



2012 Michelob Ultra Regatta

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 2009-2012 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 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be displayed on the Official Notice Board located in the entrance passage to the Oriental Marina.

3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official notice Board by 9:00am on the day it will take effect.

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 9:55

6 Class Flags and Streamers

- 6.1 The class flag for all starts will be red.
- 6.2 Class streamers, which will be in the skipper's bag, shall be displayed on the backstay of each boat to assist the Race Committee in identifying classes of boats finishing.

7 Racing Area

- 7.1 The race will take place on the Neuse River between Oriental and New Bern

8 The Course

- 8.1 The course will be as follows:

Start in the vicinity of Oriental #1, pass #1 AC (Adam's Creek) to starboard, pass Neuse River #8 to starboard, pass Neuse River #17 to starboard, pass Neuse River #19 to port, finish between the Committee boat and Neuse River #22. The approximate course length will be 20 nm.

- 8.2 The course will not be shortened nor will the legs of the course be changed. This changes Rules 32 and 33.9

Marks

- 9.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Signal Boat and a 3' inflatable tetrahedron.
- 9.2 The finishing line will be between Neuse River #22 and an orange flag on the Signal Boat. ** caution - fish trap area in vicinity of marker #22 as noted on recent Notice to Mariners - keep marker #22 to starboard!
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 9:55 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 nm, 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. Boats are advised to check in via VHF Channel 67 to avoid interference with announcements. This changes rule 26.
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 30 minutes after the Committee boat docks. Docking location shall be announced at the Competitors' Meeting.
- 11.2 The Protest time limit for all classes shall be 30 minutes after the Committee boat docks.
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 All boats shall check in by radio on channel 67 at least 15 minutes before their scheduled start time. All other race communication shall be via VHF channel 72
- 13.2 Any boat that retires shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
14. **Radio Communication**
- 14.1 The Race Committee will monitor and make announcements to competitors on channel 72.
- 14.1 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 given to the first three finishers in each class. Best in fleet awards will also be given to the top finishers overall in the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes.
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.