



# NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

## Hope Regatta & Pursuit Races

### River Dunes

### June 11-12, 2016



Our intent is to encourage both racers and non-racers to join in this very worthy fundraising weekend benefiting Hope Clinic (a free, nonprofit medical clinic serving low-income, uninsured adults in Eastern North Carolina).

#### 1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.

#### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

**2.1** The regatta is open to all PHRF rated boats with a minimum of 21' in length.

**2.2** Those entrants in the Spinnaker and Jib & Main (JAM) Fleets (other than standard San Juan 21's or Ensigns) not listed in the 2016 NC-PHRF Ratings of Yachts are required to submit a copy of their current NC-PHRF certificate with their Entry Form. Those without a current NC-PHRF rating certificate will be assigned a provisional rating for purposes of this regatta. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to reassign boats to a different fleet than the one in which they entered.

#### 3.0 CLASSES

**3.1** Classes within fleets will be tentatively grouped by PHRF ratings as follows:

Spinnaker A	PHRF 120 or lower
Spinnaker B	PHRF 123 or higher
JAM A	PHRF 168 or lower
JAM B	PHRF 171 or higher
Multi-hulls	Any PHRF

If the above class splits lead to significant differences between the numbers of boats in a class, the PRO and OA, at their sole discretion, may modify the class splits in the interest of competition within the classes.

Each fleet (Spinnaker, JAM, Multi-hulls) will have separate starts. However, the PRO may start the classes within a fleet separately at his/her discretion. All classes within a fleet (Spinnaker, JAM, Multi-hulls) will sail the same course although the fleets may sail different courses.

**3.2** Cruising Class-Pursuit Race

A pursuit race is a simplified sailboat race that uses the boats' PHRF ratings to assign individual starting times to each boat. Boats with the highest rating (slower boats) will be given an earlier starting time. The boats sail a prescribed course, and the results are determined by the order in which each boat crosses the finish line. Cruising class boats without a PHRF certificate will be assigned a provisional rating in accordance with section 2.2 above.

#### 4 REGISTRATION AND FEES

**4.1** The REGISTRATION fee is \$200.00; made payable to Hope Clinic, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and is due by **Sunday, June 4, 2016**. Entrants can fill out the attached registration form and mail their entry to Hope Clinic, P.O. Box 728, Bayboro, NC 28515-0728 or register online at [www.hoperegatta.com](http://www.hoperegatta.com). All fees are tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by the IRS tax code.

**4.2** The LATE REGISTRATION fee is \$225.00 after June 4th, made payable to Hope Clinic.

**4.3** RACE DAY REGISTRATION is \$250.00 and will be accepted at the REGATTA REGISTRATION TENT at the River Dunes Pavilion from 1700 to 1800 on Friday, June 10th. There will be no new registrations accepted on Saturday.

**4.4** The fee includes slip fees for 2 nights at River Dunes Marina & Harbor Club, club amenities, dinner for up to four people for Friday and Saturday night (additional tickets may be purchased for additional crew, friends, or



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family), continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning for up to four, an event t-shirt, and access to live entertainment and games.

- 4.5 All potential entrants are encouraged to email their intent to race to [cenelson@aol.com](mailto:cenelson@aol.com) so that calculations of start times for the pursuit race, etc. can be completed for each potential course as well as other race planning can begin.

## 5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Dates of Racing: June 11-12, 2016

5.2 Skipper's Meetings

- a. The Skipper's meeting for the Cruising Class will be held at 0830 in the River Dunes clubhouse on Saturday, June 11, 2016. Individual start times will be announced along with the anticipated course.
- b. A Skipper's meeting for the Spinnaker and JAM fleets will be held in the River Dunes clubhouse at 0900 AM.

5.3 Number of Races

- a. The Cruising Class will have single pursuit race on Saturday only. If this race is abandoned for any reason, this class will have a single pursuit race on Sunday.
- b. The Spinnaker, JAM and OD fleets will have up to 3 races on Saturday and up to 2 races on Sunday.
- c. One race will constitute a regatta.

5.4 Start Times

- a. The Cruising Class 1st warning signal will at 0955 with its start time at 1000.
- b. The Spinnaker or JAM Fleet warning signal will be at 1055 AM with a start time of 1100 on Saturday and at 1055/1100 AM on Sunday. Warning signals for all other races of the day will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. No races will start after 1600 on Saturday or 1400 on Sunday.

## 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta website by June 4, 2016. Copies of the sailing instructions will be available at the LATE REGISTRATION tent after 1700 on Friday, June 10th, and will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board near the River Dunes Harbormaster office.

## 7 VENUE

Regatta Headquarters will be in the River Dunes clubhouse. Registration and late registration will take place in the River Dunes Pavilion area in the REGISTRATION TENT. The races will be held in the Neuse River in the waters off Broad Creek, in the vicinity of River Dunes Grace Harbor, North Carolina.

## 8 THE COURSE

8.1 The courses for the spinnaker and non/spin/JAM fleets will be triangular or windward/leeward or a combination, and will be posted on the signal boat. Diagrams will be included in the sailing instructions. Inflatable cylinders will be used as marks and will all be left to port.

8.2 The cruising fleet will sail a pursuit race with an individual start for each boat, separated by several minutes. Inflatables and the following government marks may be used for this course depending on wind conditions.

- GT: Flashing red '6' off Gum Thicket Shoal  
PP: Flashing red '4' off Piney Point  
MP: Flashing red '2' off Maw Point  
NR: Flashing red 'N' at entrance to Neuse River  
SR: Flashing green '1' at entrance to South River



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**9 SCORING**

- 9.1** The races other than the pursuit race, will be scored using the Time on Time (ToT) method.  
**9.2** There will be no throw-outs in the overall score.

**10 DOCK SPACE**

Free dockage is included in your registration fee and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis at Grace Harbor from Friday, June 10th through Sunday, June 12th. In an effort to encourage out of area (New Bern, Pamlico, or Beaufort) racers who wish to dock their boats for the week proceeding and the week following the Hope Regatta, River Dunes has graciously agreed to a significantly reduced rate for these weeks for regatta registrants.

**11 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

The race committee will monitor VHF channel 78A and may make race announcements on channel 78A.

**12 AWARDS & PRIZES**

- 12.1** Trophies will be awarded to each class or division depending on the number of entries. Prizes will also be awarded to the top 3 boats with the largest fundraising totals.
- 12.2**
- Cruising Class awards will be presented after racing on Saturday at the awards dinner.
  - Spinnaker and JAM Saturday race winners will also be recognized on Saturday at the awards dinner.
  - Spinnaker and JAM Fleet Regatta awards will be given on the water near the Race Committee signal boat at approximately 1500 on Sunday. There will be no formal awards ceremony on Sunday.

**13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2106*. The organizing authority, Oriental Dinghy Club, River Dunes, or Hope Clinic (staff or volunteers) will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**14 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-part liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

**15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact Charlie Nelson at [cenelson@aol.com](mailto:cenelson@aol.com) or (252) 347-3233 (cell).