

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Bridgeton Harbor NYRA Invitational Regatta March 31st and April 1, 2012

MANAGEMENT AND RULES

The regatta shall be conducted and managed by NYRA. It shall be governed by the 2009- 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of US Sailing except as altered by these sailing instructions. All skippers should have a copy of and be familiar with the Racing Rules of Sailing. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

NOTICES AND CHANGES

All notices to competitors and any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official bulletin board located at Bridgeton Harbor Marina.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will monitor and attempt to broadcast on **channel 78** to keep the competitors informed of general race information, class starting sequence, start count downs, premature starters, etc.

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 25 - At Bridgeton Harbor Marina

5:00 – 8:00 pm - Early arrival docking, Parties on board PHRF boats, sponsored by NYRA

Saturday, March 26 - At Bridgeton Harbor Marina

8:00 am – Late Registration, Collection of payments for on-line registrations

9:30 am – Skippers' Meeting

11:00 am – First sequence begins

5:00 pm – Social

Sunday, March 28 - At Bridgeton Harbor Marina

10:00 am – First sequence begins

Awards will be presented as soon as practical after racing is completed.

THE COURSE.

One-design classes will race near the Bridgeton Harbor Marina and the downtown New Bern waterfront on the Neuse River. The course for each race for a given class will be posted on the starboard side of the Committee Boat before the Warning Signal is given. Diagrams of the courses will be available at the Skippers' Meeting and posted on the official bulletin board, but skippers are responsible to confirm the course for their class, as posted on the Committee Boat, in case of changes. Multiple races are planned for each day.

PHRF classes will race down the Neuse River and back. The course for each class will be posted on the starboard side of the Committee Boat before that class' Warning Signal. A description of the anticipated courses will be given at the Skippers' Meeting and posted on the official bulletin board, but skippers are responsible to confirm the course for their class, as posted on the Committee Boat, in case of changes. One race is planned for each day.

The courses for the PHRF classes will be displayed as follows:

Marks displayed in green are to be left to Starboard, those in red to port.

A displayed number indicates the corresponding government mark

Inflatable marks will be large (~ three foot) yellow or orange triangles or cylinders.

When numbers "19 or "2" are used an inflatable offset mark near the corresponding government mark should be rounded, not the Government mark

"18" indicates an inflatable set approximately midway between "17" and "19"

"R/C" indicates the race committee (Start / Finish line).

"W" indicates a separately set windward mark. If "W" is used the approximate compass course to the windward mark will be displayed below the W on the RC boat.

"M" indicates the mark at the flag end of the Start/Finish line

"N" and other Government Marks may be used

"L" indicates a separately set leeward mark downwind from the committee boat.

"G" indicates a gybe or wing mark set approximately midway between the windward and leeward mark and offset by approximately half of the distance between windward and leeward marks.

CHECK IN

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

SAIL NUMBERS

The Race Committee reserves the right not to score any boat they cannot identify by their sail numbers.

STARTING SIGNALS

Races will be started according to Rule 26 with class flag as follows:

Spinnaker	"A" = Red, "B" = Blue
Non-Spinnaker	"A" = Green, "B" = Pink
Cruising	_____
SJ21 Working Sails	_____
SJ21 All Sails	_____
Sunfish	_____

***Rule 26 (Starting Races) - The "P" flag will be used for Preparatory Signal.

AFTER THE STARTING SEQUENCE HAS BEGUN, ALL YACHTS IN CLASSES WHO'S WARNING SIGNAL HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN SHALL REMAIN CLEAR OF THE STARTING AREA. YACHTS THAT FAIL TO KEEP CLEAR ARE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.

TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the **PHRF** classes shall be **four hours**. If one boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, any boat in that class that does not finish within **60 minutes** of the first boat shall be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

The time limit for **one-design** classes shall be **one hour**. If one boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, any boat in that class that does not finish within **10 minutes** of the first boat shall be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

ABANDONMENT

Races shall be abandoned or canceled when the wind speed is above 25 knots sustained on the racecourse. The Race Committee, in consultation with the PRO, may also abandon or cancel a race in progress, or it may cancel a race not yet started, when existing conditions, in its judgment, make the race an unsatisfactory test of skill or constitute sufficient hazard to participants to warrant discontinuance. When such is the case, the Race Committee shall display **code flag N (blue and white checkered)** and make three sound signals. However, a race shall not be abandoned solely because there is only one member of a class racing. This modifies Rule 27.3.

ADDITIONAL RACING

If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the **Second Substitute** (with no sound) while boats are finishing.

PROTESTS AND REDRESS

Boats intending to protest or request redress shall notify the PRO as soon as possible after crossing the finish line. Protests or requests for redress shall be delivered to the PRO no later than one hour after the Committee Boat docks.

SCORING

Time on Time handicapping will be used to score each PHRF race. Each vessel's elapsed time will be multiplied by a correction factor to determine their corrected time. The correction factor will be $650/(550+\text{PHRF handicap})$. The boat with the lowest corrected time in each class will be the winner. The Low Point Scoring System will be used for all fleets. All races will be scored. This changes rule Rule A2. One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

AWARDS

Awards will be given in all classes as deemed appropriate by the PRO.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 shall 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.