

Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club
2024–Catboat/PHRF Spring Series
March 16 through June 8, 2024

Sailing Instructions
As of March 11, 2024

Organizing Authority (OA): Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club, 30 Yacht Club Drive, Beaufort, SC

1. Rules:

1.1 The series will be governed by the rules defined in the ***Racing Rules of Sailing***.

1.2 Each sailor and crew member must have a wearable life jacket and shoes, and all competitors must comply with RRS 40.

2. Entries: Competitors may enter the series anytime, and registration is online on RegattaNetwork.com/Series Racing. A \$35.00 fee is applicable.

3. Communications: Communication will take place on **Channel 78**.

4. Schedule: The skipper's meeting will occur at 12:00 noon on Saturdays, with the first race starting at 1:00 pm. The series will consist of 9 races, with the first race starting on March 16th. The dates for other races are March 30th, April 6th, April 13th, April 20th, May 4th, May 11th, May 25th, and June 8th, which will be the final race.

5. Racing Area and Marks: The race will take place in the Beaufort River in front of the club, with a Start/Finish Line. The course will use Government marks, between Swing Bridge downtown, and possibly continue as far South as Marker G39 off Paris Island. The final route will be agreed upon at the weekly Skippers Meeting. Competitors should round all turning marks to PORT and cross under McTeer Bridge within two bridge sections of the Main Channel. The second course between the two bridges using club and Government marks might be set in front of the Club. Competitors must not use the "shortcut" when racing to the Waterfront Park area (unless there is a decision to so the Competitor's Meeting). Competitors will pass to the west of the large wooden "bridge" sign west of the sandbar. Government navigational marks need not be honored, except for Day Mark 242.

6. Start/Number Legs: All boats will start simultaneously utilizing US Government Time. PHRF scores will be time on time. The skippers' meeting will occur on the dock at noon, and all boats will start at 1:00 pm unless a different time is deemed appropriate. If a race committee start line is available, the Catboats will use that, and a finish line will be decided upon before racing starts. A start/finish line MAY be between 2 Red buoys West of the BYSC mooring field or other starting points such as shoreside fixed piles, etc. The race might be shortened during the race using VHF CH78. The number of legs is to be agreed upon at Skippers Meetings.

7. Competitors must record their finish time and position, which will help in case of any possible handicap changes. Skippers must set their watches according to USGOV time, which will be verified at the meeting. If possible, please note the finish position of the boat ahead and behind you.

8. A one-turn penalty must be taken as soon as safely practical by the offending boat if a rule is violated.

9. When navigating through the McTeer Bridge ***AGAINST*** the current, using the engine within two boat lengths of the bridge is permissible. They may also be used in an emergency to avoid hitting an obstruction, such as a bridge or dock, without penalty. However, engine use should be minimal, and there should be no gain on the course. The Race Committee should be notified as soon as possible.

10. In the case of multiple races on a given day, their average score will be taken; for instance, a 1st and a 3rd place will be scored 2.0. The lowest score for a series will be the winner. After an individual boat has participated in four race days, there will be one throw-out; after seven or more race days, there will be two throw-outs.

10.1 Each race has a time limit of 2 hours or 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, whichever is less. Any boats that fail to finish within the appropriate time limit will be scored as DNF (Did Not Finish).

11. A boat that does not come to the starting line to race is marked as DNC and gets 2 points more than the number of boats that show up at the starting line. DNF, DNS, DSQ, OCS, and NCS get 1 point more than boats that show up at the starting line.

12. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.** Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after the series.

13. The series' philosophy is to have fun and increase participation.

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