



**NOTICE OF RACE  
Winter Series 2014-2015  
(Including the Halloween Regatta)  
Neuse Yacht Racing Association**

**LOCATION**

Races will be held in the vicinity of Neuse River markers #17 and #19 and Broad Creek #2 near New Bern, NC.

**RULES**

The regatta and series will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing. **All boats shall comply with N.C. Wildlife Commission and U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations.**

**ELIGIBILITY**

Entries shall be accepted from skippers of sailboats 21 feet or longer with a current NC PHRF rating certificate. Eligible boats may enter by sending the completed entry form and required fee to the address given or by registering online at Regatta Network. Anticipated classes are **spinnaker, non-spinnaker, multi-hull and cruising**. "Cruising Class" can be selected at the request of the registering skipper and the sailboat must adhere to the rules for a "Cruising Class" boat as prescribed by the ICRC (see definition at the end of the NOR). **Only spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes will be scored for the NYRA Boat of the Year Award (BOTY)**--as always the Winter Series score will count double for the BOTY award. The PRO, at his discretion, can split any large class into divisions based on reasonable PHRF split. All boats shall race in their class as registered throughout the entire series.

**SCHEDULE**

Six racing days are scheduled for the NYRA WINTER SERIES:

<b>Race #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Social Location (specific directions will be provided prior to the event)</b>
Day 1	October 25, 2014 (Halloween Regatta)	Blackbeard Sailing Club – Talbert Farewell
Day 2	November 8, 2014	Jeff Thomas & Jenny Hamilton's House
Day 3	November 22, 2014	Caleb & Mel Wright's House
Day 4	December 13, 2014	Chili Party at Mike & Joy Evans' House (NYRA Annual Meeting)
Day 5	January 17, 2015	Ed & Angela Weber's House
Day 6	January 31, 2015	John Y. & Georgia Jackson's House

The **First Warning Signal** for all race days is scheduled at **10:55am**.

**Socials** will begin about **5:00pm** on every race day, even if racing is canceled. The social location will be announced on the NYRA website. <http://www.nyra.org/>

**SKIPPERS' MEETING**

The only skippers' meeting for the series and Halloween Regatta will be held **Oct. 25 at 9:00am** at Northwest Creek Marina. Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers meeting and on the NYRA website.

**SCORING AND HANDICAPS**

The **Low Point System** will be used for scoring. Appendix A2 is modified as follows; when 5 or more races are completed the worst score will be excluded, if 9 or more races are completed the worst 2 scores will be excluded.

Handicapping will be **Time on Time** with a correction factor of  $650/(550+PHRF)$ .

**One completed race will constitute a series or regatta.**

## **AWARDS**

There will be approximately one award given for every three boats entered in each class. Individual awards for the Halloween Regatta will be presented at that social following the race. Cumulative Winter Series awards will be presented at the 2015 Commodores Ball.

## **PHRF**

A NC-PHRF Rating Request form that can be submitted for boats that do not have a current rating is available at <http://www.ncphrf.com/>. If you need to apply for a rating, please send the completed and signed Request Form and check no later than 1 week prior to the regatta to the address on the form. A provisional/temporary PHRF certificate may be issued to a participating sailboat by the PRO at his sole discretion, pending sufficient warning prior to the start of the regatta or series.

## **RACE COMMITTEE**

The PRO for this series will be Bill Jarvis. Racing shall be canceled on any day the Real Feel temperature is forecast to be at or below 35 degrees. A pre-determination will be made *the day prior to the race* based on the noon forecast (for the date of the race) on [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com) and will be posted on the NYRA website and sent to all the members of the Mailchimp NYRA email mailing list ASAP. Racing shall also be canceled due to inclement weather at the discretion of the PRO at any time-- especially when the sustained wind speed is above 25 knots prior to the start of a race.

## **RULES GOVERNING CRUISING CLASS BOATS FOR ICRC RACES**

ICRC recognizes the need to make accommodation for boat owners who may not wish to maintain their boat at the performance level implied by a standard NC-PHRF certificate. These boats are welcome to race in CRUISING CLASS. Therefore, the following guidelines are issued for those boats.

1. No boats specifically designed for racing are allowed.
2. Only Dacron sails are allowed. No spinnakers are allowed.
3. Powered winches are allowed.
4. A NC-PHRF rating for that particular boat must be issued.
5. Two of the four following additional Cruising Class requirements will be met, based on the statements of the boat owner at the time of registration.
  - a. Windlass or pulpit mounted anchor
  - b. Dodger/Bimini in place
  - c. The youngest sail to be 5 years old or older
  - d. Bottom paint 3 years old or older

HALLOWEEN REGATTA and WINTER SERIES REGISTRATION

Registration fee – Winter Series (including Halloween Regatta)	\$125.00
Registration fee – Halloween Regatta only	\$25.00
Discount for members of US Sailing – <i>Member Number</i> (_____)	(\$5.00)
Late fee ( <i>Entries received after Sat, October 25, 2014</i> )	\$15.00

Skipper \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Make \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ PHRF Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Sail Number (*required*) \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Pick One):

Spinnaker Class \_\_\_\_ Non-spinnaker Class \_\_\_\_ Cruising Class \_\_\_\_ Multi-Hull Class \_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ *Make check payable to "NYRA"*

*Mail this form with fee to:* NYRA  
P.O. Box 235  
New Bern, NC 28563

or register online at: <http://regattanetwork.com>

link to online registration may also be found at: <http://www.nyra.org/new/>

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their 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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_