



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

NYRA Winter Series 2011-2012

### **RULES**

The NYRA Winter Series shall be conducted and managed by NYRA. It shall be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as altered by these Sailing Instructions. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Entries shall be accepted from skippers of any sailboats 21 feet or longer with a current NC PHRF rating certificate. Anticipated classes are spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and cruising. Competitors may register by completing the Registration Form included in the NOR and mailing it in along with payment or online at [www.nyra.org](http://www.nyra.org).

### **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

The NYRA Winter Series will consist of six racing days but one completed race shall constitute a regatta or series.

Race 1	Oct. 29, 2011	(Halloween Regatta)
Race 2	Nov. 12, 2011	
Race 3	Dec. 3, 2011	
Race 4	Dec. 17, 2011	
Race 5	Jan. 7, 2012	
Race 6	Jan. 21, 2012	

The first warning signal for all race days will sound at 10:55 am.

Social will begin around 5:00 pm of every race day, even if racing is canceled. The social location will be announced on the NYRA website.

## THE COURSE

Non-Spinnaker, Spinnaker, & Cruising class race courses will all be located on the Neuse River. Intentions are to start and finish in the vicinity of marker "17" across the river from Northwest Creek Marina & Blackbeard Sailing Club. The course will be displayed at or before the class warning flag on the Starboard side of the Committee Boat.

### Description of Possible Marks

- "R/C" indicates the Race Committee (Start / Finish Line)
- Marks in Green are to be left of Starboard, and those in Red to Port
- A displayed number indicates the corresponding government mark
- Inflatable marks will be large (~ 3 ft) yellow or orange triangles or cylinders
- When numbers "19" or "2" are used an inflatable offset mark near the corresponding government mark should 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 displayed below the W on the RC boat
- "M" indicates the mark at the flag end of the Start / Finish Line
- "N" and other government marks may be used
- "L" indicates a separately set leeward mark downwind from the RC boat
- "G" indicates a gybe or wing mark set approximately midway between the windward and leeward mark and offset by approximately half the distance between windward and leeward marks

## STARTING SIGNALS

Races will be started according to Rule 26 with the following class flags.

Class	Flag
Spinnaker	
A	Red
B	Blue
Non-Spin	
A	Green
B	Pink
Cruising	Yellow

## ADDITIONAL RACING

If the Race Committee intends to start another race the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing.

## **TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for each class race shall be two hours. If a boat finishes within the time limit, any boat in the class that does not finish within 30 minutes of the first boat shall be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

## **ABANDONMENT**

Racing shall be cancelled if the "Real Feel" temperature is forecast to be at or below 35 °F at the start of the race. The determination will be made based on the noon forecast on [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com) the day before the race. Racing shall also be cancelled when the wind speed is above 25 knots sustained on the race course.

The Race Committee, in consultation with the PRO, may abandon or cancel a race in progress, or it may cancel a race not yet started, when existing conditions, in its judgment, make the race an unsatisfactory test of skill or constitute sufficient hazard to participants to warrant discontinuance. When such is the case, the Race Committee shall display code flag "N" (Blue & White Checkered) and make three sound signals. However, a race shall not be abandoned solely because there is only one member of a class racing. This modifies Rule 27.3.

All official notices will be posted on the Notice Board located at the NW Creek Marina.

## **RADIO**

Race Committee will monitor & attempt to broadcast on **channel 67** to keep the competitors informed of general race information, class starting sequence, start countdowns, premature starters, etc.

## **PROTESTS & REDRESS**

Boats intending to protest or request redress shall notify the PRO as soon as possible after crossing the finish line. Protests or requests for redress shall be delivered to the PRO no later than 5:00 pm the day of the race, at the location of the social.

## **SCORING**

Time on Time Handicapping will be used to score each race for all classes. Each vessel's elapsed time will be multiplied by a correction factor to determine their corrected time. The correction factor will be  $650/(550+\text{PHRF Handicap})$ . The Low Point Scoring System will be used. The boat with the lowest corrected time in each class will be the winner. When 5 or more races have been completed the worst score will be excluded. If 9 or more races are completed the worst 2 races will be excluded. This changes A2, Appendix A. All boats must declare their class at the first race. If a competitor races in another class during the series, their score will not be included in the series total. Penalty scores will be based on the registration at the first race.

**AWARDS**

There will be approximately one award given for the top three boats in each class. Awards for the Halloween Regatta will be presented at the social following the race. Winter Series awards will be presented at the 2012 Commodores Ball.

**DISCLAIMER**

Competitors participate in the series entirely at the 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.