



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### NYRA Commodore's Ball Regatta February 21, 2014

#### MANAGEMENT AND RULES

The NYRA Commodore's Ball 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.

#### SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 21, 2014.

9:00 am - Skippers meeting at Northwest Creek Marina

10:55 am – Warning signal for first class

One or more races may be run. One completed race shall constitute a regatta. No race shall start after 2:00 pm.

6:00 pm - Commodore's Ball Regatta dinner and awards, 311 Middle St, New Bern.

#### CLASSES

There shall be classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruising 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. Class flag will be as follows:

**Spinnaker** "A" = Red, "B" = Blue  
**Non-Spinnaker** "A" = Green,  
**Cruising** = Pink

#### 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 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 the VHF radio.

"M" indicates the mark at the pin end of the Start/Finish line

"L" indicates a separately set leeward mark.

"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.

#### STARTING SIGNALS

Races will be started according to Rule 26.

AFTER THE STARTING SEQUENCE HAS BEGUN, ALL YACHTS IN CLASSES WHOSE WARNING SIGNAL HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN SHALL REMAIN CLEAR OF THE STARTING AREA. YACHTS THAT FAIL TO KEEP CLEAR ARE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION WITHOUT A HEARING.

## **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 TLE. This changes Rule 35.

## **ABANDONMENT and CANCELATION**

Racing shall be canceled on any day the real feel temperature is forecast to be at or below 35 degrees. The determination will be made based on the noon forecast for race time as noted on [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com) the day before the race.

Racing shall be also abandoned or canceled when the wind speed is above 25 knots sustained on the racecourse. The PRO may also cancel racing or abandon a race in progress, when existing conditions, in his 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 canceled or abandoned solely because there is only one member of a class racing. This modifies Rule 27.3.

## **PROTESTS AND REDRESS**

Boats intending to protest or request redress shall notify the PRO as soon as possible after crossing the finish line. Protests or requests for redress shall be delivered to the PRO no later than 4:00 pm, the day of the race, at 5620 Gondolier Dr, New Bern. Hearings will be held prior to the Commodore's Ball Dinner at 311 Middle St New Bern.

## **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  $650/(550+PHRF \text{ handicap})$ . The boat with the lowest corrected time in each class will be the winner. The Low Point Scoring System will be used. All races will be scored.

## **SAIL NUMBERS**

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

## **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.

## **AWARDS**

There will be approximately one award given for every three boats entered in each class. Awards will be presented at the Commodore's Ball dinner.

## **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.