

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Winter Series 2012 Including the Halloween Regatta Neuse Yacht Racing Association

MANAGEMENT AND RULES

The NYRA Winter Series 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 and be familiar with the Racing Rules of Sailing which govern the conduct of this event. 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 who possess a **CURRENTLY VALID PHRF RATING** from an acceptable NC State rating organization. Upon request of the Principal Race Officer (PRO), the owner or skipper shall provide a signed, dated copy of the yacht's rating certificate as proof of currency and validity.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

All notices to competitors shall be posted on the official bulletin board at Northwest Creek Marina.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to sailing instructions, if any, shall be posted on the official bulletin board. Verbal changes may be made on the water. They will be communicated by radio on channel 67

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The R/C will monitor and attempt to broadcast on **channel 67** to keep the competitors informed of general race information, class starting sequence, start count downs, premature starters, etc.

CLASSES

There shall be classes for spinnaker boats and non-spinnaker boats. There may be more than one class in each division if the number of boats is sufficient in which case the PRO will determine the class breaks based on boat size and handicap. Two (2) registered boats constitute a class.

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.

SCHEDULE

On all race days the scheduled time for the **warning signal** for the first class will be at **10:55 am**. One or more races may be run each day. The 2012/13 Winter Series is scheduled to have **6 race days (10/27, 11/10, 12/1, 12/15, 1/05 & 1/19)** but one completed race shall constitute a regatta or series. All races shall start at least 3 hours before sunset. **Socials** are scheduled to start at about **5:00pm** after each race. The social will be held even if the race is canceled.

THE COURSE.

Race courses will be located on the Neuse River. The course will be displayed at or before the Class warning flag on the Starboard side of the Committee Boat. 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 for the classes will be large (~ five 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 announced on channel 67

"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.

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

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.

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.

TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each class race shall be **two hours**. If a boat finishes within the time limit, any boat in that class that does not finish within **30 minutes** of the first boat shall be scored DNF.

ABANDONMENT

Racing may be canceled on any day when the real feel temperature is forecast to be at or below 35 degrees.. The determination will be made based on the noon forecast on www.accuweather.com. the day before the race. Racing may also be canceled when the wind speed is above 25 knots sustained on the race course.

The Race Committee, in consultation with the PRO, may 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

SCORING

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. The Low Point Scoring System will be used. When 5 or more races have been completed the worst score will be excluded, if 9 or more races are completed the worst 2 scores will be excluded. This changes A2, Appendix A . All boats must declare their class at the first race. If a competitor races in another class during the series, their score will not be included in the series total. Penalty scores will be based on the registration at the first race.

SAIL NUMBERS

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

AWARDS

There will be approximately one award given for every three boats entered in each class. Awards for the Halloween Regatta will be presented at the social following the race. Winter Series awards will be presented at the 2013 Commodores Ball.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series 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.