



East Carolina Bank Regatta
Blackbeard Sailing Club
April 27- 28, 2013



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Except for cutter rigged boats and when changing headsails, only one headsail may be flown from the forestay at any one time.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Shall be posted on the official bulletin board; (glass panels on the Clubhouse deck).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to sailing instructions shall be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect and announced at the Skippers Meeting, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the BSC clubhouse deck. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- Saturday, April 27th 0930 Late registration closes.
- 5.1 Saturday, April 27th 1000 Skippers Meeting on the BSC Clubhouse deck
- 5.1 Saturday, April 27th 1130 First Class Warning Signal. Other races to follow.
- 5.2 Sunday, April 28th 0930 First Class Warning Signal. Other races to follow.
- 5.3 Flag "A" displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today"

6 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Classes will be: Class A (Spinnaker), Class B (Non-Spinnaker), Class C (PHRF approximately 200 and above) and Cruising Class.
- 6.2 The Cruising Class excludes one-design racing sailboats and the use of spinnakers and also requires all sails to be white sails (Dacron only - no high tech sails). Boats who otherwise qualify for Cruising Class with a PHRF sailing rating over approximately 200 may enter the Cruising Class.
- 6.3 If 9 or more boats register in any Class, then that class may be separated into divisions for trophy purposes, however divisions will start together and sail the same course.
- 6.4 The PRO will determine division breaks to ensure competitive racing. Class flags will be assigned at the skippers meeting and posted on the official bulletin board.
Class A: Red Class B: Blue
Class C: Green Cruising Class: White

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Race courses will be located on the Neuse River near Upper Broad Creek.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course will be displayed before each class's Warning flag on the Starboard side of the Committee Boat.
- 8.2 Leave marks shown in **Green** to starboard, and those shown in **Red** to port.
- 8.3 A displayed number indicates the corresponding government or private mark.
When using numbers "19" or "2", this will indicate a temporary, offset mark near the corresponding government mark. Round the offset mark not the government mark. (Government marks 19 & 2 are shoal markers and too shallow to sail around).
"18" if used, indicates an inflatable mark set approximately mid-way between government marks 17 and 19.
"R/C" indicates the race committee (Start / Finish line).
"W" indicates a separately set "windward" mark. The compass direction will be displayed below the "W".
"M" indicates the mark at the flag end of the Start/Finish line
"L" Indicates a separately set "Leeward" mark, directly downwind of the mark used as the windward mark.
"G" indicates a gybe or wing mark set approximately midway between the windward & leeward marks & offset by approximately half the distance between the windward and the leeward marks.

9 **MARKS**

9.1 The inflatable marks will be large (three foot or larger) orange or yellow tetrahedrons.

10 **AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

10.1 Government marks 19 & 2 are shoal markers and too shallow to round See 8.3 above:

10.2 A boat aground may use engine propulsion to break free but shall not thereby make progress towards the next mark of the course or otherwise gain a significant advantage in the race.

11 **THE START**

11.1 **THE STARTING LINE:** Shall be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a large orange or yellow tetrahedron. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

11.2 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal the race Committee will attempt to hail her on VFH radio channel 67. Failure to make or to hear, or the order of hail, shall not be grounds for redress.

12 **THE FINISH**

12.1 The finish line shall be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat & a nearby mark of the course.

13 **TIME LIMIT**

13.1 The time limit for each Class race shall be two (2) hours. If the first boat in a class finishes within the time limit, other boats in that class will be allowed 30 more minutes beyond the first boat's finish time. Boats not finishing with the time limit will be scored TLE and scored two points more than the last boat in their class that finished with the time limit.

14 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 All protests must be presented to the Race Committee in writing within **one hour** after the Race Committee boat docks at Blackbeard Sailing Club.

14.2 All protests shall be heard on the same day, or as soon as practicable, at the Blackbeard Clubhouse.

15 **SCORING**

15.1 Time on Time handicapping will be used to score each race. Each vessel's elapsed time will be multiplied by a correction factor to determine their corrected time. The correction factor will be $650/(550+PHRF \text{ handicap})$. All races will be scored, with no throw outs for this regatta.

15.2 15 seconds will be added to the PHRF sailing rating of any Class C boat racing without a spinnaker and who makes this selection at registration.

16 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 Before the first start each day, each boat shall sail past the Race Committee boat and identify themselves to R/C personnel by hailing the boat's name, sail number and class.

16.2 A boat retiring from the race, shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course area or, if that is not possible, immediately upon arriving ashore.

16.3 Any attempt by any contestant to exercise right of way to cross in close proximity to, or to interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by a commercial vessel, shall be grounds for disqualification. Should such protest occur, the burden of proof is on the boat allegedly interfering with said vessel.

16.4 Swing keel boats shall maintain their keels in the down position at all times.

16.5 Radio equipped boats shall monitor Channel 67 while racing. The Race Committee will monitor and attempt to provide information of general interest to competitors over channel 67.

16.6 Single handed sailors shall wear PFD's while racing. This changes RRS 40.

17 **PRIZES**

17.1 Prizes shall be awarded three deep in each class and/or division.

17.2 The ECB Regatta overall trophy will be awarded to the winner of the most competitive, not necessarily the largest, class and/or division. The most competitive class shall be the class and/or division with the smallest total margin between finishing times (after PHRF adjustments) of the top scoring three boats.

18 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. .

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.