

FAIRFIELD HARBOUR YACHT CLUB
2017 John Walsh Memorial Oar Race
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
May 20, 2017

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.

ELIGIBILITY. Entries shall be accepted from the owner of any sailboat with a NC-PHRF or FHYC rating, and who completes the entry form and pays the entry fee. **Cruising class boats without a rating will be assigned a rating.** Entry is via online registration by midnight Thursday, May 18, at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13892 - home>

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

SCHEDULE OF RACES. The event will consist of a single race on the Neuse River.
The **skippers' meeting** will be held at Northwest Creek Marina at **0900, May 20.**
The first **warning signal** is scheduled for **1055.**

CLASSES. There will be classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker, cruising and multi-hull boats. The classes may be separated into two or more divisions if there are at least three boats in each division.

Cruising class will be defined as follows:

1. no boat specifically designed for racing allowed
2. only dacron sails. no spinnakers
3. powered winches allowed
4. two of four additional requirements must be met:
 - a. windlass or pulpit mounted anchor
 - b. dodger/bimini in place
 - c. youngest sail 5 years old or older
 - d. bottom paint 3 years old or older

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

STARTING SIGNALS. Boats will be assigned a starting time for the pursuit start. The RC will use channel 78 to announce boat names and numbers and their respective start times. A white flag will be used for the warning signal for the first boat to start according to Rule 26 (5 minute sequence). After the first start the white flag will be **raised with no sound** 15 seconds before the next boat's start time and **lowered with a sound** at the start time. **Competitors are asked to use channel 78 only for emergencies during the starting period.** Boats need not check in with the RC since they will be recorded when they cross the starting line. This changes Rule 26.

THE COURSE. The **20-nautical mile 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, "L" leeward mark and "G" gybe mark.

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

The start will near Northwest Creek #1. If it is necessary to shorten the race to a **ten mile course** the start will be down river off the Cherry Point Air Station and "NR17" will be deleted from the marks of the course. The finish will be near Oriental #1.

STARTING AND FINISH LINE. The starting line and finish line shall be between the orange flag on the Committee boat and an inflatable mark.

TIME LIMIT. There shall be no time limit.

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.

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.

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 practical, at a time and place to be announced.

SCORING. The race will be a pursuit start using PHRF time on distance handicapping. Non-spinnaker boats, including cruising class and multi-hulls not declaring a spinnaker will receive a 15 second per mile allowance on their handicap. This allowance will be applied by the race committee.

AWARDS. Awards will be given in each division depending on the number of entries. The overall winner, the first boat to finish, will have its name added to the John Walsh Memorial Oar Race Perpetual Trophy and receive a miniature replica.

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.