

# **NYRA Parrothead Race**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**July 22, 2017**

### **Part I. General Instructions**

#### **MANAGEMENT AND RULES**

The **Parrothead Race** shall be conducted and managed by NYRA. It shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as altered by these sailing instructions. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Entries shall be accepted from owners of mono-hull boats 20 feet long or longer who possess a **CURRENT VALID PHRF RATING** from an acceptable NC State rating organization. Upon request of the Race Committee, the owner or skipper shall provide a signed, dated copy of the yacht's rating certificate as proof of currency and validity. Cruisers and others without a valid NC-PHRF certificate may race but will be assigned a provisional rating and start time by the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

#### **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

All notices to competitors shall be posted on the official bulletin boards at North West Creek Marina.

#### **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to sailing instructions, if any, shall be posted on the official bulletin board. Changes to the SI's may also be made on the water. In that case flag L will be displayed on the Signal Boat and all vessels shall come within hail and acknowledge hearing the change.

#### **SCHEDULE**

**Saturday July 22. First Class signal 10:55 am.** One completed race will constitute the race.

#### **PENALTIES**

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 13 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

### **Part II. The Race**

#### **CLASSES**

There shall be classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruising boats.

Before the Warning Signal for the first starting group, all yachts shall sail past the Signal Boat and identify themselves to the Race Committee by hailing the yacht's name, sail number and class or division entered.

#### **STARTING SIGNALS**

This event has a pursuit start. The highest handicapped boat will start at the scheduled start time, other boats will start at a later time dependant on their handicap. The time increments will be provided at the skippers' meeting. The first start will be started according to Rule 26. The

warning signal for the first boat(s) will be at or after **10:55 am**. The race committee will attempt to notify boats 1 minute prior to their start via VHF Channel 72 and will lower the class flag at each scheduled start time. The class flag will be raised 30 seconds prior to every start except the first.

In the event of a postponement a shortened course may be used. Tables of course length and start times will be available on the event website at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled start.

#### **CLASS FLAG all classes -- Red flag**

**AFTER THE STARTING SEQUENCE HAS BEGUN, ALL YACHTS IN CLASSES WHOSE START TIME IS MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES AWAY SHALL REMAIN CLEAR OF THE STARTING AREA. YACHTS THAT FAIL TO KEEP CLEAR ARE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.**

#### **THE COURSE**

The race course will be located on the Neuse River. The course will start around marker #17, toward Oriental regardless of wind direction, leave marker # 8 to port, leave marker '1AC' to port and finish within 100 feet of marker Oriental #1. A shortened course may eliminate marker #17.

#### **SCORING**

The scoring system will be a Pursuit Start using Time on Distance handicapping. Each boat will be given a start time offset at the Skipper's Meeting. The first boat to finish shall record her finish time and the name and time of the second boat to finish. Each subsequent finisher shall record her finish time and the name and time of the following boat. The order of finish determines the order of placement in each class.

#### **PROTESTS**

Protests are discouraged, this is a fun event! Notice of any the protests shall be given to the PRO by hail or VHF Channel 72 immediately upon finishing the race and shall be acknowledged by the PRO. 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. The party will be delayed for all until all protests have been heard and decisions rendered. Note the PRO may not be in Oriental at the finish.

#### **AWARDS**

Awards will be given as deemed practical and advisable, and in such a manner as deemed appropriate by the organizing authority. Awards will be given at the Raft-up/Dock party as soon as practical after the race is scored.

**Disclaimer of Liability** *Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rules Part 1- Fundamental 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.*