



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
The Bridgeton Harbor NYRA Invitational Regatta
March 23 - 24, 2013

MANAGEMENT AND RULES

The regatta shall be conducted and managed by NYRA. It shall be governed by the 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 22 - At Bridgeton Harbor Marina

6:00 – 8:00 pm - Early arrival docking, Parties on board PHRF boats, sponsored by NYRA

Saturday, March 23 - At Bridgeton Harbor Marina

9:00 am – Late Registration,

9:30 am – Skippers' Meeting

10:55 am – First sequence begins

5:00 pm – Social

Sunday, March 28 - At Bridgeton Harbor Marina

09:55 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. 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. 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 _____

Other class flags will be announced at the Skippers' meeting and posted on the notice board

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

THE FINISH The finishing line will be between the orange flag on the Signal boat and the pin end mark.

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 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. 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

Flag "A" displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today"

PROTESTS AND REDRESS

Boats intending to protest or request redress shall notify the PRO as soon as possible after crossing the finish line. This changes rule 61.1. 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 time correction factor to determine their corrected time. The correction factor will be $650/(550+\text{PHRF handicap})$. The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A will be used for all fleets. No scores will be excluded. One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

AWARDS

Awards will be given in all classes.

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.