



Blackbeard Overnight Race

Blackbeard Sailing Club

June 13-14, 2014

Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** The race will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as modified by these sailing instructions. Boats must comply with USCG safety requirements and all NC boating regulations. All boats will carry a working VHF radio, a cell phone, current dated flares, a throw-able ring or cushion with attached minimum 50' floating line, a personal light attachable to worn life preservers & sufficient vessel batteries for a minimum of 12 hours of running lights and radio operation.
2. **Notices to Competitors:** Will be posted on the official notice board (glass panel on deck) at Blackbeard Sailing Club. At the start, competitors shall monitor channel 68 for instructions or changes from the R/C.
3. **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any changes to the sailing instructions will be announced at the 6:00 PM Competitors Meeting and posted on the official notice board immediately thereafter.
4. **Signals Made Ashore:** Signals will be displayed on the clubhouse flagstaff.
5. **Schedule and Classes:** Class assignments will be determined solely by the R/C. The First Class Flag will be at 7:45 PM (one half hour before local sunset). Classes will be divided as follows;
 - a. Class A (Spinnaker),
 - b. Class B (Non-spinnaker)
 - c. Class C (Cruising)
6. **Class Flags:**
 - a. Class A (Spinnaker) Red
 - b. Class B (Non-Spinnaker) Green
 - c. Class C (Cruising) White
7. **Course for Class A:** A course using Gov. Marks of approximately 60 miles will be sailed. From the start line, proceed to the windward mark; (either Gov. marker #17, or an orange inflatable "W" for the windward mark as the 1st mark, to afford an up-wind start,) leaving it to the designated side, then down river, leave marker 8 to port, then to Gov. marker "NR" leaving it to port. Return leaving markers 8 and 17, to starboard, avoid Hampton shoal & proceed to the finish line.
8. **Course for Classes B and C:** A course using Gov. Marks of approximately 35 miles will be sailed. From the start proceed to marker 17, leaving it to port, then down river, leaving marker 8 and 7 each to port. Return to leaving 8 and 17 to starboard, avoid Hampton shoal & proceed to the finish line.
9. **Start:** The start will be in accordance with rule 26. The starting line will be between the starting line mark and an orange flag on the RC boat.
10. **Finish:** The finish line will be between the finishing line mark; and an orange flag at the end of the Blackbeard Sailing Club Breakwater "C" dock and a nearby yellow float

11. **Safety:** A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee if possible on channel 68, or by cell phone to 919-801-8368. All personnel on deck shall wear personal flotation while starting, racing, and finishing. All boats will have full lifelines fore & aft, a minimum of 12" above the deck, and will comply with US Sailing rule 49.2 concerning lifelines and sitting positions. The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. RRS Fundamental rule 4.
12. **Person In Charge:** The safety of a yacht & her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do their best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. This person must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They also must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.
13. **ANY ATTEMPT BY ANY COMPETITOR TO EXERCISE RIGHT OF WAY, TO CROSS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY HAVE, OR TO INTERFERE WITH REASONABLE TRANSIT OF THE RACE AREA BY A COMMERCIAL TUG, BARGE, TRAWLER OR OTHER COMMERCIAL VESSEL WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION. SHOULD SUCH A PROTEST OCCUR, THE BURDEN OF PROOF IS ON THE BOAT ALLEGEDLY INTERFERING WITH SAID VESSEL. BOATS MUST TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION WELL IN ADVANCE OF ANY POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION.**
14. **Scoring:** The low point scoring system, Appendix A will be used. One (1) race is scheduled & this one will be scored. The PHRF "Time on Time" (TOT) formula will be used the correction factor being $650/550 + \text{phrf}$
15. **Trophies:** Trophies will awarded in each class.
16. **Protests:** A protesting boat must, if possible, inform the race committee at the finish that a protest is being filed, and must file said protest in writing with the race committee within 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the race. Protest forms will be available at the BSC clubhouse. Protest hearings will be held at the BSC clubhouse as soon as possible.
17. **Weather:** The R/C may postpone, abandon, or shorten this race due to weather conditions: IE, high wind, no wind, severe storm approaching, or any condition that prevents fair & competitive racing. Such R/C decisions are not subject to protest or redress. If this race cannot be concluded on this date, it may be rescheduled for a later date.
18. **Time limit:** Time limit for finishing will be 18 hours. Boats are required to call the Race Committee when rounding marker 17 on the return trip to ensure that the RC is on duty to finish boats.
19. **R/C will be monitoring cell phone 919-801-8368 at all times during the race & VHF 68 during the start and during the finish at Blackbeard Sailing Club.**
20. **NOTE:** Each boat is requested to notify the fleet by radio on channel 68 as they round their most distant turning