



# East Carolina Bank Regatta

## Blackbeard Sailing Club

April 28-29, 2012



### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2009-2012)*.
- 1.2 Except when changing headsails only one headsail may be flown from the forestay at any one time.
- 1.3 Use of a spinnaker of any type is not permitted by boats sailing in classes that are designated Non-Spin and Cruising.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Shall be posted on the official bulletin board; (glass panels on the Clubhouse deck).

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to sailing instructions shall be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect and announced at the Skippers Meeting, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the BSC clubhouse deck.
- 4.2 Signal Flag AP with one sound means "The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag AP is displayed. Boats are requested not to leave the harbor until this signal is made. This changes race signal AP."

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> 1100 Skippers Meeting on the BSC Clubhouse deck
- 5.1 Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 1230 First Class Warning Signal. Other races to follow.
- 5.2 Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 0930 First Class Warning Signal. Other races to follow.
- 5.3 The Answering Pennant (AP = alternating red and white vertical stripes) will be displayed over code flag A (white and blue swallow tail) on the Signal boat to signal the end of racing each day.

#### 6 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Classes may be broken out as: Spinnaker (A, B, C), Non-spinnaker (A, B, C), and Cruising. To ensure competitive racing, Division breaks in each Class will be determined by the Race Committee. Boats will sail in their assigned Class and Division.
- 6.2 Class flags will be assigned at the skippers meeting and posted on the official bulletin board.  
 Spin. A: \_\_\_\_\_ Spin. B: \_\_\_\_\_ Spin. C: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Spin. A: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Spin. B: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Spin. C: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cruising: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Race courses will be located on the Neuse River near Upper Broad Creek.

#### 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course will be displayed before each class's Warning flag on the Starboard side of the Committee Boat.
- 8.2 Leave **Green** marks to starboard, **Red** marks to port.
- 8.3 A displayed number indicates the corresponding government or private mark  
 When using numbers "19" or "2", this will indicate a temporary, offset mark near the corresponding government mark. Round the offset mark not the government mark. (Government marks 19 & 2 are shoal markers and too shallow to sail around).  
 "18" if used, indicates an inflatable mark set approximately mid-way between government marks 17 and 19.  
 "R/C" indicates the race committee (Start / Finish line).  
 "W" indicates a separately set "windward" mark. If used, the compass direction will be displayed below the "W".  
 "M" indicates the mark at the flag end of the Start/Finish line  
 "L" Indicates a separately set "Leeward" mark, directly downwind of the mark used as the windward mark.  
 "N" is a private mark on the north side of the Neuse, due east of government mark #11

“G” indicates a gybe or wing mark set approximately midway between the windward & leeward mark & offset by approximately half the distance between the windward and the leeward mark.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 The inflatable marks will be large (three foot or larger) orange or yellow triangles.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Government marks 19 & 2 are shoal markers and too shallow to round See 8.3 above

## 11 THE START

11.1 Before the first start each day, each boat shall sail past the Race Committee boat and identify themselves to R/C personnel by hailing the boat's name, sail number and class.

11.2 THE STARTING LINE: Shall be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat & a nearby mark of the course.

## 12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line shall be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat & a nearby mark of the course.

## 13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for each Class race shall be two (2) hours. If the first boat in a class finishes within the time limit, other boats in that class will be allowed 30 more minutes beyond the first boat's finish time, even if this should exceed the two (2) hour time limit.

13.2 Regardless of the finishing time of the first boat, all boats shall have at least two (2) hours to complete the race.

## 14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 All protests must be presented to the Race Committee in writing within **one hour** after the Race Committee boat docks at Blackbeard Sailing Club.

14.2 All protests shall be heard on the same day, or as soon as practicable, at the Blackbeard Clubhouse.

## 15 SCORING

15.1 Time on Time handicapping will be used to score each 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. All races will be scored, with no throw outs for this regatta.

## 16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A boat retiring from the race, shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course area or, if that is not possible, immediately upon arriving ashore.

16.2 Any attempt by any contestant to exercise right of way, to cross in close proximity to, or to interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by a commercial vessel, shall be grounds for disqualification. Should such protest occur, the burden of proof is on the boat allegedly interfering with said vessel.

16.3 Swing keel boats will maintain their keels in the down position at all times.

16.4 Radio equipped boats shall monitor Channel 67 while racing.

16.5 If a Y flag (yellow and red diagonal stripes) is flown with one sound before the warning signal, then all competitors shall wear a PFD while racing (see RRS 40).

16.6 Single handed sailors shall wear PFD's while racing. This changes RRS 40.

## 17 PRIZES

17.1 Prizes shall be awarded three deep in each class.

17.2 The ECB Regatta overall trophy will be awarded to the winner of the most competitive, not necessarily the largest, class. This shall be the class with the smallest total margin between finishing times (after PHRF adjustments) of the top scoring three boats.

## 18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 the regatta