

Beer Stein Regatta

May 21, 2017

Sailing Instructions

Organizing Authority: NYRA (Neuse Yacht Racing Association)

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as altered by these sailing instructions. Should there be any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2. The Racing Rules will be changed as described under paragraph 10 "The Start" outlined herein below.

2. Competitors' Meeting

- 2.1. A Competitors' Meeting will be held at 09:00 on the deck at the Oriental Harbor Marina & Hotel.
- 2.2. Sailing Instructions, Notices to Competitors and Start Times will be distributed at the Competitors' Meeting.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced by not less than 30 minutes, in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. The regatta will consist of a single race with a pursuit start.
- 5.2. The first warning signal is scheduled for 10:55

6. Class Flags and Streamers

- 6.1. The class flag for all starts will be red.

7. Racing Area

- 7.1. The race will take place on the Neuse River between Oriental and Northwest Creek.

8. The Course

- 8.1. The course will be as follows:
- 8.2. Start in the vicinity of Oriental #1, leave #1 AC (Adam's Creek) to starboard, leave Neuse River #8 to starboard, leave Neuse River #19 to port, leave # 19 off-set to starboard, leave Upper Broad Creek #3 to port and finish between the Committee boat and pin. The course length will be 20 nautical miles.
- 8.3. In the event of light wind, the finish location may be moved to effect a shortened course of 15 nautical miles with the finish at Neuse River #11. Such decision to shorten course will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting and the start times for each boat will be adjusted accordingly.

9. Marks

- 9.1. Marks will be government marks and inflatable buoys.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Signal Boat and an inflatable buoy. The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Signal Boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 9.3. In the event the course is shortened, the finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Signal Boat and Neuse River #11.

10. The Start

- 10.1. The race will be started using rule 26, as herein modified, with the warning signal for the first boat(s) 5 minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for the first boat(s) will be at or after 10:55 a.m.
- 10.2. The start will use a Pursuit format with slower boats starting first. Start times for individual boats will be determined by PHRF rating. Since the course length is 20 nautical miles, start time delays between boats will be in full minutes. At the Competitor's Meeting, each boat will be given the time delay between the start of the first boat(s) and its own start time. There will be a 5 minute starting sequence for the first boat(s) to start. To indicate all subsequent starts, the Class flag will be raised 30 seconds prior to the designated start time, and then lowered at the start time. The Race Committee will endeavor to notify each group of boats of their pending start in the minute before it is scheduled, via radio communication on VHF Channel 72. This changes rule 26.
- 10.3. In the event of a shortened course in accordance with para 8.3, start times will be provided for the 15 nautical mile course. If these are used, the time increments will be less than one minute.
- 10.4. **Competitors are asked to use channel 72 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.

11. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 11.1. Protest forms will be available from the PRO on the Committee Boat. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered in writing to the PRO on the Committee Boat within 2 hours after the Committee boat docks. Docking location shall be Blackbeard Sailing Club.

12. Scoring.

- 12.1. The scoring system will be a Pursuit Start using Time on Distance handicapping. Each boat will be given a start time offset at the Competitors' Meeting. The order of finishing shall be the order of placement, subject to the resolution of any protests.

13. Safety Regulations.

- 13.1. Any boat that retires shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on channel 72 or by cell phone to Bill Green at 919-518-0752.

14. Radio Communication

- 14.1. The Race Committee will monitor and make announcements to competitors on channel 72.
- 14.2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones.

15. Prizes

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority, based upon numbers of participants.

16. Disclaimer of Liability

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor and of the sponsors will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

17. Insurance

- 17.1. Each participating boat shall be covered with valid third party liability insurance.