



NOTICE OF RACE
Winter Series 2020-2021
(Including the Halloween Regatta)
Neuse Yacht Racing Association

LOCATION

Races will be held in the vicinity of Neuse River markers #17 and #19 and Broad Creek #2 near New Bern, NC.

RULES

The regatta and series will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing. All boats shall comply with N.C. Wildlife Commission and U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations.

ELIGIBILITY

Entries shall be accepted from skippers of sailboats 21 feet or longer with a current NC PHRF rating certificate. Eligible boats may enter by sending the completed entry form and required fee to the address given or by registering online at Regatta Network.

FLEETS AND CLASSES

Anticipated fleets are Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Fun Class. Fun Class can be selected at the request of the registering skipper and the sailboat must adhere to the rules for a Cruising fleet boat as prescribed by the ICRC (see definition at the end of the NOR). The fun class will also adhere to limited COVID-19 rules, which include crew restricted to household only. The fun class will sail a medium distance race with pursuit start for every race day except for the last scheduled race day on January 16, 2021, when the fun class will all start on one line with the same start time. Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker fleets will race either a Windward/Leeward or Triangle course as determined by the PRO, based on weather conditions. Crew for Spinnaker and Non Spin are as determined by each individual skipper, and are not limited by any rule. NYRA encourages safe COVID practices by all involved, including mask wearing by all participants when on shore. The PHRF class splits for the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker fleets will be as defined by the "ICRC Rules for Regional Championship Events 2016": A<=120, 123>=B<=192 and C>=195. The goal is to race every class in a fleet together so that an overall winner for each fleet can be determined even if there is only one entrant in a class. There will be no class splits in the Fun Class fleet.

SCHEDULE

Six Regular Race Days are scheduled for the NYRA Winter Series.

Race #	Date	Social Location (specific directions will be provided prior to the event)
Day 1	Saturday, October 31, 2020 Halloween Regatta	No formal social

Day 2	Saturday, November 14, 2020	No formal social
Day 3	Saturday, December 5, 2020	No formal social
Day 4	Saturday, December 19, 2020	No formal social
Day 5	Saturday, January 9 , 2021	No formal social
Day 6	Saturday, January 23, 2021	No formal social

The First Warning Signal for all race days is scheduled at 10:55am.

REGISTRATION

Racers can register only for the initial race, Halloween Regatta, or they can sign up for the whole Winter Series of six races. Only racers who initially register for the entire series will be eligible for the series awards. Registration fees for all the 6 Winter Series race days is \$25, and registration for the Halloween Regatta only is \$10. Members of US Sailing receive a \$5 discount, and NYRA members receive a \$5 discount.

SKIPPER'S MEETING

The only skippers' meeting for the series and Halloween Regatta will be held Oct. 27 at 9:00am and will be held via Zoom. A link for the skippers meeting will be sent to all registered participants prior to Oct. 27.

SCORING AND HANDICAPS

The Low Point System will be used for scoring. Appendix A2 is modified as follows; when 5 or more races are completed the worst score will be excluded, if 9 or more races are completed the worst 2 scores will be excluded. Appendix A9 will be used to score the series. Handicapping will be Time on Time. One completed race will constitute a series or regatta.

AWARDS

There will be approximately one award given for every three boats entered in each class and one overall award for the overall winner of each fleet. Individual awards for the Halloween Regatta will be presented following the race. Winter Series awards will hopefully be presented at the Commodore's Ball on February 20, 2021.

PHRF

A NC-PHRF Rating Request form that can be submitted for boats that do not have a current rating is available at <http://www.ncphrf.com/>. If you need to apply for a rating, please send the completed and signed Request Form and check no later than 1 week prior to the regatta to the address on the form. A

provisional/temporary PHRF certificate may be issued to a participating sailboat by the PRO at his sole discretion, pending sufficient warning prior to the start of the regatta or series.

RACE COMMITTEE

The PRO for this series will be determined by the organizing authority prior to each Race Day. Racing will be canceled on any day the RealFeel temperature as defined by Accuweather for New Bern is forecast to be at or below 35 degrees at the scheduled start time of racing. A pre-determination will be made *the day prior to the race* at noon based on the forecast for the start time of racing on www.accuweather.com for New Bern. If the forecast predicts that the RealFeel temperature will be at or below 35 degrees at the start of racing the next day, racing will be cancelled. Notice of the cancellation will be posted on the NYRA website and sent to all the members of the Mailchimp NYRA email mailing list ASAP. Racing will be cancelled when the sustained wind speed as measured by the PRO is above 25 knots prior to the start of a race. Racing can also be canceled due to inclement weather at the discretion of the PRO at any time prior (including earlier than the noon decision on the day prior).

RULES GOVERNING CRUISING FLEET BOATS FOR ICRC RACES

ICRC recognizes the need to make accommodation for boat owners who may not wish to maintain their boat at the performance level implied by a standard NC-PHRF certificate. These boats are welcome to race in CRUISING FLEET. Therefore, the following guidelines are issued for those boats.

1. No boats specifically designed for racing are allowed.
2. Only Dacron sails are allowed. No spinnakers are allowed.
3. Powered winches are allowed.
4. A NC-PHRF rating for that particular boat must be issued.
5. Two of the four following additional Cruising Class requirements will be met, based on the statements of the boat owner at the time of registration.
 - a. Windlass or pulpit mounted anchor
 - b. Dodger/Bimini in place
 - c. The youngest sail to be 5 years old or older
 - d. Bottom paint 3 years old or older

HALLOWEEN REGATTA and WINTER SERIES REGISTRATION

Registration fee – Winter Series (including Halloween Regatta) \$25.00
Registration fee – Halloween Regatta \$10.00
Discount for members of US Sailing – *Member Number* (_____) (\$5.00)
Discount for NYRA members - Member Number (_____) (\$5.00)

Skipper _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Boat Make _____ Length _____ PHRF Rating _____

Sail Number (*required*) _____ Boat Name _____

(Pick One):

Spinnaker Class ___ Non-spinnaker Class ___ Cruising Class ___ Multi-Hull Class

Total Enclosed _____ *Make check payable to "NYRA"*

Mail this form with fee to: NYRA

P.O. Box 235

New Bern, NC 28563

or register online at: <http://regattanetwork.com>

link to online registration may also be found at: <http://www.nyra.org>

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.

Signature _____ Date _____