



## Neuse Yacht Racing Association

*NYRA Invitational Regatta*  
April 17 & 18, 2021

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Neuse Yacht Racing Association (NYRA) is the Organizing Authority for the NYRA Invitational Regatta.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event 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.
- 1.2 The Alternative Penalties of Appendix V are in effect.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

### 4. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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

### 5. FLEETS AND CLASSES

- 5.1 Fleets are Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Fun. There will be no class splits in the Fun Fleet.
- 5.2 Fun fleet must adhere to the rules for a cruising fleet boat as prescribed by the ICRC (see definition in Winter Series NoR)
  - 5.2.1 The Fun class will sail a medium distance race around fixed marks, and with a pursuit start.
- 5.3 Before the Warning Signal for the first start, 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.
- 5.4 Class flags are: Fun-white; Spinnaker-red; Non-spinnaker-green.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 There will be a competitors meeting (via Zoom) at 1000 on Saturday, April 17.
- 6.2 First signal on Saturday will be at 1200.
  - 6.2.1 For the Fun Fleet, the course will be announced at approximately 1145. The intended start time for the boat with the highest handicap is 1205. Start time for subsequent boats will be announced by the RC.
- 6.3 First signal on Sunday will be at 1100.
  - 6.3.1 For the Fun Fleet, the course will be announced at approximately 1045.
- 6.4 Starts for the Non-spinnaker and Spinnaker classes will be announced by the RC following the last Fun Class start.
- 6.6 Non-spinnaker and Spinnaker classes may be started together.
- 6.7 The RC may attempt to run more than one race for the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes.
- 6.8 On Sunday there will NOT be a downriver race ending in Minnesott. This changes the NoR "Schedule of Events."

## 7. COURSES

- 7.1 Race courses will be located on the Neuse River.
  - 7.2 The courses for all classes will be announced on channel 78A.
    - 7.2.1 The order of the marks and the side to which they are to be left will be announced on channel 78A.
  - 7.3 Inflatable marks will be yellow and/or orange tetrahedrons.
    - 7.3.1 When Government marks "19 or "2" are used, an inflatable offset mark near the corresponding government mark is to be rounded, not the Government mark.
      - "18" indicates an inflatable set approximately midway between "17" and "19"
      - "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

## 8. START

- 8.1 The Start Line will be between an inflatable mark on the port end and a staff flying an orange flag at the starboard end and located generally southeasterly of "1N."
- 8.2 Boats in the Fun Class will start at times announced on channel 78A.
- 8.3 The Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker classes will be started according to Rule 26.
- 8.4 After the first 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.

## 9. RECALLS

- 9.1 The RC will attempt to notify OCS boats on channel 78A.
- 9.2 Failure of a boat to hear a recall, the timing and order of such hail, or the failure to make a hail will not be grounds for granting redress. This adds to RRS 62.1(a).

## 10. FINISH

The finish line will be the Start Line.

## 11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class' race shall be **three 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 10.

## 12. PROTESTS

- 12.1 Upon finishing, a boat intending to file a protest shall inform the RC of her intent and shall identify the boat or boats being protested.
- 12.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Organizing Authority within one hour of the last boat's finish time.
- 12.3 The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the official notice board.
- 12.4 Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day.

## 13. ABANDONMENT

- 13.1 Racing will be abandoned when the wind speed on the race course is above 25 knots sustained.
- 13.3 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 constitutes sufficient hazard to participants, or when there is insufficient wind in which to sail.

## 14. SCORING

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.

## 15. SAIL NUMBERS

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

## 16. AWARDS

There will be approximately one award given for every three boats entered in each class.