to compete, shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.



11. The Start

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the signal boat and the port end starting mark.
- 11.2. Race Committee may hail the starting sequence over the VHF Hailing Channel. Failure to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress.
- 11.3. Race Committee may hail boats that are OCS on the VHF Hailing Channel. Failure to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.

13. Time Limits

- 13.1. The time limit for the lead boat of her class is 45 minutes to Mark 1, and two and one half hours to complete the course.
- 13.2. PHRF boats will have 30 minutes to finish after the first boat of their class sails the course and finishes. Boats that do not finish within this time will be scored one place more than the last boat to finish in her class. This changes rules 35 and A4.2.
- 13.3. Boats sailing one design, and failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of their class sails the course and finishes will be scored one place more than the last boat to finish in her class. This changes rules 35 and A4.2.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1. The protest/redress time limit (60 minutes) will begin when the race committee arrives at the dock. A sound signal will be made upon arrival to signify the beginning of the protest time.
- 14.2. Protest forms will be available at the notice board. They shall be delivered to Race Committee at the notice board area within the protest time limit.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the protest hearings.
- 14.4. Protest hearings will be conducted at Regatta Headquarters as soon as possible.
- 14.5. On the last day of a regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

15. Scoring

- 15.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2. The Handicap system will be PHRF Time-on-Time.
- 15.3. Three races are scheduled. One race will be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.4. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16. Prizes

Up to three trophies will be awarded to each class or division depending on the number of entries.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.