



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
The 2015 NYRA Invitational Regatta
March 20-22nd, 2015

MANAGEMENT AND RULES

NYRA is the Organizing Authority. The 2015 NYRA invitational Regatta 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.

The first two sentences of **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 31 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".

Note: **Rule 42.3 (i)** is in effect: Sailing instructions may, in stated circumstances, permit propulsion using an engine or any other method, provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race. (i.e. Running aground)

NOTICES AND CHANGES

All notices to competitors and any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official bulletin board located at BridgePointe Hotel and Marina.

There will be two racing areas, one between the bridges on the Neuse River off the New Bern Waterfront for the One Design classes, one for the PHRF classes having a starting area Southeast of marker 26 in the Neuse River.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The OD Race Committee will monitor and attempt to broadcast on VHF **channel 67** to keep the competitors informed of general race information, class starting sequence, start count downs, premature starters, etc. The PHRF Race Committee will utilize VHF **channel 72**.

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 20 -	ALL At BridgePointe Hotel and Marina
4:00 – 9:00 pm	Registration and check in. Riverfront Social.
6:30 pm	Skippers' Meeting for PHRF Fleet
Saturday, March 21 -	At BridgePointe Hotel and Marina
08:00	Late Registration,
09:00	Skippers' Meetings for the One-Design Fleet
10:55	First sequence begins for both race areas.
5:00 pm	Social
Sunday, March 22 -	At BridgePointe Hotel and Marina
10:55	First sequence begins
3:00 pm	Post Race Social and Awards presentation.

THE COURSE.

One-design classes will race on the Neuse River between the high-rise bridge and the railroad bridge and close to downtown New Bern. 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 are shown at the end of these sailing Instructions. 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:

PHRF	Spinnaker	"A" = Red, "B" = Blue
	Non-Spinnaker	Green,
	Cruising	Yellow
One Design	SJ21 Working Sails	White
	SJ21 All Sails	Numeral 8
	Sunfish	Blue
	Ensign	Ensign Class Flag
	Laser	Green
	Topaz	Red
	420's	Numeral 4
	FJ's	Purple
	Optimists	Opti Class Flag

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 and not interfere with boats in sequence during the starting sequence for other classes.

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

TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the **PHRF** classes shall be **four hours on Saturday** and **three hours on Sunday**. 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 TLE and scored two points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit. This changes Rule 35 and Appendix A Rules 4.2 and 11

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 TLE. This changes Rule 35 and Appendix A Rules 4.2 and 11

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.

One Design Courses

