

FAIRFIELD HARBOUR YACHT CLUB
2016 John Walsh Memorial Oar Race
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Sept 3, 2016

MANAGEMENT AND RULES. The Oar Race shall be conducted and managed by the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club, Ltd. It shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as altered by these sailing instructions. Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the SI shall take precedence. The penalty for breaking rule 55 shall be to have the boats handicap reduced by 30 in scoring the event. This changes rule 55.

ELIGIBILITY. Entries shall be accepted from the owner of any monohull or multihull which has a NC-PHRF or FHYC rating, and who completes the entry form and pays the entry fee.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and **CHANGES TO THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** will be announced at the skipper's meeting. Changes may also be announced on the water over marine radio channel 78.

No signals will be made ashore, however, in the event of cancellation or postponement an announcement will be made on VHF radio channel 78 an hour before the scheduled start, and repeated until the scheduled start, or until all registered vessels have acknowledged.

SCHEDULE OF RACES. The event will consist of a single race on the Neuse River. The start will be in the area between Broad Creek #2 and NR #19. The finish will be in the area off shore from the town of Oriental.

The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 11:00 am on Saturday, September 3.

A. **CLASSES.** There will be classes for Spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats. The classes may be separated into two or more divisions if there are at least three boats in each division. Division flags will be Spinnaker, Red; Non-Spinnaker, Blue; Multihull, Green; and Cruising, Yellow.

B. **COMMUNICATIONS.** The Committee Boat will monitor and use channel 78. All boats are requested to monitor this channel during the start sequences and race.

C. **TIME LIMIT.** There shall be no time limit.

D. **STARTING SIGNALS.** Races will be started according to Rule 26.

E. **THE COURSE.** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the anchored Race Committee boat and a colored buoy to port. The course will be displayed on the starboard side of the Committee Boat. Marks in green are to be left to starboard, those in red, to port. "W" will indicate a windward mark. The finish line will be between Oriental #1 and an orange flag on the nearby Committee boat.

Marks of The Course: In addition to marks displayed by the RC, “NR17” “NR8” and “1AC” shall be kept to port.

F. **SCORING.** Finishes will be determined using PHRF time on time with the correction factor equal to 650/550+PHRF. The race will be scored in order of corrected time, lowest being first, for PHRF classes and for the overall John Walsh Memorial Oar. For purposes of determining an overall winner the Non-Spinnaker Class will have their corrected times recalculated using their PHRF handicap adjusted by +15 *seconds per mile*.

G. **PROTESTS.** Notice of the protest must be given to the Race Committee by hail immediately upon finishing the race and shall be acknowledged by the Committee. All protests must be presented to the Race Committee in writing within one hour after the Committee Boat docks at the Oriental Marina. All protests shall be heard on the same day, or as soon as practicable, at a time and place to be announced. It is the responsibility of all skippers involved in the protest to be present at that hearing.

H. **AWARDS.** Awards will be given in each division depending on the number of entries. The overall winning monohull will have its name added to the John Walsh Memorial Oar Race Perpetual Trophy and receive a miniature replica.

I. **STARTING AND FINISH LINE.** The starting line shall be between the orange flag on the Committee boat and an orange inflatable mark. The finish will be between an orange flag on the Committee boat and Oriental marker #1.

J. **WITHDRAWAL FROM RACING.** A yacht which retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course area or, if that is not possible, immediately upon arriving ashore.

K. **PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT.** The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to:- 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty'

N. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** Competitors participate in this race 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 should 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.