

Sailing Instructions First Citizens Cup Regatta



September 26 and 27, 2015
Blackbeard Sailing Club
New Bern, North Carolina

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 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 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'

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Shall be posted on the official bulletin board; (glass panels on the Clubhouse deck).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to sailing instructions shall be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect and announced at the Skippers Meeting, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the BSC clubhouse deck. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- Saturday Sept 26th 0730 Late registration closes.
- 5.1 Saturday Sept 26th 0900 Skippers Meeting on the BSC Clubhouse deck
- 5.1 Saturday Sept 26th 1055 First Class Warning Signal. Other races to follow.
- 5.3 Flag "A" displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today"

6 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Classes will be: Class A (Spinnaker), Class B (Non-Spinnaker), Class C (Pearson Ensign), Class D (San Juan 21) Class M (Multihull). Classes may be combined or broken into divisions based on rating ranges and number of entries.
- 6.2 The Cruising Class excludes one-design racing sailboats and the use of spinnakers and also requires all sails to be white sails (Dacron only - no high tech sails). Boats who otherwise do not qualify for Cruising Class, with a PHRF sailing rating over approximately 200, may enter the Cruising Class.
- 6.3 If 8 or more boats register in any Class, then that class may be separated into divisions for trophy purposes, however divisions of a class will start together and sail the same course.
- 6.4 The PRO will determine division breaks to insure competitive racing. Class flags will be assigned at the skippers meeting and posted on the official bulletin board.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Race courses will be located on the Neuse River near Upper Broad Creek.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be Windward/Leeward, Triangular or Modified Olympic.
- 8.2 Courses will be displayed on a white board at the stern of the Signal Boat. 'W' signifies a Windward/Leeward course, if followed by a number signifies the number of laps.' T' signifies a triangular course and 'O' signifies a modified Olympic course.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The inflatable marks will be large (three foot or larger) orange or yellow tetrahedrons.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Before the first start each day, each boat shall sail past the Race Committee boat and identify themselves to R/C personnel by hailing the boat's name, sail number and class.
- 10.2 THE STARTING LINE: Shall be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and an orange or yellow tetrahedron. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 10.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal the race Committee will attempt to hail her on VFH radio channel 67. Failure to make or to hear, or the order

of hail, shall not be grounds for redress.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line shall be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat & a nearby mark of the course.

12 TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit for each Class race shall be two (2) hours. If the first boat in a class finishes within the time limit, other boats in that class will be allowed 30 more minutes beyond the first boat's finish time. Boats not finishing with the time limit will be scored TLE and scored two points more than the last boat in their class that finished with the time limit.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 All protests must be presented to the Race Committee in writing within **one hour** after the Race Committee boat docks at Blackbeard Sailing Club.

13.2 All protests shall be heard on the same day, or as soon as practicable, at the Blackbeard Clubhouse.

14 SCORING

14.1 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 $650/(550+PHRF \text{ handicap})$. All races will be scored, with no throw outs for this regatta.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 A boat retiring from the race, shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course area or, if that is not possible, immediately upon arriving ashore.

15.2 Any attempt by any contestant to exercise right of way to cross in close proximity to, or to interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by a commercial vessel, shall be grounds for disqualification. Should such protest occur, the burden of proof is on the boat allegedly interfering with said vessel.

15.3 Swing keel boats shall maintain their keels in the down position at all times.

15.4 Radio equipped boats shall monitor Channel 67 while racing. The Race Committee will monitor and attempt to provide information of general interest to competitors over channel 67.

15.5 Single handed sailors shall wear PFD's while racing. This changes RRS 40.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes shall be awarded in each class and/or division based on early registration.

16.2 The First Citizens Cup overall trophy will be awarded to the winner of the most competitive, not necessarily the largest, class and/or division. The most competitive class shall be the class and/or division with the smallest percentage margin between finishing times (after PHRF adjustments) of the top scoring four boats in each race.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. .

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.