



NOTICE OF RACE
Winter Series 2015-2016
(Including the Halloween Regatta)
Neuse Yacht Racing Association

LOCATION

Races will be held in the vicinity of Neuse River markers #17 and #19 and Broad Creek #2 near New Bern, NC.

RULES

The regatta and series will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing. **All boats shall comply with N.C. Wildlife Commission and U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations.**

ELIGIBILITY

Entries shall be accepted from skippers of sailboats 21 feet or longer with a current NC PHRF rating certificate. Eligible boats may enter by sending the completed entry form and required fee to the address given or by registering online at Regatta Network. Anticipated classes are **spinnaker, non-spinnaker, multi-hull, and cruising**. A minimum of 3 boats will constitute a class. "Cruising Class" can be selected at the request of the registering skipper and the sailboat must adhere to the rules for a "Cruising Class" boat as prescribed by the ICRC (see definition at the end of the NOR). Only spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes will be scored for the NYRA Boat of the Year Award (BOTY) – as always, the Winter Series score will count double for the BOTY award. The PRO, at his discretion, can split any large class into divisions based on a reasonable PHRF split. All boats shall race in their class as registered throughout the entire series.

SCHEDULE

Six Regular Race Days are scheduled for the NYRA Winter Series and one Makeup Race Day is scheduled. Racing will occur on the Makeup Race Day just as it does on Regular Race Days if, and only if, there have not been 8 or more races scored in the Winter Series (including the Halloween Regatta) after the completion of racing on Day 6. If, due to cancellations of any kind, only 7 or fewer races have been scored after the completion of racing on Day 6, racing will continue in the same manner on the Makeup Day.

Race #	Date	Social Location (specific directions will be provided prior to the event)
Day 1	Saturday, October 24, 2015 Halloween Regatta	Eddy and Jennifer Parker's (near Fairfield) Bring Costumes, if you'd like (for the race & social!)
Day 2	Saturday, November 07, 2015	Jeff Thomas & Jenny Hamilton's (on Neuse River)
Day 3	Saturday, November 21, 2015	John Y. and Georgie Jackson's (in Fairfield)
Day 4	Saturday, December 12, 2015	Mike and Joy Evan's – Chili Party (in Brices Creek) NYRA Annual Meeting
Day 5	Saturday, January 09, 2016	Mike and Sarah Afflerbach's (downtown NB)
Day 6	Saturday, January 23, 2016	Bob and Janice Stevens' (in Carolina Colors)
Makeup Day	Sunday, January 24, 2016	None

The **First Warning Signal** for all race days is scheduled at **10:55am**.

Socials will begin about **5:00pm** on every race day, even if racing is canceled. The social location will be announced on the NYRA website. <http://www.nyra.org/>

SKIPPERS' MEETING

The only skippers' meeting for the series and Halloween Regatta will be held **Oct. 24 at 9:00am** at Northwest Creek Marina. Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers meeting and on the NYRA website.

SCORING AND HANDICAPS

The High-Point Percentage scoring system will be used as recommended by US Sailing for scoring a long series. The scoring system is defined here: <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules/scoring-a-long-series/> In order for a boat to be scored for the series, the boat must complete 75% of the races run. All boats will be scored on their best results on 75% of the races run for the series. Handicapping will be **Time on Time** with a correction factor of 650/(550+PHRF). **One completed race will constitute a series or regatta.**

AWARDS

There will be approximately one award given for every three boats entered in each class. Individual awards for the Halloween Regatta will be presented at that social following the race. Cumulative Winter Series awards will be presented at the Commodores Ball on February 20, 2016.

PHRF

A NC-PHRF Rating Request form that can be submitted for boats that do not have a current rating is available at <http://www.ncphrf.com/>. If you need to apply for a rating, please send the completed and signed Request Form and check no later than 1 week prior to the regatta to the address on the form. A provisional/temporary PHRF certificate may be issued to a participating sailboat by the PRO at his sole discretion, pending sufficient warning prior to the start of the regatta or series.

RACE COMMITTEE

The PRO for this series will be Bill Jarvis. Racing will be canceled on any day the RealFeel temperature as defined by Accuweather for New Bern is forecast to be at or below 35 degrees at the scheduled start time of racing. A pre-determination will be made *the day prior to the race* at noon based on the forecast for the start time of racing on www.accuweather.com for New Bern. If the forecast predicts that the RealFeel temperature will be at or below 35 degrees at the start of racing the next day, racing will be cancelled. Notice of the cancellation will be posted on the NYRA website and sent to all the members of the Mailchimp NYRA email mailing list ASAP. Racing will be cancelled when the sustained wind speed as measured by the PRO is above 25 knots prior to the start of a race. Racing can also be canceled due to inclement weather at the discretion of the PRO at any time.

RULES GOVERNING CRUISING CLASS BOATS FOR ICRC RACES

ICRC recognizes the need to make accommodation for boat owners who may not wish to maintain their boat at the performance level implied by a standard NC-PHRF certificate. These boats are welcome to race in CRUISING CLASS. Therefore, the following guidelines are issued for those boats.

1. No boats specifically designed for racing are allowed.
2. Only Dacron sails are allowed. No spinnakers are allowed.
3. Powered winches are allowed.
4. A NC-PHRF rating for that particular boat must be issued.
5. Two of the four following additional Cruising Class requirements will be met, based on the statements of the boat owner at the time of registration.
 - a. Windlass or pulpit mounted anchor
 - b. Dodger/Bimini in place
 - c. The youngest sail to be 5 years old or older
 - d. Bottom paint 3 years old or older

HALLOWEEN REGATTA and WINTER SERIES REGISTRATION

Registration fee – Winter Series (including Halloween Regatta)	\$150.00
Registration fee – Halloween Regatta only	\$30.00
Discount for members of US Sailing – <i>Member Number</i> (_____)	(\$5.00)
Late fee (<i>Entries received after Tues, October 20, 2015</i>)	\$15.00

Skipper _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Boat Make _____ Length _____ PHRF Rating _____

Sail Number (*required*) _____ Boat Name _____

(Pick One):

Spinnaker Class ____ Non-spinnaker Class ____ Cruising Class ____ Multi-Hull Class ____

Total Enclosed _____ *Make check payable to "NYRA"*

Mail this form with fee to: NYRA
P.O. Box 235
New Bern, NC 28563

or register online at: <http://regattanetwork.com>

link to online registration may also be found at: <http://www.nyra.org/new/>

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Each competitor is responsible for any and all liability claims which may result from their participation and shall be adequately self insured or covered by third-party insurance. 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 each day's racing.

Signature _____ Date _____