



Neuse Yacht Racing Association

NYRA Winter Series 2020/21 Including the Halloween Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Neuse Yacht Racing Association (NYRA) is the Organizing Authority for the NYRA Winter Series 2020/21.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The NYRA Winter Series shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as altered by these Sailing Instructions (SI.) All boats shall comply with N.C. Wildlife Commission and US Coast Guard safety regulations. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these SI, the SI shall prevail.
- 1.2 The Alternative Penalties of Appendix V are in effect.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Entries shall be accepted from owners of sailboats 21feet or longer who possess a **CURRENTLY VALID PHRF RATING** from an acceptable NC State rating organization. Upon request of the Principal Race Officer (PRO), the owner or skipper shall provide a signed, dated copy of the boat's rating certificate as proof of validity.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

All notices to competitors shall be posted on the official Notice Board on Regatta Network by 8:00pm the day before it will take effect.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to sailing instructions, if any, shall be posted on the official Notice Board. Verbal changes may be made on the water.
- 4.2 They will be communicated by radio on channel 78A and shall be acknowledged by each vessel.

5. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The R/C will monitor and attempt to broadcast on **channel 78A** to keep the competitors informed of general race information, class starting sequence, start count downs, premature starters, etc.

6. FLEETS AND CLASSES

- 6.1 Anticipated fleets are Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Fun. There will be no class splits in the Fun Fleet.
- 6.2 Fun fleet 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).
- 6.2.1 The Fun Fleet will sail with restricted crew as a result of the Covid-19 virus, crews will be limited to two people who must be full time residents of the same household. The Fun class will sail a medium distance race around fixed marks, and with a pursuit start. On the final day the Fun Class will sail a around the buoys course with a standard rule 26 starting sequence.
- 6.3 Only Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker fleets will be scored for the NYRA Boat of the Year Award (BOTY). The Winter Series score will count double for the BOTY award. Only boats which have registered and paid for the entire Winter Series will be scored and eligible for the BOTY. 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. Before the Warning Signal for the first starting group, all boats must sail past the signal boat and identify themselves to RC personnel by hailing the boat's name, sail number and class or division entered.
class flags: spinnaker red; non-spinnaker green.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The 2020/21 Winter Series is scheduled to have **6 race days (10/31, 11/14, 12/5, 12/19, 1/09, 1/23.)** One completed race shall constitute a regatta or series.
- 7.2 All races shall start at least 3 hours before sunset.
- 7.3 For the Fun Fleet, the course will be announced at 11:45. The boat with the highest handicapped will start first at 12:00.
- 7.4 For all other classes, the first scheduled **signal** for the first class will be at **10:55 am**.
- 7.5 One or more races may be run each day.
- 7.6 **Unless and until conditions change due to the Covid-19 virus regulations, no after race socials are scheduled.**

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Race courses will be located on the Neuse River
- 8.2 The courses for Fun Class are shown in Attachment A together with the time allowances for each boat.
- 8.3 The course for other classes will be displayed on the starboard side of the signal boat, at or before the class warning flag. Marks displayed in green are to be left to starboard, those in red to port. A displayed number indicates the corresponding government mark
- 8.4 Inflatable marks for the classes will be large (~ five foot) yellow or orange triangles or cylinders.
- 8.4.1 When numbers "19 or "2" are used, an inflatable offset mark near the corresponding government mark shall 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 channel 78A.
 - "M" indicates the mark at the pin end of the Start/Finish line.
- Other Government Marks may be used
- "L" indicates a separately set leeward mark downwind from the weather mark boat. It may be upwind or downwind from the signal boat.
- "G" indicates a gybe or wing mark set approximately midway between the windward and leeward marks and offset by approximately half of the distance between windward and leeward marks.

9. START

- 9.1 The Start Line will be between an inflatable mark on the port end and a staff flying an orange flag at the starboard end.
- 9.2 Races will be started according to Rule 26 with class flag as follows:

Spinnaker	Red,
Non-Spinnaker	Green

- 9.3 AFTER THE STARTING SEQUENCE HAS BEGUN, ALL BOATS IN CLASSES WHO'S WARNING SIGNAL HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN SHALL REMAIN CLEAR OF THE STARTING AREA. BOATS THAT FAIL TO KEEP CLEAR ARE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.

10. FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line will be the Start Line.
- 10.2 Flag "A" displayed as boats are finishing means 'No more racing today'

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class race shall be **two hours**.
- 11.2 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 Time Limit Expired (**TLE**) and scored two points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit. This changes A 4.2 and A 11.

12. ABANDONMENT

- 12.1 Racing may be canceled on any day when the real feel temperature is forecast to be at or below 35 degrees. The determination will be made based on the noon forecast on www.accuweather.com the day before the race.
- 12.2 Racing may also be abandoned when the wind speed on the race course is above 25 knots sustained.
- 12.3 The Race Committee may abandon a race in progress, or it may cancel a race not yet started, when, in its judgment, existing conditions make the race an unsatisfactory test of skill or constitute sufficient hazard to participants. However, a race shall not be abandoned solely because there is only one boat in a class racing. This modifies Rule 27.3

13. SCORING

- 13.1 PHRF handicapping will be used to score each race. Each vessel's elapsed time will be multiplied by a Time-on-Time correction factor to determine their corrected time. Each boat's correction factor will be determined as follows: $650/(550+\text{PHRF handicap})$. The boat with the lowest corrected time in each class will be the winner.
- 13.2 The series will be scored using the Low Point Scoring system of Appendix A. When five (5) or more races have been completed the worst score will be excluded. When nine (9) or more races have been completed a boat's worst two scores will be excluded.
- 13.3 To be scored, each boat must declare their class at their first race and must sail in that class throughout the series.

14. SAIL NUMBERS

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

15. AWARDS

- 15.1 There will be approximately one award given for every three boats entered in each class.
- 15.2 Winter Series awards will be presented at the 2020 Commodores Ball.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series 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.