



2024 Blackbeard Regatta

September 14-15

Sailing Instructions

Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC), New Bern, NC is the Organizing Authority (OA) and venue host for the regatta.
The event is a fund raiser for ETYSA.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including the USSailing prescriptions thereto.
- 1.2 The Alternative Penalties of Appendix V will be in effect.
- 1.3 Sections T2, T3, & T4 of RRS Appendix T Arbitration apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be on the easterly windows of the BSC Clubhouse and/or emailed to all competitors.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day they will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before they will take effect.
- 3.3 The Race Committee may make on-the-water verbal changes to the Sailing instructions. To do so they shall display Flag L and advise, via VHF radio channel 78A, all competitors affected by the change and get their acknowledgement

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be on the Flagstaff located on the deck at the easterly end of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 If AP is displayed ashore the first signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after removal. This changes Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 14

- 0930:** Competitors' meeting on the deck at BSC.
- 1125:** First Signal for first race. More races to follow as conditions permit.
- 1530:** No races will be started after this time.
- 1800:** Dinner at BSC clubhouse (BYOB.)

Sunday, September 15

- 0745:** Continental breakfast available at BSC clubhouse.
 - 0955:** First signal. More races to follow as conditions permit.
 - 1230:** No races will be started after this time.
- Awards ceremony as soon as practicable after racing at the BSC clubhouse.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Each class flag will be stated on the scratch sheets and announced at the Competitors' meeting.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1. Courses for the Spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes will be Windward Leeward as shown in Appendix 1.
 - 7.1.1 For each race, the approximate compass course and distance from the Signal Boat to the weather mark will be announced on channel 78A.
- 7.3. Saturday's course and starting times for the Cruising Class will be published Friday evening. Sunday's course and start times will be published Saturday evening.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 For the Spinnaker and non-spinnaker the weather mark will be an orange tetrahedron. If the course is to be changed, the new mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 8.2 Leeward mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 8.3 Government marks will be used for the Cruising Class.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel on one end and the course side of Marker #3.
- 9.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26. This applies to the first boat(s) to start in Cruising and Multihull classes. The Class flag will be displayed during the minute before others starting time increments. Starting groups will be in bands of PHRF handicaps and increments will be in units of 5 minutes.
- 9.3 Cruising boats that fail to start before the flag is raised for subsequent starting increments will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 Course changes will only be made for spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes.
- 10.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new yellow mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line for the Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker classes will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side Marker #3. See attachment 1
- 11.2 The finishing line for the Cruising and Multihull classes will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag and the nearby yellow 3' tetrahedron finish mark on the starboard side of the Signal boat. See Attachment 1.
- 11.3 Display of code flag "A" while finishing means "No more racing today"

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 For Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker classes, the Time Limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish is 75 minutes.
 - 12.1.1 The Finishing Window for boats to finish after the first boat in each class finishes is 15 minutes.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Scoring of Cruising and Multihull classes will be determined by the lowest corrected time based on PHRF handicap.
- 13.2 Scoring for spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A. If 5 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 13.3 One completed race shall constitute the regatta.

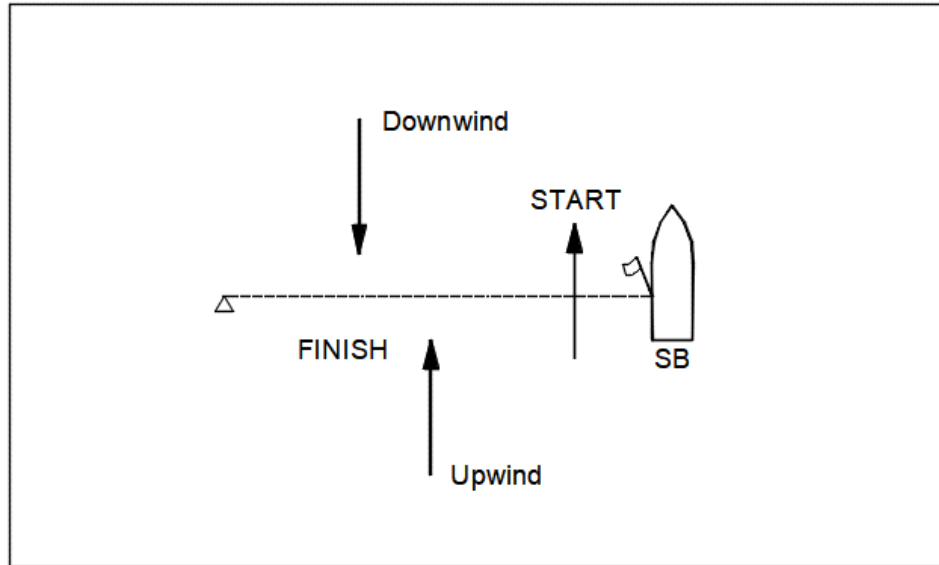
14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 A boat intending to file a protest shall so advise the race committee as they finish and confirm their hail is acknowledged. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 14.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Committee no later than 60 minutes after the Signal Boat docks and sounds a horn.
- 14.3 To inform competitors of hearings in which they may be parties or named as witnesses, and where the hearings will be held, notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 14.4 To inform boats under RRS 61.1(b), notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted.
- 14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 14.6 Arbitration and/or protests will be heard as soon as practicable, at a time and place to be determined.

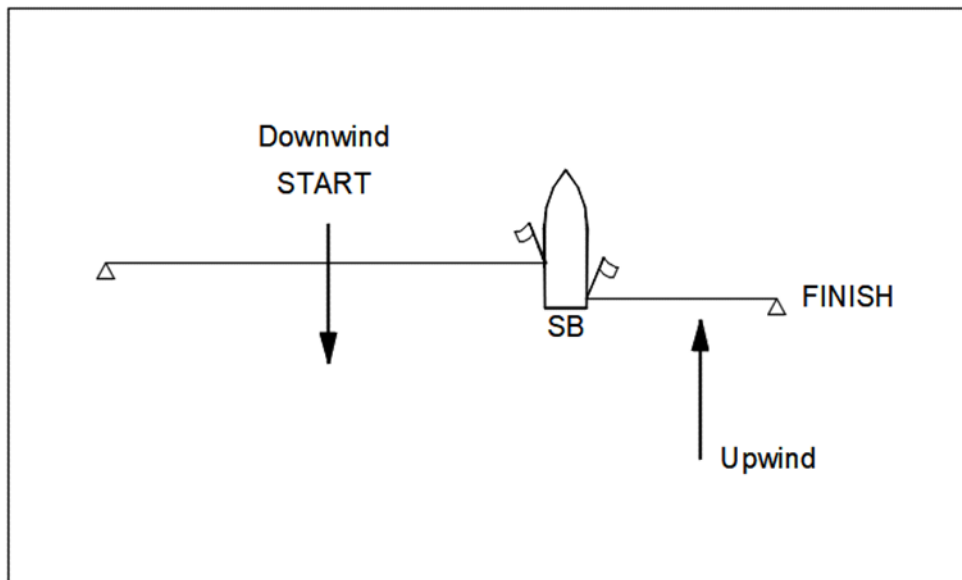
Attachment 1

START/FINISH DIAGRAMS

Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker Classes



Cruising Class



Attachment 2

Course Diagrams Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker Classes

