

NYRA Parrothead Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

July 26, 2014

Part I. General Instructions

MANAGEMENT AND RULES

The **Parrothead Race** shall be conducted and managed by NYRA. It shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as altered by these sailing instructions.. 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 mono-hull boat owners who possess a **CURRENT VALID PHRF RATING** from an acceptable NC State rating organization. Upon request of the Race Committee, the owner or skipper shall provide a signed, dated copy of the yacht's rating certificate as proof of currency and validity. Cruisers and others without a valid NC-PHRF certificate will be assigned a PHRF rating by the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

All notices to competitors shall be posted on the official bulletin boards at North West Creek Marina.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to sailing instructions, if any, shall be posted on the official bulletin board.

SCHEDULE

Saturday July 26. First Class signal 10:55 am. One completed race will constitute the race.

PENALTIES

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 13 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty,'

Part II. The Race

CLASSES

There shall be classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruising boats.

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

The Race Committee reserves the right to not score any boat that cannot be identified by its sail numbers.

STARTING SIGNALS

This event has a pursuit start. The highest handicapped boat will start at the scheduled start time, other boats will start at a later time dependant on their handicap. The time increments will be provided at the skippers' meeting. The first start will be started according to Rule 26. The warning signal for the first boat(s) will be at or after **10:55 am**. The race committee will attempt to notify boats 1 minute prior to their start via VHF Channel 72. and will lower the class flag at each scheduled start time. The class flag will be raised 30 seconds prior to every start except the first.

CLASS FLAG all classes -- **Red flag**

AFTER THE STARTING SEQUENCE HAS BEGUN, ALL YACHTS IN CLASSES WHOSE START TIME IS MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES AWAY SHALL REMAIN CLEAR OF THE STARTING AREA. YACHTS THAT FAIL TO KEEP CLEAR ARE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.

THE COURSE

The race course will be located on the Neuse River. The course will start around marker #17, **toward Oriental regardless of wind direction**, leave marker # 8 to port, leave marker '1AC' to port and finish within 100 feet of marker Oriental #1. The first boat to finish shall record her finish time and the name and time of the second boat to finish. Each subsequent finisher shall record her finish time and the name and time of the following boat.

SCORING

The scoring system will be a Pursuit Start using Time on Distance handicapping. Each boat will be given a start time offset at the Skipper's Meeting. The order of finish determines the order of placement in each class.

PROTESTS

Protests are discouraged, this is a fun event! Notice of any the protests shall be given to the PRO by hail or VHF Channel 72 immediately upon finishing the race and shall be acknowledged by the PRO. All protests must be presented to the PRO in writing within one hour after the PRO's boat docks. Docking location shall be announced at the Skippers' Meeting. All protests shall be heard on the same day, or as soon as practicable, at a time and place to be announced. It is the responsibility of all skippers involved in the protest to be present at that hearing. The party will be delayed for all until all protests have been heard and decisions rendered.

AWARDS

Awards will be given as deemed practical and advisable, and in such a manner as deemed appropriate by the organizing authority. Awards will be given at the Raft-up/Dock party as soon as practical after the race is scored.

Disclaimer of Liability *Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rules Part 1- Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. Each competitor is responsible for any and all liability claims which may result from their participation and should 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.*