



Neuse Yacht Racing Association
2026 Invitational Regatta
March 21st & 22nd

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Section A applies to all competitors. Section B applies to Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes. Section C applies to the Navigator Fleet.

SECTION A

1 MANAGEMENT AND RULES

- 1.1 The NYRA is the Organizing Authority.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules, except as altered by the Notice of Race or these sailing instructions.
- 1.3 All boats shall comply with N.C. Wildlife Commission and US Coast Guard safety regulations.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies
- 1.5 RRS Appendix V section V1 applies.
- 1.6 Navigator Fleet eligibility – see Section C
- 1.7 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

All notices to competitors will be posted on the official bulletin board on Regatta Network.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

4 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 The R/C will monitor and attempt to broadcast on **channel 78A**.
- 4.2 Failure of the R/C to make announcements, the order of announcements including OCS calls, or the failure of the competitor to hear the announcements shall not be grounds for redress.

5 CLASSES

- 5.1 Anticipated fleets are Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Navigator. See appropriate Section.
- 5.2 With sufficient entries, the Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker Fleets may be divided into Classes.
- 5.3 There will be no class splits in the Navigator Fleet.

6 SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21, 2026

0900 Competitors' meeting at the Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) clubhouse.

1055 First scheduled warning; no races to be started after **1500**.

1730 Dinner at Blackbeard Sailing Club.

Sunday, March 22, 2026

0955 First signal for racing; no races to be started after **1300**.

Awards presentation as soon as practicable after racing at the BSC clubhouse.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 Race courses will be located on the Neuse River southerly of Duck Creek and in the general vicinity of Broad and Northwest Creeks.

7.2 For fleet course details, see Section B or Section C.

8 MARKS

For descriptions of marks, see Section B (Spin & Non-spin) or C (Navigator)

9 START

For descriptions of the Start, see Section B (Spin & Non-spin) or C (Navigator)

10 FINISH

For descriptions of the Finish, see Section B (Spin & Non-spin) or C (Navigator)

11 TIME LIMIT

For descriptions of the Finish, see Section B (Spin & Non-spin) or C (Navigator)

12 SCORING

For descriptions of the Finish, see Section B (Spin & Non-spin) or C (Navigator)

13 AWARDS

Awards will be presented at BSC after racing on Sunday.

SECTION B

This Section applies to the Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker Classes.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Courses will be Triangular and or Windward/ Leeward. See Course Diagram B
- 7.2 Course selection will be signaled by the corresponding color flag displayed prior to the warning for each race. See Courses Exhibit B.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 The weather mark will be a 5' orange tetrahedron. The weather change mark will be a 5' yellow tetrahedron.
- 8.2 The Leeward mark will be a 5' orange tetrahedron and may be set to leeward or to windward of the Signal Boat, dependent on course selection.
- 8.3 In the event of a shortened course, the finish line will be between the staff flying an S flag on a race committee boat and the nearby mark of the course.

9 START

- 9.1 The start line will be between the staff flying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of an orange inflatable on the port end.
- 9.2 Races will be started according to Rule 26 with class flags as follows:

Spinnaker	Numeral 2
Non-Spinnaker	Numeral 3

10 FINISH

- 10.1 Except when rule 32 applies, the Finish line will be between a staff flying a blue flag on the signal boat at one end and the course side of an orange inflatable on the other end. See Courses Exhibit B.
- 10.2 Flag "A" displayed (with no sound) as boats are finishing means 'No more racing today'

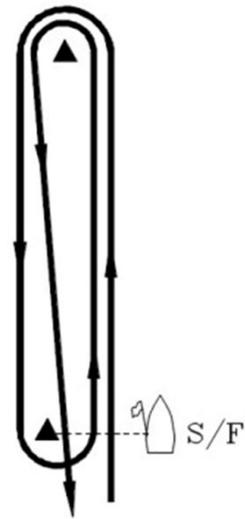
11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 75 minutes, after which other boats shall finish within 15 minutes. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE with 2 points more than the last boat to finish. This modifies rule A5.2 and adds to rule A10.

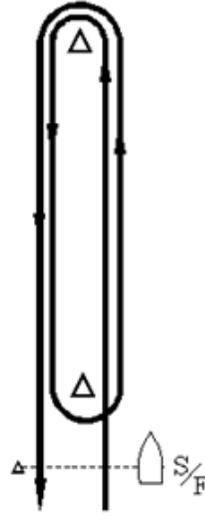
12 SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A is changed such that if fewer than 4 races are completed no scores will be excluded.
- 12.2 Corrected times will be derived using PHRF Time-on-Distance computation.
- 12.3 Three or more races are intended -one completed race will constitute the regatta.

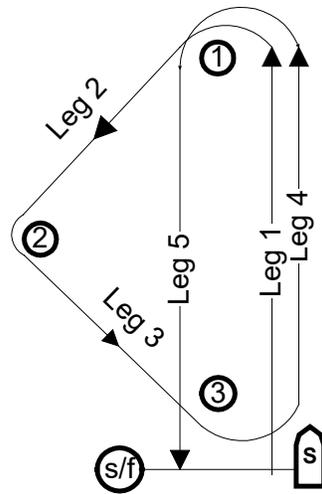
Courses Exhibit B



GREEN



RED



YELLOW

SECTION C

This Section applies to the Navigator Fleet.

1 MANAGEMENT AND RULES

1.6 To be eligible to race in the Navigator Fleet, boats shall meet the following criteria:

- 1.6.1 No boats specifically designed for racing.
- 1.6.2 Only Dacron sails allowed. No spinnakers allowed
- 1.6.3 Powered winches are allowed
- 1.6.4 Two of the following additional requirements must be met:
 - a Pulpit mounted anchor or windlass;
 - b Dodger or Bimini in place;
 - c No sails less than five years old;
 - d Bottom paint at least three years old.

7 COURSES

- 7.2 The Navigator Fleet will sail a middle-distance race with a modified pursuit start.
- 7.3 Rating bands and start times will be posted to Regatta Network by 2000 the night before the race.
- 7.4 The course to be sailed will be selected from the Standard Pursuit Courses and will depend on forecast wind speed and direction. See attached.
- 7.5 The course selection will be announced on channel 78A about 10 minutes before the warning.

8 MARKS

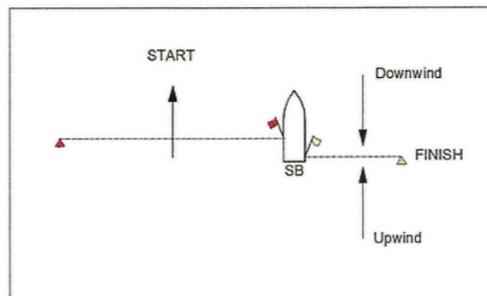
The marks of the course are as designated on the attached Standard Pursuit Courses.

9 START

- 9.1 The first boat, or rating band of boats, will start in conformance with rule 26.
- 9.2 Subsequent rating bands of boats will follow at intervals of 5 minutes. This changes rule 26.
- 9.3 The **Numeral 1** flag will be raised one minute before each start and dropped at each start.

10 FINISH

- 10.1 On Saturday, the finish line will be between a staff flying a yellow flag on the starboard side of the signal boat and a nearby yellow mark.



- 10.2 On Sunday, the finish will be between a staff flying a blue flag on the signal boat at one end and an orange inflatable at the opposite end.

11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 On Saturday, the time limit for the Navigator Fleet is 1600.
- 11.2 On Sunday, the time limit for the Navigator Fleet is 1500.

12 SCORING

Corrected times will be calculated by multiplying each boat's elapsed time by the correction factor based on each boat's PHRF rating.

Standard Pursuit Courses

Approximate Start Location Lat 35 02.4, Long 076 58.39

#	Wind Direction	Wind Range	start	W	22	F			Nautical Miles	
1	0	5-9	start	W	22	F			5.9	
2	0	10-14	start	W	22	13	F		9.2	
3	0	15-20	start	W	2	17	11	22	F	13.6
4	30	5-9	start	N1	2	17	15	F		5.5
5	30	10-14	start	W	22	13	F			10.9
6	30	15-20	start	W	22	11	F			12.4
7	60	5-9	start	2	17	13	F			6.1
8	60	10-14	start	W	26	13	F			11.1
9	60	15-20	start	W	26	15	F			12.5
10	90	5-9	start	W	26	F				7.0
11	90	10-14	start	W	22	13	F			10.8
12	90	15-20	start	W	22	11	F			12.3
13	120	5-9	start	W	17	11	F			6.3
14	120	10-14	start	W	22	15	F			10.1
15	120	15-20	start	W	22	11	F			12.5
16	150	5-9	start	11	F					5.8
17	150	10-14	start	13	22	F				10.2
18	150	15-20	start	11	17	2	22	F		12.5
19	180	5-9	start	17	11	F				5.9
20	180	10-14	start	13	22	F				10.0
21	180	15-20	start	11	22	F				11.5
22	210	5-9	start	W	17	2	N1	F		4.5
23	210	10-14	start	17	13	22	F			10.1
24	210	15-20	start	17	11	22	F			11.6
25	240	5-9	start	26	F					6.2
26	240	10-14	start	W	13	22	F			10.6
27	240	15-20	start	W	11	22	F			12.0
28	270	5-9	start	22	26	F				6.3
29	270	10-14	start	W	15	22	F			9.9
30	270	15-20	start	W	11	22	F			12.3
31	300	5-9	start	11	F					5.8
32	300	10-14	start	22	13	F				10.1
33	300	15-20	start	26	11	F				11.9
34	330	5-9	start	22	F					5.8
35	330	10-14	start	22	13	F				10.1
36	330	15-20	start	26	11	F				11.9

Code:

Marks in **Red** leave to Port

Marks in **Green** leave to Starboard

W represents a mark set to windward of the start location & distant 0.5 nm +/-

Numbers are fixed marks of the Neuse River